



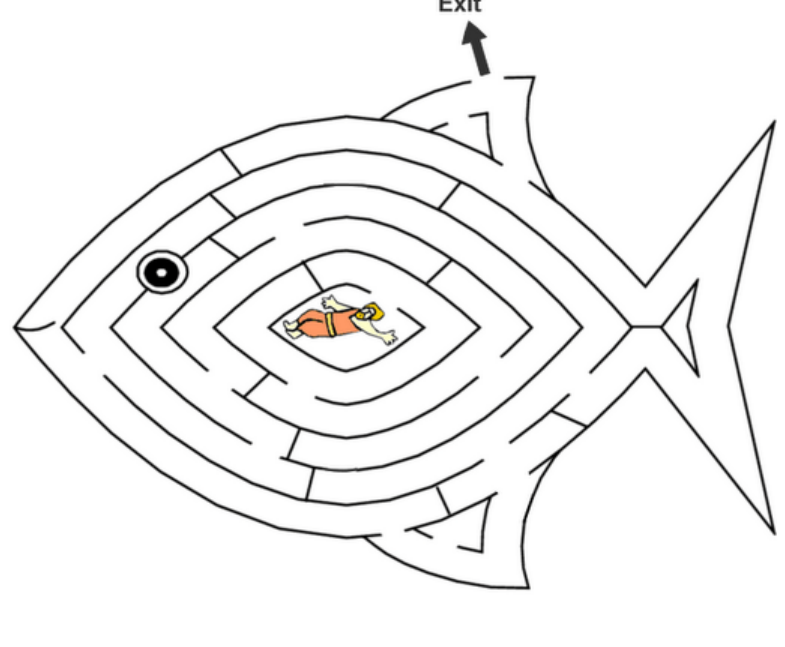
Woodridge United Methodist Church



“Changing Speech, Speaking Change”

Join us.

All are Welcome!



We invite you to join us this Sunday, January 22 for worship and fellowship at 9:00am and 10:30am.

After rescuing Pinocchio Jonah from the belly of the whale-big fish, Pastor Dave will, in his sermon, “Changing Speech, Speaking Change,” attempt to navigate a conversation among Jesus (as presented by [Mark 1:14-20](#)), [Jonah](#), and us.

Questions we'll consider:

How do we change those things in our world that are just plain *wrong*?

What do we do when those “things” are actually *people*?

To what or to whom is God calling you today?

All are welcome!

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This Weekend at Woodridge UMC



New Member Meeting

Do you want to know more about becoming a member of WUMC? Please attend the new member meetings on Sunday, January 22nd and 29th at Noon for more information on what it means to become a member of our church. Please see Pastor Jim or Pastor Dave if you have any questions. Child care will be available.



Youth Annual Pizza Sale

The pizza sale has begun! It runs **now through January 29th**. Pizza making is February 4th, 9am to 1pm. Use the sale sheets to take orders. Also, remember we need at least two volunteers after each worship service to sell from our display in the Narthex. Pizza pick up will be from 11:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday, February 4th.



Adventurers' Outing

The Adventurers will gather on Saturday, January 21st, 2012, at 6:00 pm at Ashbury's, 335 East Boughton Road, Bolingbrook. Ashbury's is located at the Boughton Ridge Golf Club and serves a variety menu. Please let Alex or Carol Todd, awtodd@comcast.net or 630-739-5759, know no later than Wednesday, January 18th, if you are attending.



Prince of Peace 50th Anniversary Reception

On Sunday, January 22nd, Prince of Peace will be celebrating with a special 50th anniversary reception and will have beautiful displays of photos from the first 50 years. The reception will last until about 1:30pm. All are invited to attend.

What's Happening at Woodridge UMC



Listen to Amos, End Hunger

“...Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

We read those inspiring, challenging words from [the prophet Amos](#) this past Sunday. It certainly is a beautiful image - justice, as strong as the tide rolling in yet as refreshing as a cool stream, coming for those in need.

But for we who would worship and serve God, those words are also the culmination of some stark proclamations. To paraphrase Amos, God says that no matter how eloquent are our prayers, no matter how big are our offering checks, no matter how pitch-perfect and heartfelt are our songs, God will not listen, will not accept, will not hear them...unless and until we are also actively engaged in bringing justice for the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

[Read On](#)



This Holy Mystery

This Holy Mystery will be offered on Wednesday, February 1st, 6:00 to 9:00pm. The class, led by Deacon Beth, is a fast-paced journey through the history, theology and practice of Holy Communion. Participants regularly find that the meaning of the sacrament is deepened, and their experience of Communion is enriched after this study.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Our Sister Church in Joliet

For the past two years Woodridge United Methodist has been developing a relationship with Trinity United Methodist. [Click here to learn](#) about the things we did to assist our friends in Christ at Trinity in the past year.

What opportunities are coming up to continue our involvement? February's Outreach will be divided between two neighborhood Methodist community services: Humboldt Park Social Services in Chicago and Ridgewood United Community Ministries at Trinity.

Can you help with WUMC Ministries?

We encourage you to become more involved with the ministries of our church! There are some ministry areas that are in need of help beginning in January 2012. We invite you to join one of these committees. We appreciate your gift of time and value the talents of all!

Please talk to [Pastor Jim](#) or [Pastor Dave](#) if you have any questions or would like more information. [Learn more here](#)

Children's Book and School Supplies Collection for the Philippines

Woodridge UMC is collecting new and used children's books as well as school supplies to send to churches in the Philippines. This will be an ongoing project. Items will be collected for one church until a shipping box is full. Then another church will be selected as our collection continues. The first box will go to Dugo UMC in memory of Emma Tolentino, Henry Tolentino's wife. Dugo UMC is located on the far northern side of Luzon. Our mission teams have not had the opportunity to visit this church because of its distant location. Please place your donations in the clear box in the narthex. Thank you so much. Just a little goes a long way in the Philippines. See members of the Outreach Committee for more information and details.

Support UMC missions and ministries through Prayer

The Outreach Committee asks church members to pray for a church and a missionary each month. During the month of January please pray for the following:

Janet Lahr Lewis (jlahrlewis@yahoo.com), UMC missionary to Palestine

Calibungan UMC, Philippines, the home church of the Lucas, Palomo and Munar families

Stephen Ministry Needs You!

Even if you are not a Stephen Leader or a Stephen Minister, you play an important role in our Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers need your prayerful support as they confidentially meet with their care receivers every week. Our Stephen Leaders also need your help in identifying people who might benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship. If you see a friend, co-worker, neighbor, relative, or someone else who could use some extra Christian care, tell that person about our Stephen Ministry and get permission to refer him or her to a Stephen Leader. Our Referrals Coordinator is Monica Copeland at phone number (630)728-5359.

This Week at Woodridge UMC

Sunday, January 22nd

- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Fellowship
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm New Member Information Meeting
- 3:30 pm Filipino Baptist
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting

Monday, January 23rd

- 6:00 pm God's Sparklers practice

Tuesday, January 24th

- 6:00 pm Angel Band Practice
- 7:00 pm Worship Band Practice

Wednesday, January 25th

- 12:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Emmaus Group
- 6:00 pm Covenant Group
- 6:15 pm Wednesday Night Live
- 6:30 pm Stephen's Ministry
- 6:30 pm Handbell Practice

Thursday, January 26th

- 7:00 pm Irshad Learning Meeting
- 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, January 27th

- Youth Group Ski Trip
- 6:00 pm Cub Scout Camp-In

Saturday, January 28th

- Youth Group Ski Trip
- 10:00 am Northern Illinois Emmaus Board Meeting

Sunday, January 29th

- Youth Group Ski Trip
- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Fellowship
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm New Member Information Meeting
- 3:30 pm Filipino Baptist
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting

[See what's else is coming soon on our online calendar](#)

Coming Soon

Youth Retreat

Ski Camp, January 27th to 29th, 2012

Elgin and Aurora Districts Leadership Training

Saturday, January 28th, 2012

This Holy Mystery

Wednesday, February 1st

Northern Illinois Conference Laity Convocation

Saturday, February 4th

Scouting Sunday

Sunday, February 12th

Valentine's Date Night Out

Tuesday, February 14th between 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Acolyte Meeting

Wednesday, February 15th

Call+Response Video Presentation and Discussion

Wednesday, February 15th at 6:45pm

Youth Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings

Sunday, February 19th

PADS

Tuesday to Wednesday, February 21st to 22nd

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22nd at 5:00pm

Lenten Brunch

Sunday, February 26th after second service

Lenten Book Study

Begins February 26th

Administrative Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00pm

Mandatory Safe Sanctuaries Training

Sunday, March 11th, 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Gospel of Mark Storytelling

Sunday, March 18th

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31st

