



On Wednesday evening, November 21, Woodbury Union Presbyterian Church in Warwick, RI suffered a devastating fire. The church is probably a total loss, both from fire damage and water damage. The good news is that no one was hurt, and that the handbells were rescued! The bells and chimes all seem to be in good shape, but the cases are soggy and smell like smoke. Malmark cases did a great job of protecting the bells! We're hoping to be able to save most of our music, but the pipe organ, pianos, bell tables, pads, covers, etc. are probably all lost.

A neighboring church, St. Benedict's Catholic Church, has opened their doors to us and offered us use of their sanctuary and rooms for the choir and office. We had our first service there on Sunday, and we're very thankful for their support and the support of the community. As far as handbell needs, we've borrowed tables, and we have covers (old ones-I made new ones last year but they are buried under roof debris!). But we will need pads, cases, and risers and folders. We have insurance, but don't know yet what that will pay for. If anyone has used cases-maybe you've upgraded to rolling cases? or other unneeded equipment for a reasonable price, we'd be interested in talking with you!

We have also created a gofundme page to help with rebuilding the church so we can continue our mission to share God's love-Woodbury Union Church Fire Recovery, [Woodbury Union Church](https://www.gofundme.com/woodbury-union-church-fire-recovery?fbclid=IwAR1qZ-CR2LMqig1Akx4NddBqzOrwk6HEhb4OAbo2y5249zY3hgLJukeJN2Y) (right click on hyperlink)

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Former Sanctuary - Bell tables somewhere beneath this rubble



Remaining Structure