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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, January 12, 2022



First off – Thursday, January 13, 2022

HAPPY “103” BIRTHDAY TO FLORENCE BROWN!!!

We're quite sure you could tell us some stories about life in the last 103 years...and we all send our birthday virtual hugs to you today and always!

January 16

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Human Relations Day

The Season after the Epiphany is a season of Ordinary Time in that it stands between the great Christological cycles of Advent-Christmas-Epiphany and Lent-Easter-Pentecost. The First Sunday focuses on the Baptism of Christ and the Last Sunday on the

Transfiguration. The Gospel readings in the lectionary center on the early ministry of Christ. The liturgical color between the First and Last Sundays is green, symbolizing growth in Christ.

January 16 is Human Relations Day in the United Methodist Church. Observed on the Sunday before Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday, this day calls the Church to recognize the right of all God's children to realize their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. The special offering received this Sunday supports Community Developers, United Methodist Volunteer Service, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs. A designated offering envelope will be inserted in the worship bulletin.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Readers: Bill and Judy Wilhelms

Musicians and Singer: Barbara and Jeff Hunt, Bells; Amanda Cloud

Audio Visual Technician: Theron Kissinger

**We will not resume in-person services until at least February 6th.
Updates will be provided by email.**

**Worship Together at the Same Time – 10:30 AM
Live Streaming Continues**

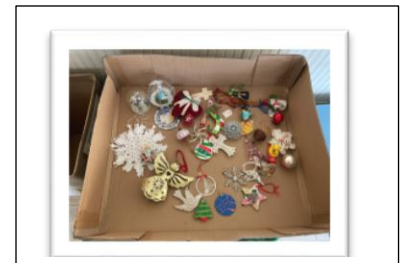
Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, but for the next few weeks at home. You can join us by video on YouTube or audio-only by telephone broadcast. Video recordings of services will also be available for later viewing. Later phone broadcasts are no longer provided.

The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- **Video:** Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net>, scroll to the link for livestreaming near the top of our home page. A link is also provided for archived videos for later viewing.
 - **Audio only by phone:** dial 425-436-6391, enter pin with hash sign 2431819#. Note that these numbers have changed from what was previously used. Please mute your phones to eliminate background noise.
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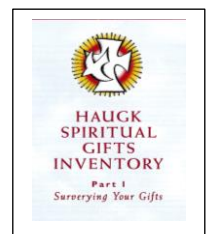
Don't Forget Your Ornaments

WUMC had a Christmas tree that was as beautiful and varied as our congregation. As we put away our decorations for next year, we remind you to please collect your ornaments the next time you are at the church. Your ornaments are in the church entryway to allow for minimal contact in line with our Covid safety protocols. Please wear a mask for pickup during business hours Tuesday through Friday between the hours of 10 am – 2 pm.



STARTING THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH: Discovering God's Vision for Your Life

This is a congregation-wide study on discovering and understanding your personal spiritual gifts, and discovery ways of using those gifts in ministry. The class will conclude the last Sunday in February, and runs from 12:30 to 1:45 pm each week with Presidents' Day weekend off.



Materials for the class are available now in the church office. The required workbook and assessment are \$16. (If you need financial assistance, please let me know!) The class is fully online, and is open to all who are interested, including your friends and family. If you aren't sure if this class is for you, you are strongly encouraged to sit in on the first class, or watch the recording. You will need the materials in order to be prepared for the second class, so don't delay.

We are working on a way for interested people to pick up the items needed to attend this class from home, please stay tuned to your email as well as next week's Messenger. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Michael.

This will be the link for all six sessions of our class. If you are on the fence, you are encouraged to listen in on the first class:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81230567480?pwd=N24vTk5VOHExYWNjcjNXWWttWncwZz09>

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Updates from CRT (Covid Response Team)

**Reminder: COVID Safety Protocols
(last updated 01- 12- 22)**

Given the lack of Covid tests and high infection rate in our community, plus many families with one or more members who have been sick. We are canceling in-person worship services **until at least February 6th at a minimum**. Each week, there will be an online meditation or worship service available for at-home worship posted on our web site and via social media.

Mission & Outreach Ministry News

Foodbank Volunteers Needed for February

February is our next opportunity to provide volunteers for the Woodbury Food Bank. Volunteers are needed on all Fridays in February, the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. A minimum of two volunteers are needed from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Check your calendar and see what Friday might work for you, then contact Paul Hibbard (call, text or email at 860-488-7705 or paulgy1@aol.com) or the church office to sign up for a day or days.



Thank you for your help.

CHURCH RESPONSE TO DEVASTATING FIRE IN THE BRONX, NY

On January 9th a devastating fire occurred at a high-rise apartment building in the Bronx that claimed 17 lives, including 8 children, and injured many more. 21 families have been displaced. The enormity of this disaster is hard to overstate. One family of 12 who lost all of their possessions in the fire is a part of Tremont United Methodist Church, which serves that neighborhood under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Leslie Duroseau. We've received word from the church and the community for how we can help. Let's put our love into action.

There are several ways to help.

- First Spanish United Methodist Church in New York is collecting toiletries, blankets, coats, clothing and bottled water.
- **To support the family of 12 who are Tremont UMC members**, you may give directly to them through Cash App. The family member's account is under the name of Nikeya Gonzalez (646-260-6974).

Monetary Donations that will go directly to families affected may also be sent to the following funds:

- **Bronx Community Foundation** - <https://thebronx.org/donate/>
- **Gambian Youth Organization (GYO) Fundraiser** - <https://gofund.me/1a060c6a>
- **Muslim Community Network** – https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/bronx_fire_emergency_fund_192022?

Because the congregation gave so generously to the "Share the Warmth" clothing drive the decision was made to donate a portion of what was collected to those left homeless and have lost all their possessions. **HOWEVER**, as I was contacting people about getting our clothing donation to the city, I was told they are no longer taking clothing donations. They are still taking toiletries and

bottled water but by the time we could get that together that may also no longer be a need. Financial aid will likely be the longer term need and we can continue to promote all those avenues.

Thanking you once again, Rev. Paul Hibbard

Kudo Korner

Now that we are back to recording our worship services in time for Sunday morning viewings, we would like to thank those that led us safely in last Sunday's service: *Abby, Annabelle, Caroline and Jack Cloud*, Readers; *Jack Cloud and Kate Keeler*, Musician and Singer; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Tech; *Chris Shay*, Music Director; *Pastor J. Michael Cobb*. Each week we will be featuring those that stepped up and led us in worship with some from the "comfort of their own home." Thank you all!!!

The Prayer Corner

Continued prayers for those suffering in both *Haiti, New Orleans, Washington State*, those affected in *Kentucky and surrounding states during the recent tornadoes*, those suffering with depression and the families affected during the fire devastation in NY.

Outpatient rehabilitation: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto*

Recovering at home: *Laura Brush; Lynne Brencher; Carol Hennessey; Liam McGrath; Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amelia Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *Steve Thomas; Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Jeanne Semeraro, Cindy Tedesco*, and *Donna Louise Burke*, friends of *Kathy Craig; Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*)

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher; Bob Asman*

Please remember our Confirmands: *Annabelle Cloud, Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, and Matthew Shupenis*

Homebound members: *Florence Brown, Linda Bailey*

Please continue to remember: Relative of *Rev. Betty Lines* who are seriously ill: brother-in-law *Stephen Lines* (recovering from a stroke in Florida) and *Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*); *Manny Gesh, Blair Feller, Marilyn Bender, Ryan DeRidder and family, and Laura & Stuart Brush.*



If anyone has updates to these prayer requests, please send them to the office email at www.woodburyumc.net.



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing. Once we go back to in house worship - we are placing flowers on the altar again so let us know if you want to sign up for a particular date.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES FROM THE OFFICE. . .

HANDICAPPED PARKING - - these are the three spaces outside the office doors (Church Street Entrance). **Please do NOT park there unless you have a handicapped parking tag. If you do park there, please be sure to leave enough room for the people using the handicapped ramp.**

❖ **Office Hours Tuesday thru Friday 9 am – 3 pm. –During the COVID-19 LOCKDOWN – Office visits are by appointment only. Please be sure to have your face covered if entering the building for everyone's health safety.** The answering machine will be checked daily; however, if you have a pastoral emergency, you can reach Pastor J. Michael Cobb by email at pastormichael@woodburyumc.net. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES???

Please continue to send any changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. Please send them to woodmc@woodburyumc.net. This is also important to keep track of any of our college students as well!!!



United Methodist from across the connection help bridge the gap between church and community by participating in the Human Relations Day offering. 33% of The Human Relations Day offering is allocated for United Methodist Voluntary Programs administered by the [General Board of Global Ministries](#). Volunteers build churches, assist in community health programs, advocate for social justice, build leadership skills, and help after a disaster.

Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our Christian calling. By volunteering to serve through programs such as [United Methodist Volunteers in Mission](#) or the [Mission Volunteers program](#) of The General Board of Global Ministries, every person in the church has the opportunity to serve and to live their calling more faithfully.

ABOUT HUMAN RELATIONS DAY (HRD)

The United Methodist Church celebrates [Human Relations Day](#) to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach through Community Developers Programs, United Methodist Voluntary Services Programs, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. It is celebrated on the Sunday before the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. This offering was originally established in 1972 to fund Self-Determination Projects, The Black Community Developers and the Police-Community Relations Program. In 1988, the offering was designated to support ministries of social justice and outreach to at-risk youth. Specific ministries include the Community Developers Program, United Methodist Voluntary Services Program and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. The fund is administered by the General Board of Global Ministry and the General Board of Church and Society.

Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone.

We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world.

Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

Love is Spoken Here!

