



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. John A. Thomason, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, November 18, 2020



Please Join Us for Worship In-Person or Online

Our tech experts are still working to return us to livestreaming, which will enable all of us to worship at the same time (10:30 AM), whether in-person or at home. In the meantime, the services will continue to be recorded for broadcast on Sunday afternoons.

The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- **Video** (starting at 4:00 PM): Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net> and click the worship service link at the top of the home page.
- **Audio playback only** (6:00 PM): dial 701-802-5464, enter pin with hash sign 659965#. Please mute your phones to eliminate background noise.
- **Archived worship services** may also be accessed from the main pull-down menu of the church website.



November 22

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Pastor's Sermon: *The Once and Future King*

Lectionary Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Liturgist: Kate Keeler **Children's Time:** Rod Carnes
Singers/Musicians: Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Kate Keeler

Stewardship Moment: Toby McGrath

The Last Sunday after Pentecost, which is also the last Sunday of the Christian Year, is a celebration of the coming reign of Jesus Christ and the completion of creation.

Thanks to Our Volunteers and Donors!

Last Saturday, November 14, was a milestone day for WUMC during our long journey through the COVID-19 crisis. It was an occasion for togetherness, teamwork, and giving during a season of social distancing.

31 volunteers gathered for our **Fall Cleanup** event during the morning hours. Valuable work was done both inside and outside our church building. The volunteers included: *Erv Story, Jay Hockenberry, Rae Ann Hockenberry, Jeff Hunt, Levi Phillippe, Venetia Phillippe, Morgan Phillippe, Mark Davis, Alan Rego, Pastor John, Meg Temple, Sam Temple, James Levario, Zach Cordova, Cody Cordova, John Thomas, Lynn Cullen, Catherine Mason, Mary Grace Styblo, Jessie Lynch, Mark Lynch, Jack Lynch, Ruby Lynch, Joey Lynch, Josh Harwood, Mike Boisseau, Bradyn Boisseau, Rod Carnes, Judy Wilhelms, Joann King, Bud Behlman.*

At noon, additional church members joined the work crew for a **Fall Harvest Celebration**. They included: *Alicia Boisseau, Chris Shay, Carolyn Shay, Sherry Swanhall, Bob Taylor, and Maryanne Taylor.* Participants brought an abundance of non-perishable goods to donate to the Woodbury Food Bank, and the church presented a check for \$750 to the Food Bank. *Bob Taylor*, the president of the Community Services Council of Woodbury, was present to receive our gifts.

Thanks to all of you for your labor of love and great generosity!

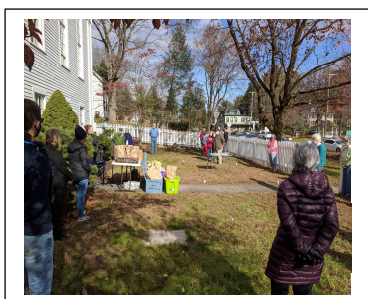


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Bible Study Fellowship for Adults

*If You Want to Walk on Water,
You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*
by John Ortberg

Concludes on Tuesday, November 24, 6:30 PM

This class is being offered both in-person in Fellowship Hall and remotely by Zoom and phone call-in. It's not too late for you to pick up a book for your private reading. Books are available at the church for a cost of \$11 each.

Phone-in option: Call 646-558-8656, meeting ID 838 4151 6435; passcode 405251381

Online (Zoom) option: <https://zoom.us/join>; meeting ID 838 4151 6435; passcode !WUMC2020

Please contact *Bud Behlman* with any questions at 203-206-9276 or budbehlman@charter.net.

A Reminder about our Special COVID-19 Support Fund

The Church Council has created a support fund to assist persons who have been severely impacted by the economic shutdown related to the pandemic.

- If you **need financial assistance**, please contact Pastor John (845-707-5152). Requests and donations will be kept strictly confidential.
- If you would like to **make a donation** to the fund, you can mail a check to the church office (write "COVID-19 Support Fund" on the memo line); or you can donate online through the Breeze link on our church's website (write "COVID-19 Support Fund" in the message box). Thank you!



Helping Hands Service Corps.

Vision Statement:

Create an extended network of community volunteers for helping those with critical near-term needs, but without sufficient local families to whom they can turn.

Examples of Types of Services:

- Handyman projects (e.g., carpentry, plumbing, electrical repairs, computer troubleshooting)
- Home upkeep (e.g., cleaning, lawn cutting, snow shoveling)
- Transportation and delivery
- Baby-sitting or respite care

Please Contact: Mark Davis at mwd2010a@yahoo.com



MISSION & OUTREACH CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Yes, we are only half way through November and we're talking about Christmas. If you have been able to go to a store in the last couple of weeks you'd know that Christmas marketing is in full swing. And some of our local social service agencies are starting to get their Christmas giving programs going. Two that we would like to support this year are **Caring for Bethlehem** and **Woodbury Community Services Council**.

Caring for Bethlehem is similar to Woodbury Community Services, but their Christmas giving program is serviced through the public school. This means that families serviced are from both Bethlehem and Woodbury (since there are some Woodbury students who go to Bethlehem Elementary School). **Caring for Bethlehem** is sponsoring a **Holiday Gift Tree** which is located at the True Value Hardware Store in Bethlehem (right on Rte 61 in the middle of town). The **Holiday Gift Tree** works this way:

1. Pick a card from the Gift Tree at True Value. (The Gift Tree is currently ready and waiting)
2. Purchase the gift.
3. Deliver the gift with the card attached to True Value by December 12th.
4. Your gift will be delivered to a family in time for the holidays.
5. **Share the Joy!**

Woodbury Community Services Council is sponsoring **Santa's Workshop** and is looking for help in providing gifts for children ages birth to 18 years. The following items are requested and can be brought to the church anytime between now and December 6th (A box for donated items will be available in the entry way between the sanctuary and the office.):

Stocking Stuffers: Example: Small toys & games, Beauty & School supplies, Small Stuffed Animals, Action Figures, Cards (items that will fit into a stocking)

Warm Winter Clothing Accessories (new): Example: Mittens, Gloves, Socks, and Hats

Wrapping Paper (sealed)

If you are interested in donating larger gifts, you can visit New Morning Market & Woodbury Public Library where the "Giving Trees" are displayed.

If you would like to give to either of these programs (or both) and need assistance with purchase or delivery, please contact Paul Hibbard by phone at 203-405-1005, by text at 860-488-7705, or by email at paulgyl@aol.com. (see flyers at the end of the Messenger)

Children & Youth Ministry

@ HOME RESOURCES for continued Christian Education

- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources>
- <https://www.nyac.com/childrensministries>
- Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 The Parable of Sheep and Goat
- Family Craft: Thanksgiving Blessings & Gratitude. WUMC families of teens and children are invited to make a Tree of Gratitude together. See directions at <https://www.bhg.com/thanksgiving/crafts/thanksgiving-gratitude-tree-display/>

Children & Youth Ministry Programming

- **Sunday, 11/22: Virtual Confirmation Class**
- **Outdoor activities for the Children, Youth & Their Families** to enjoy time together as a "Community of Faith"
 - **Hike Save the Date: [Sunday, November 29 @ Noon](#) – WUMC's Next Children, Youth & Family Hike: *Location TBD -All are welcome* – Children under 6th grade must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.**

- **Alternative Pageant Opportunity:** Children & Teens through 12th grade: We are organizing an alternate to our traditional pageant by pre-recording at home amongst siblings from a short readers theater type script (or if no siblings at home you could group up with another youth to record in a socially distanced way). Parents if your children would like to participate, please contact Catherine by Sunday, November 22

Children & Youth Ministry Meeting: Thursday, November 19 at 6 PM* via Zoom. *Note the time change. Children & Youth Ministry Committee members plus Sunday School teachers are asked to attend to discuss alternatives for resuming additional programming for Christian Education for our children & teens. Please contact Catherine Mason if you will attend at Catherine.mason02@outlook.com or [203-707-6571](tel:203-707-6571) cell/text.

Kudo Korner

Kudos to *Kathy Craig* for her recent assistance to the Seymour UMC on our behalf. The Seymour church borrowed from our supply of Communion kits for their service on November 1. We have received a lovely thank you note and a reimbursement of Communion kits from Seymour's pastor, *Lisa Boswell*.

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Grace Bower Richardson*, liturgist; *Rick Richardson*, *Kathy Bower*, and *Grace Bower Richardson*, singers; *Rick Richardson* and *Kathy Bower*, Children's Time

The Prayer Corner:

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova*, *Zachary Cordova*, *James Levario*, *Matthew Shupenis*; their adult leaders: *Catherine Mason*, *Meg Temple*, *John Thomason*; and their mentors: *Mike Boisseau*, *Mollie Cole*, *Rev. Paul Hibbard*, *Carolyn Shay*.

In the hospital: *Gary McClendon* (hip surgery on November 19 at St. Francis, Hartford)

Home from the hospital: *Paul Thomason*, brother of *John Thomason* (leg artery procedure on November 13 in Corpus Christi, Texas)

Upcoming chemotherapy and surgery: *Mary Wilkins*, sister of *Barb Hunt* (Rochester, NY)

Please continue to remember relatives of *Rev. Betty Lines* who are seriously ill: niece *Sharon Parish* (hospice care in Idaho); and brother-in-law *Stephen Lines* (recovering from a stroke in Florida).

Recovering at home: *Ally Roche*; *Steve Thomas*; *Carol Hennessey*; *Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Robert Ayers*, father of *Tacy Nettleton* (Woodstock, GA); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Donna Louise Burke*, friend of *Kathy Craig*; *Peter Gallagher*, father of *Jen Carnes* (Brookfield, CT); *Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*); *Jane King*, mother of *Stephen King* and mother-in-law of *Joann King* (Sarasota, FL); *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*

Outpatient treatments: *Jackie and John Fleming*; *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *Stephanie Galaburri*, friend of *Sandy Carbonaro*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Homebound members: *Florence Brown*, *Linda Bailey*

Please continue to remember: *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *the Keith family*, *Manny Gesh*, *Beth*, *Jillian & Alex Buzzancco*, *Kelly Etcheto*, *Vernessa Kingsbury*, *Jim Congdon*, *Jane True*, *Blair Feller*, *Marilyn Bender*, *Eddie Lenox* (son of *Grace Bell*), *Ethan Murphy*, (great grandson of *Grace Bell*), *Brigitte Weimann*, *Ryan DeRidder and family*, *Laura & Stuart Brush*, *Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*), and *The Thomson family of Ferndale, WA* (family of *Kathy Craig*).





If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing. Reminder that 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 call Pastor John Thomason @ (203) 263-7575. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES???

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

**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.

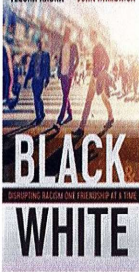
Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission,
and community support.

Love is Spoken Here!

News from NYAC:

Laity Celebration - Postponed

TEESHA HADRA JOHN HAMBRICK Our Laity Celebration has been postponed until Saturday, January 16, 2021
10AM - 2PM



We will be studying the book *Black & White: Disrupting Racism One Friendship at a Time*, by Teesha Hadra & John Hambrick. We no longer have copies available at the Conference Center for purchase, but you may order a copy from one of these vendors: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Christianbook.com, etc.

You may [register here](#). Note: because this will be a virtual event, there will be no registration fee.

If you have questions, you may contact Roena Littlejohn at 203-331-9653 or Roena.Littlejohn@nyac-umc.com.

You will receive a link to join the meeting a few days prior to the event.

"And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity."

Colossians 3:14 (CEB)

Don't miss Bishop Thomas Bickerton's address to the Laity at this special event!

The Community Services Council of Woodbury



Santa's Workshop



needs your help to provide a fun holiday for the
children of local families in need
(Ages birth to 18 years)

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2020 Holiday Season....**



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Small Stuffed Animals, Action Figures, Cards,
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Questions
203-510-9905

Caring for Bethlehem
Share Some Holiday Joy

Holiday Gift Tree

at True Value of Bethlehem

November 1 to December 12

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And Share the Joy!

Your gift will bring smiles this season.

Caring for Bethlehem

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