

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, November 7, 2018



ANNUAL FALL CLEAN UP AT WUMC



On **Saturday, November 10, 2018**, members of the Board of Trustees and anyone who would like to volunteer to participate in the **Fall Clean-Up Day** should plan on being at the church for a 9 AM start – until finished. Leaves will be raked, windows will be washed and a variety of other necessities will be wrapped up for the winter months to follow. If anyone would like to help out, please bring your rakes, shovels, gloves and lots of energy. Refreshments will be provided. This is a great way for our youth to obtain community service hours for school as well. Please sign up on the wall in Fellowship Hall or speak to *Theron Kissinger*.

November 11 is *New Consecration Sunday* at Woodbury UMC



New Consecration Sunday is a stewardship program which emphasizes giving as an offering to God rather than a means to meet a church budget. NCS also encourages church members to set goals for their personal stewardship and strive to reach those goals through incremental increases in giving

On **Sunday, November 11**, *Joe Andreana* will preach during our worship service and invite the congregation to complete "Estimate of Giving" cards as part of their offering. A resident of neighboring Oxford, Joe is a consultant and member of the Board of Directors of the United Methodist Frontier Foundation, an investment and educational agency under the auspices of the New York Annual Conference. He is a retired senior manager for several corporations and non-profit organizations, and has served as an adjunct professor in the College of Business at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT.

Following the worship service this Sunday, the congregation is invited to share in a New Consecration Sunday **Celebration Luncheon** in Fellowship Hall. Initial pledging results will be reported and celebrated. The meal will be catered, so advance reservations would be helpful. Please call the church office or Stewardship Committee co-chair *Toby McGrath* at (203-819-1923).

Special Events On Sunday, November 18 *Congregational Meeting* 11:30 AM

Our 2018 Charge Conference will be held jointly with other area churches on **Monday, November 19, at 7:00 PM** at New Life Community UMC, New Fairfield, CT. The Church Council will host a special **Congregational Meeting** after worship on November 18 to report on items to be presented at the Charge Conference and to elicit questions and discussion from church members. All are welcome!

Safari Slide Show

by Jay Hockenberry

6:30 PM, Sanctuary

Our own *Jay Hockenberry* recently returned from a 10-day **tented safari** in the African country of Tanzania. Many of us have been eager to see and hear about his unique adventure! Jay will share photos and descriptions of African wildlife with a special presentation using the new sanctuary projector and screen. Light refreshments will follow in Fellowship Hall.

New Start Ministry

New Start Ministry will hold its next meeting on Monday, November 19, at 5 p.m. @ Woodbury United Methodist Church. Paul Hatch, co-chair of Transportation, is looking for volunteers to assist bringing the next refugee family to various appointments once they arrive here in the U.S. We have a good number of drivers but could always use backups in case of multiple appointments, sickness, etc.

If you want to volunteer in other ways, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you want to make a donation, you can contribute cash, check, or gift cards. If you contribute by check, it should be made out to: St. Paul's Episcopal Church with New Start Ministry in the memo area. Contact Pastor John @ 203-263-7575, or Paul Hatch @ 203-707-8151 or paulhatch1952@gmail.com

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

WUMC SUNDAY SCHOOL Classes are held for children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade after the children's sermon during Sunday worship service.

WUMC YOUTH GROUP

November 18 - The Youth are invited to join the church at 6:30 pm for an interactive safari presentation by member Jay Hockenberry.

December 1 - We are seeking all youth able to help bus tables at our busy and festive Christmas Cafe from 11-2 pm. Please see Sam or Meg Temple for details and times. There is also an opportunity to serve as an elf in Santa's workshop during the Cafe from 10-3 pm, guiding young shoppers in purchasing Christmas gifts for family. Please see Mrs. Boettcher if interested. Please note that our Community Advent Night will be held on Saturday, December 1, from 4:30 - 6:30 instead of Sunday night. We would love youth to come and bring their friends from the tree lighting. Eat cookies, have cocoa, sing a little, listen to great Christmas music and make some ornaments for your tree. If you would like to help by baking or serving cookies, performing Christmas music or leading others in making ornaments, please see Meg Temple.

December 2 - Regular youth group meeting. We will be rehearsing the revised Christmas pageant and finishing our Advent art project for the sanctuary.

December 16 - Christmas Pageant during the 10:30 am service followed by caroling at area nursing homes. Details TBA.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE AT WUMC

Organizations that will benefit from the winter clothes we collect this season.....

Brian Gibbons Homeless Outreach Program - Provides case management and support services to people living outside or those recently housed. Visits are made to campsites, factories, and abandoned buildings several times a week and even in the bitter cold and snow days of the winter months. They provide food, warm clothing, hygiene products, camping equipment, and most importantly, HOPE.

GWIM (Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries) - GWIM'S mission is to feed the hungry in a respectful and dignified manner; to empower the homeless and the underprivileged to become self-sufficient; and to provide hope and opportunity to those in need.

ACTS 4 Ministry, Inc. - Welcomes you to join them on this amazing journey of faith by serving those in need. Their team collects and distributes reusable furniture, clothing and housewares.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Community Events Committee

WUMC Events on Saturday, December 1st

WUMC Christmas Café

WUMC will participate in Woodbury's **Christmas Festival** again on December 1 which is just a few weeks away. We'll provide lunch from 11 AM -2 PM and vendors from 10 AM -3 PM. We'll have a White Elephant room and a gift shop for kids – Santa's Workshop – where they can purchase gently used gifts for those they love. Santa's elves will help and then wrap their selections. Santa will also be available for pictures! So there are LOTS of opportunities to help, both on December 1 and on November 29 and 30 when we'll be decorating Fellowship Hall. Please contact *Joann King* or *Meg Temple* to volunteer or if you have any questions. Thank you!

Community Advent Night

Please join us from 4:30 to 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for our 3rd **Community Advent Night**. Unlike the previous two events, we will be holding our festivities on Saturday following the Cafe and the tree lighting in the hopes of having more of the community join us. We will be offering cookies, cocoa & coffee, ornament making, and music and carols. This event is free and open to everyone. Bring your friends! Open Doors is looking for cookie bakers to bring a dozen or two to this event. See *Rae Ann Hockenberry* or *Meg Temple* for details.

We are advertising for vendors for the Christmas Café, so if you know anyone who would like to rent space for the day, please have them contact the office.

Santa's Workshop Box is at the top of the stairs to Fellowship Hall – awaiting any donations you would like to place in there for the Children's Christmas Shoppe.



Excitement is brewing at WUMC as we prepare for the Advent Season and our Annual Christmas Café! I would like to introduce a fun and profitable activity for our congregation this year. I have done this in the past with my daughter's Girl Scout troop (many years ago!), and it was a great project, which was very well received by the public.

The basic idea is this: We will collect new and gently used small gift-type items from our membership, i.e. small toys, jewelry, coffee mugs, collectibles, socks, gloves, men's tool items, bath items, etc.- anything that might appeal to a child to purchase for a family member. Then children will be accompanied by an "Elf" (a young person in our church) to choose gift items for up to 4 family members, and then the gifts will be wrapped and tagged for the child to take with them and give to their family. Simple! We will charge a nominal fee for the gifts, and it will be mostly profit for the church, as well as offering something different and fun for kids to participate in.

I will be looking for donations from church members or friends of members, if that works too! If you have more gifts than you can bring to church, please let me know, and I will come pick them up at your home. If you have a Tag Sale and have leftover items, let me know, maybe some of them will work for us!! Also, if you have unwanted gift wrap or gift bags, tissue paper or ribbon, please save that too!

VITAL INFORMATION!

WHAT: SANTA'S WORKSHOP at the Christmas Cafe

WHO: Looking for volunteer Elves and Gift Wrappers

WHEN: Save items for sale and Gift Wrap

DATE OF SALE: Saturday, December 1st

LOCATION: Back classroom in the Sunday School Hall and the Nursery

Want more information? Please give me a call: JANNA BOETTCHER 203-982-3225

Kudo Korner

Congratulations to *Kathy Bower*, who was presented with a MICAH award for community service at a special dinner hosted by the Naugatuck Valley Project on November 2. Kathy was recognized for her extraordinary service as both a philanthropist and environmentalist. Her husband *Rick Richardson* and daughters *Anna, Julia, and Grace* were present at the banquet to celebrate their family member's achievement. Pastor John presented the award to Kathy. Also receiving a MICAH award that night was long-time WUMC friend *Bob Taylor*, president of the Woodbury Community Services Council.

On Saturday, November 3, *Bud Behlman, Jay Hockenberry, Jon Ossewaarde, and John Thomason* attended early morning Mass at the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, and then cleared brush on the perimeter of a hay field on that community's property. **Thanks** to each of these men for their labor of love.

Congratulations to our own *Paul Hatch*, who successfully completed a Comprehensive Safe Church training seminar at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Saturday, Nov.3rd., along with 47 others from throughout the state. This training is in regards to safe and healthy interaction with children, youth, adults, and seniors.



Congratulations to *Lydia Temple*, who found out this week that her artwork was selected as the winner of the Capital Region Education Council's 2018 Holiday Card Competition. Her resistance painting of falling snow will be featured on the cover of their holiday cards and her picture and information will be on the back.



The Prayer Corner:

Please pray for our eight Confirmands: *Caroline Cloud, Brady Cordova, Orson Lin, Anna Shupenis, Mary Grace Styblo, Lydia Temple, John Thomas, and Rebecca Varnum.*

Christian sympathy is extended to *Ann Marie and Mike Galus* and family in the death of Ann Marie's mother, *Leah Glenn*, on November 3 in Norfolk, Virginia.

Christian sympathy is extended to *Amanda and Travis Cloud* and family in the death of Amanda's uncle, *Ray Nixon*, on November 4 in Morgantown, West Virginia.

In the hospital: *Maureen Zandri*, aunt of *Kevin McCrystal* (Danbury Hospital); *Jim Nixon*, father of *Amanda Cloud* (Knoxville, TN)

Inpatient rehabilitation: *Judy Townsend*, friend of *Paul Hatch* (Apple Rehab, Watertown); *Dave Davison*, father-in law of *Gary McClendon* (Gaylord, Wallingford); *Gene Guerrero*, father of *Alicia Boisseau* (Falmouth, MA); *Dick Kahn* (River Glen, Southbury); *Marie Petty*, aunt of *Kathy Craig* (Abbott Terrace, Waterbury)

Outpatient rehabilitation: *Jenny Jones; Bill Wilhelms; Ron Hollenbeck*, father of *Beth Buzzannco*

Recovering at home: *Anne Spry; Paul Hennessey; Lois Bliss*, mother of *Barbara Rego* (Falls River, MA)

Outpatient treatments: *John Fleming; Will Styblo*, infant son of *David and Katie Styblo* and nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, Tennessee); *Jessie Thomson*, daughter-in-law of *Kathy Craig* (Ferndale, WA)

Homebound member: *Florence Brown*

Please continue to remember: *Pete and Sue Vindigni, Nancy Clark, Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *Paul Hatch, the Keith family, Manny Gesh, Beth, Jillian & Alex Buzzannco, 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, Ernest & Mary Jo Corrado, Laura & Stuart Brush, and 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.

Fellowship Hosts And Altar Flower Opportunities:

WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2018 for both Altar Flowers & Fellowship Hour!

An Altar Flower sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall. Please get the dates you want now to take advantage of this wonderful ministry. If you want your flowers dedicated in the bulletin for a special occasion, please be sure to make us aware of that when ordering. ***If you don't have an occasion but would like to donate a floral tribute to one of our shut in members, please do so and Pastor John will deliver the arrangement during the following week.***

Many opportunities are available to host Fellowship Hour during the year. If you would like to host a Sunday, please be sure to sign up on the chart in Fellowship Hall.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES FROM THE OFFICE...

When attending worship on Sundays, parking is available in the C.L. Adams lot; however, please do not block the entrance towards the back of the lot as that inhibits the tenant's access in and out of the lot. Thank you.

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.** 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!



Messenger deadline – 10 AM on Wednesday for Wednesday afternoon publication! Please see information for article submission. To keep the formatting to a unified look and also save on time of reformatting articles to fit, please use **Full Justification, Arial font 9.5 size with font 10 size for headings.** Thank you!

MINISTRY MEETING DATES for 2018 – need to be emailed to the office to be placed on the web calendar. Please remember to submit your ministry meeting dates to the office (by email) so they can be added to the wall calendar as well as the web calendar at our website or feel free to enter them on the calendar for next month's date when you are leaving your meeting. This will let everyone in the community know how active a church body we are at WUMC.

The **new 2019 calendar** has been posted on the wall in the Assembly Room. Please add any dates that are already reserved for your ministry.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES???

Please continue to send any changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. please send them to wumc@woodburyumc.net.

Calendar of Events at WUMC for next week:

All Ministry Chairs – please submit any ministry meeting times to the office so they can be put onto the calendars each week (Messenger, Office & Web). Thank you!

Sat., Nov. 10	9:00 a.m.	Work Day at WUMC		
Sun., Nov. 11	8:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class	(Fellowship Hall)	
	8:45 a.m.	Men's Ministry	(Wesley Room)	
	8:45 a.m.	Women's Ministry	(downstairs classroom)	
	New Consecration Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (<i>Joe Andreana</i> , guest preacher)	(Sanctuary)
	10:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	(downstairs classrooms)	
	11:30 a.m.	New Consecration Sunday Celebration Luncheon	(Fellowship Hall)	
	.	NO Youth Group meeting		
Tues., Nov. 13	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study/Fellowship Group (<i>Moses</i> , by Adam Hamilton)	(Assembly Room)	
Wed., Nov. 14	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study/Fellowship Group (<i>Moses</i> , by Adam Hamilton)	(Assembly Room)	
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir practice	(Assembly Room)	
	7:00 p.m.	Voice Choir practice	(Assembly Room)	
Sat., Nov. 17	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Ministry Meeting	(Assembly Room)	
Sun., Nov. 18	8:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class	(Fellowship Hall)	
	8:45 a.m.	Men's Ministry	(Wesley Room)	
	8:45 a.m.	Women's Ministry	(downstairs classroom)	
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	(Sanctuary)	
	10:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	(downstairs classrooms)	
Congregational Meeting during	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	(Fellowship Hall)	
	.	NO Youth Choir & Group Meeting this week		
	6:30 p.m.	Safari Slide Show with Jay Hockenberry	(Sanctuary)	



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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.

Important Date for your calendar!

Annual Church Charge Conference

Monday, November 19th – 7:00 PM

@ the New Life Community UMC, 1 Beaver Bog Rd, New Fairfield, CT

COMMUNITY
NEWS:



Chime In! Music With a Mission

Presents

Community Music Day

An Afternoon of Music-Making for Everyone

Bringing together

Singers & Ringers of All Ages

along with

We Sing! Children's Choir of Connecticut

Chime In! Music With a Mission

and other community musicians!

Sunday, November 18, 2018

1:00 p.m. Handbells Warm up

2:00 p.m. Choirs Warm up

2:30 p.m. Children Singers Rehearse (Church)

Adult Singers Rehearse (Hall)

3:00 p.m. Everyone Rehearses Together

3:30 p.m. Snacks

4:00 p.m. Free Public Concert

Everyone is Welcome!

Church of the Nativity / Prince of Peace

48 East Street, Bethlehem, Connecticut

Donations to support the event will be gratefully accepted.

Would you like to join the singing?

Everyone is invited to sing.

Rehearsals: Thursdays, November 1 & 8 (7:00 p.m.)

First Church of Bethlehem

For More Information: contact Rick Wood, Director of Music

860-631-3246 or Rick@ChimeInMusic.org

www.ChimeInMusic.org



Cub Scout Pack 54 Holiday Wreath Sale

Saturday, December 1st

8 am – 12 noon

Woodbury North Green

@ Main Street & Route 47

Decorate your home or give a gift of a locally made wreath.

Available in 2 sizes:

Small \$17.00: 12" (outside diameter 22")

Large \$22.00: 16" (outside diameter 26")

with Burgundy or Red bows

Pick up on Dec. 1st or arrange delivery with preorder from your neighborhood Cub Scout!

Questions? Please contact Ed Jones edwardejones@yahoo.com or 203-947-0080

Thank you for supporting your local scouts!

Please see *Alicia* or *Mike Boisseau* if you would like to place an order