

Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

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

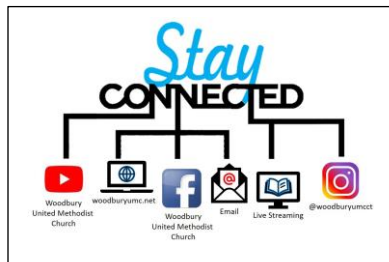
We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world.

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

Love is Spoken Here!



Woodbury
United Methodist Church



Sunday, November 21, 2021

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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Woodbury United Methodist Church

November 21, 2021
Christ the King Sunday
Stewardship Sunday

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *All Things Bright and Beautiful / This Is My Father's World*
WUMC Bell Choir arr. Linda R. Lamb

GREETING Pastor Michael Cobb

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Annabelle Cloud, Liturgist
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Holiness is the beauty of God's temple while time shall last.

We worship God in the sanctity and freedom from our sins, which Christ gives us through his life's blood.

In our broken world, we seek a new order

Where there is courage to speak truth to power.

We seek a new order

Where there is mutual support in church and community.

We seek a new order

Where there is peace and freedom for all.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

*OPENING HYMN #694 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*
Hymns led by WUMC Chancel Choir

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) led by Annabelle Cloud
Almighty, Eternal and Holy God, who is, who was, and who is to come. Here in this holy place where you have promised to dwell among us, we gather to offer our praise to your holy Name. Jesus was born to come into the world and bear witness to the truth. He has said that whoever is of the truth hears his voice. By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit equip us to bear witness to that same truth and so help others in hearing your voice. On this day we await your coming in power and might to reclaim your Church and establish the reign of righteousness. In that same power we ask you to take

Tear off here and place into the offering plate if desired or mail into office with payment



Each Christmas season, our sanctuary is beautifully decorated with holiday trimmings and poinsettias. As the season approaches, we are now taking orders for the poinsettias, which may be in honor of, in celebration of, or in memory of one or more loved ones. A list of acknowledgments will be printed in the church bulletin on Sunday, December 19 and Christmas Eve.

Poinsettias are \$12.00 each. We encourage you to take your flower(s) home with you after the service on Christmas Eve.

You may order your flower(s) by filling out the form below, and placing it in the collection plate, or returning it to the church office accompanied by a check or cash for total amount (a folder marked Poinsettias Orders is available on the office mail station). All checks should be made out to Woodbury United Methodist Church. **All orders must be placed no later than Tuesday, DECEMBER 7TH.**

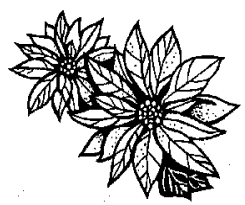
Name: _____ Telephone: _____

In honor/celebration/memory of: (circle appropriate one)

(If more space is required, please attach a separate piece of paper)

_____ Red poinsettia _____ Quantity

_____ White poinsettia _____ Quantity



Please be sure to list all the necessary information so follow-up calls do not have to be made. Thanks!



Santa's Workshop



GIFTS FOR OUR LOCAL FRIENDS IN NEED
CHILDREN – ADULTS - SENIORS

The following donations are requested for the 2021
Holiday Season....



Small Generic (unwrapped) Adult Gifts

*Example: Cozy slipper socks, warm throws, puzzles,
hand cream, special coffees & teas*

Wrapping Paper (sealed)

**Note: For donations of children's gifts or gift certificates
please visit**

***New Morning Market or the Woodbury Public Library
where "Giving Trees" are displayed.***

Donation deadline is 12/3.

Items may be dropped off at the Woodbury Public Library.

Questions - 203-510-9905

***(For other opportunities to participate in the community over the
holidays, please see your Weekly Messenger for more details)***

**into your care those whom we have named this day; relieve their suffering,
end their captivity and restore their brokenness. O God, our Alpha and
Omega, the beginning and the end, hear our prayers and in your mercy,
answer them in Jesus 'name. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Anthem

Thanks Be to Thee

G. F. Handel

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Read by Annabelle Cloud

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-18; pg. 966

While I was looking, thrones were put in place. One who had been living forever sat down on one of the thrones. His clothes were white as snow, and his hair was like pure wool. His throne, mounted on fiery wheels, was blazing with fire, and a stream of fire was pouring out from it. There were many thousands of people there to serve him, and millions of people stood before him. The court began its session, and the books were opened.

During this vision in the night, I saw what looked like a human being. He was approaching me, surrounded by clouds, and he went to the one who had been living forever and was presented to him. He was given authority, honor, and royal power, so that the people of all nations, races, and languages would serve him. His authority would last forever, and his kingdom would never end.

The visions I saw alarmed me, and I was deeply disturbed. I went up to one of those standing there and asked him to explain it all. So he told me the meaning. He said, "These four huge beasts are four empires which will arise on earth. And the people of the Supreme God will receive royal power and keep it forever and ever."

New Testament Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8; pg. 335

From John to the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace be yours from God, who is, who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits in front of his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first to be raised from death and who is also the ruler of the kings of the world.

He loves us, and by his sacrificial death he has freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father. To Jesus Christ be the glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Look, he is coming on the clouds! Everyone will see him, including those who pierced him. All peoples on earth will mourn over him. So shall it be! "I am the

first and the last,” says the Lord God Almighty, who is, who was, and who is to come.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #2190 (TFWS) (see next page)
Bring Forth the Kingdom

SERMON Pastor Michael & Guest

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

What are we about here at Woodbury United Methodist Church? Jesus has told us what he is all about: compassion. That will be the final word, when all things come to fulfillment: compassion. Jesus summed up all the laws in a law of love for God and our neighbor. In our ministry here at WUMC, we see Jesus in each child of God, in every person, and we seek to serve their needs. That is why we bring our gifts this morning. Therefore let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God, in gratitude and praise.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Softly and Tenderly* Thomson

OFFERTORY PRAYER

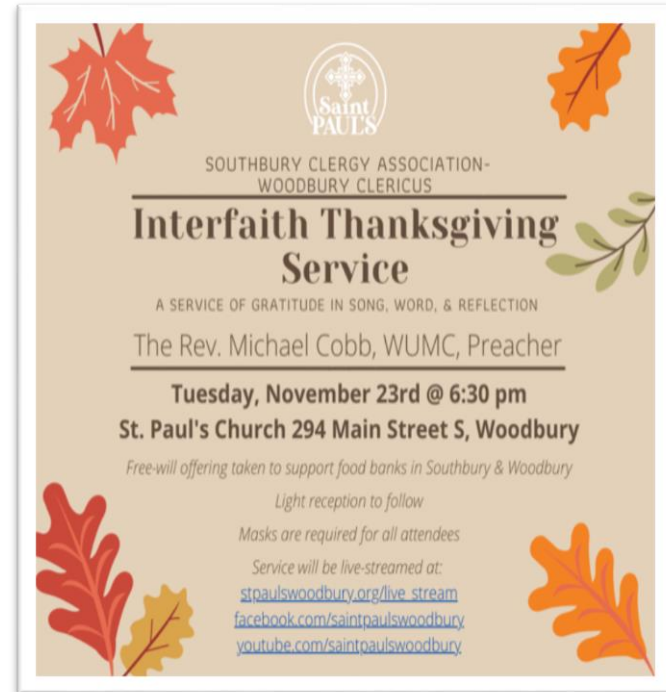
Great and Glorious Savior, we listen attentively to your voice. We place our trust in your truth and grace. We generously give in gratitude for your truth in our spiritual journey. We pray that these monetary gifts may help others to see your kingdom, to draw closer to you, and to find ultimate peace. You have given us life and freedom. Everything we have and everything that we are is a gift from you. You call us to be stewards of this gift. As caretakers of all that you have provided, we give back now in our pledges for the coming year. We dedicate these gifts to you. Bless these tithes and offerings, that they may do your work in the world. Help us to always use your gifts wisely. Lead us as we share them generously with others. Help our faithful stewardship to show Christ to others. We pray in the name of the One who sustains us throughout life's journey, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

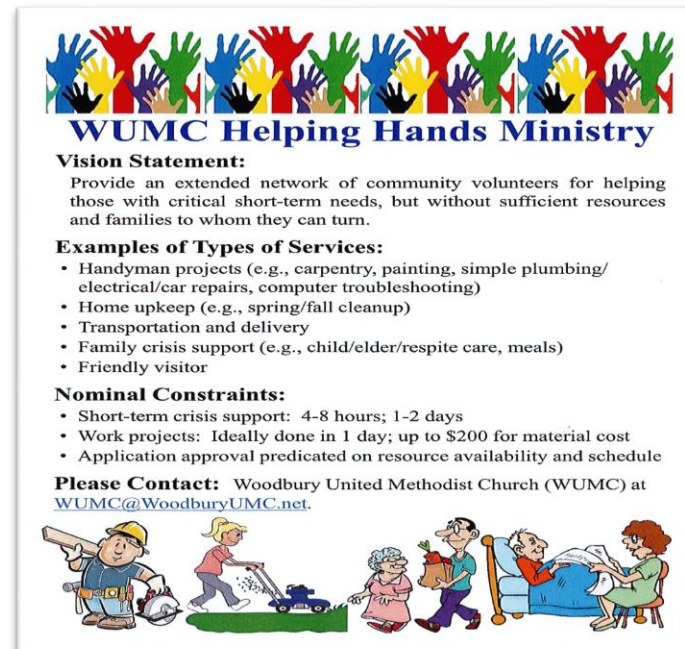
PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

CLOSING HYMN #715 *Rejoice the Lord is King*



The poster features a light beige background with decorative autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow. At the top center is the Saint Paul's logo, which includes a cross and the text "Saint PAUL'S". Below the logo, the text reads "SOUTHBURY CLERGY ASSOCIATION- WOODBURY CLERICUS". The main title is "Interfaith Thanksgiving Service" in a large, bold, serif font. Underneath, it says "A SERVICE OF GRATITUDE IN SONG, WORD, & REFLECTION". The preacher is identified as "The Rev. Michael Cobb, WUMC, Preacher". The date and time are "Tuesday, November 23rd @ 6:30 pm". The location is "St. Paul's Church 294 Main Street S, Woodbury". There are three lines of smaller text: "Free-will offering taken to support food banks in Southbury & Woodbury", "Light reception to follow", and "Masks are required for all attendees". At the bottom, it says "Service will be live-streamed at:" followed by three social media links: "stpaulswoodbury.org/live-stream", "facebook.com/saintpaulswoodbury", and "youtube.com/saintpaulswoodbury".



The poster features a colorful banner at the top with many hands in various colors (red, yellow, green, blue, purple) raised in a gesture of help or support. Below the banner, the title "WUMC Helping Hands Ministry" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Underneath the title is the "Vision Statement:" which reads "Provide an extended network of community volunteers for helping those with critical short-term needs, but without sufficient resources and families to whom they can turn." Below the vision statement is the "Examples of Types of Services:" section, which lists several types of services: Handyman projects (e.g., carpentry, painting, simple plumbing/electrical/car repairs, computer troubleshooting), Home upkeep (e.g., spring/fall cleanup), Transportation and delivery, Family crisis support (e.g., child/elder/respite care, meals), and Friendly visitor. Below the examples is the "Nominal Constraints:" section, which lists: Short-term crisis support: 4-8 hours; 1-2 days; Work projects: Ideally done in 1 day; up to \$200 for material cost; Application approval predicated on resource availability and schedule. At the bottom, the "Please Contact:" information is provided: "Woodbury United Methodist Church (WUMC) at WUMC@WoodburyUMC.net". Below the text is a cartoon illustration showing a man in a hard hat and work clothes carrying a tool, a woman pushing a lawnmower, a woman carrying a bag of groceries, a man in a wheelchair being pushed by another man, and a woman sitting at a table reading a book.

Worship in the Sanctuary” and click the link for livestreaming. 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#.

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, November 23 – Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service – 6:30 PM at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Woodbury. (See insert flyer in bulletin)

Sunday, November 28 – UMC Student Day – The United Methodist Church’s special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways. Together, our reach is beyond measure.

Poinsettias ordering has begun – please see information in today’s bulletin – the deadline to place your order is Tuesday, December 7th. Payment must accompany the order.

Sunday, December 12 – Praise Band Christmas Celebration – 2:30 PM at WUMC

Tuesday, December 21 – Blue Christmas Worship Service – 7:00 PM at WUMC

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Services – 4:30 & 7 PM watch for more details

THE PRAYER CORNER

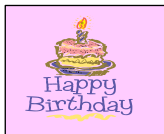
Outpatient rehabilitation: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto*

Recovering at home: *Laura Brush; Gary McClendon; Pat Kurtz; 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); *Donna Louise Burke*, friend of *Kathy Craig; Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*)

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher; Bob Asman; Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon; Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

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

Homebound members: *Florence Brown, Linda Bailey*



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.

2190 Bring Forth the Kingdom

Leader *All*

1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the
4. We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: Bound for the

Leader

King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

All

life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home-land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

King-dom of peace; bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,

bring forth the Cit-y of God!

WORDS: Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13-16)
MUSIC: Marty Haugen

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM
Irregular with Refrain

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BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you as you go from this place to share the gifts that you have been given with a world in need. Engage the world with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your Christian witness to the power of Christ to transform lives. Go, bringing the news of peace and hope, of healing and love. Go and the God of peace will always go with you.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen!

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR PLEDGE CARDS

You are invited to come forward with your pledge/estimate of giving card. Please prayerfully put it in the offering plate on the altar, and then please join us for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

POSTLUDE *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* Walther

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Reminder: COVID Safety Protocols (last updated 16-Nov-2021)

- Attendees should pre-register for all worship services at www.woodburyumc.net.
- Social distancing of 6 feet between extended family units is required.
- Brief handshakes and hugs are fine, if both parties agree.
- Masks are required for worship service and church meetings/events, except as noted.
- Our fully vaccinated and pre-screened worship team may remove masks while speaking/singing as long as enhanced sanctuary ventilation is used.
- Non-worship service meetings/events must follow additional protocols.
- Grab-and-go refreshments are allowed. Please join us for Fellowship Hour immediately following the 3rd worship service of each month.

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Pastor's e-mail: pastormichael@woodburyumc.net

Mark Davis, Lay Leader

Kathy Craig, Office Administrator

Chris Shay, Director of Music

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Week of November 21, 2021

Visitors are warmly welcomed! If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available on the table at the registration area.

If you would like to become a member of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to Pastor Michael. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

Today is the 26th Sunday after Pentecost on the Christian calendar. The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. The liturgical color is green, symbolizing growth in Christ.

Today is Christ the King (Reign of Christ) Sunday on the Christian calendar. This last Sunday after Pentecost and last Sunday of the Christian Year is a celebration of the coming reign of Jesus Christ and the completion of creation. The liturgical colors are white and gold, which are used for occasions and seasons which especially honor Christ.

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Annabelle Cloud*, Liturgist and Reader; *Lynn Cullen* and *Sue Vindigni*, Greeters and Ushers; the *WUMC Bell Choir*, Musicians; the *WUMC Chancel Choir*, Singers, *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

Please note: Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, either at home or in-person. Worshipers at home may join us by video on YouTube or audio-only by telephone broadcast. Video recordings of services are also archived on the church's website 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 "Sunday Morning