



WUMC Helping Hands Ministry



Vision Statement:

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.



Examples of Types of Services:

- Handyman projects; Home upkeep (e.g., spring/fall cleanup)
- Transportation and delivery
- Family crisis support (e.g., child/elder/respite care, meals)
- Friendly visitor



Nominal Constraints:

- 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



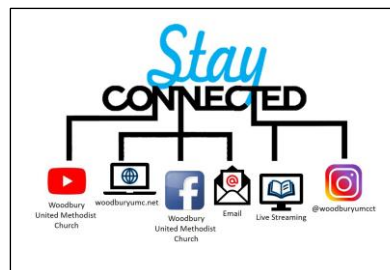
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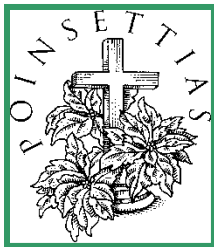
Invited
Home
Christmas Eve



Friday, December 24, 2021
7:00 PM

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

4 Church Street, Woodbury, CT 06798
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Christmas Flowers

2021

The beautiful poinsettias, which adorn our sanctuary are given by;

From David & Lynne Brencher; In loving memory of Ray & Ginny Fairty, George & Marion Brencher.

From Florence Brown; In loving memory of her husband, Gordon Brown.

From the Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Stuart Brush; In memory of all our near and dear ones (young and old) who have gone to be with the Lord.

From Travis & Amanda Cloud; In honor of our four wonderful children: Abby, Caroline, Annabelle & Jack and in memory of Charlotte Cloud, beloved grandmother and great grandmother.

From Kathy Craig; In memory of Kathy's parents, Dom & Shirley Lombardo and husband/dad/grandpa, Richard Craig, and in honor of all my children & grandchildren near and far.

From Lynn Cullen; In celebration of Christ's birth; and of dear friends both near and far.

From Mark Davis; In loving memory Abbie's grandparents: Bruce and Norma Davis & Roderick and Doris Blair.

From Jackie & John Fleming; In memory of our wonderful parents, and our aunt Marion.

From Barbara & Jeff Hunt; In celebration of our church family.

B: In the center of our love, is God—
who came to this earth to dwell among us.

A: So tonight we light the Christ candle,
for God's love just could not stay away.

B: Welcome home. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6
Rick Richardson

GRATITUDE FOR THE LIGHT

*CAROL #234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UM Hymnal

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)
from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*

Light of the world, shine upon us this night. Shine in our lives, that we may shine with your love. Shine in our world, that your light may overcome all darkness and fear. Shine through our worship, that our souls may be strengthened with the power of your light and love. In the name of love, we pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE LIGHT

GOSPEL LESSON FOR CHRISTMAS EVE Grace Richardson
Luke 2:1-5

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

CAROL #219 *What Child Is This* (v. 1, 3) UM Hymnal

Luke 2:6-7 Julia Richardson
While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL #217 *Away in a Manger* (v. 1, 3) UM Hymnal

Luke 2:8-5 Anna Richardson
In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace among those whom he favors!”

CAROL #246 *Joy to the World* (v. 1, 2, 4) UM Hymnal

Luke 2:16-20 Kathy Bower
When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

SERMON *Invited Home* Pastor Michael Cobb

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Carol of the Manger* Wilson

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SHARING THE LIGHT

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT John 8:12; Matthew 5:14-16
Pastor Michael Cobb

SOLO *O Holy Night* A. Adam
Anna Richardson

CAROL #239 *Silent Night, Holy Night* UM Hymnal

THE TRIUMPH OF THE LIGHT John 1:4-5

A CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *In Julci Jubilo* JS Bach

(Includes elements adapted from prayers and poetry by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.)

DECEMBER 24, 2021 – CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00 PM

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *the Richardson family*, Advent Candle Lighter and Readers; Liam McGrath, Acolyte; *Barbara and Jeff Hunt, Venetia Phillippe and Meg Temple*, Greeters and Ushers; *Morgan Phillippe*, musical accompaniment/trumpet; the *WUMC Bell and Chancel Choir*; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

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!