

Now's Your Chance to be a Servant of God

If you've ever loved to read and dreamed of being a liturgist, love to teach a lesson to children, love to greet and meet people, pass the plate or children be enriched by learning how to become an acolyte... there will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex to volunteer for any of these enlightening activities.

Please consider volunteering and being involved in our church. If there are questions, please reach out to Venetia Phillippe (morgansmom71@gmail.com) or Pastor Michael Cobb (pastormichael@woodburyumc.net).

Beginning **Sept. 5th** we would like to include college students, out of state viewers, and homebound viewers to take part remotely in our Worship service whether it be "Live" or pre-recorded by volunteering as a participant for liturgist or children's time. Email Kathy Craig at wumc@woodburyumc.net to have her add your name on the volunteer sign-up sheet. If you have any questions about the remote participation, please contact Theron Kissinger, our audio-visual tech at theronk@hotmail.com.

Thank you and God Bless!
Venetia Phillippe, Worship Chair



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Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, August 1, 2021

REMINDER - our summer worship time is at 9:30 AM.

Please remember to pre-register if you are planning on attending.

Communion Sunday will be celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month.

If you cannot attend and would like to receive Communion, please be sure to let us know if you would like to pick up your package or if we can make a home delivery. We'd be happy to do so, if requested.

A Message from CRT. . .

Until further notice, please remember your mask to protect yourself and others too!



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 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

Sunday, August 29, 2021 we will be worshipping at the pavilion in Hollow Park at 10:30 AM and continuing on with our annual picnic beginning immediately after worship until 3:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, games, food donations, and clean-up. Watch your Messenger for more details. We look forward to seeing you at the Hollow!

Sunday, September 12, 2021 – Rally Day – Watch your Messenger for more information.

THE PRAYER CORNER

In the hospital: *Kinley Mae Drown-Burr*, infant daughter of *Bud Behlman's* cousin, *Jessamie Drown* (Yale-New Haven)

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

Recovering at home: *Linda Rockhill*; *Carol Hennessey*; *Liam McGrath*; *Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto*; *Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amanda Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *Steve Thomas*; *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*)

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



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.

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4 Church St., Woodbury, CT, 06798 Church phone: 203-263-4775

Web Site: www.woodburyumc.net

Church e-mail: wumc@woodburyumc.net

Church office hours: Tuesday- Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM

NOTE: Summer hours (July & August) - Tues.-Thurs. 9 AM – 1 PM

Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

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Chris Shay, Director of Music

Kathy Craig, Office Administrator

Mark Davis, Lay Leader

Mission Statement

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.

Week of August 1, 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 in the hallway at the top of the stairs.

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 10th 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.

On Communion Sundays, the Lord's Table is open to all who seek to follow Christ, regardless of age or denominational background. An offering plate is located at the rear of the sanctuary to receive donations to our church's benevolence fund.

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Elliott Cobb*, Liturgist and Reader, *Morgan and Venetia Phillippe*, Singers; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

Our floral tribute today was given by *Rynn Naylor*, "to the glory of God and in remembrance of *Jean Pierre Gerard*."

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August 1, 2021

10th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *The Lord is My Hope* Patrick Loomis

GREETING Pastor Michael Cobb

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Elliott Cobb, Liturgist

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called,
We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.

Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.
We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

Lead a life which reflects your calling that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.
We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.
We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

*OPENING HYMN #127 (UMH) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Hymns led by Morgan and Venetia Phillippe

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) led by Elliott Cobb

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and knowledge which you have made known to us through your Son Jesus; yours is the glory for ever and ever. As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole church soon be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Make us one in our faith and hope, and one in our loving service. Make us one in worship and in daily living. Lord Jesus, send your Spirit to make us one as you want us to be. For yours is the glory and power, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

read by Elliott Cobb

*Gospel Lesson: John 6:24-35 (NRSV)

HYMN OF PREPARATION #641 (UMH)

Fill My Cup, Lord

SERMON

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Pastor Michael Cobb

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Michael Cobb

When we repent, God creates in us a new heart, and puts a new and right spirit within us. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY DUET

You Are Mine

Morgan and Venetia Phillippe

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER from *Worship and Song: Worship Resources*

Great is God's name.

And great is the table of Christ.

As we approach this meal, we ponder the steadfast love of God.

We praise God's name in each corner of the earth.

In our times of victory or vulnerability, there are seats for us all. Regardless of our painful pasts, the thorns in our bodies, or the insults plunged into our souls, there are places for each of us at this meal. No matter which neighbor or kin have turned their backs on us, no matter how many tears have fallen from our eyes, we each are welcome here. At this meal, we once again find our strength. At the table of Christ, we renew our energy.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

CLOSING HYMN #314 (UMH)

In the Garden

BENEDICTION

In the Spirit of peace, we go into the world. May we share the unity and love we have found here, that others may touch the presence of Christ's peace, and the grace of God's love.

Go into the world with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, in the unity of the Spirit, the bond of peace, and the name of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

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

POSTLUDE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey

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