



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. John A. Thomason, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

January 31

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor's Sermon: *Proper Authorities*

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Liturgist and Reader: Kate Keeler

Musicians: Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Kate Keeler

Children's Time: led by the Walkup family

COMING IN FEBRUARY

On February 14, Transfiguration Sunday, WUMC will share in a joint online worship service with other congregations from the New York Annual Conference. Worship will not be held in our sanctuary that day. Please watch for further details.

Special Note – Open floral opportunities for 2/7, and many throughout the remaining of 2021. Please contact the office if interested.

Please Join Us for Livestreamed Worship Events

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 will also be available for later viewing. Later phone broadcasts will no longer be provided.

The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- Video: Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net> and click the link at the top of the home page. 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#.
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BIBLE 101 CONTINUES

The winter **Bible Study Fellowship** for adults is an introduction to our primary resource for Christian belief and practice -- the Bible. Pastor John is leading us in exploring why the Bible is so important for people of faith, how the Scriptures were written and compiled, and how Christians can read and study the Bible for maximum benefit. During the final session, participants will be invited to share their favorite Bible verses and passages.

The class met for the first time on January 26 and will continue to be offered on **Tuesday evenings through February 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM**. Weather permitting, the class will gather in-person in Fellowship Hall, but on-line participation will be available for all sessions. Go to the WUMC website for the link.

Volunteers Needed for Woodbury Food Bank

February is WUMC's month to provide volunteers for the Food Bank sponsored by the Community Services Council of Woodbury. Openings are available on all four Fridays of the month – February 5, 12, 19, and 26. Please call the church office to sign up.

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!
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Children & Youth Ministry

@ HOME RESOURCES for continued Christian Education

- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources>
- <https://www.nyac.com/childrensministries>
- <https://ministry-to-children.com/>
- Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28 Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit

Children & Youth Ministry Programming

- **Confirmation class** continues at 6:30 pm, Sunday, January 31.
 - Be on the lookout for information on our **Lenten Sunday School series** this February.
 - Children, youth, families and anyone else is welcome to join us for **Family Game Night** on **Saturday, January 30 at 7 pm**. Depending on the number of people attending we may play Fibbage, Drawful or Scattogories. Please RSVP to Meg or Catherine by **Friday, January 29** so we can plan accordingly.
 - **Children & Youth Ministry Committee Meeting** on Thursday, January 28 at 7 pm via Zoom for all teachers and committee members.
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Kudo Korner

Thanks to *Mark Davis, Rae Ann Hockenberry, and Bill Wilhelms* for compiling and submitting our church's 2020 Statistical Tables to the New York Annual Conference.

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Kate Keeler*, liturgist and Children's Time leader; *Carolyn Shay*, reader; *Kate Keeler* and *Carolyn Shay*, singers.

The Prayer Corner:

Congratulations to *Bob and Martha Asman*, who celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on January 20; and to *Martha Asman*, who celebrated her 80th birthday on January 26.

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*.

Upcoming surgeries: *John Fleming* (January 29, Yale-New Haven); *Lynn Cullen* (eye procedure on February 1).

Recovering at home: *Emilie Cole; Gary McClendon; 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*); *Jane King*, mother of *Stephen King* and mother-in-law of *Joann King* (Sarasota, FL); *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher, Bob Asman, Mary Wilkins*, sister of *Barb Hunt* (Rochester, NY); *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: 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); *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *Manny Gesh, Jane True, Blair Feller, Marilyn Bender, Ryan DeRidder* and family, *Laura & Stuart Brush, Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*).



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 umc@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!