



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. John A. Thomason, Pastor

## Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

### January 10: Baptism of the Lord Sunday

**Rev. Paul Hibbard** will be leading the congregation in this Sunday's worship service in Pastor John's absence. Pastor John will be returning from vacation mid-day on Sunday and will resume Confirmation Class via zoom.

The **First Sunday after the Epiphany** celebrates Christ's baptism by John and reminds all Christians of our one baptism. The liturgical colors are white and gold.

**Pastor Hibbard's Sermon: *Who is the Holy Spirit?***

**Lectionary Readings: Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11**

**Reader: Rebecca Hibbard**

**Musician and Singers: Rebecca Hibbard, cello; Rev. Paul Hibbard**

**Children's Time: led by Diane Hibbard**

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### January 17: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany Human Relations Day

(more information in next Week's Messenger)

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# 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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## 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 1:1-4 The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

### Children & Youth Ministry Programming

- Confirmation class resumes at 6:30 pm, Sunday, January 10.
  - Be on the lookout for information on our Lenten Sunday School series this February.
  - Please join us for Family Game Night on Saturday, January 30 at 7pm. 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.
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## Kudo Korner

**Thanks** to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Rynn Naylor*, liturgist; *Alexandra Jablon*, Singer and Musician; *Rebecca Hibbard*, Reader, Singer and Musician; the *Walkup* family, Children's Time.

**Congratulations** to *Austin Fimmano*, whose name appeared in the credits on the "Today Show" on NBC. After contacting her mother, *Karen*; Austin does research for NBC and MSNBC.

**Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday** to our *Florence Brown* on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact Florence via card or phone call to wish her a happy birthday. This is quite a milestone and we are thrilled you are with us Florence!!!

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# The Prayer Corner:

**Please remember** all those who have suffered from or are still suffering from COVID-19, we hold you all in prayer.

**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*. Confirmation classes are on a brief hiatus through the holidays and will resume on January 10, 2021.

**Outpatient tests:** *Bob Asman, Dave Brencher*

**Recovering at home:** *Emilie Cole; Gary McClendon; Ally Roche; Steve Thomas; Carol Hennessey; 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:** *Mary Wilkins*, sister of *Barb Hunt* (Rochester, NY); *Jackie and John Fleming*; *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); *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](http://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. . .**

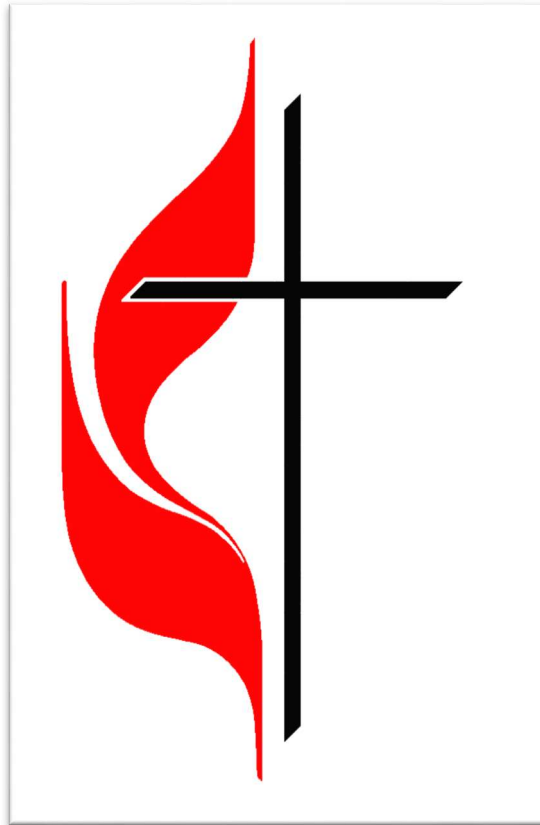
**HANDICAPPED PARKING** - - these are the three spaces outside the office doors (Church Street Entrance). **Please do NOT park there unless you have a handicapped parking tag. If you do park there, please be sure to leave enough room for the people using the handicapped ramp.**

❖ **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 [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net). This is also important to keep track of any of our college students as well!!!

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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.

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

## **Love is Spoken Here!**