



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

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January 12

Baptism of the Lord

The First Sunday after the Epiphany celebrates Christ's baptism by John and reminds all Christians of our one baptism. A Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant will be featured in this Sunday's service. The liturgical colors are white and gold.

Pastor's Sermon: *Renewing Our Vows*
Matthew 3:13-17

WUMC Congregational Meeting

January 14, 2020, 7:00 pm

The results from the "Our Way Forward Together Survey" have been tabulated and reviewed. The Ad Hoc Committee was impressed with the number of persons who responded and the careful thought everyone put into taking the survey.

The survey findings will be presented to the congregation on Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. There will be time for questions and discussion. Child care will be provided. Our hope is that many of you will be able to attend.

For those unable to be present on the 14th, an identical presentation will be made on Sunday, January 19, after morning worship.

A summary of the survey findings will be attached in a future edition of *The Messenger* for those unable to attend either of the two meetings.

PLEASE NOTE: Last week, the national media announced that 16 UMC leaders have proposed a denominational split. The group represents the full spectrum of Methodist views on the participation of LGBTQ persons in the life of the church. Their proposal will be voted on at the next General Conference this May. More information about this development will be provided at our January 14 and 19 meetings.

Sincerely,

The WUMC Church Council and the Our Way Forward Together Committee

Membership Orientation Class

The second session of a Membership Orientation Class will be offered on Sunday, January 12, at 11:45 AM in the pastor's office. This presentation will introduce inquirers to the ministry and mission of our local congregation. The class is open to anyone who wishes to join WUMC or simply desires more information about our church.

Women's Winter 2020 Bible Study

WUMC women (all ages welcome), *1 Peter - A Living Hope in Christ*. Please join us Sunday mornings **8:45 to 9:45 AM** each week to March 8. For further information, please contact *Jen Carnes* 203-206-6746.

Children and Youth Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Held during worship after the Children's Sermon for children through 8th grade.

Elementary Class - January Memory Verse *: *Follow me and I will make you fishers of men*, "Matthew 4:19" *Please help children learn this verse.

Youth Group: Winter event detailing and meeting details to come.

Kudo Korner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our beloved church matriarch, *Florence Brown*, who will turn 101 on Monday, January 13.

Boen Beavers participated in the recent "Voices of Democracy" contest sponsored by Southbury's VFW Post 167. Held at Pomperaug High School, the audio-essay program encourages students in their personal growth, communication skills, and appreciation of their American heritage. Congratulations, Boen!

The Prayer Corner:

Upcoming surgery: *Bob Davis* (January 17 at Griffin Hospital, Derby)

Home from the hospital: *Lou Calabrese*, husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese* (surgery on December 30 in Danbury); *Paul Hennessey*

Hospice care at home: *Dave Davison*, father-in law of *Gary McClendon*

Inpatient rehabilitation: *Jim Cullen* (River Glen, Southbury); *Marie Petty*, aunt of *Kathy Craig* (Abbott Terrace, Waterbury)

Recovering at home: *Abby Cloud*; *Gary Williams*; *Paula Girard*, mother-in-law of *Rynn Naylor*; *Lisa Saracino*, daughter of *Sherry Swanhall*; *Veronica Perrone*, daughter of *Nancy Clark*; *Robert Ayers*, father of *Tacy Nettleton* (Woodstock, GA); *Jane King*, mother of *Stephen King* and mother-in-law of *Joann King* (Sarasota, FL); *Stephen Hawthorne*, grandson of *Gerry Furlong*; *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*; *Melanie Whiteside* (Draper, UT), *Patti Propocio* (Bristol, CT), and *Lucille Parsons* (Waterbury, CT), friends of *Kathy Craig*

Outpatient treatments: *Betsy Love*; *John and Jackie Fleming*; *Gerry Furlong* (Leesburg, FL); *Jimmy Rakiposki*; *Stephanie Galaburri*, friend of *Sandy Carbonaro*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Homebound member: *Florence Brown*

Please continue to remember: Bob Davis, Nancy Clark, Jean Lilly, mother of Meg Temple (Cincinnati, OH), the Keith family, Manny Gesh, Beth, Jillian & Alex Buzzannco, Kelly Etcheto, Vernessa Kingsbury, Jim Congdon, Jane True, Blair Feller, Marilyn Bender, Eddie Lenox (son of Grace Bell), Ethan Murphy, (great grandson of Grace Bell), Brigitte Weimann, Ryan DeRidder and family, Ernest Corrado, Laura & Stuart Brush, Janet Grant (sister of Betty Lines), and The Thomson family of Ferndale, WA (family of Kathy Craig).



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing.

Fellowship Hosts and Altar Flower Opportunities: This year's flower & fellowship host charts are posted in Fellowship Hall. Sign up to get the date of your choice! Each ministry team has been asked to volunteer for Fellowship.

If you want your flowers dedicated in the bulletin for a special occasion, please be sure to make us aware of that when ordering. Payment for the flower order should accompany the yellow order slip and left in Kathy's mailbox in the office or dropped in the Sunday plate, in advance of the order date.

If you don't have an occasion but would like to donate a floral tribute to one of our homebound members, please do so and Pastor John will deliver the arrangement during the following week.

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.** 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. This is also important to keep track of any of our college students as well!!!

Calendar of Events at WUMC for next week:

All Ministry Chairs – please submit any ministry meeting times to the office so they can be put onto the calendars each week (Messenger, Office & Web). Thank you!

Sun., Jan. 12	8:45 a.m.	Women's Winter Bible Study	(downstairs classroom)
	8:45 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Group	(Wesley Room)
	9:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	(Sanctuary)
Baptism of the Lord	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	(Sanctuary)
	10:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	(downstairs classrooms)
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	(Fellowship Hall)
	11:45 a.m.	Membership Orientation Class	(Pastor's office)
Mon., Jan. 13		FLORENCE BROWN'S BIRTHDAY – 101 YEARS YOUNG!!!	
Tues., Jan. 14	4:00 p.m.	We Ring 2 Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal	(Assembly Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	(Fellowship Hall)
Wed., Jan. 15	11:30 a.m.	Weekday Bible Study/Fellowship Group	(Assembly Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	(Assembly Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	(Assembly Room)
Thurs., Jan. 16	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team meeting	(Assembly Room)
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Please note: WUMC's worship services are streamed live on Facebook. To watch recordings of previous services, go to www.woodburyumc.net and click on the Facebook icon.

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.

Events Happening in our Community:



Presents 9th Annual

Ring In the New Year Dinner & Bells

Doors open at 5:00 – Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.
on Saturday, January 25, 2020

Memorial Hall
On the Green in Bethlehem, Connecticut


Menu	Entertainment
Beef Chili	Handbell Mini-Concert
White Bean & Chicken Chili	Audience Participation
Vegetarian Chili	Drawing
Appetizers, Bread, Dessert	Conduct the Handbell Choir and more...

Tickets available in advance from *Chime In!* members
or online at
www.ChimeInMusic.org
or leave a message at 860-631-3246

Adults: \$18 Children (under 10): \$10
Table for 8: \$125 (advanced purchase only)
Limited tickets may be available at the door.

Naugatuck Valley Project's 2020 Community Gathering

Let us come together for justice!



Appetizers * Dominican Dancers * Music
Welcome new NVP Members & Organizations
Explore NVP Issues & Committees
Celebrate NVP 2019 Successes
Share A Song for Justice * Plan Action!

Monday, January 27, 2020
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
St. John's Episcopal Church
16 Church Street, Waterbury

* Language Translation and Childcare Available - **BUT ONLY WITH AN RSVP**

Call NVP at 203-574-2410 to RSVP, to arrange for a ride to the meeting or to request more information.