





WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Worship Schedule

WORSHIP TIME - 10:30 AM Each Sunday

We are in the Sanctuary

October 17: The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Laity Sunday

Sermon Text: James 2:5-8, Matthew 22:34-40

Liturgist & Readers: Samuel Temple, Kathy Bower and Julia Bower Richardson

Greeters & Ushers: JoAnn Behlman and Meg Temple

Musicians/Singers: Julia Bower Richardson, Rick Richardson,
the WUMC Bell and Chancel Choirs

This Sunday we are expecting a larger than normal attendance so we ask that everyone pre-register for worship on our church website: www.woodburyumc.net

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 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#. Note that these numbers have changed from what was previously used. Please mute your phones to eliminate background noise.
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News from the Worship Ministry

Calling all that want to usher for Sunday morning worship....If interested, please contact Kathy in the church office or Venetia at (918) 706-2637 or morgansmom71@gmail.com. Looking for two ushers for each Sunday.

News from the Mission & Outreach Ministry Chair

Mission News from Ecuador. A Letter from Missionary Sara Flores

Dear friends, thank you for keeping us in your prayers, we remember you and miss you here. We are very happy that now in Ecuador Covid vaccinations are available for teenagers from 12 years old and up. Little by little activities are coming back to normal but we still have some restrictions like using face masks, physical distancing in stores, restaurants and churches, small numbers in meetings, and mostly everybody is being careful.

The Ministry of Health says that 79 % of the population older than 16 has now been vaccinated and as of the middle of October, they will start vaccinating children 5 years and over. Overall, we give thanks because God's love and mercy is new every day. We are happy that due to the advances in vaccination in Ecuador we can foresee that in 2022 we will be able to securely receive mission teams working and sharing with Ecuadorian churches. Please, if there are some VIM teams planning mission trips, do not hesitate to communicate with us for details, it will be a joy to be able to receive you. We pray and hope that vaccinations will be available to all countries of the world, and by God's mercy, the crisis will reduce its impact on daily life throughout the world.

In other news in the past week about violent conflicts in one of the largest prisons in Guayaquil, the country is calm again. We know that the conflicts have not ended, but we are sure that God will be helping leaders to find better days for the country. We ask for prayers for our country, prayers for the children and teenagers that have already started the school year, mostly continuing in virtual classes. We ask prayers for all the activities at the churches, afterschool programs, and the programs for children, women, and families; and prayers for many families who have lost jobs.

We ask for prayers for needs and priorities of the Church in Ecuador We ask you to pray that the Lord will continue to care for our Pastors who have sustained the ministry during this pandemic; amid uncertainty, they are making the Good News available in many creative ways. Almost all the Methodist Churches now have their services in person, with appropriate protections against Covid. We also want to thank you so much for the support you have provided for all these years for our missionary support, children's programs, scholarships and construction of churches, classrooms, and infrastructure. In midst of the social and economic crisis, the Church in Ecuador needs help to cover the salaries of pastors (6 female pastors and 12 male pastors). The local congregations are joyfully emphasizing local offerings and tithes, but it is still short. In coordination with our Bishop and authorities **we want to ask our friends and partner Churches that for current year 2021 and next year to consider supporting the primary priority in Ecuador to help with this need, Pastoral Support in Ecuador Advance Project # 3021092. These funds can be sent thru the official United Methodist donation channel, The Advance, using the link: <https://advance.umcmision.org/p-409-pastoral-support-in-ecuador.aspx>**

Your church and your family are part of the mission work in Ecuador, and we thank God for this. Love and greetings from my husband, Dakin Cook, and I, we hope to see you soon.

Dios les bendiga, Sara Flores UMC Missionary serving in Ecuador

Monthly Food Bank Collection

Monthly Food Bank Collection – This coming **Sunday, October 17th**, we will be having our monthly special collection for the Woodbury Food Bank. Listed below are items that the Food Bank is most in need of. Please consider picking up a few things from the list and bringing them to worship this Sunday. If you are unable to come to worship, items can be left in the cooler on the porch entrance to the office. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

Woodbury Food Bank October Priority Items

- Chicken, beef & vegetable broths
- Italian wedding soup & clam chowder
- Corned Beef Hash, chili, pork & beans, beef stew, canned chicken
- Juice bottles, especially apple, grape, orange, cranberry & cranberry mixes
- Assorted fruit cups, canned pears & canned pineapples
- Canned tomatoes, especially tomato sauce and whole, diced & stewed tomatoes
- Pancake/waffle mixes
- Cereals & oatmeal
- Quick bread mixes & muffin mixes
- Brownie mixes
- Pasta sauce
- Cranberry sauce (jellied & whole)
- Canned & boxed potatoes (plain & flavored)
- Condiments including syrup, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing & mayo
- Cooking oils including canola, vegetable, corn & olive
- Liquid dish detergent & laundry detergent (both scented and free & clear)
- Paper products including paper towels, toilet paper & napkins
- Kids' lunchbox snack items – crackers, cookies, granola bars, pretzels, chips (single serve packages)

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, October 17– Laity Sunday – Please remember to [Pre-Register for worship at www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net).

Sunday, October 31 – Cooperative Parish Meeting – 3 PM – via Zoom.

Wednesday, November 3rd – 7 PM – 2021 Annual Church Conference via Zoom. All Ministry reports are to be submitted to the office no later than Wednesday, October 20th.

Saturday, November 13 – Fall Clean-Up Day at WUMC – please see your Messenger. Great way for students to get community service hours for school.

Sunday, November 28 - UMC Student Day - - News to come regarding opportunities for you & college student participation

Children & Youth Ministry News

Lesson:

Read Mark 10:35-45 with your family this week. Have you ever wished for something? Sometimes we make a wish without thinking about what would happen if our wish really came true. Have you ever planned to have a picnic and it rained? Perhaps you sat and watched the rain and grumbled to yourself, "I wish it would stop raining." What if that wish came true and it really stopped raining FOREVER? There would be no grass, no trees, no flowers. Rivers, lakes, and streams would dry up, and all life would begin to disappear. This world would be a miserable place if it stopped raining, wouldn't it? One day, disciples James and John came to Jesus and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus replied. "In Your glorious Kingdom, we want to sit in places of honor next to You, one at Your right and the other at Your left." You see, they thought Jesus was going to set up an earthly kingdom, and they wanted to sit beside Him on the throne. They wanted to share in His glory and greatness. Jesus answered, "You don't know what you are asking." Then He explained that whoever wants to be great must be a servant of all. He said, "For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give My life as a ransom for many." I don't think that being a servant was exactly what James and John were wishing for! Sometimes you and I may say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." But is that really our wish? If we really want that wish to come true, we must live as servants the way Jesus did. Only then can we be truly great and show God's love to the world.

Sunday School

Please join us for Sunday School in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 24. Dismissal is just after the Lord's Prayer.

Confirmation Class Resumes

Confirmation class resumes on Sunday, October 24 at 7 pm with a meeting for all confirmands, parents and mentors.

Halloween

Hey kids! Come and trick or treat at church on Halloween night in a COVID friendly way. Don't forget to tell your friends to stop by, too! Adults: Want to support some great outreach this Halloween? Come to church to pass out candy from 5-7:30 pm on

Sunday, October 31, decorate the fence or donate candy. There will be a box in the church office to collect the candy. If you would like to help, please reach out to Meg for details.

Annual Fall Clean-Up Time at WUMC

Mark your calendar - Saturday, November 13, 2021. Members of the Board of Trustees and anyone who would like to volunteer to participate in the **Fall Clean-Up Day** should plan on being at the church for a 9 AM start – until finished. Leaves will be raked, windows will be washed and a variety of other necessities will be wrapped up for the winter months to follow. If anyone would like to help out, please bring your rakes, shovels, gloves and lots of energy. This is a great way for our youth to obtain community service hours for school as well. Come on down and see *Theron Kissinger*.

Kudo Korner

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Carolyn Shay*, Liturgist & Reader; *Sue Vindigni*, Greeter and Usher; *the WUMC Chancel Choir*, Singers.

Thanks to all that helped with *The Blessing of the Animals* - Stuffed animals — The day started off with Pastor Michael getting to know our favorite stuffed animals, and a lesson on how God uses them to teach us about love. **Afternoon Pet blessing** — Despite a little rain, the Blessing of the Animals was a great success, with many community members (and their people) joining us for brief worship, a blessing, and social time together while enjoying the fall weather. Thank you to members of the Open Doors Ministry and Emilie Cole that were on hand to greet animals and their owners. (Please see photos in the back of this Messenger)

Thanks to *Mark Davis, Jeff and Barb Hunt, Barbara Etcheto, Kathy Bower, Rick Richardson, Meg Temple, Bud and JoAnn Behlman*. Special thanks to *Pastor Martha Vink, Pastor Thomas Stubbs, Sarah Kate Walkup, Chris Shay*, and those who helped make the *National Coming Out Day* worship and celebration such a success. There were over 50 people present, including about 50% visitors! (Please see photos in the back of this Messenger).

The Prayer Corner

Continued prayers for those suffering in both *Haiti* and *New Orleans*!

Christian Sympathies: A beloved longtime member and sister in Christ passed away recently. *Jane True* died on September 28 in North Carolina where she moved a number of years ago. She lived to be 89 years old and she was the member of our church who gave us the very generous gift of the elevator. We would often say with a smile that this was a "**Trueliff**". Please keep her family and especially her daughters *Beverly, Diane, Laura*, and *Nancy*, in your prayers.

Recovering from recent surgery: *Laura Brush*, eye surgery on October 12th

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

Recovering at home: *Gary McClendon; Lynne Brencher; Pat Kurtz; Carol Hennessey; Liam McGrath; Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amelia Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *Steve Thomas; Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Donna Louise Burke*, friend of *Kathy Craig; Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*)

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

Please remember our Confirmands: *Annabelle Cloud, Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis*

Homebound members: *Florence Brown, Linda Bailey*

Please continue to remember: Relative of *Rev. Betty Lines* who are seriously ill: brother-in-law *Stephen Lines* (recovering from a stroke in Florida) and *Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*); *Manny Gesh, Jane True, Blair Feller, Marilyn Bender, Ryan DeRidder and family, and Laura & Stuart Brush*.



If anyone has updates to these prayer requests, please send them to the office email at www.woodburyumc.net.



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 reach Pastor J. Michael Cobb by email at pastormichael@woodburyumc.net. 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!!!



Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

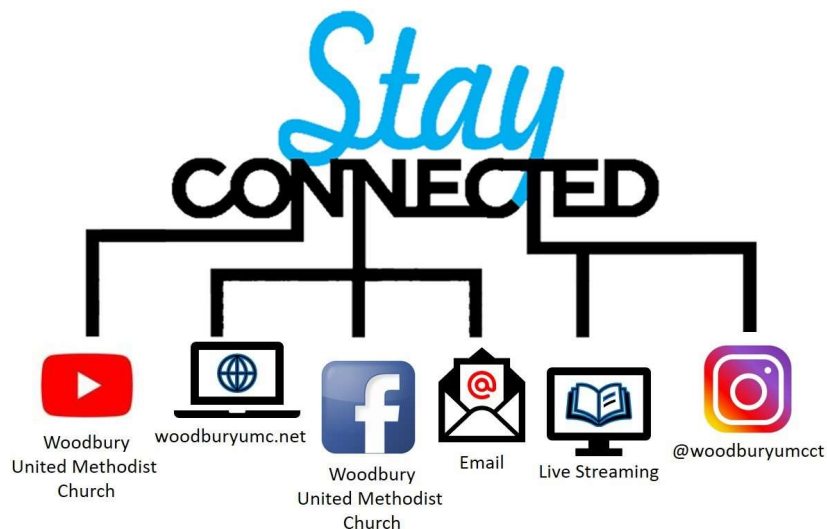
We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone.

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!



Special thanks to *Amanda Cloud* for designing our new "Stay Connected" graphic to let everyone know how to get information on our church services.

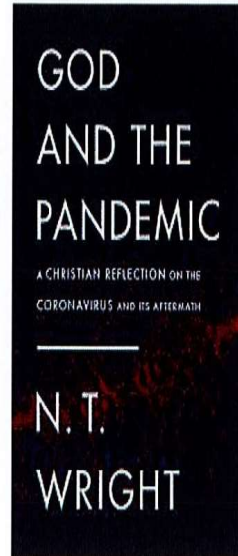
Woodbury UMC Adult Studies
Fall 2021

***God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath* by NT Wright**

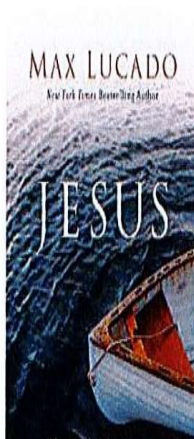
In *God and the Pandemic*, N.T. Wright uses both the Old and New Testaments to help Christians think through their reactions and responses to the pandemic. Offering spiritual guidance during a time of crisis, Wright helps readers reflect on scripture, prayer, and teachings from Jesus' life in order to think differently about disaster and how to react to it.

Gain insight on these questions:

- What should be the Christian response?
- How should we think about God?
- How do we live in the present?
- Why should we lament?
- What should we learn about ourselves?
- How do we recover?



Classes meet Sunday mornings before worship – see Bud Behlman or Pastor Michael for more information.



***Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name* by Max Lucado**

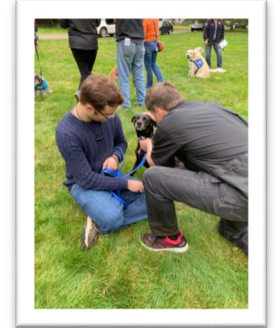
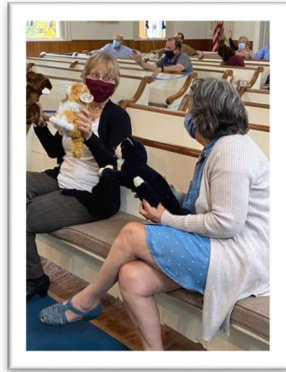
For thirty-three years Jesus felt everything you have ever felt. Weakness. Weariness. Sadness. Rejection. His feet got tired. And his head ached. He was tempted and his strength was tested. And you know why? Because in becoming human, Jesus made it possible for us to see God. His tears, God's tears. His voice, God's voice. Want to know what matters to God? Find out what matters to Jesus. Want to know what in the world God is doing? Ponder the words and life of Jesus.

Classes will meet Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm – for more information see Bud Behlman or Pastor Michael

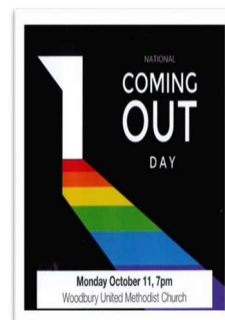
Books for both studies are available for purchase both in the church office as well as on line.

Photos from WUMC's Community Events

The Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 10, 2021



National Coming Out Day Worship & Celebration – Monday, October 11, 2021





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 (e.g., carpentry, painting, simple plumbing/electrical/car repairs, computer troubleshooting)
- 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

Please Contact: Woodbury United Methodist Church (WUMC) at WUMC@WoodburyUMC.net.

