





WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Worship Together at the Same Time – 10:30 AM

Either in the Sanctuary or at Home!

Live Streaming Continues

October 24: The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 31:7-9, Mark 10:46-52

Liturgist & Readers: James Levario and John Thomas

Greeter & Usher: Joanne King

Singers: the Chancel Choirs

Audio Visual Technician: Theron Kissinger

Now that we are worshipping in house again; 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.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, October 31 – Cooperative Parish Meeting – 3 PM – via Zoom. (see page at end of Messenger)

Wednesday, November 3rd – 7 PM – 2021 Annual Church Conference via Zoom. All Ministry reports are to be submitted to the office no later than Monday, October 25th so the full report can be finalized and distributed before Sunday, October 31st.

Sunday, November 7 – DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS! Don't forget to turn your clocks **back 1 hour** before you go to bed so you're not late for Sunday worship.

Sunday, November 7 – All Saint's Day Worship Service – **please submit any names to be read during worship to the office no later than November 1st.**

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

Flowers Are Back!

Altar flowers greatly enhance our worship experience and provide a means for our members to honor loved ones. During the period when services were pre-recorded in the sanctuary and later offered outdoors, flower donations were suspended. Now that we have opened the sanctuary for weekly worship, we are resuming the practice of placing flowers in the chancel area.

If you would like to donate a floral arrangement, please contact *Kathy Craig* in the church office, where the flower calendar is now kept. There are openings throughout November and the beginning of December. We will be contacting the Garden for preparations in our annual poinsettia delivery for the Christmas holiday. Watch for more information in the weeks to come.



Children & Youth Ministry News

Lesson

Read Mark 10:46-52 with your family this week. Have any of you seen a baby recently? Do you remember when you were a baby? One thing I know about babies is that they're not shy when it comes to letting you know when they want something. They'll let you know when they're hungry, thirsty, sick, tired, or need a diaper change. Babies let you know what they need by crying. Babies don't care if you're in church, at a movie, or eating dinner in a fine restaurant; if they need something, they'll tell you. As we get older, we learn to be more reserved about making our wants and wishes known. Or do we?

The Bible talks about a man who wasn't scared to let Jesus know he needed something. As Jesus and His disciples were leaving a town called Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road. When he heard that Jesus was approaching, he began to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" His crying out disturbed the people around him. "Be quiet!" they yelled at him. But he only shouted louder. When Jesus heard Bartimaeus crying out, He stopped and said, "Tell him to come to me." Bartimaeus jumped up, threw aside his coat, and went to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "I want to see," Bartimaeus answered. "Go," Jesus said. "Your faith has healed you." Instantly, Bartimaeus could see and he followed Jesus down the road.

When you have a need in your life, don't be shy. Speak up! Remember Jesus wants you to come to Him.

Sunday School - will meet this Sunday, October 24, in Fellowship Hall. Please come downstairs following the Lord's Prayer.

Confirmation Class - will meet this Sunday evening at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. All confirmands, parents and mentors should attend.

Halloween - Want to support some great outreach this Halloween? Come to church to pass out candy, decorate the fence or donate candy on Halloween night, Sunday, October 31, 5-7:30 p.m. See 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

Congratulations to *Rick Richardson* for being recognized this week in the *Voices* newspaper for his work with Justice Southbury. The volunteer organization participated in a donation drive to support Afghan families being resettled in CT, and they collected school supplies and grocery gift cards totaling \$640.. Great job Rick!

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Kathy Bower, Julia Bower Richardson and Samuel Temple*, Liturgists & Readers; *JoAnn Behlman and Meg Temple*, Greeters and Ushers; *Julia Bower Richardson, Rick Richardson and the WUMC Chancel Choir*, Singers; the *WUMC Bell Choir*, Musicians; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

The Prayer Corner

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

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

Recovering at home: *Laura Brush; 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)

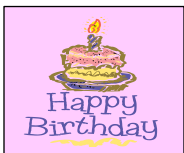
Please remember our Confirmands: *Annabelle Cloud, Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis*

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!!!

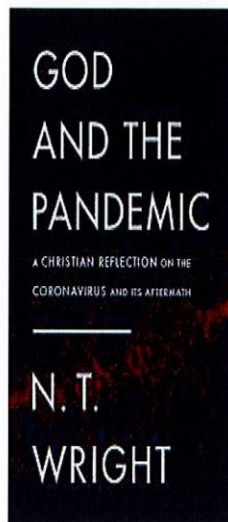
Woodbury UMC Adult Studies Fall 2021

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

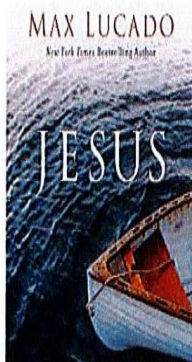
In *God and the Pandemic*, N.T. Wright uses both the Old and New Testaments to help Christians think through their reactions and responses to the pandemic. Offering spiritual guidance during a time of crisis, Wright helps readers reflect on scripture, prayer, and teachings from Jesus' life in order to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



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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Church Conference Schedules

Sunday, October 31, 3:00 PM

Joint Church Conference for Valley Parish Congregations

The Connecticut District is divided into several “parishes” which unite neighboring churches for the purpose of mutual support and fellowship. WUMC participates in the “Valley Parish,” which is composed of congregations stretching from Watertown to the north down through the Naugatuck Valley.

Sunday, October 31st, the Valley Parish will conduct a joint Church Conference at 3:00 PM by Zoom. Lay Leaders from each congregation will offer one-minute highlights of their church’s ministry over the past year, accompanied by photos.

All of our church members are invited to participate in the joint Church conference. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2610447551?pwd=MXVIUGgvOFRrS3RZNVB2a0plRi8rUT09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2610447551?pwd=MXVIUGgvOFRrS3RZNVB2a0plRi8rUT09>

Wednesday, November 3rd, 7:00 PM

WUMC Church Conference

This gathering on November 3rd is for **our church only** and will also be conducted by Zoom. District Superintendent *Rev. Alpher Sylvester* will preside. We will have a time of sharing about our ministry accomplishments and challenges, and also vote on essential church business. Again, all WUMC members may participate and vote at the Church Conference.

The Zoom Meeting information will be provided soon – please watch for next week’s Messenger and also your email. Thanks.



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!

