



## WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

# Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

**Worship Together at the Same Time – 10:30 AM**

**Either in the Sanctuary or at Home!**

**Live Streaming Continues**

**October 31: The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon Text: Ezekiel: 37:1-14, Matthew: 27: 45-54**

**Liturgist & Reader: Shannon Cobb**

**Greeter & Usher: Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese**

**Singers: the Chancel Choir**

**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](http://www.woodburyumc.net)**

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## Pastor Appreciation Month

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month in the New York Annual Conference.** The congregation is cordially invited to a modified coffee hour (following Covid protocols), in Fellowship Hall after worship this Sunday, October 31. Please come and join in this special time.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

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# 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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=MXVIUGgvOFRRrS3RZNVB2a0plRi8rUT09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcTa1OktdX>

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## COVID Messaging Update – Week of October 25, 2021

Please join us for our first indoor Fellowship Hour this Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Simple grab-n-go refreshments of apple cider and donuts/muffins will be provided. As part of our efforts to increase opportunities to enter into fellowship, our COVID Response Team (CRT) has established protocols to safely allow larger events such as this in our Fellowship Hall.

- We ask that masks be worn at all times, except when consuming refreshments.
- Social distancing of 6 feet between extended family units is required.
- Brief handshakes and hugs are fine if both parties agree.
- Weather permitting, children are encouraged to play in the courtyard under adult supervision (masks are required).

Be joyful, but help us protect the most vulnerable in our church family.

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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 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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## SAVE THE DATES

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

**Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7 PM – 2021 Annual Church Conference via Zoom.** All Ministry reports are to be submitted to the office no later than Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

**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 (of those that have passed within the past year) to be read during worship to the office no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**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

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## 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.



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## Children & Youth Ministry News

### Lesson:

Read Mark 12:28-34 with your family this week. Do you enjoy playing games? I especially enjoy getting together with family or friends and playing games. Sometimes we play card games or board games. My favorite is Apples to Apples. Before we play, we always explain the rules so everyone will know how to play the game. Have you ever played a game with someone who didn't follow the rules? Do you always follow the rules? There are rules we must follow in the game of life, too. To really enjoy life the way God intended, it is important to follow His rules in the Bible.

During Jesus' time on earth, religious leaders liked to sit around and discuss the law. They would sometimes ask Jesus questions about the law to try to trick Him into saying something that would cause people to turn against Him. One day, they were questioning Jesus, and He answered them with one good answer right after another. One Jewish teacher asked Him, "Of all of the commandments, which is the most important?" Jesus answered him, "The most important one is this, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

There are a lot of rules in the Bible. It may sometimes be difficult to remember all of them. If we can just remember to obey the two commandments that Jesus said were the most important, all of the rest would follow. Then we would enjoy life the way God intended it.

### Halloween:

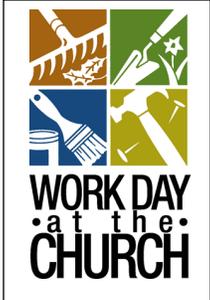
Please help us this Sunday! It's Halloween. Please pick up an extra bag or two of candy to bring to church on Sunday morning. A box will be by the greeters table. We will be at the church ready for trick-or-treaters at 5 PM and we need treats! If he would like to help decorate, we will be meeting at 4:30 PM to make sure everything is in place for a fun evening. You are welcome to come and help pass out candy, too!



**Sunday School:** We had a wonderful lesson last Sunday about saltiness. It was a deep and tasty discussion! It made us thirsty for more. We look forward to you joining us on November 28 for our next class on -you guessed it - Advent.

**Hike:**

Please join us for our next hike on Sunday, November 14, at 12:15 PM. We will meet in the parking lot of Whitmore Sanctuary off 64. Again, all children, teens and families are welcome. Children younger than six grade will need a parent to attend. Permission slips will be available in the parking lot. This was our last hike....



## 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:** *James Levario* and *John Thomas*, Liturgists & Readers; *King*, Greeter and Usher; *the WUMC Chancel Choir*, Singers; *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](http://www.woodburyumc.net).**



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 reach Pastor J. Michael Cobb by email at [pastormichael@woodburyumc.net](mailto: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](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net). This is also important to keep track of any of our college students as well!!!



## NOVEMBER Birthday Celebrations at WUMC

Brady Kissinger	Nov 1st
Dave Cordova	Nov 2nd
Curt Northrop	Nov 4th
Pat Kurtz	Nov 7th
Skylar LaManna	Nov 8th
Stuart Brush	Nov 12th
John Fimmano	Nov 15th
Kaitlyn Connolly & Patti Thomas	Nov 18th
Allison Roche	Nov 21st
Carol Hennessey	Nov 23rd
Kelly Etcheto & Mwendwa Kolu	Nov 26th
Allyson Bilbrough	Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>

Happy birthday to you all,  
Birthday blessings are ON their Way!

## **MARK YOUR NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM**  
**WUMC Church Conference**

This gathering on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

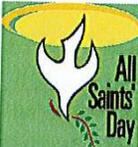
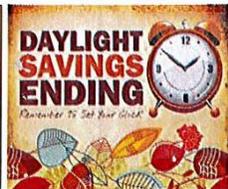


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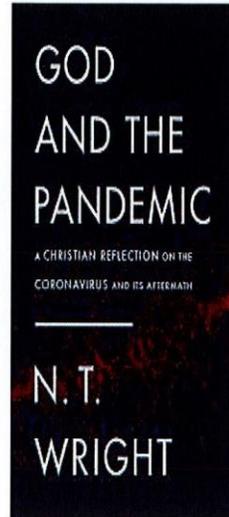
## November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Election Day Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm - 8:00pm	3 <b>Annual Church Conference</b> 7:00 PM Zoom	4	5	6
7  <b>Comunion Worship Service</b> 10:30am - 11:30am Confirmation Class Meeting 4:00pm - 6:30pm	8	9 Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm - 8:00pm	10 Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - 7:00pm Voice Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm - 8:30pm	11 Veterans Day Church Council Meeting (via Conference Call or Zoom) 7:00pm - 9:00pm	12	13 <b>FALL CLEAN UP DAY AT WUMC</b> Prayer Ministry Meeting 9:00am - 10:00am
14 <b>Sunday Worship Service</b> 10:30am - 11:30am Youth Group Hike @ Whitmore Sanctuary 12:15pm - 3:00pm	15	16	17 Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - 7:00pm Voice Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm - 8:30pm	18	19	20
21 <b>Sunday Worship Service</b> 10:30am - 11:30am	22	23	24 Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - 7:00pm Voice Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm - 8:30pm	25 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	26 OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent Worship Service 10:30am - 11:30am 	29	30	<b>Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup></b> Remember to change your clocks before you go to bed so you're not late for church			

Woodbury UMC Adult Studies  
Fall 2021

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

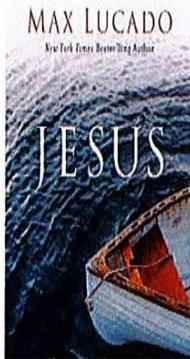
In *God and the Pandemic*, N.T. Wright uses both the Old and New Testaments to help Christians think through their reactions and responses to the pandemic. Offering spiritual guidance during a time of crisis, Wright helps readers reflect on scripture, prayer, and teachings from Jesus' life in order to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



### 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!**

