





WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Worship Schedule

WORSHIP TIME - 10:30 AM Each Sunday

We are in the Sanctuary

October 10: The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

Liturgist & Reader: Carolyn Shay

Greeter & Usher: Sue Vindigni

Singers: the WUMC Chancel Choir

We hope you will bring your “stuffed animal” to our morning worship to be blessed.

Blessing of the Animals ~ 3-5:00 PM

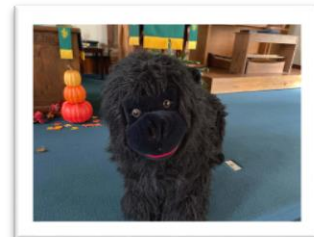
(rain date: October 17th)

We are hosting a Blessing of the Animals event on Sunday, October 10th on the North Green, just across the street from the church. There will be a brief service beginning at 3pm.

All pets need to be on a leash or in a carrier. If your pet does not play well with others, you may bring a picture of your pet.

Stuffed animals are very welcome!

The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship. We communicate heart to heart, and these relationships are a major part of our families and our lives. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator. What better way to celebrate our animal friends than to give thanks for the love and companionship they bring into our lives?



More information is available at WoodburyUMC.net and on our Facebook page. Please join us even if you do not have a pet of your own. This is a wonderful experience that everyone will enjoy! You may even get this year's Christmas card photo out of it!

What is National Coming Out Day?

National Coming Out Day was founded by Robert Eichberg and Jean O'Leary on October 11, 1988 in celebration of the second national march for equality for persons of all gender and sexual identities in Washington D.C. a year earlier. The purpose of the march and of National Coming Out Day is to promote public awareness of gay, bisexual, lesbian and transgender rights and to celebrate gender and sexuality as a good gift.

Why talk about this in church?

LGBTQ people are still targets of violence, with young people particularly at risk of bullying and other types of harm. LGBTQ people can be denied services in many states, ranging from homeless youth programs and veterans services to shopping centers and taxi cabs. We believe that the church has no business mimicking the prevailing prejudices of the society around it.



Here at Woodbury UMC, we welcome all people in Christian love. This service is a way to take that welcome and offer it explicitly to those who have every reason to view us with suspicion, and to answer that with clear actions and not just words. Through the very act of having a LGBTQ welcoming worship service, our congregation is showing an interest and determination in making the world a better place for LGBTQ people.

By pushing for LGBTQ acceptance and equality, we can make the world a better place for LGBTQ people. The institutional church has been a source of great harm over the years—we as the Woodbury UMC are able to be a source of healing and love—whatever those steps are, however big or small.

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.

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 starting October 3rd.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, October 17– Laity Sunday - News to come regarding opportunities for youth

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 10:17-31 with your family this week. In this passage Jesus tells the story of a young rich man who follows all the commandments, but is not willing to give up his riches to get into heaven. Jesus tells his disciples that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into heaven. I don't know about you, but I have a hard enough time just getting thread through the eye of a needle. I can't imagine a camel getting through. So, here's the thing. Jesus left it on a more hopeful note. We humans can't get a camel through the eye of a needle, but Jesus says with God all things are possible. All things! Isn't that just great news. There are many things we can't do alone, but with God they are possible.

Hike & Blessing of the Animal

After having your stuffed animal blessed at church in the morning, all children and teens are invited to join us for our first hike of the fall on Sunday, October 10, at 12:15 p.m. at the entrance to Orenaug Park on Park Rd. We will have a brief object lesson on Mark 9:2-5, On the Mountain Top, and a short hike to the Fire Tower. Children younger than sixth grade need to be accompanied by a parent. Permissions will be available at the entrance to the park. And, don't forget to come back from 3-5 p.m. on the North Green with your pets for a blessing and meet other cool animals.

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 from 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

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Rev. Garrett Walkup*, Guest Preacher; *Anna & Grace Walkup*, Readers; *Barbara & Jeff Hunt*, Greeters and Ushers; *Matt Bodwell*, *Rowan Boisseau*, *Rod Carnes*, *Kate Keeler*, and the *Walkup Family*, Musicians and Singers.

Congratulations to *Kathy Bower* who was recognized this week in the Voice's Newspaper as one of the 2021 10 Best Personal Injury Attorneys for Client Satisfaction. Attorneys are selected based on client and/or peer nominations, through research and independent evaluation. This is just one more way that Kathy shows her love for her clients and the community. Way to go!!!

The Prayer Corner

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

Upcoming surgery: *Laura Brush*, eye surgery on October 12th at Danbury Hospital.

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.

**BLESSING OF
THE ANIMALS**

WOODBURY NORTH GREEN **OCTOBER**
3PM SUNDAY **10**

Join Us as we celebrate our animal companions!
All people and their pets are welcome!
Stuffed animals and pet photos are also very welcome!

We will have snacks for pets and people. *Pets must be on a leash, or in a carrier.*
Please join us even if you do not have a pet of your own.
This is a wonderful experience that everyone will enjoy!
Pet food collection to benefit the Woodbury Community Food Bank

More information at WoodburyUMC.net or at facebook.com/WoodburyUMCCT

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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.



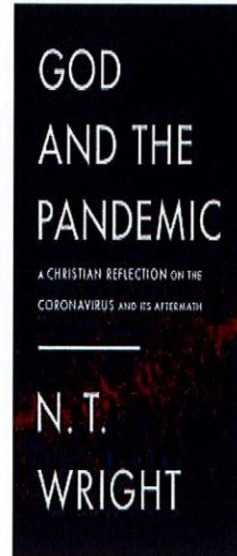
Woodbury UMC Adult Studies
Fall 2021

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

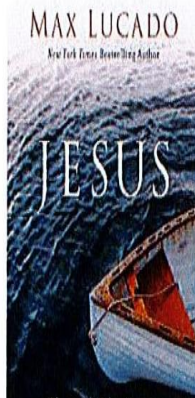
In *God and the Pandemic*, N.T. Wright uses both the Old and New Testaments to help Christians think through their reactions and responses to the pandemic. Offering spiritual guidance during a time of crisis, Wright helps readers reflect on scripture, prayer, and teachings from Jesus' life in order to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

