





WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

## Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

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

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

**Live Streaming Continues**

November 14: The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Special Guest Preacher

**Sermon Text: Judges 7:1-8a**

**Ms. Shannon Cobb, Certified Lay Servant**

**Liturgist & Reader: Pastor Cobb**

**Reader: Grace Walkup**

**Greeters & Ushers: Sherry Swanhall and Meg Temple**

**Singers: the Chancel Choir**

**Singers and Musicians: the Praise Band**

**Audio Visual Technician: Theron Kissinger**

**Now that we are worshiping 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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## Stewardship 2022: Building for the Future

Dear WUMC family,

Our desire at WUMC is to be “good stewards of the manifold grace of God” (1 Peter 4:10).

Stewardship Sunday is November 21st, when we ask that you turn in your estimate of giving cards as part of a special worship service, followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. We hope you will prayerfully consider your 2022 tithe or offering during the coming weeks, and look forward to seeing you there as we anticipate **a debt-free new beginning** and envision what's possible for WUMC in 2022.

Does that sound possible? An anonymous donor has offered a 2-for-1 match on donations designated to retire the mortgage; so now we only need to raise \$20,000 to be debt free and ready to focus on the next chapter I believe God has in store for our congregation. Will you join me in making this happen? We are blessed with many tools for ministry, including a wonderful church building and two parsonages, albeit with a mortgage on one of those. My dream is that we prepare for the future by settling past debts, including retiring the remaining \$60,000 mortgage by the end of 2022, allowing us to focus on new ministry opportunities fully and completely.

I ask you to please give to this great opportunity as you feel led. Please return your estimate of giving card by the end of 2021, reflecting what you can contribute towards retiring the mortgage by the end of 2022. Maintaining your current level of giving to WUMC, or even increasing it, ensures we will have the resources we need to spread the love of Christ through our worship, service, and witness as we work to reach new people. Let's take full advantage of this unusual opportunity to retire WUMC's debt and create a clean slate on which to build the next generation of WUMC ministry to the Woodbury community!

With everyone's participation, the Woodbury United Methodist Church will continue to be a congregation that welcomes all of God's people, guides and nurtures the faith of our youth, extends a helping hand to those in need, encourages discipleship, offers prayer and resources for healing, teaches the Word of God, serves and unites others for Christ.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Michael.

## Guest Preacher – Ms. Shannon Cobb

Shannon Cobb is a Lay Servant in the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and speaks a few times a year from the pulpit. She is currently President and CEO of Ann's Place, providing help and hope to those living with cancer and to their loved ones and has more than 25 years of experience in nonprofit agencies across the country including United Way, Volunteer New York, CASA, Lutheran Social Services and more.

When Shannon is not at work, she can be found each week guiding and mentoring middle school youth at Jesse Lee Memorial UMC in Ridgefield. She is delighted this gives her opportunity to play games such as laser tag and capture the flag. Ms. Cobb has a Bachelor of Arts from Gettysburg College, and is a graduate of the Parent Leadership Training Institute in Danbury. She loves spending time with her two boys and college sweetheart, taking photos while exploring a new trail, and losing herself in a good puzzle.

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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, November 14** – Be sure not to miss our Special Guest Speaker, our very own *Shannon Cobb*.

**Sunday, November 21 – Stewardship Sunday** – Please remember to bring in/mail in your pledge cards to be prayed over by Pastor Cobb during worship.

**Tuesday, November 23 – Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service** – 6:30 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Woodbury. Pastor Cobb will be preaching that night.

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

**Poinsettias ordering has begun** – please see information in the back of this Messenger – the deadline to place your order is Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Payment must accompany the order.

**Tuesday, December 21 – Blue Christmas Worship Service** – 7:00 pm at WUMC

**Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Services** – more details to follow.

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## Did You Want to Order Flowers?

Altar flowers greatly enhance our worship experience and provide a means for our members to honor loved ones. 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. Our Christmas poinsettias will be displayed on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and will be available for pick up after our Christmas Eve Services. Please see the information to order your poinsettia for this year.



# Children & Youth Ministry News

## Lesson

Read Mark 1 Samuel 1:4-20 with your family this week, focusing on verse 11. Before you were even born, your parents spent a lot of time deciding what name they would give their new baby. That is a very important decision. After all, when you give a baby a name, it will live with that name for the rest of its life. One thing your parents considered was the sound of your name. Before they made their final decision, they said the name over and over again to see how it sounded. They wanted to make sure it sounded good with your middle name and your last name. Your parents also wanted a name that would be special, but they didn't want it to be too strange. They surely didn't want to choose a name that would cause other children to tease you about it. Some names have some special meanings which your parents may have thought about. Maybe they chose a name with a meaning that reflected qualities that they hoped their child would possess.

There is a story in the Bible about a woman whose name was Hannah. Her name means "God is gracious." I imagine that Hannah must have sometimes wondered why she was given that name, because it seemed that God had denied her the one thing she wanted more than anything in the world -- a son. One day, Hannah sat in the temple weeping and praying to God. As she was praying, she made a promise to God. "Oh Lord," Hannah prayed, "if you will look upon me in my misery and give me a son, I will present him back to you to be your servant all the days of his life." Eli, the priest in the temple stood nearby watching Hannah. He saw her lips moving, but he didn't hear any sound coming from her mouth. He thought that Hannah was drunk! "Not so," Hannah said to Eli, "I have had nothing to drink. I was only pouring out my soul to the Lord." The priest answered Hannah, "Go in peace, and may God grant you what you have asked of him." Guess what? God did grant Hannah's request! The Bible tells us that Hannah gave birth to a son and named him Samuel. Do you know why she chose that name for her son? Because Samuel means, "asked of God." Because God heard and answered her prayer, she was faithful to keep her promise to him. When he was old enough, Hannah took Samuel to the temple and there he served the Lord by assisting Eli the priest. God is so good! He hears and answers the prayers of his people. Sometimes we make promises to God. Are we, like Hannah, faithful in keeping our promises to God? I hope so!

## Confirmation

Confirmation class met on Sunday, November 7, from 4-6:30 pm to discuss creation, sin and redemption. Our next meeting is January 9, 2022 at 4 pm on the Church Empowered by the Holy Spirit.

## Fall Clean Up

All youth are encouraged to attend the Fall Clean Up at WUMC on Saturday, November 13 from 8-12 pm. Your help can go a long way in making our church beautiful for the coming season, inside and out! Don't forget your rakes and gloves. Come for the time you can. Sign up on the church's website. We'll have permission slips and service hour forms available at the event.

## Hike

Please join us for our next hike this Sunday, November 14, at 12:15 pm. We will meet in the parking lot of the Whittemore Sanctuary off Rt. 64. Again, all children, teens and families are welcome. Children younger than sixth grade must be accompanied by a parent to attend. Permission slips will be available in the parking lot.

## Sunday School

Sunday School will meet again on the fourth Sunday in November, November 28. This also happens to be the first Sunday of Advent. The children will be following the adult devotional, Closer to Home. Our in person lesson will be about Hope and Homesickness, centering on 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13. Stay tuned for our children's advent series to follow.

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# Kudo Korner

**HAPPY 89<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY** to *Rev. Dr. Stuart Brush* (Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>)....

**Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders:** *Rynn Naylor*, Liturgist & Reader; *Sue Vindigni*, Greeter and Usher; *the WUMC Chancel Choir*, Singers; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

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# 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](mailto: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!!!

### 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!**





Each Christmas season, our sanctuary is beautifully decorated with holiday trimmings and poinsettias. As the season approaches, we are now taking orders for the poinsettias, which may be in honor of, in celebration of, or in memory of one or more loved ones. A list of acknowledgments will be printed in the church bulletin on Sunday, December 19 and Christmas Eve.

**Poinsettias are \$12.00 each.** We encourage you to take your flower(s) home with you after the service on Christmas Eve.

You may order your flower(s) by filling out the form below, and placing it in the collection plate, or returning it to the church office accompanied by a check or cash for total amount (a folder marked Poinsettias Orders is available on the office mail station). All checks should be made out to Woodbury United Methodist Church. **All orders must be placed no later than Tuesday, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

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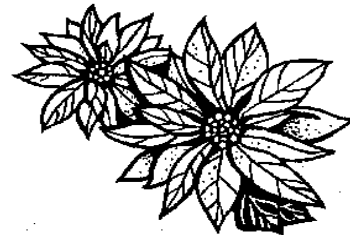
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\_\_\_\_\_ White poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity



***Please be sure to list all the necessary information so follow-up calls do not have to be made. Thanks!***

Please note ordering deadline to ensure prompt delivery from the Garden Nursery.





## 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).



With the holidays coming soon, do you know of a member or neighbor that could use a little extra help around the house or yard?

This could be your gift to them. Let us know if our *Helping Hands Ministry* can help out in some way.

News from the Woodbury Community Services Council:

*The Community Services Council of Woodbury*



## **Santa's Workshop**



GIFTS FOR OUR LOCAL FRIENDS IN NEED  
CHILDREN – ADULTS - SENIORS

**The following donations are requested for the 2021 Holiday Season....**



### **Small Generic (unwrapped) Adult Gifts**

*Example: Cozy slipper socks, warm throws, puzzles,  
hand cream, special coffees & teas*

### **Wrapping Paper (sealed)**

**Note: For donations of children's gifts or gift certificates  
please visit**

***New Morning Market or the Woodbury Public Library  
where "Giving Trees" are displayed.***

**Donation deadline is 12/3.**

***Items may be dropped off at the Woodbury Public Library.***

**Questions - 203-510-9905**