




## WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

# Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

**Worship Together at the Same Time – 10:30 AM  
Either in the Sanctuary or at Home!  
Live Streaming Continues**

Sunday, December 12, 2021



A HOME  
FOR all  
Third Sunday of Advent

**Sermon Text: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Luke 3:1-18**

**Liturgist & Readers: Grace & Garrett Walkup**

**Advent Candle Lighter & Readers: the Walkup family**

**Greeters: Barbara & Jeff Hunt; Ushers: Mark Davis & Carolyn Shay**

**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)**

# 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, December 12 – Praise Band Christmas Celebration – 2:30 PM at WUMC – SOLD OUT – No more reservations taken.**

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

**Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Services – 4:30 Family & Children's Service & 7 PM Traditional Christmas Service**



**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) or (203) 263-4775.



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## Updates from CRT (Covid Response Team)

### Reminder: COVID Safety Protocols (last updated 16-Nov-2021)

- Attendees should pre-register for all worship services at [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net).
  - Social distancing of 6 feet between extended family units is required.
  - Brief handshakes and hugs are fine, if both parties agree.
  - Masks are required for worship service and church meetings/events, except as noted.
  - Our fully vaccinated and pre-screened worship team may remove masks while speaking/singing as long as enhanced sanctuary ventilation is used.
  - Non-worship service meetings/events must follow additional protocols.
  - Grab-and-go refreshments are allowed. Please join us for Fellowship Hour immediately following the 3<sup>rd</sup> worship service of each month.
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# Children & Youth Ministry News

## Lesson

We hope that you are still enjoying reading your Close to Home Advent devotional and following the Advent calendar together. This week, read Luke 3:1-18 as a family. People asked John the Baptist what they should do in response to his preaching. He said that if you have two shirts, share one with someone that does not have one. He told them to do the same with food. He continued to preach the Good News and encourage the people. I wonder if the people did what John the Baptist told them. Join us for our Advent Sunday School Facebook video on Sunday to for our lesson on A Home For All (Joy).

## Confirmation

Our next meeting is January 9, 2021 at 4 pm about being made new in Christ in the Fellowship Hall.

## HIKE:

Please note our next hike that was tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 12, at 12:15 pm at Southford Falls has been CANCELLED due to scheduling conflicts.

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## Mission & Outreach Ministry Giving Opportunities

The *Mission and Outreach Ministry Team* is encouraging the members and friends of WUMC to take advantage of several giving opportunities in the coming weeks:

**Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministry (GWIM) Holiday Gift Cards:** GWIM has invited us to support their Children's Holiday Party by providing gift cards for the families who will be coming to celebrate. They have asked for cards that will be an added treat for the family like: **McDonald's, Dunkin Donuts, Starbuck's, Subway, Wendy's, Dairy Queen, Carvel.** Cards may be brought to the church on any Sunday through December 19<sup>th</sup> and placed in Gift Card display.

**Acts 4 Winter Clothing Drive:** Acts 4 Ministry of Waterbury is beginning a cold weather clothing drive and are asking for donations of **New and/or Gently Used** items to share with those in need this winter. Please see the clothing list below and clothing donations can be brought to church on any Sunday and placed in the marked bins in the office hallway. The collection will be ongoing through the start of 2022.

As you can see there are many opportunities to share the blessings we have received with others. We hope you will take these opportunities to show God's love is indeed at work in the world and is spoken in word and deed at the WUMC. If you have any questions about any of these opportunities please contact Paul Hibbard at 860-488-7705 or paulgy@aol.com.

## *Share the Warmth Clothing & Accessory Drive*

In preparation for the cold weather season, ACTS 4 is seeking new and/or gently used items to share with those in need for this winter.

**For Men, Women and Children:** Winter jackets, long sleeve tops, sweat pants, pajamas, jeans, belts, underwear & undershirts, socks, slippers, sneakers, boots, winter hats, gloves, scarves.

**Men's additional items:** hoodies

**Women's additional items:** sweaters, bras, leggings

**Children's additional items:** onesies, sweaters, snow suits, leggings



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## It's That Time of the Year Again

*Venetia Phillippee* (Worship Chair) is looking for any volunteers to help with luminarias (putting sand and candles in sacks) on Sunday, Dec. 19 after morning worship service. Please let her know if you can help out. They will be assembling them in Fellowship Hall.

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# Kudo Korner

**Thank you** to *Kathy Craig, Theron Kissinger, and Rynn Naylor* for helping the Worship Chair with the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and outside.

**Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders:** *Brady Cordova*, Liturgist & Reader; *Wendi and Zachary Cordova*, Readers; the *Cordova family*, Advent Candle Lighters; *Bud and JoAnn Behlman*, Greeters and Ushers; *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, New Orleans, Washington State*, and those suffering with depression.

**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.

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## **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!!!

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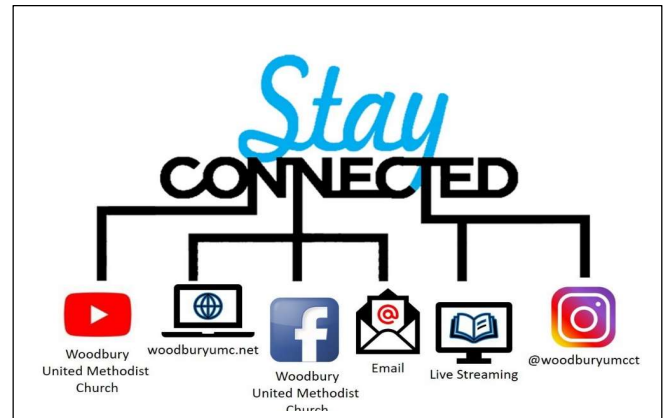
## Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

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!**



A poster for a Christmas celebration. The background is dark blue with a bright starburst at the top left and a trail of white stars and blue lines. The text is white and centered. A large white banner with the words "SOLD OUT" in bold black letters is overlaid diagonally across the middle. At the bottom, there is a black and white photo of five people, three men and two women, some holding instruments. Below the photo is a pre-registration link.

Please join us for a WUMC Praise Band  
Christmas celebration...

*"I Need a Silent Night"*

December 12, 2021  
2:30 PM

Woodbury UMC  
4 Church Street, Woodbury, CT

**SOLD OUT**

Pre-register at <https://rsvp.church/r/CqMXUVqE>

A poster for a Blue Christmas service. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright sun or star in the upper right corner. Several white doves are flying in the sky. The text is in white.

# Blue Christmas

a service of remembrance and hope

**Tuesday, December 21, 2021  
7:00 PM**

A poster for a Christmas Eve Family Service. The background is a dark blue night sky with a large, colorful snowflake on the left side. The text is in white.

# Christmas Eve Family Service

**Friday, December 24, 2021  
4:30 PM**

A poster for a Christmas Eve Service. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright star in the upper center. Silhouettes of three camels and a manger with figures are visible in the foreground. The text is in white.

# Christmas Eve

– SERVICE –

**Friday, December 24, 2021 -- 7:00 PM**

**Please remember to pre-register for all services!**



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

### AT WUMC

Heidi Reidies	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Shay	Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>
Annabelle Cloud & Sarah Schivera	Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>
Karen Fimmano	Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>
Jackie Fleming	Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>
Rowan Boisseau	Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>
Laura Brush & Pete Vindigni	Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>
Christine Shupenis	Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Sledzieski & Sherry Swanhall	Dec 26 <sup>th</sup>
Paul Hibbard & Lindsey Oppel	Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>
Barbara Rego	Dec 30 <sup>th</sup>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL,  
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS ARE ON THEIR WAY!**





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## December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - 7:00pm Voice Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm - 8:30pm	<b>2</b> Worship Ministry Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent Communion Worship Service 10:30am - 11:30am</b> Confirmation Class Meeting 4:00pm - 6:30pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Deadline to order Christmas Poinsettias</b>	<b>8</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - 7:00pm Voice Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm - 8:30pm	<b>9</b> Church Council Meeting (via Conference Call or Zoom) 7:00pm - 9:00pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Prayer Ministry Meeting 9:00am - 10:00am
<b>12</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Advent Worship Service 10:30am - 11:30am</b> Praise Band Christmas Celebration-SOLD OUT 2:30pm - 3:30pm	<b>13</b> Open Doors Ministry Meeting - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - 7:00pm Voice Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm - 8:30pm	<b>16</b> Board of Trustee Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Poinsettia Delivery
<b>19</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent Worship Service 10:30am - 11:30am</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Blue Christmas Worship Service @ WUMC 7:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>22</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - 7:00pm Voice Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm - 8:30pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Worship Service 4:30pm - 5:30pm Worship Service 7:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>25</b> Christmas Day
<b>26</b> <b>Sunday Worship Service 10:30am - 11:30am</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - 7:00pm Voice Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm - 8:30pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve	