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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Reminder ~ this Sunday is Food Bank Sunday

This Sunday, February 20th, we will be collecting non-perishable food and other items for the Woodbury Food Bank and blessing those during our time of worship. *Bob Taylor*, Director of Woodbury Community Services Council – including the Foodbank, has asked that the following items would be our priority for this collection: Minestrone and vegetable soups; chowders; beef and chicken broths; corned beef hash; chili; cranberry and apple juice (bottles); pancake mix; ketchup; laundry detergent; paper towels and toilet paper.

If you are unable to bring items on Sunday morning you can drop items off in the cooler on the church office porch. If you do drop something off please text or email *Paul Hibbard* (860-488-7705 or paulgyl@aol.com) that you have done so. Thank you always for your support.

February 20th

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Lectionary Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Guest Preacher: Rev. Paul Hibbard

Thank you to Rev. Hibbard for leading us in worship on Food Bank Sunday.

Liturgist & Reader: Diane Hibbard

Ushers & Greeters: Meg and Samuel Temple

WUMC Voice Choir is Back!

Audio Visual Technician: Theron Kissinger

Worship Together at the Same Time – 10:30 AM

Live Streaming Continues

Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, but for the next few weeks at home. You can 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 the link for livestreaming near the top of our home page. 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.

COVID Response Team Reminders

Our COVID response team has carefully re-evaluated our protocols and found that they are more than sufficient to allow us to worship together safely. Community spread is down and COVID tests are now more readily accessible to help distinguish between cold/flu and COVID symptoms. Finally, MIT modeling tools show that we can safely accommodate our max capacity of 75 people if we upgrade to multi-layer surgical or N/KN-95 masks, while continuing our previous safety protocols.

Here is how you can do your part to protect your church family at in-person worship:

1. Pre-register for the service on our website, www.woodburyumc.net.
2. Upgrade your mask to at least a surgical mask. We strongly encourage you to wear an N/KN 95 mask for increased protection. Both will be available to anyone who needs one at check-in.
3. If you or a family member is ill, please stay home and continue to enjoy the service online at our website, www.woodburyumc.net, or our YouTube channel at http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-kkokTCbVE9urwgP_AEcw.
4. Maintain your distance from other family units after briefly greeting one another.



Many people have been asking for a new directory, and I apologize that it's taking me as long as this to produce one. There seems to be a few glitches within Breeze that we need to clarify but this was produced thru our older version software, Power Church just to get it done and out to you all.

I'm happy to say that the 2022 WUMC edition of our phone directory was published this past week and sent out electronically by global email to all congregants. Please read over all YOUR information – we hope we have captured all the changes from the past submissions, but have already received our first update:

Here's the message I received by *Sandy Carbonaro*:

"Emily and I closed on our new home on February 4th and are officially moving in on Thursday (YAY). The address is 106 Bank Ln, Milton, DE 19968. My home number is no longer active as that was the one in Southbury. My cell number is 203-948-4355."

Please update her info in your new directory to keep in touch with her and Emily. If anyone else has updates, please send them along so we can keep this as current as possible.

I will be producing another version thru Breeze before the summer with all updates supplied (I now have 4 more to include since yesterday). Thanks everyone for keeping us up to date with your contact information!
Kathy Craig, Office Administrator

Children & Youth Ministry News

***To All: Congregation, parents, you. Please let us know if you read these articles – we'd appreciate your input. -Thank you for your support of the kids. -Catherine Mason**

CONFIRMATION CLASS Update- Extended with Confirmation Sunday now June 5.

- **MARCH 6 - 12:30 to 4:30 PM** MINI-RETREAT "GRACE & THE WAY OF SALVATION"
- **MARCH 27 - 4 to 6:30 PM** CLASS "METHODIST WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS"



BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Parents, explore the resources at [United Methodist Women - Seasonal Devotions: Black History Month](#) for books, films, discussion topics, and other resources to discuss and explore with your children and teens. Consider the film, *Hidden Figures* (20th Century Fox, 2017) for a Family Movie Night. Information and a review about the movie can be found at [Hidden Figures | Dove Family Friendly Movie Reviews](#)

@ HOME CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

SCRIPTURE READING & REFLECTION: In our scripture reading this week, Paul seeks to make the point that Resurrection is real, not some ethereal, ghostly undead kind of life. Resurrection is so much more. Invite your students to read the following scripture passage, and as they do, to make notes or comments on a small index card. Now have the leader reread the passage and move to the discussion questions.

READ: Together as a family - 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

DISCUSS: Together as a family reflect upon and discuss the scripture reading using the scripture discussion questions found in section 3 of the youth lesson for "Raised in Glory" found through the QR code below or this link: [Discipleship Ministries | Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C - ... \(umcdiscipleship.org\)](#)

Raised in Glory: Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ – Youth Lesson – Feb. 20, 2022, UMC Discipleship Ministries

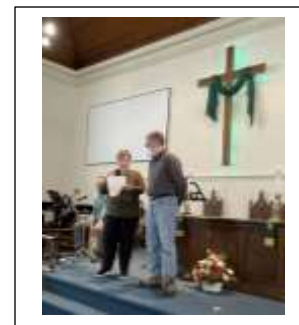


Kudo Korner

Congratulations to *Julia Bower Richardson* and her dad, *Rick Richardson* for being recognized for their volunteer efforts with *Justice Southbury*. They recently volunteered at a food drive for the Southbury Food Bank and were recognized in this week's edition of the *Voices Newspaper*.

Special thanks to *Bud Behlman*, for his instrumental role in pulling together all the moving pieces involved in making last week's surprise celebration of *Mark Davis's* ministry as our lay leader happen.

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Anna Walkup*, Liturgist, and Reader; *James Levario*, Acolyte; *Joann King* and *Catherine Mason*, Greeters and Ushers; *Matt Bodwell*, *Rod Carnes*, *Kate Keeler*, and *Sarah Kate Walkup*, Praise Band; *Mark Davis*, Audio-visual Technician.



The Prayer Corner

Continued prayers for those suffering in both *Haiti*, *New Orleans*, *Washington State*, those affected in *Kentucky and surrounding states during the recent tornadoes*, those suffering with depression and the families affected during the fire devastation in NY.

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

Recovering at home: *Laura Brush*; *Lynne Brencher*; *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); *Jeanne Semeraro*, *Cindy Tedesco*, and *Donna Louise Burke*, friends of *Kathy Craig*; *Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*)

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher*; *Bob Asman*

Please remember our Confirmands: *Annabelle Cloud*, *Cody Cordova*, *Zachary Cordova*, *James Levario*, and *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, 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.

A REMINDER FOR FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:

The floral chart will be placed in the Narthex for your convenience if you would like to select a date further into 2022. REMEMBER: if you don't have an occasion, you can donate and we will be sure to deliver them to one of our homebound people during that week. There has been an increase in floral pricing to **\$35.00** for 2022 due to the increase of all supplies used for the arrangements. Call the office at (203) 263-4775 or email at wumc@woodburyumc.net.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Mon. Feb. 21st – Mission & Outreach Ministry Team Mtg., 7:00 PM

Tues. Feb. 22nd – CRT (Covid Response Team) Mtg., 7:00 PM

Wed., Feb. 23rd – Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:00-7:15PM, Sanctuary
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 7:15-8:15, Sanctuary

Fri., Feb. 25th – Food Bank Coverage, 11 AM – 2 PM, Woodbury Food Bank
(All meetings will be held in the Assembly Room unless noted)

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!

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!

