





## WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

# Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

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## February 27<sup>th</sup>

# Transfiguration Sunday

**Lectionary Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6, 12-18**

**Guest Preacher: Rev. Maria-Pia Seirup**

**Liturgist & Reader: Elizabeth Styblo**

**Ushers & Greeters: Catherine Mason and Sue Vindigni**

**WUMC Voice Choir is Back!**

**Audio Visual Technician: Theron Kissinger**

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## 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.

## IMPORTANT UPDATE: COVID Response Team

We are delighted to announce that we plan to resume congregational singing on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our COVID response team has carefully evaluated the risks associated with congregational singing and have determined that our new mask protocols (surgical or N/KN-95) allow us to resume safely this joyous element of worship that has been sorely missed by many.

Also, please take notice of the new large capacity HEPA air purifier boxes built by Jeff Hunt and Andrew Styblo of our Board of Trustees. We have four units placed throughout the sanctuary, allowing us to safely close the windows for the remainder of the winter.

The following is a reminder of 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](http://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](http://www.woodburyumc.net), or our YouTube channel at [http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-kkokTCbVE9urwgP\\_AEcw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-kkokTCbVE9urwgP_AEcw).
4. Maintain your distance from other family units after briefly greeting one another.

You will find a chart on our website at <https://woodburyumc.net/covid-recovery%2Freopening> to help you determine when it is safe for you to return to in-person worship after being ill or having been in close contact with someone else who is ill.

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## Children & Youth Ministry News

### CONFIRMATION CLASS – MARCH SCHEDULE

- Sunday, March 6 - 12:30 to 4:30 PM – Mini-Retreat
- Sunday March 27 - 4 to 6:30 PM - Class

### @ HOME FAMILY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION – LUKE 9:28-36

Our scripture reading this week contains some pieces that seem “over the top” or even supernatural. As you read, read slowly. Ask your children to really try to visualize what is happening. Put themselves in the story. What do they see? How are they feeling? What is going on?

- **READ TOGETHER: LUKE 9:28-36**
- **REFLECT:** See this link for discussion questions: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/love-never-ends-being-the-body-of-christ/transfiguration-sunday-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/transfiguration-sunday-year-c-youth-lessons>

Please let us know if you read these articles – we’d appreciate your input.  
Thank you for your support of the kids. -Catherine Mason

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## NEW: Lenten Lectionary Bible Study!

For the Lenten season, we are going to offer a Bible study focused on going deeper into the scripture that was just preached in Sunday’s sermon. You have two ways to participate: We are meeting via Zoom on Tuesday evening, and in person at the church on Wednesday at noon (bring your own lunch).

The intent is to give you an opportunity to read the scripture and hear Pastor Michael preach on it, and then to regroup and discuss it. Lent has traditionally been a time to prepare, usually for baptism and membership, so let’s use this Lenten Bible study to consider where God may be calling us as a congregation. We will consider the sermon that was just given along with each scripture, and consider what the message suggests for our congregation.

Please contact Pastor Michael with any questions.

# Kudo Korner

**Thanks to trustees** Jeff Hunt and Andrew Styblo for building the new large capacity HEPA air purifier boxes in our sanctuary.

**Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders:** *Rev. Paul Hibbard, Guest Preacher; Diane Hibbard, Liturgist and Reader; Meg and Sam Temple, Greeters and Ushers; Theron Kissinger, Audio Visual Technician.*

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## 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.*

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## Altar Flowers

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](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net).

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## Schedule For This Week

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **Ash Wednesday Worship**, 7pm, Sanctuary  
No Bell Choir Rehearsal this week  
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 PM, Sanctuary

**Tuesday., March 8<sup>th</sup>**      Lenten Lectionary Bible Study, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**      Lenten Lectionary Bible Study, noon, Assembly Room (bring lunch!)  
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary  
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 PM, Sanctuary

# HELP WANTED

## WUMC Looking to Hire a Church Custodian



4-6 hours/week



This position will consist of vacuuming, cleaning the bathrooms, disinfecting high-touch surfaces, and collecting and disposing of trash and recyclables.

If you know someone who may be interested, please have them contact  
the church at:

PHONE: (203) 263-4775

EMAIL: [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net)

Additional information available from Bud Behlman (203-206-9276)



### **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!**