




## WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

# Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

February 13<sup>th</sup>

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 6:17-26**

**Liturgist & Reader: Anna Walkup**

**Acolyte: James Levario**

**Praise Band: Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Kate Keeler, and Sarah Kate Walkup**

**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.

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## 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](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.

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## Mission & Outreach Ministry News

### February is Woodbury Food Bank Month

February is our next opportunity to provide volunteers for the Woodbury Foodbank. Thank you to all the volunteers that will be covering the Friday shifts throughout the month. Reminder – **the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of the month (**next Sunday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**), there will be a dedication of donated items that will be delivered to the Food Bank. Watch for your Messenger next week for an updated listing of any priority needs requested. As always, thank you!

Rev. Paul Hibbard, Chair - Mission & Outreach Ministry Team

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## Children & Youth Ministry News

**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:** <https://youtu.be/jdpGilX9AtQ>

**SWEET TREATS:** Did you read this ? Click article? **Follow this link to leave your name & receive a "sweet treat"** (Open to All): <https://forms.gle/nVZjM4hmAatK9wnaA>

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** No matter your heritage, culture, or racial background, Black history is EVERYONE's story. Here are 29 ways you, your family, and your congregation can celebrate and participate in Black History Month: [29 Ways You Can Participate in Black History Month — R-Squared \(r2hub.org\)](#)

**FAMILY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:** The scripture reading talks about the resurrection of Christ and how that relates to Resurrection or new life in our own bodies. Paul's words hint at the idea of "incarnation"—that we embody the spirit of the risen Jesus—that we can live new lives, free from death and sin because Jesus overcame death. This is one way of saying that life and how we live is important and that you matter to the church.

**READ:** *1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

**REFLECTION:** *Reflect and Discuss these questions as a family.*

- Why do you think some members of the church in Corinth (the Corinthians) had a hard time believing in the resurrection of Jesus?
- Does the idea of an everlasting life help us live as Christians each day? How can we begin to live in an "everlasting way" right now?
- By staying active in our faith life, we avoid "falling asleep in Christ." Paul's version of staying active seems to hint at living "sacrificially" by asking us to give to God first and to ourselves second. What are some ways that you could show that God is a first priority in your life?

From: Adapted from: "Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C - Youth Lessons." *UMC Discipleship Ministries*, The United Methodist Church <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/love-never-ends-being-the-body-of-christ/sixth-sunday-after-the-epiphany-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/sixth-sunday-after-the-epiphany-year-c-youth-lessons>

Adapted from: "Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C - Youth Lessons." *UMC Discipleship Ministries*, The United Methodist Church, [Discipleship Ministries | Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C - ... \(umcdiscipleship.org\)](#).

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## Kudo Korner

**Congratulations** to *Andrea (Andi) Craig* on her recent nomination to join the National Society of Leadership and Success in her Master's Program at Post University. She's on target to graduate from the Masters of Public Administration Program in May. Way to go Andi!

**Congratulations** to *Anna Shupenis* and *Rebecca Varnum* (past member of WUMC) for being recognized in this week's Voices newspaper. They are raising funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Students of the Year program. This Friday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> is Red Out Day and all students and staff in Region 14 are invited to wear red in exchange for a donation to LLS. Team RACE (*Rebecca and Anna – Cancer Extinguishers*) set a fundraising goal of \$15,000 and their campaign ends March 25<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate, please contact [Teamrace.lls.2022@gmail.com](mailto:Teamrace.lls.2022@gmail.com). Both Anna and Rebecca will also be outside LaBonne's Market in Woodbury on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> for a Bake Sale, stop by, say hi and help support their mission! Good luck ladies, we're routing for you both!

**Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders:** *Shannon Cobb*, Liturgist, Communion Steward and Reader; *Mary Grace Styblo*, Acolyte; *Barbara and Jeff Hunt*, Greeters and Ushers; *Kate Keeler*, Singer; *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.*



**If anyone has updates to these prayer requests, please send them to the office email at [www.woodburyumc.net](http://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.

### **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. **WE HAVE AN OPENING FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 20<sup>TH</sup>.** 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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## **MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

**Wed., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

**Thurs., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** – Church Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, Assembly Room

**Fri., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Food Bank Coverage, 11 AM – 2 PM, Woodbury Food Bank

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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!



## CT District Church RESOURCING EXPERIENCE 2022

### “MINI CLINICS”

Linking Conference Resources to the CT Churches



Rev. DR. Alpha Sylvester  
CT District Superintendent

**Tools for Improving  
Communication & Marketing  
for Church Viability & Success**  
February 20, 2:00 - 3:00 pm



Presented by  
Conference Resource Expert  
**Lisa Isom**  
Director of Communications  
NYAC

Sponsored by: Western Frontier Parish: Rev. John Parille

To Register: Please Click Link Below

<https://nyac-events.com/Connecticut-Resourcing-Experience>

**Tools to Repurpose Property  
for Future Church Viability  
& Success**  
February 23, 6:30 - 7:30 pm



Presented by  
Conference Resource Expert  
**Bill Shillady**  
Executive Director,  
United Methodist City Society

Sponsored by: Grtr Meriden Parish: Rev. Richard Hanso

To Register: Please Click Link Below

<https://nyac-events.com/Connecticut-Resourcing-Experience>

**Tools to Acquire  
Fundamentals of Organizing  
Community Activism**  
February 24, 6:30 - 7:30 pm



Presented by  
Conference Resource Expert  
**Rev. Robert Knebel**  
Pastor,  
West Hartford UMC

Sponsored by: Grtr Hartford Parish: Rev. Robert Knebel

To Register: Please Click Link Below

<https://nyac-events.com/Connecticut-Resourcing-Experience>

**Tools to Ensure Viability in  
Stewardship, & Planned  
Giving**  
February 27, 12:30 - 1:30pm



Presented by  
Conference Resource Expert  
**Ellen Knudsen**  
Executive Director,  
United Methodist Frontier  
Foundation

Sponsored by Northwest Parish: Rev. Soon Joo Lee

To Register: Please Click Link Below

<https://nyac-events.com/Connecticut-Resourcing-Experience>

REGISTRATION FOR SEVERAL OF THESE EVENTS IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Finance Chairs & Members	SPRC Chairs & Members	Pastors
Trustee Chairs & Members	Nomination Members	Lay Leaders & Others

Questions? Office Phone: 914-615-2227

"In Connecticut, After God, We Put People First!"

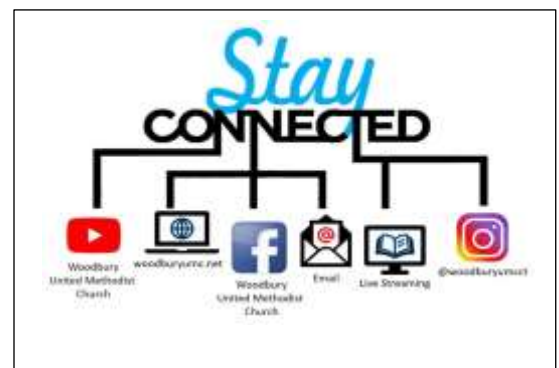
### Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

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!**



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