



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. John A. Thomason, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home

Mother's Day is observed on the second Sunday in May and honors all mothers. In the United Methodist Church, the **Festival of the Christian Home** is also observed on Mother's Day, celebrating the gift of Christian homes and affirming the Christian family in its wholeness.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Alivia Marie Craig-Markey

Parents: Dave Markey and Andi Craig

Grandparents: Kevin and Lynette Markey, Kathy Craig

Godparents: Dorothy Markey, Amber Craig, Peter Craig, George Rompre

Victoria Azul Cruz

Parents: Hector Cruz-Craig and Cristal Gonzalez

Grandparents: Kathy Craig and Leocadia Rivera

Godparents: Amber Craig and Jason Williams

Reception of New Member

By Transfer from Another United Methodist Church:

Dave Markey

Pastor's Sermon: *Home Folks*

Lectionary Texts: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Liturgist and Reader: Rynn Naylor

Singers: Morgan and Venetia Phillippe

Worship Pre-Registration Requested

We rejoice in our increased worship attendance starting with Easter Sunday! Our seating capacity is now 70. To ensure a place for all worshippers to be accommodated safely, the COVID Recovery Team requests that our members and friends resume the practice of pre-registering for services. You may do this on the WUMC website or by calling the church office. Thank you for your cooperation!

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. Worshippers 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.

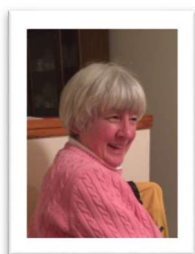
The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- **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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A Reminder about our Special COVID-19 Support Fund

The Church Council has created a support fund to assist persons who have been severely impacted by the economic shutdown related to the pandemic.

- If you **need financial assistance**, please contact Pastor John (845-707-5152). Requests and donations will be kept strictly confidential.
 - If you would like to **make a donation** to the fund, you can mail a check to the church office (write “COVID-19 Support Fund” on the memo line); or you can donate online through the Breeze link on our church’s website (write “COVID-19 Support Fund” in the message box). Thank you!
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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BETSY LOVE Saturday, May 22, 2:00 PM

Long-time church member *Betsy Love* died on May 8, 2020 at her home in Woodbury. Because of COVID restrictions, the memorial service was delayed until a time when Betsy’s family and friends could safely gather. The service will be held on Saturday, May 22, at 2:00 PM in the WUMC sanctuary. Because out-of-town guests and community friends will be attending the service, it is important for our own church members to pre-register. A link will be available on our church website, or

you may call the church to make a reservation.

Memorial Day is right around the corner!

Memorial Day Parade: Woodbury’s Parks & Recreation Dept. has announced that they will be sponsoring a parade on Sunday, May 30, 2021, rain or shine. Marchers will meet at Woodbury Middle School at 1:00 p.m. and the parade will step off at 2:00 p.m. All Covid protocols (masks and social distancing) will be observed. Unfortunately, there is an age restriction this year. Marchers must be at least 18 years of age or older. If you would like to participate, please let Lynn Cullen (203-405-3083) know before May 13th. We have a limited number of “Open Doors” red tee shirts (size Large) if anyone would like to purchase one for \$10.00 to wear in the parade.



Reminder of our June 6th Celebration

Plans are underway for Pastor John's Retirement Celebration. Due to COVID restrictions, we are planning to hold this event outside so more people can attend if their schedules allow, but we will be limited in number.

We urge you to **pre-register** if you haven't already because we are close to the 70 person capacity if we have to switch to indoors due to inclement weather. If we continue with our outside plans, we can accommodate over 100 people. The planning committee will be reaching out to various individuals who expressed an interest in helping coordinate all the details involved from set-up to clean-up and everything in between.

You can pre-register at our church website at www.woodburyumc.net by using this link: <https://rsvp.church/r/CqMXUVqE>, or you can call the church office (203) 263-4775 and leave a message.

If anyone would like to share a few comments, photos, videos – send your comments to wumc@woodburyumc.net and photos/videos should be sent to Theron at theronk@hotmail.com.

Children & Youth Ministry

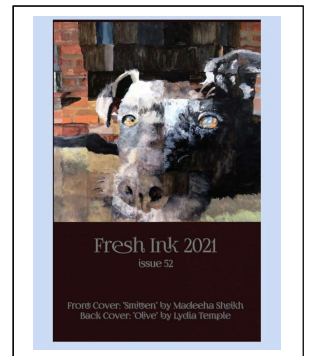
@ HOME RESOURCES for continued Christian Education:

- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources>
 - <https://www.nyac.com/childrensministries>
 - <https://ministry-to-children.com/>
 - Scripture Reading: John 15:9-17 Love Each Other
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Kudo Korner

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Garrett Walkup*, preacher and Communion celebrant; *Anna and Grace Walkup*, readers; *Carolyn Shay*, Prayer Ministry; *Joann King*, Children's Time leader; *Sara Kate, Anna, and Grace Walkup*, singers.

A painting by *Lydia Temple* was published in the most recent edition of **Fresh Ink**, the arts and literary magazine of Naugatuck Valley Community College. Congratulations, Lydia!



The Prayer Corner:

Congratulations to *Alan and Barbara Rego* upon the birth of a grandson, *Zane Indy Goldberg*, on April 22 in Plymouth, MA. The proud parents are *Grady and Ashley (Rego) Goldberg*.

Congratulations to *Lindsey Behlman* and *Brett Toomes*, who were united in Christian marriage on May 2 in Hatboro, PA. Lindsey's proud parents are *Bud and JoAnn Behlman*. Pastor John officiated at the ceremony.

In the hospital: *Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman*, the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman* (St. Mary's ICU, Waterbury); *Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto* (VA Hospital, West Haven)

In rehabilitation: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto* (Gaylord, Wallingford)

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis*; their teachers: *Catherine Mason, Meg Temple, John Thomason*; and their mentors: *Mike Boisseau, Mollie Cole, Rev. Paul Hibbard, Carolyn Shay*.

Recovering at home: *Amanda Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *Liam McGrath*; *Caroline Cloud*; *John Fleming*; *Steve Thomas*; *Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Robert Ayers*, father of *Tacy Nettleton* (Woodstock, GA); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Donna Louise Burke*, friend of *Kathy Craig*; *Peter Gallagher*, father of *Jen Carnes* (Brookfield, CT); *Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*)

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher*, *Bob Asman*, *Mary Wilkins*, sister of *Barb Hunt* (Rochester, NY); *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *Stephanie Galaburri*, friend of *Sandy Carbonaro*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Homebound members: *Florence Brown*, *Linda Bailey*

Please continue to remember: relatives of *Rev. Betty Lines* who are seriously ill: niece *Sharon Parish* (hospice care in Idaho); and brother-in-law *Stephen Lines* (recovering from a stroke in Florida); *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *Manny Gesh*, *Jane True*, *Blair Feller*, *Marilyn Bender*, *Ryan DeRidder* and family, *Laura & Stuart Brush*, *Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*).



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ 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 call Pastor John Thomason @ (203) 263-7575. 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. This is also important to keep track of any of our college students as well!!!



Open Flower Opportunities for our Sanctuary

May 23rd, 30th - June 13th, 20th, 27th

July 4th, 18th

Please contact the office by phone (203) 263-4775 or email wumc@woodburyumc.net if you would like to order flowers for one of those Sunday worship services.

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!