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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

PLEASE NOTE:

**OUR SUMMER WORSHIP TIME (9:30 AM) BEGINS ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 23.**

Please Note: After a recent ownership change, the C.L. Adams store across Main Street is now open for business on Sundays, so their front lot is no longer available to church members during the worship hour.

Reminder: July & August, church office hours are: Tues. – Thurs. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – mark your calendars

June 23: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Peace with Justice Sunday

The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. The Gospel lessons in the lectionary for this half of the year cover Jesus' teaching ministry and tend to center on the theme of the kingdom or reign of God. The other scripture lessons go in a semi-continuous cycle through books of the Bible rather than follow a specific theme. The liturgical color is green, symbolizing growth in Christ.

On June 23 we will observe **Peace with Justice Sunday** in United Methodism. This day witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, and secure world. The special offering supports peace with justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the annual conferences.

Lectionary readings:

1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Pastor's sermon: *My Name Is Legion*

Report on Annual Conference

FROM THE PASTOR. . .

The New York Annual Conference convened for its yearly gathering June 6-10 at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY. *Paul Hatch* served as our church's Lay Delegate, and I participated as WUMC's Clergy Delegate. This year's Annual Conference came at a watershed moment for worldwide Methodism, given the inability of our denomination to find "A Way Forward" on the issue of homosexuality that will keep our Wesleyan connection intact.

A Special Session of General Conference last February narrowly reaffirmed the UMC's traditional stance, which regards the practice of homosexuality as incompatible with biblical teaching and forbids the ordination of openly-avowed gays and the performance of gay marriages by Methodist clergy. The "traditional" plan adopted at the Special Session strengthens the enforcement of the current rules and also provides a path for dissenting churches to exit the denomination. Those favoring an open posture toward the LGBTQI community are now exploring alternative alignments.

Acrimonious debate and political maneuvering will no doubt continue leading up to next year's General Conference in Minneapolis (May 5-15, 2020). One of the major business items at our recent New York Annual Conference was the election of delegates to the next General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Those elected are identified in the latest edition of the NYAC newsletter, *The Vision*, which is attached to this week's *Messenger*.

In his Episcopal Address to the NYAC, *Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton* described the UMC's current position as "untenable" – a way of saying that the differing viewpoints within the Church are irreconcilable and that some structural change is inevitable and perhaps even necessary. But the Bishop went on to say that "we're together until we're not" – a reminder that we are still the United Methodist Church, and that as long as we remain one body we have the opportunity and obligation to relate to one another in civil, respectful, and loving ways, even if the end result is a split. In my view, the Bishop practiced what he preached during the Annual Conference sessions. Although he and much of the NYAC lean toward the progressive posture, he fully acknowledged the diversity of opinion within our Conference and made every effort to be inclusive in both speech and action.

I want to commend our own Church Council for being open and proactive about all these developments. They have created an "Our Way Forward Together" team consisting of *Bud Behlman, Kathy Craig, Theron Kissinger, Catherine Mason, Rick Richardson, Carolyn Shay, and Pete Vindigni*. Their goals are (1) to keep our congregation as informed as possible about the issues that divide the UMC, (2) to facilitate healthy discussion of these issues in our own local church, and (3) to help us take the journey together in a spirit of love and fellowship. Please avail yourself of these opportunities for dialogue as they are offered. In the meantime, feel free to communicate your concerns to any of the team members or to me.

Grace and peace, *John*

5th Sunday Is Coming!

June 30th is a **5th Sunday**, when our congregation is invited to experience a different format and style of worship. The theme for the 30th is *Sunday Dinner*, an exploration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion – what it means and how it is celebrated. The order of service will be a menu for – what else? – Sunday dinner for God's people! Curious? Come feast at the sacred banquet!

Wanted: Extra Garden Tools

Going to any tag sales any time soon? Please look for these items there if you can't find any extra in your own garage. The Board of Trustees is asking if you could check in your garage to see if you have any extra, slightly used garden tools such as a light-weight weed whacker (battery operated, if possible), hand trowel, spade shovel, diamond-headed hoe, hand weed puller, iron rake, and even any extra buckets that can be used for weeding purposes. They are in the process of installing a new lawn in the parsonage back yard and these items would come in handy if they were left in the garage. Please contact Joy Eusebio at (203) 233-3762 if you have any of them to donate.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Sunday School and **Youth Group** meetings have concluded with the end of the school year and will resume in September.

Appreciation is extended to the Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and volunteers who make our children and youth programs possible.

Thank you to all who shared pictures of the WUMC high school grads and to *Elizabeth Styblo* for creating the slideshow with these pictures for our graduate recognition this past Sunday.12

Kudo Korner

Congratulations to *Pat McWhirt* on the birth of a great granddaughter, *Eloise Marie Fitzpatrick*, who came into the world on Friday, June 14, in Colchester, Vermont. The proud parents are *Ryan* and *Emily Fitzpatrick* (Pat's granddaughter). Eloise weighed in at 5.4 pounds and 19 inches long!



Congratulations to *Ashley Rego*, daughter of *Alan* and *Barbara Rego*, who was united in marriage to *Grady Goldberg* on June 15 in Chestertown, MD. Proud dad walking his daughter down the aisle!



Bravo to the three WUMC youth who danced in the Main Street Ballet production of *Sleeping Beauty* on June 16 at Pomperaug High School. *Grace Bower Richardson* performed the role of the Lilac Fairy; *Julia Bower Richardson* danced as *Candide*; and *Rowan Boisseau* performed as a Basket Girl. *Sibley Morosco*, the daughter of the late *Dorothy Morosco*, is the Artistic Director of Main Street Ballet.

Congratulations to additional graduates: *Caroline Cloud*, Rochambeau Middle School; *Emily Crawford*, Woodbury Middle School; and *Sean Crawford*, Bethlehem Elementary School (Sean and Emily are grandchildren of *Dave* and *Lynne Brencher*.)

Thanks to *Jay Hockenberry* and *Jeff Hunt* for creating a new closet in the far corner of Fellowship Hall. These two expert craftsmen transformed an area of dead space which had potentially dangerous electrical wiring into useful space for storage. We truly appreciate their labor of love!

A Message from Manny Gesh to all!



Full of thanks,
thanks to you!

I WAS WIPING MY
TEARS AFTER READING
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND
THOUGHTFUL FATHERS DAY
CARD I HAVE EVER RE-
CEIVED.

IT MADE ME MISS ALL
OF YOU MORE THAN I
ALREADY DO.

I TRULY LOVE ALL OF
YOU AND WUMC WILL
ALWAYS BE MY HOME.
GOD BLESS
MOMMY

The Prayer Corner:

Home from the hospital: *Charlie Legen*, great-grandson of the late *Jeanne Hackenson* (follow-up surgery on June 19 at Yale-New Haven Hospital)

Recovering at home: *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*; *Liam McGrath*; *Nancy Clark*; *Paula Girard*, mother-in-law of *Rynn Naylor*; *Stuart Brush*; *LeRoy Hibbard*, father of *Rev. Paul Hibbard*; *Kathy Kahn*; *Jack Fairty*, brother of *Lynne Brencher*; *Dave Davison*, father-in law of *Gary McClendon*; *Lois Bliss*, mother of *Barbara Rego* (Fall River, MA)

Inpatient rehabilitation: *Gene Guerrero*, father of *Alicia Boisseau* (Falmouth, MA); *Marie Petty*, aunt of *Kathy Craig* (Abbott Terrace, Waterbury)

Outpatient tests: *Paul Hennessey*; *Bob Davis*

Outpatient treatments: *Betsy Love*; *John Fleming*; *Stephanie Galaburri*, friend of *Sandy Carbonaro*; *Lucille Parsons*, friend of *Kathy Craig*; *Linda Cornish* (Melbourne, FL); *Will Styblo*, son of *David* and *Katie Styblo* and nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Homebound member: *Florence Brown*

Please continue to remember: *Bob Davis*, *Pete* and *Sue Vindigni*, *Nancy Clark*, *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *Paul Hatch*, the *Keith family*, *Manny Gesh*, *Beth*, *Jillian & Alex Buzzannc*, *Kelly Etcheto*, *Vernessa Kingsbury*, *Jim Congdon*, *Jane True*, *Blair Feller*, *Marilyn Bender*, *Eddie Lenox* (son of *Grace Bell*), *Ethan Murphy*, (great grandson of *Grace Bell*), *Brigitte Weimann*, *Ryan DeRidder* and family, *Ernest Corrado*, *Laura & Stuart Brush*, *Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*), and *The Thomson family* of *Ferndale, WA* (family of *Kathy Craig*).



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing.

Fellowship Hosts And Altar Flower Opportunities:

The 2019 flower & fellowship host charts are posted in Fellowship Hall. Sign up early to get the date of your choice! Each ministry team has been asked to volunteer for Fellowship in 2019.

If you want your flowers dedicated in the bulletin for a special occasion, please be sure to make us aware of that when ordering. ***If you don't have an occasion but would like to donate a floral tribute to one of our shut in members, please do so and Pastor John will deliver the arrangement during the following week.***

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES FROM THE OFFICE...

When attending worship on Sundays, parking is available in the C.L. Adams lot; however, please do not block the entrance towards the back of the lot as that inhibits the tenant's access in and out of the lot. Thank you.

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.** 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!

Messenger deadline – SUMMER MONTHS: 10 AM on Tuesday for Wednesday afternoon publication! Please see information for article submission. To keep the formatting to a unified look and also save on time of reformatting articles to fit, please use **Full Justification, Arial font 9.5 size with font 10 size for headings.** Thank you!

MINISTRY MEETING DATES for 2019 – need to be emailed to the office to be placed on the web calendar. Please remember to submit your ministry meeting dates to the office (by email) so they can be added to the wall calendar as well as the web calendar at our website or feel free to enter them on the calendar for next month's date when you are leaving your meeting. This will let everyone in the community know how active a church body we are at WUMC.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES???

Please continue to send any changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. please send them to wumc@woodburyumc.net.

Calendar of Events at WUMC for next week:

All Ministry Chairs – please submit any ministry meeting times to the office so they can be put onto the calendars each week (Messenger, Office & Web). Thank you!

Sun., June 23	9:30 a.m.	SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE (Note hour change)	(Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	(Fellowship Hall)
Mon., June 24	5:00 p.m.	New Start Ministries meeting	(Fellowship Hall)
Wed., June 26	11:30 a.m.	Mid-Week Bible Fellowship group	(Assembly Room)
Thurs., June 27	12:00 p.m.	Community Events Committee meeting	(Assembly Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustee meeting	(Assembly Room)
Sun., June 30 (5th Sunday)	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sunday Dinner)	(Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	(Fellowship Hall)

Please note: WUMC's worship services are streamed live on Facebook. To watch recordings of previous services, go to www.woodburvumc.net and click on the Facebook icon.

Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone.

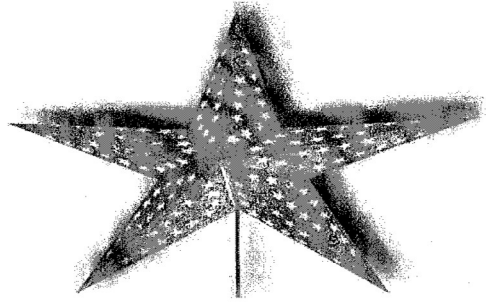
We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world.

Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.



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Spread the Light!



Set a star aglow with
your generosity in
support of the
**Community Services
Council of Woodbury**

*Neighbors reaching out
to help neighbors in need*

“Plant a Row” this year for the Woodbury Food Bank: Summer 2019 schedule for fresh produce donations

The Woodbury Food Bank has scheduled special donation collection periods on Thursday and Friday mornings from July 11 through the end of September to accept fresh produce donations from home gardeners in the community. Volunteers of the Community Services Council of Woodbury, an independent nonprofit agency that provides food bank access yearround to low-income households in Woodbury, will receive donations of fresh vegetables, fruits and herbs from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. each Thursday and Friday during the peak growing season in July, August and September.

Donations should be delivered to the Woodbury Food Bank, located at the rear of the LaBonne’s shopping plaza on Main Street South in the portion of the building housing the Woodbury branch of Newtown Savings Bank. Driveways on the north and south sides of the plaza complex provide access to the rear delivery lot.

We invite our community to share in the bounty of this year’s harvest with local families who face economic hardship in meeting their basic nutritional needs and financial obligations. Our clients have benefited greatly from our home gardeners’ generosity in their produce donations in recent years, and we are very grateful to be able to provide these gifts of the growing season at the food bank. For more information, contact Bob Taylor at community.services.council@gmail.com or (203) 263-3869.

Priority Needs List for Woodbury Food Bank donations

Soups, especially chowders, pea soup, pasta & bean, Italian wedding, chicken combo, beef combo
Pastas of all kinds, especially linguine, fettucine, angel hair, rigatoni, bowties & lasagna
Pasta sauces, all kinds
Canned tomatoes, especially stewed, diced, crushed & paste
Cereals & oatmeal
Juice bottles & juice boxes
Canned fruits & fruit cups, especially fruit cocktail, pears, peaches & pineapple
Canned chili
Canned chicken
Canned Spam, hash, sloppy Joe, spaghettios & mini-ravioli
Canned tuna & canned salmon
Canned mushrooms & canned olives
Brownie & cake mixes, and frostings
Quick bread mixes
Regular, half-caf & decaf ground coffee, and regular & decaf teas
Plain rice & rice mixes
Boxed plain & boxed flavored potatoes
Instant pudding mix & pudding cups
Peanut butter
Red jams & jellies
Ketchup & mustard
Mayo
Salad dressings
Cooking oil (vegetable, canola & corn)
Dish detergent
Laundry detergent
Toothpaste
Deodorant (men's and women's)
Shampoo & conditioner
Bar soaps
Paper towels, toilet paper & napkins
Facial tissues
Organic, low-carb & gluten-free food products
Pet foods

Donations are received Fridays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 9 to 11 a.m. at the Food Bank (our entry access is from the rear delivery lot behind the buildings in the LaBonne's plaza— the Food Bank is located at the basement level of Newtown Savings Bank). Please call Bob Taylor at (203) 263-3869 or email Bob at community.services.council@gmail.com if you need to make special arrangements for delivery of donations. Thanks so much on behalf of our clients and volunteers for offering the gifts of nourishment and compassion!

If you would like to donate an item or two from the above list, please feel free to drop them into the Food Box at the top of the stairs in the hallway.

News from the Community:

**In Concert Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m.
at First Church of Bethlehem**



The Reykjanesbaer Music School Handbell Choir from Iceland

Together with

Chime In! Music with a Mission



You are certain to enjoy:

- Music of Iceland by Sigur Rós
- 46 musicians ringing together
- Handbells, Handchimes, Wind Chimes, Tubular Chimes, Drums, Cymbals...
- Ethereal, contemplative music
- Rhythmic, syncopated music
- Music from movies
- and a colossal finale!