





WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

SUMMER Worship Schedule

WORSHIP TIME STARTS @ 9:30 AM

**NOTE: Summer Church Office Hours continue until September 7th
Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM – Office closed on Monday & Friday**



The plan is to hold outdoor worship for the months of August/September - beginning Sunday, August 15th. Please watch your Messenger and our church website for more definite information.

August 8: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: John 6:35, 41-51

Liturgist & Reader: Barbara Etcheto

Singers: Carolyn Shay, Jennifer Labriola, Nora Perreault and Sarah Kate Walkup

Audio-Visual Technician: Theron Kissinger

Worship Pre-Registration Requested

Our sanctuary seating capacity is now 70. To ensure a place for all worshipers to be accommodated safely, the COVID Recovery Team requests that our members and friends continue 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!

Changes to WUMC COVID Safety Protocols Issued June 20, 2021

We are pleased to announce that WUMC's COVID Reopening Team recommended and Church Council approved changes to our COVID Safety Protocols, as summarized below. These changes, which will be introduced over the next several weeks, represent our next step toward normalcy. These changes are made possible by Connecticut's sustained positivity rate of well below 1%, continued drop in hospitalizations, and a vaccination participation of almost 60% fully vaccinated and almost 10% partially vaccinated. We also will ensure that each week our Pastor and worship team are fully vaccinated. However, due to the unknown vaccination status of our congregation and the fact that our children and youth under the age of 12 are not vaccinated, **we ask that all members of our congregation continue to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.**

- Return of Pastor greeting line (socially distanced)
- Transition to every other pew seating
- Congregation is allowed to sing while masked
- Plexiglass shields removed for vaccinated worship team members
- Allow praise band and ensemble of 3-4 singers, who are all fully vaccinated
- Return hymnals and Bibles to pews
- Return of bell choir
- Return of passing of the offering plate
- Return of candle lighting by an acolyte
- Return of more personal communion

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WUMC Survey Regarding Safe Worship Protocols

The WUMC Church Council values your opinions and wants to consider everyone's input regarding the best way to continue our return to a more normal church experience.

Shortly, you will have an opportunity to complete a survey that can be completed and submitted using any one of three methods (1) online via Google Forms (2) written and submitted via U.S. mail or e-mail (3) written and dropped in offering plate on Sunday.

The vaccination and health status of our congregation will influence future decisions regarding wearing face masks and social distancing. Church Council and the CRT respect your privacy, including health and vaccination status; so, your survey responses will be kept anonymous to everyone except the persons collecting e-mail survey responses.

We are asking that each member of our church family complete the survey. A parent should answer on behalf of children under the age of 12. One member of a family can respond for the entire family by providing appropriate additional info within questions as indicated.

We hope you will take the time to thoughtfully respond to the survey questions.

Sincerely,
WUMC Church Council & COVID Recovery Team (CRT)

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. Worshipers 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.

SAVE THE DATES

WUMC Summer Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, August 29th



We will be worshipping at the pavilion in Hollow Park at 10:30 AM and continuing on with our annual picnic beginning immediately after worship until 3:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, games, food donations, and clean-up. See the end of this Messenger for more details. Who wants to help out?

Rally Day Sunday is planned for Sunday, September 12, 2021 – more information from our Youth & Education Leaders will be coming very shortly.

Now's Your Chance to be a Servant of God

If you've ever loved to read and dreamed of being a liturgist, love to teach a lesson to children, love to greet and meet people, pass the plate or children be enriched by learning how to become an acolyte... there will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex to volunteer for any of these enlightening activities.

Please consider volunteering and being involved in our church. If there are questions, please reach out to Venetia Phillippe (morgansmom71@gmail.com) or Pastor Michael Cobb (PastorMichael@woodburyumc.net). A listing of volunteers already scheduled is printed in the back of this Messenger.

Beginning **Sept. 5th** we would like to include college students, out of state viewers, and homebound viewers to take part remotely in our Worship service whether it be "Live" or pre-recorded by volunteering as a participant for liturgist or children's time. Email Kathy Craig at wumc@woodburyumc.net to have her add your name on the volunteer sign-up sheet. If you have any questions about the remote participation, please contact Theron Kissinger, our audio-visual tech at theronk@hotmail.com.

Thank you and God Bless!

Venetia Phillippe, Worship Chair

MISSION & OUTREACH UPDATE

Donation and Volunteer opportunities for the Woodbury Food Bank

Donations for the Woodbury Food Bank can be brought to the church at any time and left in Food Bank box in the office entryway. However, in August we will be reinstating our special Food Bank collections on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

On Sunday, August 15th, please bring a food item from the priority list below and leave it in the donation box.

Special priority needs:

- Chicken, beef & vegetable broths
- Priority soups: Chicken combo, beef combo, minestrone, vegetable, lentil, pea, Italian wedding & chowder
- Priority canned meats/fish: Hash, chili, pork & beans, beef stew, salmon, chicken
- Juice bottles, especially apple, grape, orange, cranberry & cranberry mixes
- Assorted fruit cups, canned pears & canned pineapples
- Canned tomatoes, especially tomato sauce and whole, diced & stewed tomatoes
- Canned cannellini beans, canned spinach, canned olives & canned mushrooms
- Pancake/waffle mixes

WUMC Collection in 2018



Can we beat that in 2021?

- Cereals & oatmeal
- Quick bread mixes & muffin mixes
- Brownie mixes
- Canned & boxed potatoes (plain & flavored)
- Condiments including syrup, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing & mayo
- Regular, half-caf & decaf ground coffee, and regular & decaf teas
- Cooking oils including canola, vegetable, corn & olive
- Liquid dish detergent & laundry detergent (both scented and free & clear)
- Paper products including paper towels, toilet paper & napkins

Also, *September is our month to provide volunteers on Fridays.* Fridays in September are the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. A minimum of two volunteers are needed from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Check your calendar and see what Friday might work for you, then look for a sign-up sheet at church in the next couple of weeks. Or you can contact *Paul Hibbard*, Mission & Outreach Team Chair, and let him know when you would be available.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Children & Youth Ministry News

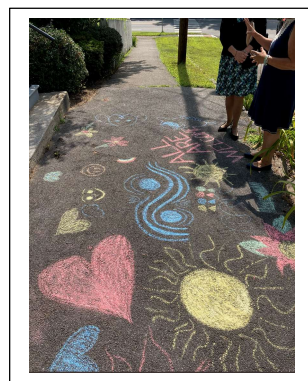
Youth Group Fun on Saturday, July 31 – here is a photo from the fun day...

Calling WUMC Acolytes: In September we will have acolytes again for worship. Parents, if your child previously was an acolyte or would like to become one, and he or she can serve in the fall, please contact Catherine to select dates. It's been a long time, so a refresher and opportunity to practice will be offered. More information to come.

@ HOME RESOURCES for continued Christian Education

- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources>
- <https://www.nyac.com/childrensministries>
- <https://ministry-to-children.com/>

· Scripture selection to read together as a family this week: *Ephesians 4:25-5:2* with the themes of how to treat each other with kindness, speak constructively to each other, forgive each other, and tell the truth.



Name Tags & Rally Sunday

We are sorting thru the current name tag board and finding names missing. We are asking everyone that has their name tag at home, to please contact the office by email (wumc@woodburyumc.net) so that we don't make another one. The stock and holders for these are very expensive and don't want to incur any additional costs if not necessary.

Rally Sunday is being finalized for Sunday, September 12th and we are asking for everyone to wear their name tags for that day. Until that time, we will continue using the paper ones that will be available at the table coming into church.

Looking to spend time at the shore?

Camp Quinnipet is looking for people to assist the counselors. If you haven't seen this Methodist camp facility, you are missing out. It's situated right on the shore of Shelter Island, nestled between the twin forks of the eastern (Hamptons) area of Long Island. The facility has a wonderful beach with swimming and boating, a ropes course, and many other amenities in one of the prettiest spots you'll ever see. Lodging is in houses with full plumbing. Because of COVID, counselors were harder to get this year. They have enough counselors to run the programs, but need extra hands and eyes to ensure campers' safety. There is some pay, plus free board, room, and FUN. They are looking for anyone 18 and over, who enjoys working with kids and youth, who can come for a week or more. Please let me know if you are interested. *Vernessa Kingsbury*, a member of our church, is Program Director, so you would not be completely with strangers.

Barbara Etcheto – contact information: 203.592.7671

Kudo Korner

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Elliott Cobb*, Liturgist and Reader; *Morgan and Venetia Phillippe*, Singers; *Theron Kissinger*, audio-visual technician.

The Prayer Corner:

In the hospital: *Kinley Mae Drown-Burr*, infant daughter of *Bud Behlman's* cousin, *Jessamie Drown* (Yale-New Haven)

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

Recovering at home: *Linda Rockhill*); *Carol Hennessey*; *Liam McGrath*; *Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto*; *Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amanda Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *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*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova*, *Zachary Cordova*, *James Levario*, *Matthew Shupenis*

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

Please continue to remember: *Lawrence "Ed" Rockhill*, father-in-law of *Linda Rockhill* (River Glenn, Southbury); 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 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. 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.** – **NOTE SUMMER HOURS** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm continue thru July & August. **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 J. Michael Cobb's cell @ (203) 512-1059. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES???

Please continue to send any changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. Please send them to umc@woodburyumc.net. This is also important to keep track of any of our college students as well!!!

Now's Your Chance to be a Servant of God

Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

Date: Aug. 15, 2021 **Name**
Liturgist/Reader *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*
Greeter/Usher *Open*

Date: Aug. 22, 2021 **Name**
Liturgist/Reader *Open*
Greeter/Usher *Open*



Sunday, August 29th – Summer Picnic at the Hollow
Sunday, September 5th – Acolyte Sign-up begins

If anyone would like to sign-up for one of these spots, please see Venetia Phillippe or sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex. Thank you and God Bless

Date: Sept. 5, 2021 **Name**
Liturgist/Reader *Open*
Greeter/Usher *Open*
Acolyte *Open*

Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

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

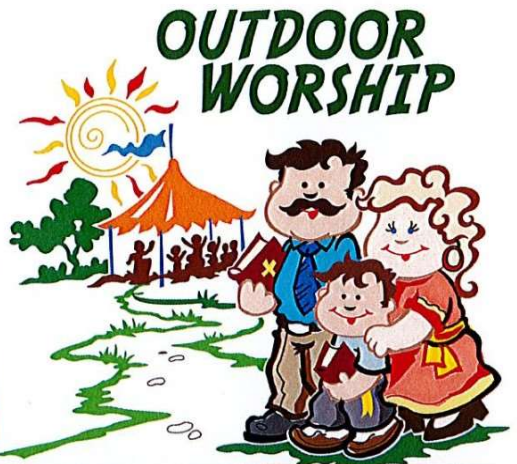
We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

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!

Church Homecoming



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 29, 2021

At the Hollow

**Worship Under
The Pavilion at 10:30a.m.**



Come join the church family as we celebrate “coming home” to WUMC with our annual fellowship picnic. The Men’s group will be preparing burgers, hot dogs, and we are asking families with the last name beginning with: A-M—please donate a salad & N-Z—please donate a dessert or fruits (watermelon) for the picnic.

All games for the children will be provided by the Family Nurture Ministry. Sunday School registration will also take place during the beginning of the picnic. Please see the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall to add your donation to the list. We hope to see you at the Hollow on Sunday, August 29 2021! Why not ask a friend to join you for the day and visit your WUMC family? A free will offering will be collected to defray