





## WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

# Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, August 11, 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 15<sup>th</sup>. WEATHER PERMITTING – we will be set up at the North Green. Please watch your Messenger and our church website for more definite information.

### August 15: Twelveth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 (NRSV)

Liturgist & Reader: Lynne Ramsden • Greeter and Usher: Christine Smith

Singers: Joann King, Lynne Ramsden and Sherry Swanhall

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!

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## 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

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### 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)

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### 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.
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## SAVE THE DATES

### WUMC Summer Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>



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.

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## MISSION & OUTREACH UPDATE

### Donation and Volunteer opportunities for the Woodbury Food Bank

The WUMC is offering the following volunteer opportunities for all those who would like to lend a helping hand in the Woodbury Community.

One Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, the church will be having a special collection for the Woodbury Food Bank. People are invited to bring items for the Food Bank to the morning worship service, which will be outdoor on the green, and leave them in the donation container, which will be placed of the worship space. If you're unable to attend the service on the 15<sup>th</sup> items can be dropped off during the week and left in the cooler on the entryway porch.

Please see the list below for priority needs for the Food Bank.

#### 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
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. A minimum of two volunteers are needed from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Check your calendar and see what Friday might work for you, then look for a sign-up sheet at church or you can contact the church office, and let us know when you would be available. As of 8/1/21 volunteers are still needed for 9/10, 9/17 & 9/24.

Thank you for your help.

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## Children & Youth Ministry News

**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.

## SAVE THE DATES:

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| Sunday, September 12 –   | Rally Day with Blessing of Backpacks– The start of the Sunday School Year   |
| Saturday, September 18 – | Youth Group Trip to Connecticut Food Bank & Foodshare's Walk for Hunger at Dunkin Donuts Park Hartford Check-In 8 AM & Walk Begins at 10 AM |
| Sunday, October 10 –     | Animal Blessing @ WUMC  |
| Sunday, October 17 –     | Laity Sunday – News to come regarding opportunities for youth   |
| Sunday, November 28 –    | UMC Student Day – News to come regarding opportunities for you & college student participation  |

## @ HOME RESOURCES for continued Christian Education

- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources>
- <https://www.nyac.com/childrensministries>
- <https://ministry-to-children.com/>
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## INVITATION - EAGLE COURT OF HONOR Andrew Styblo - Middlebury BSA Troop 5 Saturday, August 28 @ 3 PM - WUMC



**Dear Church Friends:** Please join Andrew's family & Middlebury Troop 5 to celebrate his long-postponed Eagle Court of Honor. For his Eagle Service Project, Andrew built the balcony seating riser railing with the help of his scout troop, WUMC Members, family, and friends. We will celebrate Andrew together on Saturday, August 28 at 3 PM in the WUMC Sanctuary with a reception to follow in the church yard.

RSVP\* by August 22 through this link <http://evite.me/amszjansJz>  
or [catherine.mason02@outlook.com](mailto:catherine.mason02@outlook.com) / 203-707-6571.

\*Due to COVID, WUMC requires an estimated number & names of expected attendees in advance of this event. If you plan on attending, please reply to Catherine. Note: **Masks are required** at the church.

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## 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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Kudo Korner

**Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders:** *Barbara Etcheto*, Liturgist and Reader; *Christine Smith*, Greeter and Usher; *Carolyn Shay*, *Jennifer Labriola*, *Nora Perreault* and *Sarah Kate Walkup*, Singers; *Kathy Craig*, substitute audio-visual technician.

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## 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:** *Carol Hennessey; Liam McGrath; Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto*; *Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amelia Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *Steve Thomas; Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *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; 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:** 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, Jane True, 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. 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 [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net). This is also important to keep track of any of our college students as well!!!



**We are working on a new telephone directory to be published before September 1, 2021, please get us changes/additions as soon as possible. Thanks**

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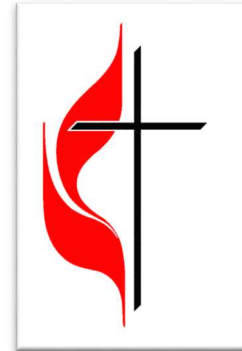
# Now's Your Chance to be a Servant of God

## Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

**Date:** Aug. 22, 2021      **Name**

**Liturgist/Reader**      *Open*

**Greeter/Usher**      *Christine Smith*



Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – Summer Picnic at the Hollow

Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – Acolyte Sign-up begins

**Date:** Sept. 5, 2021      **Name**

**Liturgist/Reader**      *Open*

**Greeter/Usher**      *Open*

**Acolyte**      *Open*

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. 12, 2021      **Name**

**Liturgist/Reader**      *Open*

**Greeter/Usher**      *Open*

**Acolyte**      *Open*

**(This is Rally Sunday too!)**

**Date:** Sept. 19, 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!**

Another Scholarship Recipient Thank You Received:

Thank You

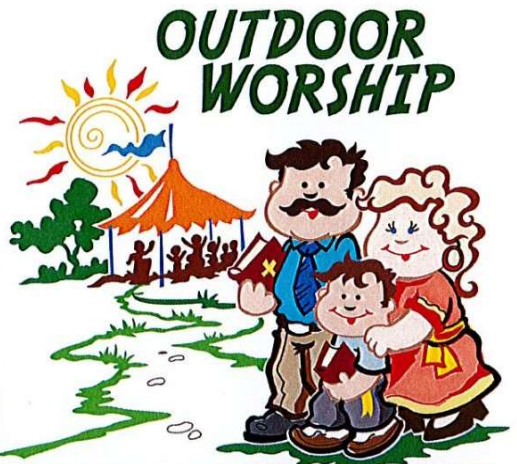
Hi Everyone at the WUMC,

Thankyou SO much for the scholarship. I feel like I grew up at the church, so many big events were here, and so much love - thank you all so much for the video, the service, and the Scholarship Love,

Allison Roche ☺



# Church Homecoming



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

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 29, 2021

At the Hollow



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