



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. John A. Thomason, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, September 2, 2020



Outdoor Worship 9:30 AM, Woodbury North Green (Please note: Sanctuary Backup Site)

The sanctuary is now serving as our backup place of worship in the event of inclement weather. The sanctuary has been deep-cleaned and sanitized, and the best possible procedures for ventilation will be implemented. If it is raining on a Sunday morning, please come directly to the sanctuary for the worship service if you are comfortable doing so.

For those who choose not to join us in-person at this time, we fully understand and support your personal caution and care for others. Services (outside or inside) will continue to be recorded and made available on our website at approximately 4 PM on Sunday afternoons.

The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net> and click the link at the top left of the home page. Facebook and Instagram may also be used.
- **Audio only playback:** dial 701-802-5464; enter PIN with hash sign 659965#. Please mute your phones to eliminate background noise. This playback will be available at 6 PM.
- **Archived worship services** may also be accessed from the main pull-down menu.

September 6: 14th Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Holy Communion

In keeping with our current protocol, worshipers will again receive a self-contained Communion kit when they enter the worship space. There will be no common loaf or cup and no serving of the elements by worship leaders.

Pastor's Sermon: *The Direct Approach*

**Lectionary Readings: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 148;
Romans 12:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20**

Liturgist: JoAnn Behlman

Singers: Carolyn Shay

Please note: There will be no Zoom Fellowship Hour during the period when we are worshipping outdoors.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS CONTINUE: Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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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MISSION & OUTREACH NEWS

September is one of the WUMC's months to volunteer at the Woodbury Food Bank and volunteers are still needed for **September 11, 18, and 25**. While we are still in the midst of a pandemic the food needs of the community have not lessened; and in fact with the economic stress caused by the pandemic, the need nationally for food support has increased. Volunteers continue to be a vital part of the work of the Food Bank but because of health concerns and state mandated protocols the process has undertaken changes since our last volunteer opportunity in February of this year.

Below is information that I received from Bob Taylor at the Food Bank outlining how things are being handled at this time. Please review the new operating procedures below (including time changes) and let me know if you can volunteer on a Friday or Fridays in September.

"I am sharing the protocols both for staff work and for the client service conditions, which have been and will continue to be conducted during the pandemic exclusively on a home delivery (Thursdays) and pickup service (Fridays and Saturdays) basis. Only our volunteers have access to the food bank interior, and our primary tasks are to receive, cleanse and stock all incoming donations, and to prepare and bag the customized orders for our clients. No client in-store shopping is possible under social distancing and protective protocols and none is anticipated through September at present (I will let you know if conditions change but this appears unlikely given the present course of the pandemic).

As you will note in the protocols, we specifically advise all our good friends to make the judgment first if they would be physically able to volunteer, both in terms of health (of course we ask anyone suffering respiratory or other health issues of any kind please to stay home) and also possible risk during the pandemic (this especially applies to folks in the high-risk category of 60 and over -- I am one of those 60-plus volunteers myself but I know that many, especially those with immunological deficiencies, need to stay on the sidelines for now). Please note too that we ask everyone who volunteers to remain masked throughout their work, to wear gloves during food bank service, and to take other washing and cleansing measures as needed to keep a safe environment. We routinely supply gloves to all who volunteer (I change mine multiple times every shift) as well as masks as needed.

With regards to timeframes for service, the new scenario for Friday client service on a pick-up basis means that we must staff two shifts, one from 8:30 am to 11:15 am, and the second from 11:15 am to 2:15 pm on Fridays. I would greatly appreciate if you could advise me in advance regarding availability of help for either of these shifts on the Fridays during September, as we will work these volunteers into the weekly schedules that I now need to prepare for volunteer help. Unlike the previous in-store service that was possible to fulfill with a staff of myself and one or two volunteers, the multiple demands of the "new normal" at the food bank require me to mobilize shifts with three to five volunteers per shift on Fridays, and we will gratefully include our helpers from WUMC on one of our teams to support these volunteer needs during the month of September. At present, we have a particularly great need for help in the later shift from **11:15 am to 2:15 pm on Fridays**."

If you are able to help out on any of the following **Fridays (9/11, 9/18, 9/25)** please contact me at any of the means listed below and let me know your availability. Thank you.

Paul Hibbard

Phone: 203-405-1005 (Home), 860-488-7705(Cell)
Email: paulgyl@aol.com

Fall Women's Study 2020

WUMC women (all ages welcome) - Please join us on Sunday mornings 8:45 to 9:45 am beginning on September 20 thru November 1. Location to be determined depending on current recommendations for possible in person meeting or Zoom / Google Meet.

The book being studied is *Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine*, Max Lucado (available from Christian Book Distributors or Amazon)

For further information, please contact Jen Carnes at 203-206-6746.

Children & Youth Ministry

Back to School @ HOME RESOURCES for continued Christian Education are available on the church website & the following sites:

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

NOTE: Children & Youth programming is currently "on hold" as we explore possibilities for alternative activities. We miss you all and wish you best of luck for your school year. We hope to see you all in Sunday school soon!

Thank you to all parents that participated in the Children & Youth Survey. Your input is greatly appreciated and helpful for informing decisions.

Kudo Korner

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Carolyn Shay*, liturgist; *Venetia Phillippe*, singer; *Chris Shay*, Children's Time.

The Prayer Corner:

Inpatient rehabilitation: *Angelina Vaiuso*, mother of *Karen Williams* (Bethel Health Care Center, Bethel); *Marie Petty*, aunt of *Kathy Craig* (Abbott Terrace, Waterbury)

Recovering at home: *Carol Hennessey*; *Gary McClendon*; *Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Rev. John Esposito*, pastor of Gaylordsville UMC and friend of Pastor John (recovering from COVID-19); *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*); *Jane King*, mother of *Stephen King* and mother-in-law of *Joann King* (Sarasota, FL); *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *John and Jackie Fleming*; *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: *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *the Keith family*, *Manny Gesh*, *Beth*, *Jillian & Alex Buzzancco*, *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*, *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.

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.**

❖ **SUMMER Office Hours continue thru September- Tuesday thru Thursday only 9 am – 1 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!!!

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!

