



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

September 15: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Sermon – *Endless Patience*

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 51; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Annual Harvest Walk to End Hunger

Will you walk in this year's **7th Annual Harvest Walk To End Hunger** sponsored by Southbury-Woodbury Interfaith Ministries? In years past it was primarily our WUMC youth group walking. This year SWIM has proposed a friendly competition between faith communities to see who can bring out the most people. Larger numbers make us more visible to the town, creating greater awareness of a serious issue of hunger affecting even our communities.

This year's Walk will be held [on September 15 at 1:00 pm](#) starting at Mitchell Elementary School in Woodbury to coincide with Hunger Action Awareness Month. The cost is \$10 per person. (If you would like to participate, but cannot pay, you may still walk with us.) We will meet in Fellowship Hall after church and walk or carpool over to Mitchell together to submit our registration before [1 pm](#). Donations of food or money are also accepted.

If you are interested in walking, please email or call Meg Temple at (203)910-3711 or megtemple1@gmail.com or see her Sunday morning. You can register with us up until the event. We try to wear our WUMC apparel. If you need some, see Meg.

Fall 2019 Women's Bible Study - Gospel of John

Bible Study is open to all women, all ages are welcome! Please join us September 15 to November 3, 2019 each Sunday morning from 8:45 – 9:45 AM. For further information, please contact Jen Carnes at (203) 206-6746.

Saturday, September 21st – 4:30 – 6:30 PM

**Where will you be having dinner? We hope to see you at our
Fall Pasta Dinner at WUMC**

Recruiting for a “Truly Faith” volunteer opportunity

There are those among us who after the worship service each Sunday walk to the altar, side by side, gather up the morning offering, and take it to the Pastor's office where they count it, prepare it for deposit, and complete the report needed to record the offering in the church's financial records... and then they take it to the local bank.

The job of counting the offering is not complex. We all have experience counting money. It doesn't take much time to do. But it is a job that cannot be “put off.”

The folks who are currently counters are among the “truly faithful.” You probably don't know who they are. You will see them during worship each Sunday. Occasionally, you will see them during Fellowship Hour...when they're not scheduled to count. The purpose of this note is to let you know that the “truly faithful” need support. Please consider providing it. Ideally, we want to identify six new counters. If you have questions, give me a call 203.267.1492.

Bill Wilhelms, Financial Secretary

Community Events Ministry News for the fall at WUMC

September 21st - Pasta Dinner - Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Need Servers, Cleanup and Bakers for pastries and cookies

September 28th - Magic Show – Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Need people for set up at 5 PM and clean-up at 8:15 PM, and bakers for pastries and cookies. Tickets are on sale now and you can purchase them thru either Linda Rockhill (on Sunday) or Kathy Craig (during office hours).

October 20th - Fall Soup Sale - Need people that love to make soup. Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

November 2nd – the Artist Spotlight -Talent and Art Show - Need musicians, singers, comedians and artists. More information coming soon.

Please consider attending and helping out at each event.

Community Events Committee

Children and Youth Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Held during worship after the children's sermon. There are two classes: Elementary and Middle School. If you have not signed up to attend, there's still time to do so.

YOUTH MINISTRY: This year, the youth group will meet once a month or so for special events, community service, volunteering at WUMC events, youth-led worship preparation, etc.

FALL YOUTH EVENTS:

September 15th: Harvest Walk for Hunger (Congregation & Youth). See Messenger Harvest Walk article for information. Please RSVP to Mrs. Temple.

September 21st: (4:30-6:30 PM) Pasta Dinner - Youth are asked to help.

October 6th: (12:15 PM) Youth Group October Event

November 10th: (12:15 PM) Youth Group November Event

Woodbury Community Services Council

Annual Progressive Dinner

The Woodbury Community Services Council's Annual Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th at two local churches and the Woodbury Senior Center. **Tickets will be available on September 15th.** If you are planning to attend, you can pre-order tickets by contacting either *Judy Wilhelms* or *Carolyn Shay*. They are \$30 each. The Council is one of the four mission projects supported by our church. The evening will begin with appetizers at two local churches with dinner and dessert at the Senior Center. We are responsible for serving the dinner's catered main course. Please consider joining us in demonstrating our support for this important event. A silent auction is planned as part of the event. We will be contributing a "Wine Pull" and are seeking donations of bottles of wine. Please consider contributing a bottle of your favorite wine (value \$20 or more). Watch for more information being distributed by Bob Taylor, Executive Director of Community Services Council of Woodbury.

Kudo Korner

Abby Cloud was featured in a recent edition of the *Carolyn's Place* newsletter stating, "Pomperaug senior, Abby Cloud, member of Woodbury United Methodist Church, kindly donated three hand crocheted blankets. These blankets will make a special gift for our babies and mothers. Thank you so much for thinking of us." Great job, Abby!

The Prayer Corner:

Christian sympathy is extended to *Barbara* and *Alan Rego* in the death of Barbara's mother, *Lois Bliss*, on September 4 in Fall River, MA. Funeral and burial services were held on September 10 in Fall River.

Recovering at home: *Diane Hibbard*; *Gary McClendon*; *Jane King*, mother of *Stephen King* and mother-in-law of *Joann King* (Sarasota, FL); *Stephen Hawthorne*, grandson of *Gerry Furlong*; *Charlie Legen*, great grandson of the late *Jeanne Hackenson*; *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*; *Liam McGrath*; *LeRoy Hibbard*, father of *Rev. Paul Hibbard*; *Kathy Kahn*; *Jack Fairty*, brother of *Lynne Brencher*; *Dave Davison*, father-in law of *Gary McClendon*; *Melanie Whiteside* (Draper, UT) and *Lucille Parsons* (Waterbury, CT), friends of *Kathy Craig*

Inpatient rehabilitation: *Paula Girard*, mother-in-law of *Rynn Naylor* (Lutheran Home, Southbury); *Marie Petty*, aunt of *Kathy Craig* (Abbott Terrace, Waterbury); *Patti Procopio*, friend of *Kathy Craig* (Bristol, CT)

Outpatient treatments: *Paul Hennessey*; *Betsy Love*; *John* and *Jackie Fleming*; *Stephanie Galaburri*, friend of *Sandy Carbonaro*; *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*, *Nancy Clark*, *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *Paul Hatch*, the *Keith family*, *Manny Gesh*, *Beth*, *Jillian & Alex Buzzannco*, *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 flower & fellowship host charts are posted in Fellowship Hall. Sign up 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 homebound 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, PLEASE NOTE parking is no longer available in the C.L. Adams lot as they are now open for business on Sundays. 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 – 10 AM on Wednesday 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., Sept. 15	8:45 a.m.	Women's Ministry	(downstairs classroom)
	8:45 a.m.	Men's Ministry	(Wesley Room)
	9:45 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	(Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	(Sanctuary)
	10:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	(downstairs classrooms)
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	(Fellowship Hour)
	1:00 p.m.	Harvest Walk to End Hunger	(Mitchell Elementary School)
Wed., Sept. 18	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study Fellowship Group	(Assembly Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	(Assembly Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Voice Choir Rehearsal	(Assembly Room)
Thurs., Sept. 19	7:00 p.m.	Mission and Outreach Ministry Team meeting	(Assembly Room)
Sat., Sept. 21	4:30 p.m.	WUMC Pasta Dinner	(Fellowship Hall)
Sun., Sept. 22	8:45 a.m.	Women's Ministry	(downstairs classroom)
	8:45 a.m.	Men's Ministry	(Wesley Room)
	9:45 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	(Sanctuary)
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	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	(Fellowship Hour)

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

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS AT WUMC

COME JOIN US! SATURDAY

September 21, 2019

4:30-6:30PM



for our
Pasta Supper

Freshly made marinara
sauce, pasta w/meatballs, bread
salad, dessert and beverages



Adults \$11 • Seniors \$9 • Kids \$5

Family (of 4) \$32

Tickets Sold at the Door



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Family Magic Night!

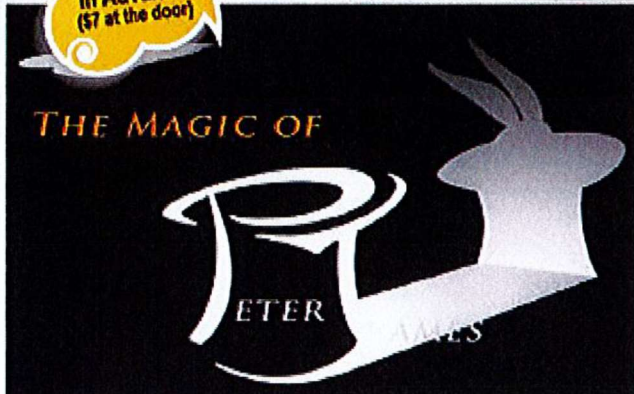
Saturday, Sept. 28

6:00 – 8:00 PM

\$5

In Advance
(\$7 at the door)

FUN!



Abracadabra & Lickety Split!
Calling all KIDS
and Adults Too!

TESTIMONIAL 3

"We have had Peter James entertain at the Flanders Nature Center Fall Festival for the past eight seasons. We have an average of 1,500 people attend the event each year. We get calls throughout the year asking if he will be returning. Everyone loves his show and we look forward to this years performances"

Amber Grabowski
Environmental Educator
Flanders Nature Center
Woodbury Ct.

Refreshments
will be served!

FUN!

**Call (203) 263-4775
for tickets!**

\$5 in advance - \$7 at the door!
Children 2 and under FREE!



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See Linda Rockhill or Kathy Craig after [September 8th](#) for tickets



COME WALK WITH US. . . .

September is Hunger Action Month

Celebrating Hunger Action Month starts by taking action against hunger. You can help by helping to raise awareness of hunger as a problem even in our own communities of Southbury, Waterbury and Woodbury.

Our way of raising awareness is by supporting and joining others in our community at our signature event the 7th Annual Harvest Walk to End Hunger Walk to **End Hunger** on Sunday, September 15th at 1:00 PM. This year our event will start off in Woodbury at Mitchell Elementary School.

The Connecticut Food Bank compiles statistics from each town in our state. It is quite hard to believe that in Southbury over 9.5% of the residents have food insecurity. Woodbury has just a bit less at 8.8% and Waterbury is over 19%. As our mission states, "we strive to unite faith communities and other organizations to alleviate food insecurity and address other social justice needs in the Greater Waterbury area through cooperative action. The walk is a way to make our local communities aware of these surprising numbers.

**WUMC WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS HUNGER WALK.
IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SEE CATHERINE MASON or MEG TEMPLE.**



FUN RAISER

Talent & Art Show together under one roof!!!

Saturday, November 2, 2019 beginning at 7:00 PM @ WUMC

Wanted: People that enjoy FUN!

Comedy, skits, magic, music, art, dance
Serious and silly, youth and adults!!!

Got Talent – please talk to Chris Shay

A Free Will Offering will benefit the WUMC Scholarship fund



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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