



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Worship Schedule

WORSHIP TIME - 10:30 AM Each Sunday

NOTE: Church Office Hours

Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM – Office closed on Monday

(The office will be closed on Thursday, Sept. 23rd and Friday, Sept. 24th for vacation days)

**OUTDOOR
WORSHIP**

WEATHER PERMITTING – Worship we will be set up at the North Green. There is no need to pre-register for outdoor service and members of WUMC may remove their masks for outdoor worship. Services for both September and October are scheduled for the North Green unless otherwise noted so stay tuned to your Messenger each week.

September 19: The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:10-20

Liturgist & Reader: JoAnn Behlman

Singers: the WUMC Voice Choir

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.

Have you even tried to understand a scripture that you've never heard mentioned from the pulpit?

Are there issues or topics you wish your pastor would address in a sermon?

Now is your chance! Email your questions and requests to Pastor Michael or slide them under his door (anonymous is fine) **before October 5**. If he thinks it is a subject that would interest the congregation, he will preach on it.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, September 19 – Morning Bible Study – (see information at the end of this Messenger)

Sunday, September 19 – Confirmation class will resume (see message from Children & Youth Ministry)

Tuesday, September 21 – Evening Bible Study – (see information at the end of this Messenger)

Sunday, September 26 – Sunday School will resume (see message from Children & Youth Ministry)

Sunday, October 10 – **Blessing of the Animals** will be held from 3:00-5:00 PM on the North Green. Many details are being planned for this event and more information will follow very soon. (see flyer at the end of this Messenger)

Sunday, October 17 – **Laity Sunday** - News to come regarding opportunities for youth

Saturday, November 13 – **Fall Clean-Up Day at WUMC** – please see your Messenger. Great way for students to get community service hours for school.

Sunday, November 28 - **UMC Student Day** - - News to come regarding opportunities for you & college student participation

Children & Youth Ministry News

Thank you for a successful Rally Day kickoff to the Christian education year last Sunday.

Read Mark 9:30-37 with your family. Jesus says to be first you must be last. What did he mean? The teachings of Jesus are very different from the way most people think today. We live in a world where people want to be first. They want power and influence. They think that adults are more important than children, but in God's Kingdom, the children are just as important as anyone. Aren't you glad they are?

Join us for church school (through grade 8) on the North Green during the service on September 26 for a discussion about salt and saltiness. What did Jesus mean when he said we are the salt of the earth and we needed to stay salty? Come find out!

All children and teens are invited to join us for our first hike of the fall on Sunday, October 10, at 12:15 pm at the entrance to Orenaug Park on Park Rd. We will have a brief object lesson on Mark 9:2-5, On the Mountain Top, and short hike to the Fire Tower. Children younger than sixth grade need to be accompanied by a parent. Permissions will be available at the entrance to the park.

Confirmation class will resume this fall with a kick off meeting for teens, parents and mentors on Sunday, October 24 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please see Meg Temple if you have questions.

@ HOME RESOURCES for continued Christian Education

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

Mission & Outreach Ministry Message

Dear Friends in Christ at the Woodbury UMC,

Just a few weeks ago you were asked to consider supporting the people of Haiti after a devastating earthquake hit the poor island nation and caused a significant loss of life, property and livelihood. And even more recently Hurricane Ida made landfall on the coast of Louisiana and caused loss of life and great property damage all the way up to the northeastern states including Connecticut and the loss of a Connecticut State Trooper right here in Woodbury.

While the needs in Haiti continue and will for some time to come, we are now faced with a need for assistance for individuals in the Gulf Coast and in the tri-state region. This help can be offered now and in the future through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

One of the great celebrations of being a "connectional church" is that we can proudly proclaim how we are one of the only institutions actively dealing with Afghanistan refugees, a Haitian earthquake, western wildfires, and hurricane relief all at the same time. But, as you can imagine, the United Methodist Committee on Relief has been financially impacted by the magnitude of these events. Your generosity and faithfulness in extra-mile giving to UMCOR enables these life-saving and restorative ministries to continue.

If you would like to make a contribution to support those affected by Hurricane Ida:

Donations are welcome and should be offered through the United Methodist Committee on Relief, US Disaster Response and Recovery on their website.

[**To make a donation, please go here to give using the Advance #901670**](#)

If you would like to continue to support efforts in Haiti please go to **UMCOR, International Disaster Response on their website.**

[**To make a donation, please go here to give using the Advance #982450**](#)

Let us hold our brothers and sisters here and internationally in our hearts. May God give us open and willing spirits to attend to their needs. Every gift can make a difference.

Annual Fall Clean-Up Time at WUMC

Mark your calendar - Saturday, November 13, 2021. Members of the Board of Trustees and anyone who would like to volunteer to participate in the **Fall Clean-Up Day** should plan on being at the church for a 9 AM start – until finished. Leaves will be raked, windows will be washed and a variety of other necessities will be wrapped up for the winter months to follow. If anyone would like to help out, please bring your rakes, shovels, gloves and lots of energy. This is a great way for our youth to obtain community service hours for school as well. Come on down and see *Theron Kissinger*.

Kudo Korner

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Joann King*, Liturgist and Reader; *Christine Smith*, Greeter and Usher; *Matt Bodwell*, *Rod Carnes*, *Kate Keeler*, and *Sarah Kate Walkup*, Singers.

The Prayer Corner

Continued prayers for those suffering in both *Haiti* and *New Orleans*!

Condolences to *Linda* and *Jodi Rockhill* in the recent passing of Jodi's father; *Lawrence E. Rockhill* who was buried on Monday, September 13th. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Upcoming surgery: *Gary McClendon* is scheduled for back surgery on September 17th at St. Vincent's in Bridgeport.

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

Recovering at home: Lynne Brencher; Pat Kurtz; Carol Hennessey; Liam McGrath; Robert Mitchell, brother of Marci Lowman (the daughter-in-law of Marion Lowman); Amelia Eager (friend of the Temple family); Steve Thomas; Dominic Vaiuso, father of Karen Williams (Newtown); Carl Hinkle, father of Toby McGrath (Greensburg, PA); Donna Louise Burke, friend of Kathy Craig; 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.



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.** –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 reach Pastor J. Michael Cobb by email at pastormichael@woodburyumc.net. 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!

Woodbury UMC Adult Studies

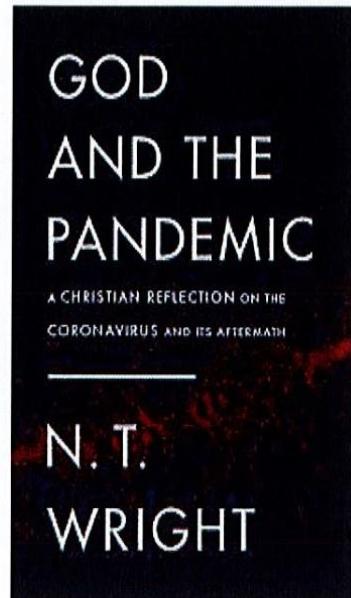
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***God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath* by NT Wright**

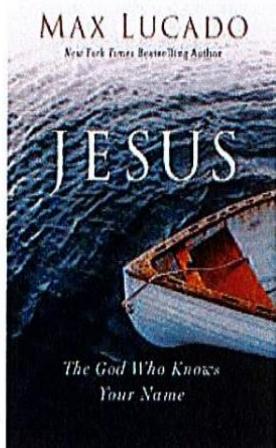
In *God and the Pandemic*, N.T. Wright uses both the Old and New Testaments to help Christians think through their reactions and responses to the pandemic. Offering spiritual guidance during a time of crisis, Wright helps readers reflect on scripture, prayer, and teachings from Jesus' life in order to think differently about disaster and how to react to it.

Gain insight on these questions:

- What should be the Christian response?
- How should we think about God?
- How do we live in the present?
- Why should we lament?
- What should we learn about ourselves?
- How do we recover?



Class will meet Sunday mornings before worship, starting September 19th, with details to come.



***Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name* by Max Lucado**

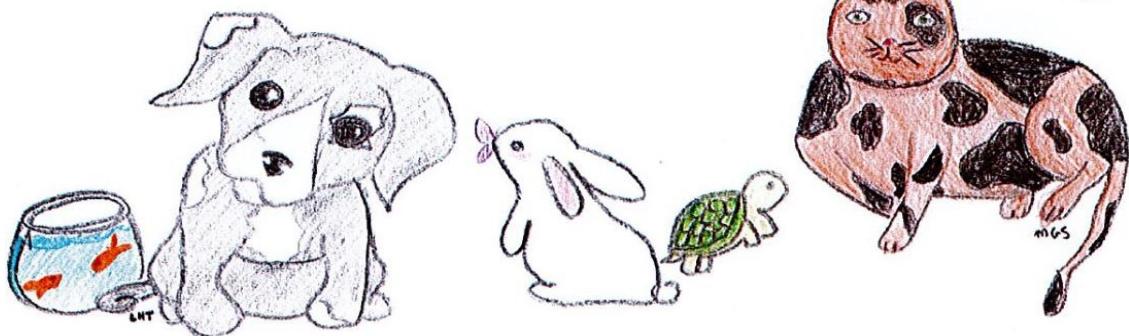
For thirty-three years Jesus felt everything you have ever felt. Weakness. Weariness. Sadness. Rejection. His feet got tired. And his head ached. He was tempted and his strength was tested. And you know why? Because in becoming human, Jesus made it possible for us to see God. His tears, God's tears. His voice, God's voice. Want to know what matters to God? Find out what matters to Jesus. Want to know what in the world God is doing? Ponder the words and life of Jesus.

Class will meet Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8pm, beginning September 21st, with details to come.

Books are readily available in the church office and on line for purchase. Please see Bud Behlman or Pastor Michael with any questions or to confirm your interest in participating in these studies.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



**WOODBURY NORTH GREEN
3PM SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER
10**

Join Us as we celebrate our animal companions!

All people and their pets are welcome!

Stuffed animals and pet photos are also very welcome!

We will have snacks for pets and people. *Pets must be on a leash, or in a carrier.*

Please join us even if you do not have a pet of your own.

This is a wonderful experience that everyone will enjoy!

Pet food collection to benefit the Woodbury Community Food Bank

More information at WoodburyUMC.net or at facebook.com/WoodburyUMCCT

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Please note date correction from last week's publication. Event is
Sunday, October 10th from 3-5:00 PM



WUMC Helping Hands Ministry

Vision Statement:

Provide an extended network of community volunteers for helping those with critical short-term needs, but without sufficient resources and families to whom they can turn.

Examples of Types of Services:

- Handyman projects (e.g., carpentry, painting, simple plumbing/electrical/car repairs, computer troubleshooting)
- Home upkeep (e.g., spring/fall cleanup)
- Transportation and delivery
- Family crisis support (e.g., child/elder/respite care, meals)
- Friendly visitor

Nominal Constraints:

- Short-term crisis support: 4-8 hours; 1-2 days
- Work projects: Ideally done in 1 day; up to \$200 for material cost
- Application approval predicated on resource availability and schedule

Please Contact: Woodbury United Methodist Church (WUMC) at WUMC@WoodburyUMC.net.

