



# Woodbury United Methodist Church

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Sunday, May 9, 2021

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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day

\*Please stand as you are able.

## WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

*In Spring*

Maurice Ravel

Christopher Shay, piano

GREETING

Rev. John Thomason

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

led by Rynn Naylor, Liturgist

based on Acts 10, Psalm 98, 1 John 5, John 15

from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*

Sing a new song,  
**a song of love for all.**

Sing of the Spirit of love,  
**the Spirit who loves us all.**

Sing of God's abiding love,  
**that we might love one another and all of the world.**

Sing a new song,  
**a song of love for all.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Baptized in Water*

Hymns sung by Morgan and Venetia Phillippe

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

led by Rynn Naylor

based on 1 John 5, John 15

**Spirit of Love, we come in search of love and in the hope of learning how to love as you love us. Help us to see others with your eyes of love. Help us to forgive and accept forgiveness as fully and**

**Outpatient treatments:** *Dave Brencher, Bob Asman, Mary Wilkins, sister of Barb Hunt (Rochester, NY); Dave Davison, father-in-law of Gary McClendon; 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:** 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 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.



**Open Flower Opportunities for our Sanctuary**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> - June 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>**

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Please contact the office by phone (203) 263-4775 or email [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net) if you would like to order flowers for one of those Sunday worship services.**

## Reminder of our June 6<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Plans are underway for Pastor John's Retirement Celebration. Due to COVID restrictions, we are planning to hold this event outside so more people can attend if their schedules allow, but we will be limited in number.

We urge you to **pre-register** if you haven't already because we are close to the 70 person capacity if we have to switch to indoors due to inclement weather. If we continue with our outside plans, we can accommodate over 100 people. The planning committee will be reaching out to various individuals who expressed an interest in helping coordinate all the details involved from set-up to clean-up and everything in between.

You can pre-register at our church website at [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net) by using this link: <https://rsvp.church/r/CqMXUVqE>, or you can call the church office (203) 263-4775 and leave a message.

If anyone would like to share a few comments, photos, videos – send your comments to [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net) and photos/videos should be sent to Theron at [theronk@hotmail.com](mailto:theronk@hotmail.com).

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## The Prayer Corner

**Congratulations** to *Alan and Barbara Rego* upon the birth of a grandson, *Zane Indy Goldberg*, on April 22 in Plymouth, MA. The proud parents are *Grady and Ashley (Rego) Goldberg*.

**Congratulations** to *Lindsey Behlman and Brett Toomes*, who were united in Christian marriage on May 2 in Hatboro, PA. Lindsey's proud parents are *Bud and JoAnn Behlman*. Pastor John officiated at the ceremony.

**In the hospital:** *Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman*, the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman* (St. Mary's ICU, Waterbury); *Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto* (VA Hospital, West Haven)

**In rehabilitation:** *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto* (Gaylord, Wallingford)

**Please remember** our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis*; their teachers: *Catherine Mason, Meg Temple, John Thomson*; and their mentors: *Mike Boisseau, Mollie Cole, Rev. Paul Hibbard, Carolyn Shay*.

**Recovering at home:** *Amanda Eager* (friend of the Temple family); *Liam McGrath; Caroline Cloud; John Fleming; 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*)

**confidently as you forgive. Love us, dear God, with the mercy and grace we need to abide in your love each and every day. In your love and grace, we pray. Amen.**

## WE RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS OF CHRIST'S FAMILY

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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*Alivia Marie Craig-Markey*

Parents: Dave Markey and Andi Craig

Grandparents: Kevin and Lynette Markey, Kathy Craig

Godparents: Dorothy Markey, Amber Craig, Peter Craig,  
George Rompre

*Victoria Azul Cruz*

Parents: Hector Cruz-Craig and Cristal Gonzalez

Grandparents: Kathy Craig and Leocadia Rivera

Godparents: Amber Craig and Jason Williams

Brothers and sisters in Christ, through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present *Alivia Marie Craig-Markey* and *Victoria Azul Cruz* for baptism.

### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

*Pastor to the parents and godparents:*

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

Will you nurture these children in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

**I will.**

*Pastor to the congregation:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

#### Consecration of the Water

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory. **Amen.**

#### Baptism with Laying on of Hands

*Name*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to come our new sisters in Christ.

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

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By Transfer from Another United Methodist Church

*Dave Markey*

**Please note:** 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 are also archived on the church's website 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#.

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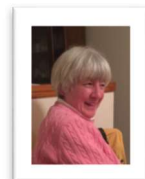
### Meetings for the Week

**Wed., May 12** – 7:00 PM – Board of Trustee Meeting (Zoom)

**Thurs., May 13** – 7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting (Zoom)

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### **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BETSY LOVE** **Saturday, May 22, 2:00 PM**



Long-time church member *Betsy Love* died on May 8, 2020 at her home in Woodbury. Because of COVID restrictions, the memorial service was delayed until a time when Betsy's family and friends could safely gather. The service will be held on Saturday, May 22, at 2:00 PM in the WUMC sanctuary. Because out-of-town guests and community friends will be attending the service, it is important for our own church members to pre-register. A link will be available on our church website, or you may call the church to make a reservation.

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### **Memorial Day is right around the corner!**

**Memorial Day Parade:** Woodbury's Parks & Recreation Dept. has announced that they will be sponsoring a parade on Sunday, May 30, 2021, rain or shine. Marchers will meet at Woodbury Middle School at 1:00 p.m. and the parade will step off at 2:00 p.m. All Covid protocols (masks and social distancing) will be observed. Unfortunately, there is an age restriction this year. Marchers must be at least 18 years of age or older. If you would like to participate, please let Lynn Cullen (203-405-3083) know before May 13<sup>th</sup>. We have a limited number of "Open Doors" red tee shirts (size Large) if anyone would like to purchase one for \$10.00 to wear in the parade.



*(Lydia & Samuel Temple – 2016 WUMC Parade Participants)*

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*Rev. John Thomason, Pastor*

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*Chris Shay, Director of Music*

*Kathy Craig, Office Administrator*

*Mark Davis, Lay Leader*

## Mission Statement

*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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## Week of May 9, 2021

**Visitors are warmly welcomed!** We invite you to sign the worship register as it is passed during the announcements, or fill out a visitor's card found on the table in the hallway entrance. If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available in the narthex.

**If you would like to become a member** of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to the pastor. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

**Today is the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** on the Christian calendar. The Easter season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost, and focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the gift of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter (John 20:22-23) and the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). The liturgical color is white.

**Today is also Mother's Day and Festival of the Christian Home** on the United Methodist calendar. This day honors all mothers and celebrates the gift of Christian homes. We hope you enjoy your small token of our appreciation as you entered the sanctuary today.

**Thanks** to all those who are making special contributions to our worship service today: *Rynn Naylor*, Liturgist and Reader; *Morgan* and *Venetia Phillippe*, Singers.

**The flowers in the chancel** are given today by *Kathy Craig*, "to the glory of God and in celebration of her granddaughters, *Alivia Marie* and *Victoria's* baptisms."

## Reception into the Local Congregation

As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

**I will.**

## Commendation and Welcome

*Pastor to the congregation:*

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES, GIFTS, AND CANDLES

## WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rynn Naylor

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by Rynn Naylor

Lessons for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B  
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

