

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

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis.*

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*)

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)

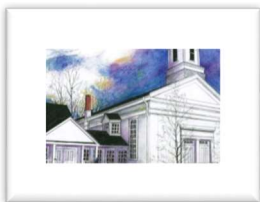


Homebound members: *Florence Brown, Linda Bailey*

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



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Sunday, May 23, 2021

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Pentecost Sunday

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

PRELUDE *Surely the Presence of the Lord/Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Spirit of the Living God*

Christopher Shay, Kate Keeler

THE PROCLAMATION OF PENTECOST Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)
New Testament Lesson for Pentecost Sunday
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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#.

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.

WUMC will not be marching in the parade this year because of the age limit with no children involved. *Meg Temple* is recruiting anyone interested in being a presence in front of our church on Main Street by 1:30 PM. If you would like to participate, please let Meg know. 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)



Reminder of our June 6th 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 by using this link: <https://rsvp.church/r/CqMXUVqE>, or you can call the church office (203) 263-4775 and leave a message.

The Prayer Corner:

In the hospital: *Kinley Mae Drown-Burr*, infant daughter of *Jessamie Drown*, the cousin of *Bud Behlman* (Yale New Haven Neo-Natal ICU); *Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto* (VA Hospital, West Haven)

Outpatient treatment: *Liam McGrath* (May 21 in New York City)

Home from the hospital: *Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman*, the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*

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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.

Week of May 23, 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 Pentecost Sunday on the Christian calendar. Pentecost is the 50th and last day of the Easter Season, when the Church received the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). The liturgical color is red, symbolizing the tongues of fire associated with the coming of the Spirit.

Thanks to all those who are making special contributions to our worship service today: *Kate Keeler*, Liturgist; *Rod Carnes*, Reader; *Kate Keeler*, Children's Time; *Matt Bodwell*, *Rod Carnes*, *Dylan* and *Kate Keeler*, Singers/Musicians.

The flowers in the chancel are given today by the *Hibbard* family, "to the glory of God and in loving memory of their dear friend, *Betsy Love*."

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.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

- 1 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

led by Rod Carnes

from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*

based on Acts 2, Romans 8, John 15

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come as tongues of fire to enliven us. Come as sighs too deep for words to comfort us. Come as our Advocate to guide us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*OPENING SONG

Reckless Love

Cory Asbury

Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Dylan & Kate Keeler

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

led by Rod Carnes

from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021*

based on Acts 2, Psalm 104, Romans 8, John 15

Wind of God, present since before creation, fall on us now. Whisper to us. Shout to us. Comfort and guide us. Alight on us anew, and revive our own spirits to love and serve. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

led by Kate Keeler

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Kate Keeler

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by Rod Carnes

Lessons for Pentecost Sunday, Year B
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:22-27 (*NRSV*)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (*NRSV*)

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Spirit of the Living God

SERMON

Missing Person

Rev. Thomason

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

In Your Midst

Allie Paige

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomason

*POSTLUDE

Butterfly Song

Howard