

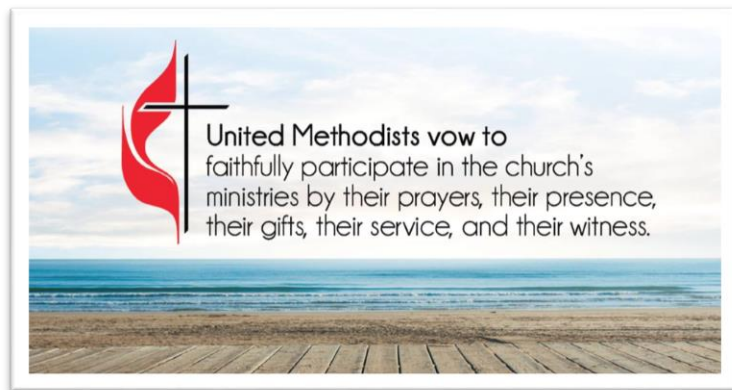
## Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone.

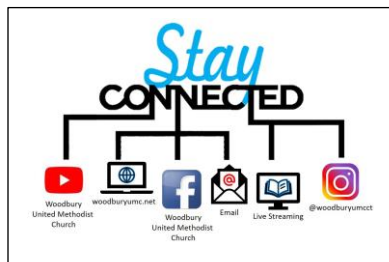
We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world.

Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

**Love is Spoken Here!**



Woodbury  
United Methodist Church



Sunday, November 14, 2021

***Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors***

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# Woodbury United Methodist Church

**November 14, 2021**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

\*Please stand as you are able.

## WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Hold on to Me* Laura Diagle  
Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Kate Keeler, Sarah Kate Walkup

GREETING Pastor Michael Cobb

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Led by Pastor Cobb, Liturgist  
The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

**We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.**

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

**We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.**

We lift our eyes to the Lord.

**God created the heavens and the earth**

We raise our voices in songs and speech

**We raise our voices in prayer and praise.**

Lord, hear our prayers, accept our praise.

**Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings of peace.**

How shall we enter the house of the Lord?

**With songs of great praise and rejoicing!**

How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?

**With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.**

Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.

**Let us offer our praise to God who has redeemed us.**

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

**Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN #399 *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*  
Hymns Led by the WUMC Chancel Choir

Tear off here and place into the offering plate if desired or mail into office with payment



Each Christmas season, our sanctuary is beautifully decorated with holiday trimmings and poinsettias. As the season approaches, we are now taking orders for the poinsettias, which may be in honor of, in celebration of, or in memory of one or more loved ones. A list of acknowledgments will be printed in the church bulletin on Sunday, December 19 and Christmas Eve.

**Poinsettias are \$12.00 each.** We encourage you to take your flower(s) home with you after the service on Christmas Eve.

You may order your flower(s) by filling out the form below, and placing it in the collection plate, or returning it to the church office accompanied by a check or cash for total amount (a folder marked Poinsettias Orders is available on the office mail station). All checks should be made out to Woodbury United Methodist Church. **All orders must be placed no later than Tuesday, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

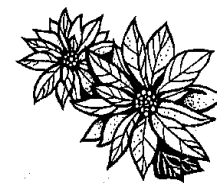
In honor/celebration/memory of: (circle appropriate one)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(If more space is required, please attach a separate piece of paper)

\_\_\_\_\_ Red poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity

\_\_\_\_\_ White poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity



***Please be sure to list all the necessary information so follow-up calls do not have to be made. Thanks!***

The Community Services Council of Woodbury



# Santa's Workshop



GIFTS FOR OUR LOCAL FRIENDS IN NEED  
CHILDREN – ADULTS - SENIORS

The following donations are requested for the 2021  
Holiday Season....



## Small Generic (unwrapped) Adult Gifts

*Example: Cozy slipper socks, warm throws, puzzles,  
hand cream, special coffees & teas*

## Wrapping Paper (sealed)

**Note: For donations of children's gifts or gift certificates  
please visit**

***New Morning Market or the Woodbury Public Library  
where "Giving Trees" are displayed.***

**Donation deadline is 12/3.**

***Items may be dropped off at the Woodbury Public Library.***

**Questions - 203-510-9905**

## WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Pastor Cobb

Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. You called us from slavery into witness and service. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. For we offer this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Pastor Cobb

ANTHEM

*Better than a Hallelujah*  
Praise Band

Hart/Hartford

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

read by Grace Walkup

Old Testament Reading Judges 7:1-8a, pg. 269

One day Gideon and all his men got up early and camped beside Harod Spring. The Midianite camp was in the valley to the north of them by Moreh Hill.

The LORD said to Gideon, "The men you have are too many for me to give them victory over the Midianites. They might think that they had won by themselves, and so give me no credit. Announce to the people, 'Anyone who is afraid should go back home, and we will stay here at Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand went back, but ten thousand stayed.

Then the LORD said to Gideon, "You still have too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will separate them for you there. If I tell you a man should go with you, he will go. If I tell you a man should not go with you, he will not go." Gideon took the men down to the water, and the LORD told him, "Separate everyone who laps up the water with his tongue like a dog, from everyone who gets down on his knees to drink." There were three hundred men who scooped up water in their hands and lapped it; all the others got down on their knees to drink. The LORD said to Gideon, "I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites with the three hundred men who lapped the water. Tell everyone else to go home." So Gideon sent all the Israelites home, except the three

hundred, who kept all the supplies and trumpets. The Midianite camp was below them in the valley.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #389

*Freely, Freely*

SERMON

Ms. Shannon Cobb, Certified Lay Servant

### **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor Cobb

Wise and Patient God, we know what you want us to do, but we are far too often hesitant to follow through for you. You give us multiple blessings and ask that we develop these gifts and use them to help others. To each one of us you have given gifts which can be used to help others. Each gift and talent is precious in your sight. Rather than compete with others to see who has the greater talent, let us use the gifts we have been given joyfully.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*On Eagles Wings*

Joncas/Hayes

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Cobb

One of the greatest gifts is the gift of prayer. And we have brought before you, Lord, the concerns which have been weighing on our hearts. Touch the lives of all these people and situations with you healing love. Give each one a sense of your powerful presence. Flood their lives with hope and peace. Help each one of us to be workers for you. Help us to trust in your abiding presence and love for us. There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we bring these tokens to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts. Help these gifts and givers to be your witnesses throughout the world. Challenge us to use the gifts and to honor the giver, for we ask these things in Jesus's Name. AMEN.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Cobb

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Cobb

### **WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

CLOSING HYMN #2153 (TFWS)

(see next page)

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*



## **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](mailto:WUMC@WoodburyUMC.net).



- **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#.

## SAVE THE DATES

**Tuesday, November 23 – Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service** – 6:30 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Woodbury. Pastor Cobb will be preaching that night.

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

**Poinsettias ordering has begun** – please see information in today's bulletin – the deadline to place your order is Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Payment must accompany the order.

**Tuesday, December 21 – Blue Christmas Worship Service** – 7:00 PM at WUMC

**Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Services** – watch for more details

## THE PRAYER CORNER

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

**Recovering at home:** *Laura Brush*; *Gary McClendon*; *Pat Kurtz*; *Lynne Brencher*; *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:** *Annabelle Cloud*, *Cody Cordova*, *Zachary Cordova*, *James Levario*, *Matthew Shupenis*

**Homebound members:** *Florence Brown*, *Linda Bailey*



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.

GRACE

## 2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me \_\_\_\_\_

an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me \_\_\_\_\_

an - y - where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

WORDS: African American spiritual  
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. by Wendell Whalum  
 Arr. © Estate of Wendell Whalum

I'M GONNA LIVE  
 Irregular

## BENEDICTION

Shannon Cobb  
As you have been blessed, now go to be a blessing to others. Go, bringing the news of peace and hope, of healing and love. Go and the God of peace will always go with you.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**In the name of Christ. Amen!**

## POSTLUDE

*You are the Light of the World*

Schwartz

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### Shannon Cobb

Shannon Cobb is a Lay Servant in the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and speaks a few times a year from the pulpit. She is currently President and CEO of Ann's Place, providing help and hope to those living with cancer and to their loved ones and has more than 25 years of experience in nonprofit agencies across the country including United Way, Volunteer New York, CASA, Lutheran Social Services and more.

When Shannon is not at work, she can be found each week guiding and mentoring middle school youth at Jesse Lee Memorial UMC in Ridgefield. She is delighted this gives her opportunity to play games such as laser tag and capture the flag. Ms. Cobb has a Bachelor of Arts from Gettysburg College, and is a graduate of the Parent Leadership Training Institute in Danbury. She loves spending time with her two boys and college sweetheart, taking photos while exploring a new trail, and losing herself in a good puzzle.

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*Rev. J. Michael Cobb*, Pastor

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*Mark Davis*, Lay Leader

*Kathy Craig*, Office Administrator

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### Week of November 14, 2021

**Visitors are warmly welcomed!** If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available on the table at the registration area.

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

**Today is the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** on the Christian calendar. The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. The liturgical color is green, symbolizing growth in Christ.

**Thanks** to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Ms. Shannon Cobb*, Certified Lay Servant; *Rev. Michael Cobb*, Liturgist and Reader; Grae Walkup, Reader; *Sherry Swanhall* and *Meg Temple*, Greeters and Ushers; the *WUMC Chancel Choir*, Singers, the *WUMC Praise Band*, Singers and Musicians; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician. (see Shannon's bio at the back of the bulletin)

**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: