

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/respice 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.



Woodbury United Methodist Church



Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

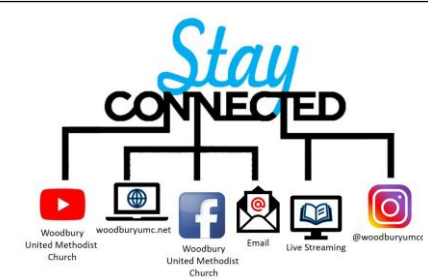
We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone.

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!

Sunday, October 24, 2021



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
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Woodbury United Methodist Church

October 24, 2021
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Faith* Jay Stacker

GREETING Pastor Michael Cobb

*CALL TO WORSHIP James Levario, Liturgist

In the midst of darkness, there is light.

In the midst of blindness, we will be given sight.

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, brings healing love to us.

Let the light of Jesus' love, breakthrough our blindness and fill our world with glory.

Tear away the bonds that trap us in darkness, Lord.

Wipe away all our fears so that we may boldly proclaim your Love.

Are there people who have influenced your life in negative ways?

There are people who only want to see the sorrow and sadness.

Are there people who have tried to bring you into despair?

There are people so entrapped in their own misery that they cannot think in other ways.

Come to the Lord, whose brightness and truth, will give you new light and insight.

Bring us to your Light, Lord Jesus, that we may be strengthened to withstand the darkness and bring that light to others.

Give us courage to stand for truth and justice.

Give us wisdom to reach out in compassion to others.

Transform our lives.

Reform our souls.

Bring us to a new day in your kingdom, O Lord.

Bring us to a new way of serving you with great joy, O Lord.

*OPENING HYMN #101 (UMH) *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*
Hymns led by the WUMC Chancel Choir

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, October 31 – JOINT CHURCH CONFERENCE for Valley Parish Congregations Meeting – 3:00 PM – Zoom.

Wednesday, November 3 – ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE 7:00 PM – Zoom

Sunday, November 7 – All Saint's Day Worship Service – please submit any names to be read during worship to the office no later than November 1st.

Saturday, November 13 – Fall Clean-Up Day at WUMC – please see your Messenger. Great way for students to get community service hours for school. Please let Theron Kissinger know if you are able to help out that day.

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

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 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.

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Mark Davis, Lay Leader
Kathy Craig, Office Administrator Chris Shay, Director of Music

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Week of October 24, 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 22nd 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: *James Levario and John Thomas*, Liturgists and Readers, *Joann King*, Greeter and Usher; the *WUMC Chancel Choir*, Singers; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

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#.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) John Thomas, Liturgist

God our healer, source of everlasting mercy, give us the courage to cry out in our need when the crowd seeks to silence us, as did blind Bartimaeus outside Jericho; give us the wisdom to admit our limitations and accept our limited understanding, as did Job before us; give us the confidence to sing your praises in the midst of fear and doubt, as the psalmist did in David's court. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. Grant us your healing balm, O God, that we may be truly made well and whole and follow you all the days of our lives. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hopson

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE read by John Thomas

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9, pg. 855

The LORD says,

"Sing with joy for Israel, the greatest of the nations. Sing your song of praise, 'The LORD has saved his people; he has rescued all who are left.' I will bring them from the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. The blind and the lame will come with them, pregnant women and those about to give birth. They will come back a great nation. My people will return weeping, praying as I lead them back. I will guide them to streams of water, on a smooth road where they will not stumble. I am like a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my oldest son."

*Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52, pg. 64 read by James Levario

They came to Jericho, and as Jesus was leaving with his disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus son of Timaeus was sitting by the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!"

Many of the people scolded him and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call

him.” So they called the blind man. “Cheer up!” they said. “Get up, he is calling you.” So he threw off his cloak, jumped up, and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. “Teacher,” the blind man answered, “I want to see again.” “Go,” Jesus told him, “your faith has made you well.” At once he was able to see and followed Jesus on the road.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #454 (UMH) *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SERMON Pastor Cobb

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Our prayer this morning is that our offering will multiply our blessings so that our neighbors next door and across the globe might be nourished in body, mind, and spirit. Moved by God’s love of us and in gratitude for our blessings, let us take up our offering with joy and a generosity of spirit.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN #2071(TFWS) (see next page)
Jesus, Name Above All Names

OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Cobb

Mighty God, just as you restore sight to the blind and benevolence to the afflicted, use these offerings to provide refuge for the lost and mercy for those who suffer. May our gifts find those who cry out in their need and who seek you with their whole hearts. We ask this in Jesus’s name, the name above all names. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

CLOSING HYMN #89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

BENEDICTION Pastor Cobb

We once were broken, but now are whole.

We go with peace in our hearts.

We once were blind, but now we see.

We go with hope for our lives.

We once were lost, but now are found.

We go with joy and thanksgiving.

We once were alone, but now are family.

We go with God.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen!

POSTLUDE *Salvation unto Us has Come* Walther

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Jesus, Name above All Names 2071

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is

with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

WORDS: Naida Hearn (Matt. 1:23; John 1:14; Phil. 2:9)
MUSIC: Naida Hearn

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES
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