

# Church Conference Schedule

**Please note:** The upcoming meetings are Church Conferences in which all members may participate and vote. (A Charge Conference involves members of the Church Council only.)

**Sunday, October 25** – Joint Church Conference for Valley Parish congregations (virtual; 3:00 PM)

**Friday, October 30** – WUMC Church Conference (virtual), 6:00 PM

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## Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, October 11, 2020

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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

## WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

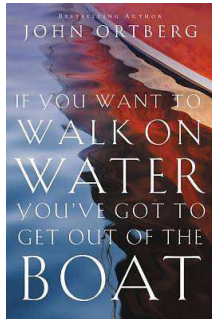
- 1) Books have arrived and are available for \$11 each and you may be able to purchase in the Narthex after Worship service; by calling the church office (203-263-4775); and by contacting Bud Behlman (203) 206-9276.
- 2) Bible Study/Fellowship begins on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> (6:30 – 8:00 PM)
- 3) Meeting will be in-person in Fellowship Hall noting the usual safety protocols will be followed with masks being required, and please bring your own book and Bible.
- 4) Meeting will be held simultaneously online and on the phone
  - Phone-in option: Call (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 838 4151 6435 and Passcode: 405251381
  - Online (Zoom) option: <https://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 838 4151 6435 and Passcode: !WUMC2020
- 5) Contact Bud Behlman with any questions at 203-206-9276 or <mailto:budbehlman@charter.net>

## Mid-Week Bible Study Continues

Have you missed the self-reflection, spiritual nourishment, and Christian fellowship of our mid-week studies? Were you hoping to join a mid-week study for the first time this Fall?

If so, please plan to join the 6-session study based on John Ortberg's award-winning book,

***"If You Want To Walk On Water... You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat"***



Chapters include:

- What's Water Walking?
- The Tragedy of The Unopened Gift
- Find Your Calling And Get Your Feet Wet!
- Facing Our Challenges, Conquering Our Fears
- Good News For Cave Dwellers
- Learning To Wait On Our Big God

THIS STUDY HELPS YOU ANSWER CHRIST'S CALL TO GREATER FAITH AND A NEW WAY OF KNOWING HIM. AS A RESULT, YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- Recognize God's presence
- Discern between faith and foolishness
- Not only expect problems, but field them when they come
- Reorient your thoughts about failure and see it as an opportunity to grow
- Wait on the Lord
- And, ultimately, connect more deeply with God

Understanding these are unpredictable times, we are planning to offer the series both online and in person (if State and Conference guidelines permit), beginning Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Joann King

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by Joann King

Lessons for the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14 (NRSV)  
*The Golden Calf*

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land

that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Responsorial Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
*A Confession of Israel's Sins*

Sung Response:  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Praise the LORD!  
**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,  
or declare all his praise?  
**Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.**  
Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;  
help me when you deliver them;  
**that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
that I may glory in your heritage.**

*Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Both we and our ancestors have sinned;  
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

**They made a calf at Horeb  
and worshiped a cast image.**  
They exchanged the glory of God  
for the image of an ox that eats grass.  
**They forgot God, their Savior,  
who had done great things in Egypt,**  
wondrous works in the land of Ham,  
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

Therefore he said he would destroy them—  
**had not Moses, his chosen one,  
stood in the breach before him,  
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.**

*Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.*

New Testament Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9  
*Exhortations*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *I've Got Peace Like a River*

SERMON *Praiseworthy and Trustworthy* Rev. Thomason

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

SILENT REFLECTION

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Lord of All Hopefulness*

**WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

BENEDICTION Rev. Thomason

POSTLUDE *Salvation Unto Us Has Come* J. S. Bach