

Woodbury Food Bank Information Continued

- Liquid dish detergent & laundry detergent (both scented and free & clear)
- Paper products including paper towels, toilet paper & napkins

Also, September is our month to provide volunteers on Fridays. Fridays in September are the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. A minimum of two volunteers are needed from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Check your calendar and see what Friday might work for you, then look for a sign-up sheet at church in the next couple of weeks. Or you can contact *Paul Hibbard*, Mission & Outreach Team Chair, and let him know when you would be available.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Now's Your Chance to be a Servant of God

If you've ever loved to read and dreamed of being a liturgist, love to teach a lesson to children, love to greet and meet people, pass the plate or children be enriched by learning how to become an acolyte... there will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex to volunteer for any of these enlightening activities.



Please consider volunteering and being involved in our church. If there are questions, please reach out to Venetia Phillippe (morgansmom71@gmail.com) or Pastor Michael Cobb (pastormichael@woodburyumc.net).

Beginning **Sept. 5th** we would like to include college students, out of state viewers, and homebound viewers to take part remotely in our Worship service whether it be "Live" or pre-recorded by volunteering as a participant for liturgist or children's time. Email Kathy Craig at wumc@woodburyumc.net to have her add your name on the volunteer sign-up sheet. If you have any questions about the remote participation, please contact Theron Kissinger, our audio-visual tech at theronk@hotmail.com.

Thank you and God Bless!
Venetia Phillippe, Worship Chair



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Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, July 25, 2021

REMINDER - our summer worship time is at 9:30 AM.

Please remember to pre-register if you are planning on attending.

Communion Sunday will be celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month.

If you cannot attend and would like to receive Communion, please be sure to let us know if you would like to pick up your package or if we can make a home delivery. We'd be happy to do so, if requested.

A Message from CRT. . .

Until further notice, please remember your mask to protect yourself and others too!



(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*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)



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.

MISSION & OUTREACH UPDATE

Donation and Volunteer opportunities for the Woodbury Food Bank

Donations for the Woodbury Food Bank can be brought to the church at any time and left in Food Bank box in the office entryway. However, in August we will be reinstating our special Food Bank collections on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

On Sunday, August 15th, please bring a food item from the priority list below and leave it in the donation box.

Special priority needs:

- Chicken, beef & vegetable broths
- Priority soups: Chicken combo, beef combo, minestrone, vegetable, lentil, pea, Italian wedding & chowder
- Priority canned meats/fish: Hash, chili, pork & beans, beef stew, salmon, chicken
- Juice bottles, especially apple, grape, orange, cranberry & cranberry mixes
- Assorted fruit cups, canned pears & canned pineapples
- Canned tomatoes, especially tomato sauce and whole, diced & stewed tomatoes
- Canned cannellini beans, canned spinach, canned olives & canned mushrooms
- Pancake/waffle mixes
- Cereals & oatmeal
- Quick bread mixes & muffin mixes
- Brownie mixes
- Canned & boxed potatoes (plain & flavored)
- Condiments including syrup, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing & mayo
- Regular, half-caf & decaf ground coffee, and regular & decaf teas
- Cooking oils including canola, vegetable, corn & olive

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 9th 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: Abby, Annabelle, and Jack Cloud, *Liturgist* and *Readers*, the Cloud family, Singers; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

Our floral tribute today was given by *Kathy Craig*, “to the glory of God and in celebration of her daughter *Amber’s* 24th birthday celebrating on July 29.”

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#.

Save the Dates

Sunday, August 29, 2021 we will be worshipping at the pavilion in Hollow Park at 10:30 AM and continuing on with our annual picnic beginning immediately after worship until 3:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, games, food donations, and clean-up. Watch your Messenger for more details. We look forward to seeing you at the Hollow!

Sunday, September 12, 2021 – Rally Day – Watch your Messenger for more information.

THE PRAYER CORNER

In the hospital: *Kinley Mae Drown-Burr*, infant daughter of *Bud Behlman’s* cousin, *Jessamie Drown* (Yale-New Haven)

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

Recovering at home: *Linda Rockhill*; *Carol Hennessey*; *Liam McGrath*; *Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto*; *Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amanda Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *Steve Thomas*; *Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Robert Ayers*, father of *Tacy Nettleton*

Woodbury United Methodist Church

July 25, 2021

9th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Runyan
Annabelle Cloud, Flute

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Jack Cloud

Fools say in their hearts: “There is no God.” The faithful prove the foolishness of these words, not with their words, but with their actions.

Why have you come to this place?

We are tired in body and spirit.

Why have you come today?

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and eat your fill.

But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.

There is plenty for all.

Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

Come! Let us worship.

*OPENING HYMN (*UMH #79*) *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*
Hymns led by the Cloud family

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) led by Annabelle Cloud

God of gentle rains and warm sun, God who encourages growth; we are creatures who sometimes grow quickly, and sometimes get stuck. God of freedom, of liberation, of binding ropes being cut; we are bound in ways we don't always understand or recognize. God of exodus and exile and homecoming, God who calls us to leave where we are and come home; help us to have the courage to make the journey and to trust in the path. God of health and healing, God who wants us to be made whole; we come as people who are wounded in body and in spirit, people who seek healing. God who has laid out a way for us to live, who has given us rules for living in community; we come as people who sometimes go astray, people who stretch the rules. God of Grace, we come as people who live through that

Grace. And so we praise you for the growth, we rejoice in being set free, we dance along the path that leads us home, we give thanks for the healing we have received, we relax in the knowledge that we are forgiven and we live as people of Grace. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME led by Pastor Michael

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE read by Abby Cloud

*Gospel Reading: John 6:1-21 (NRSV)

HYMN OF PREPARATION (UMH #599)

Break Thou the Bread of Life

SERMON

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *More Precious Than Silver* Lynn DeShazo

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

CLOSING HYMN (UMH #175) *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

BENEDICTION

Since you are being rooted and grounded in love, we pray Christ will live in your hearts through faith.

We pray you will have strength by the power of Christ's Spirit according to his glorious riches.

We pray that you will have power to know and understand with all the saints of

God, just how wide, how long, how high, and how deep the love of God really is.

We pray the fullness of God will fill you through and through.

All: Now to God, our Creator; Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit, our sustainer, who is able to do far more than we could ever dream of according to the power that works in us; be glory in the church from now to the end of the age. Amen.

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

POSTLUDE *O Thou of God the Father* J.S. Bach

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NOTE: Summer hours (July & August) - Tues.-Thurs. 9 AM – 1 PM

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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 July 25, 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 in the hallway at the top of the stairs.