



Woodbury United Methodist Church



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Sunday, April 25, 2021

The Prayer Corner:

In the hospital: *Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto* (VA Hospital, West Haven)

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

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis*; their teachers: *Catherine Mason, Meg Temple, John Thomason*; and their mentors: *Mike Boisseau, Mollie Cole, Rev. Paul Hibbard, Carolyn Shay*.

Recovering at home: *Liam McGrath; Caroline Cloud; Amelia Eager* (friend of the Temple family); *Brett Toomes* (fiancé of *Lindsey Behlman*); *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 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.

HAPPY '82' BIRTHDAY TODAY TO BOB ASMAN, a long-time member and friend of the Woodbury United Methodist Church. We wish you many, many more Bob!!!

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME led by Anabelle, Jack, and Amanda Cloud

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Amanda Cloud

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS read by Annabelle Cloud
Lessons for the 4th Sunday of Easter, Year B
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

Responsorial Psalm 23 (NRSV)
The Divine Shepherd

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

*Gospel Lesson: John 10:11-18 (NRSV)
Jesus the Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this

reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one take it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

SERMON *Sheep Story* Rev. Thomason

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

BENEDICTION Rev. Thomason

*POSTLUDE *Minuet from The Suite Bergamasque* Debussy

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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 April 25, 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 the 4th Sunday of Easter on the Christian calendar. The Easter season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost, and focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the gift of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter (John 20:22-23) and the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). The liturgical color is white.

Thanks to all those who are making special contributions to our worship service today: *Annabelle Cloud*, Liturgist and Reader; *Annabelle, Jack*, and *Amanda Cloud*, Children's Time; *Amanda Cloud*, Singer.

The flowers in the chancel are given today by *Rynn Naylor*, "to the glory of God and in memory of her beloved mother-in-law *Paula Girard*, gone one year but not forgotten."