



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.

Changes to WUMC COVID Safety Protocols - June 20, 2021

We are pleased to announce that WUMC's COVID Reopening Team recommended and Church Council approved changes to our COVID Safety Protocols, as summarized below. These changes, which will be introduced over the next several weeks, represent our next step toward normalcy. These changes are made possible by Connecticut's sustained positivity rate of well below 1%, continued drop in hospitalizations, and a vaccination participation of almost 60% fully vaccinated and almost 10% partially vaccinated. We also will ensure that each week our Pastor and worship team are fully vaccinated. However, due to the unknown vaccination status of our congregation and the fact that our children and youth under the age of 12 are not vaccinated, **we ask that all members of our congregation continue to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.**

- Return of Pastor greeting line (socially distanced)
- Transition to every other pew seating
- Congregation is allowed to sing while masked
- Plexiglass shields removed for vaccinated worship team members
- Allow praise band and ensemble of 3-4 singers, who are fully vaccinated
- Return of hymnals and Bibles to pews
- Return of bell choir
- Return of passing of the offering plate
- Return of candle lighting by an acolyte
- Return of more personal communication

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Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, June 27, 2021

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

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

Also, Communion Sunday will be celebrated on July 11th with Pastor Cobb leading us in worship for the first time.

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!



Further changes with WUMC COVID Safety Protocols are listed on the back of this bulletin

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#.

THE PRAYER CORNER

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

Upcoming surgery: *Linda Rockhill* (June 29 at Naugatuck Valley Surgical Center, Waterbury)

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

Recovering at home: *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* (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)

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis*

Homebound members: *Florence Brown, Linda Bailey*

Please continue to remember: *Lawrence “Ed” Rockhill*, father-in-law of *Linda Rockhill* (River Glen, Southbury); 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*).



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Church office hours: Tuesday- Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM

NOTE: Summer hours begin Tuesday, July 6 - will be Tues.-Thurs. 9 AM – 1 PM

Rev. John Thomason, Pastor

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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 June 27, 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.

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 5th 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: *Rev. Paul Hibbard*, Spiritual Leadership; *Rynn Naylor*, Liturgist; *Venetia Phillippe*, Singer; *Rev. Hibbard*, Children's Time; *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.

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June 27, 2021

5th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

Freely, Freely

Owens

Christopher Shay, keyboard

GREETING

Rev. Paul Hibbard

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Rynn Naylor, Liturgist

(Adapted from Lamentations 3:22-33)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

The Lord will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

*OPENING HYMN #529

How Firm a Foundation

Hymns led by Venetia Phillippe

*OPENING PRAYER

led by Rynn Naylor

Dear God, we thank You for being with us throughout every season of the life of this church, whether they are endings or beginnings. We thank You for Your word, which reminds us that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. We praise You for

all that You have done among us these past eight years under the pastoral leadership of Pastor John, and place our trust in You because we know You have a plan for something new and wonderful. May your Holy Spirit fall afresh on us in this hour and prepare us for all that is yet to come. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME led by Rev. Hibbard
THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Hibbard
THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rynn Naylor

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING read by Rynn Naylor
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, pg. 726
*GOSPEL READING read by Rynn Naylor
Mark 5:21-43, pp. 54-55
*HYMN OF PREPARATION #383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*
SERMON *Constantly Changing* Rev. Hibbard

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION
THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS
*OFFERTORY HYMN #707 *Hymn of Promise*

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Hibbard

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G

Bach

