

Woodbury  
United Methodist Church



Sunday, February 20, 2022

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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

\*Please stand as you are able.

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## WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Minute from the B flat Partita* JS Bach

GREETING Rev. Paul Hibbard

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Diane Hibbard, Liturgist  
Come and learn the ways of life.  
**We have come to follow Jesus.**  
Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.  
**We have come to follow Jesus.**  
Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.  
**We have come to follow Jesus.**  
Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.  
**We have come to follow Jesus.**  
Come and learn the ways of life.

\*OPENING ANTHEM #2006 (TFWS) *Lord God, Almighty* (see insert)

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)  
**Loving God, we come before you today, seeking your blessings and your protection from the allure of sin. Heal us with your love, that we might love one another. Show us the truth we have found in Jesus. Embolden our courage, that we may seize the opportunities you place before us. Strengthen our resolve to spread your word and ways, and remind us that your guidance is always present through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

ANTHEM *God is so Good* Wagner

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Read by Diane Hibbard

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:27-38

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to

receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

\*ANTHEM OF PREPARATION #389      *Freely, Freely*      UM Hymnal

SERMON      *“Easier Said Than Done”*      Rev. Paul Hibbard

### **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus said, “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over . . . for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” Now is the time to present our gifts and offerings to God with praise and thanks. Let us now make our offering.

#### THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      *His Eye is on the Sparrow*      Gabriel

#### DOXOLOGY

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, your goodness and generosity are limitless and eternal. We bring before you our gifts, as echoes of your generosity, that they may be used for good. We know that it is more blessed to give than to receive. May our giving be a sign of this blessing for others and for our course in faith. Amen.**

### **WE SEEK GOD’S PRESENCE IN PRAYER**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS      Rev. Hibbard

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

### **WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

CLOSING ANTHEM #572      *Pass It On*      UM Hymnal  
(Verses 1, 3)

BENEDICTION      Rev. Hibbard

POSTLUDE      *Days of Elijah*      David Mark

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# Lord God, Almighty 2006



1., 2. Lord God, Al-might - y, Sav - ior, Re-deem - er,  
3. Fa - ther, we praise you. Je - sus, we love you.



on - ly true God to be wor-shipped and praised;  
Spir - it, we thank you for the gifts of new life: }



How can we tell you how much we love you?



Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.

*Stanzas included in other editions.*

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## Woodbury United Methodist Church

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*Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor*

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*Meg Temple, Lay Leader*

*Kathy Craig, Office Administrator*

*Chris Shay, Director of Music*

### 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 February 20, 2022

**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.

**Thanks** to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Rev. Paul Hibbard*, Guest Preacher; *Diane Hibbard*, Liturgist and Reader; *Meg and Sam Temple*, Greeters and Ushers; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician.

**Altar flower** tribute this week is given by WUMC, “to the glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Michael’s birthday on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>!”

**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

- **Video:** Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net>, scroll to the link for livestreaming near the top of our home page. 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#.

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## THE PRAYER CORNER

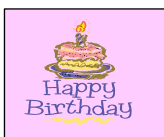
**Outpatient rehabilitation:** *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto*

**Recovering at home:** *Laura Brush*; *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); *Cindy Tedesco* and *Donna Louise Burke*, friends of *Kathy Craig*; *Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*)

**Outpatient treatments:** *Dave Brencher*; *Bob Asman*

**Please remember our Confirmands:** *Annabelle Cloud*, *Cody Cordova*, *Zachary Cordova*, *James Levario*, and *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](http://www.woodburyumc.net) for this month’s birthday listing.

### **A REMINDER ON FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:**

The floral chart will be placed in the Narthex for your convenience if you would like to select a date for flowers throughout the year. REMEMBER: if you don’t have an occasion, you can donate and we will be sure to deliver them to one of our homebound people during that week. Call the office at (203) 263-4775 or email at [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net).

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## FEBRUARY IS WOODBURY FOOD BANK MONTH

February is our opportunity to provide volunteers for the Woodbury Foodbank. Thank you to all the volunteers that will be covering the Friday shifts throughout the month. As always, thank you!

*Rev. Paul Hibbard*, Chair - Mission & Outreach Ministry Team

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## MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

**Mon., Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>** – Mission & Outreach Ministry Team Mtg., 7:00 PM

**Tues., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – CRT (Covid Response Team) Mtg., 7:00 PM

**Wed., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 PM, Sanctuary

Voice Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 PM, Sanctuary

Fri., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – Food Bank Coverage, 11 AM – 2 PM, Woodbury Food Bank  
 (all meetings will be held in the Assembly Room unless noted)



## CT District Church RESOURCING EXPERIENCE 2022

### “MINI CLINICS”

Linking Conference Resources to the CT Churches



Rev. D.H. Alpha Sylvester  
CT District Superintendent

<p><b>Tools for Improving Communication &amp; Marketing for Church Viability &amp; Success</b></p> <p><b>February 20, 2:00 - 3:00 pm</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px; font-size: small;"> <p>Presented by Conference Resource Expert <b>Lisa Isom</b> Director of Communications NYAC</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Sponsored by: Western Frontier Parish: Rev. John Parille</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">To Register: Please Click Link Below <a href="https://nyac-events.com/Connecticut-Resourcing-Experience">https://nyac-events.com/Connecticut-Resourcing-Experience</a></p>	<p><b>Tools to Repurpose Property for Future Church Viability &amp; Success</b></p> <p><b>February 23, 6:30 - 7:30 pm</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px; font-size: small;"> <p>Presented by Conference Resource Expert <b>Bill Shillady</b> Executive Director, United Methodist City Society</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Sponsored by: Grtr Meriden Parish: Rev. Richard Hanes</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">To Register: Please Click Link Below <a href="https://nyac-events.com/Connecticut-Resourcing-Experience">https://nyac-events.com/Connecticut-Resourcing-Experience</a></p>
<p><b>Tools to Acquire Fundamentals of Organizing Community Activism</b></p> <p><b>February 24, 6:30 - 7:30 pm</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px; font-size: small;"> <p>Presented by Conference Resource Expert <b>Rev. Robert Knebel</b> Pastor, West Hartford UMC</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Sponsored by: Grtr Hartford Parish: Rev. Robert Knebel</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">To Register: Please Click Link Below <a href="https://nyac-events.com/Connecticut-Resourcing-Experience">https://nyac-events.com/Connecticut-Resourcing-Experience</a></p>	<p><b>Tools to Ensure Viability in Stewardship, &amp; Planned Giving</b></p> <p><b>February 27, 12:30 - 1:30pm</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px; font-size: small;"> <p>Presented by Conference Resource Expert <b>Ellen Knudsen</b> Executive Director, United Methodist Frontier Foundation</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Sponsored by Northwest Parish: Rev. Soon Joo Lee</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">To Register: Please Click Link Below <a href="https://nyac-events.com/Connecticut-Resourcing-Experience">https://nyac-events.com/Connecticut-Resourcing-Experience</a></p>

REGISTRATION FOR SEVERAL OF THESE EVENTS IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Finance Chairs & Members	SPRC Chairs & Members	Pastors
Trustee Chairs & Members	Nomination Members	Lay Leaders & Others

Questions? Office Phone: 914-615-2227

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