



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

What Are Your Plans for this Saturday, Nov. 14th?

We look forward to this Saturday's Work Day (9-12) as a prelude to the Fall Harvest Celebration (12-12:30).

In the middle of this most unusual and trying year, both of these events remind us of the many blessings we have and give thanks to God for.

Depending on the weather and the turnout, we will work on the areas listed below. We might not be able to have the usual "coffee and...", but there will be water bottles.

WUMC's Board of Trustees appreciates your time and service to the church we love.

OUTSIDE - Clearing Leaves (please bring a leaf blower or rake), Putting Away Lawn Furniture and Washing (ground level) Windows

INSIDE - Washing Windows, Vacuuming Fellowship Hall, Vacuuming Sanctuary, Cleaning Rest Rooms and Re-Organizing Closets

For the young & young at heart
Fall Clean Up
Saturday, November 14th
Rain Date, November 21st

All Members Welcome

- Come for one or both fellowship opportunities
- Outdoors; masks and social distancing required

Fall Clean-Up – 9am to noon

- Many hands make light work
- Youth earn community service hours for school

Fall Harvest Celebration – 12 to 12:30pm

- Bring donations for Woodbury Foodbank (see needs list on next page)
- Brief outdoor service of Thanksgiving
- Donations may also be brought on Sunday

Fall Harvest Celebration

Current Needs of Woodbury Foodbank

Special holiday needs:

- ❖ Stuffing (bagged & "stove-top")
- ❖ Canned & boxed potatoes (plain & flavored)
- ❖ Canned yams
- ❖ Gravy (jarred & canned)
- ❖ Brownie, cake, cookie or quick bread mixes
- ❖ Frosting
- ❖ Baking chips (milk chocolate, semi-sweet chocolate or butterscotch)

Special general need:

- ❖ Soups, especially chowders, minestrone, vegetarian, pea, lentil, pasta & bean, Italian wedding soup
- ❖ Chicken combo and beef combo soups

Year-round general needs:

- ❖ Juice bottles & juice boxes
- ❖ Canned chili, beef stew, chicken or hash
- ❖ Cereals & oatmeal
- ❖ Pancake/waffle mix & syrup
- ❖ Jams & jellies
- ❖ Paper towels, toilet paper, napkins & facial tissues



Please Join Us for Worship In-Person or Online

Our tech experts are still working to return us to livestreaming, which will enable all of us to worship at the same time (10:30 AM), whether in-person or at home. In the meantime, the services will continue to be recorded for broadcast on Sunday afternoons.

The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- **Video** (starting at 4:00 PM): Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net> and click the worship service link at the top of the home page.
- **Audio playback only** (6:00 PM): dial 701-802-5464, enter pin with hash sign 659965#. Please mute your phones to eliminate background noise.
- **Archived worship services** may also be accessed from the main pull-down menu of the church website.

November 15: 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Sermon: *Extreme Behaviors*

Lectionary Readings: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Liturgist and Singer: *Anna Bower Richardson*
Children's Time: *the Bower Richardson family*

Bible Study Fellowship for Adults

*If You Want to Walk on Water,
You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*
by John Ortberg

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, through November 24

This class is being offered both in-person in Fellowship Hall and remotely by Zoom and phone call-in. It's not too late for you to pick up a book and join the group study. Books are available at the church for a cost of \$11 each.

Phone-in option: Call 646-558-8656, meeting ID 838 4151 6435; passcode 405251381

Online (Zoom) option: <https://zoom.us/join>; meeting ID 838 4151 6435; passcode !WUMC2020

Please contact *Bud Behlman* with any questions at 203-206-9276 or budbehlman@charter.net.

A Reminder about our Special COVID-19 Support Fund

The Church Council has created a support fund to assist persons who have been severely impacted by the economic shutdown related to the pandemic.

- If you **need financial assistance**, please contact Pastor John (845-707-5152). Requests and donations will be kept strictly confidential.
- If you would like to **make a donation** to the fund, you can mail a check to the church office (write "COVID-19 Support Fund" on the memo line); or you can donate online through the Breeze link on our church's website (write "COVID-19 Support Fund" in the message box). Thank you!

MISSION & OUTREACH CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Yes, we are only half way through November and we're talking about Christmas. If you have been able to go to a store in the last couple of weeks you'd know that Christmas marketing is in full swing. And some of our local social service agencies are starting to get their Christmas giving programs going. Two that we would like to support this year are **Caring for Bethlehem** and **Woodbury Community Services Council**.

Caring for Bethlehem is similar to Woodbury Community Services, but their Christmas giving program is serviced through the public school. This means that families serviced are from both Bethlehem and Woodbury (since there are some Woodbury students who go to Bethlehem Elementary School). **Caring for Bethlehem** is sponsoring a **Holiday Gift Tree** which is located at the True Value Hardware Store in Bethlehem (right on Rte 61 in the middle of town). The **Holiday Gift Tree** works this way:

1. Pick a card from the Gift Tree at True Value. (The Gift Tree is currently ready and waiting)
2. Purchase the gift.
3. Deliver the gift with the card attached to True Value by December 12th.
4. Your gift will be delivered to a family in time for the holidays.
5. **Share the Joy!**

Woodbury Community Services Council is sponsoring **Santa's Workshop** and is looking for help in providing gifts for children ages birth to 18 years. The following items are requested and can be brought to the church anytime between now and December 6th (A box for donated items will be available in the entry way between the sanctuary and the office.):

Stocking Stuffers: Example: Small toys & games, Beauty & School supplies, Small Stuffed Animals, Action Figures, Cards (items that will fit into a stocking)

Warm Winter Clothing Accessories (new): Example: Mittens, Gloves, Socks, and Hats

Wrapping Paper (sealed)

If you are interested in donating larger gifts, you can visit New Morning Market & Woodbury Public Library where the "Giving Trees" are displayed.

If you would like to give to either of these programs (or both) and need assistance with purchase or delivery, please contact Paul Hibbard by phone at 203-405-1005, by text at 860-488-7705, or by email at paulgyl@aol.com. (see flyers at the end of the Messenger)

Children & Youth Ministry

@ HOME RESOURCES for continued Christian Education

- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources>
- <https://www.nyac.com/childrensministries>
- Scripture Readings : **Old Testament: Judges 4:1-7 & Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**
 - Explaining the Scripture Readings to your Children: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/teach/entry/2027/worship-for-kids-november-15-2020>
- **Family Craft:** Thanksgiving Blessings & Gratitude Trees – WUMC Families of children & teens are invited to celebrate the Season of Thanksgiving by making a Thanksgiving Tree together. See the picture below for an example. Contact Catherine if you need more specific directions or ideas. Please share a picture of your family's tree so that we may share with the Congregation via Messenger or other means.



Children & Youth Ministry Programming

- **Virtual Confirmation Class** - Please keep our confirmands in your prayers as they continue toward this faith journey milestone
- **Outdoor activities for the Children, Youth & Their Families** to enjoy time together as a "Community of Faith"
 - **Hike: Save the Date: Sunday, November 29 @ Noon – WUMC's Next Children, Youth & Family Hike: Location TBD -All are welcome** – Children under 6th grade must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.

Children & Youth Ministry Meeting: Thursday, November 19th at 7 PM via Zoom. Children & Youth Ministry Committee members plus Sunday School teachers are asked to attend to discuss alternatives for resuming additional programming for Christian Education for our children & teens. Parents you are invited to participate to help us brainstorm ideas that are realistic for your family. Please contact Catherine Mason if you will attend at Catherine.mason02@outlook.com or 203-707-6571 cell/text

WUMC Youth Hike at Flanders Nature Center Whittemore



From left to right: Lydia Temple, Mary Grace Styblo, Morgan Phillippe, Mollie Bodwell, Jack, Joey, Jessie Lynch, and Mark Davis

Kudo Korner



To all our military personnel, past & present. . .We Salute You! Thank You for your service for our freedom!

Kudos to *Harry Harwood*, who served as an Election Day worker in Woodbury, directing voters to correct lines, answering questions, and assisting with crowd control. Thanks for being a good citizen, Harry!

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Venetia Phillippe*, liturgist; *Venetia and Morgan Phillippe*, singers; *Morgan Phillippe*, Children's Time

The Prayer Corner:

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

Upcoming surgery: *Paul Thomason*, brother of *John Thomason* (leg artery procedure on November 13 in Corpus Christi, Texas)

Upcoming chemotherapy and surgery: *Mary Wilkins*, sister of *Barb Hunt* (Rochester, NY)

Please continue to remember other 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).

Recovering at home: *Ally Roche; Steve Thomas; Carol Hennessey; Gary McClendon; Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *Angelina & Dominic Vaiuso*, parents of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Rev. John Esposito*, pastor of Gaylordsville UMC and friend of Pastor John (recovering from COVID-19); *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*); *Jane King*, mother of *Stephen King* and mother-in-law of *Joann King* (Sarasota, FL); *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *John and Jackie Fleming*; *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: *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *the Keith family*, *Manny Gesh, Beth, Jillian & Alex Buzzannc*, *Kelly Etcheto*, *Vernessa Kingsbury*, *Jim Congdon*, *Jane True*, *Blair Feller*, *Marilyn Bender*, *Eddie Lenox* (son of *Grace Bell*), *Ethan Murphy*, (great grandson of *Grace Bell*), *Brigitte Weimann*, *Ryan DeRidder and family*, *Laura & Stuart Brush*, *Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*), and *The Thomson family of Ferndale, WA* (family of *Kathy Craig*).



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.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES FROM THE OFFICE. . .

HANDICAPPED PARKING - - these are the three spaces outside the office doors (Church Street Entrance). **Please do NOT park there unless you have a handicapped parking tag. If you do park there, please be sure to leave enough room for the people using the handicapped ramp.**

❖ **Office Hours Tuesday thru Friday 9 am – 3 pm.** During the COVID-19 LOCKDOWN – Office visits are by appointment only. Please be sure to have your face covered if entering the building for everyone's health safety. The answering machine will be checked daily; however, if you have a pastoral emergency, you can call Pastor John Thomason @ (203) 263-7575. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES???

Please continue to send any changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. Please send them to wumc@woodburyumc.net. This is also important to keep track of any of our college students as well!!!

Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

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.

Love is Spoken Here!

The Community Services Council of Woodbury



Santa's Workshop



needs your help to provide a fun holiday for the
children of local families in need
(Ages birth to 18 years)

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2020 Holiday Season....**



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Questions
203-510-9905

Caring for Bethlehem
Share Some Holiday Joy

Holiday Gift Tree

at True Value of Bethlehem

November 1 to December 12

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Provide a Gift for a Child this Holiday Season!**

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3. Deliver the gift with the card attached to True Value.
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And Share the Joy!

Your gift will bring smiles this season.

Caring for Bethlehem

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