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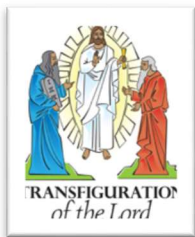
Rev. John A. Thomason, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

February 14: Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Led by NYAC



On **Sunday, February 14**, Woodbury UMC will share in a **joint online worship service** with other congregations in the New York Annual Conference. **PLEASE NOTE: Worship will not be held in our sanctuary that day.** To access the NYAC service, go to the WUMC website on Sunday morning and press the link provided. An audio-only option will also be available.

February 17: Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday ushers in the holy season of Lent. This year, WUMC will faithfully observe Ash Wednesday, but do so in a slightly different ways.

- Following the pattern of our recent Prayer Vigils, an outdoor service will be offered in the fenced-in courtyard area on Main Street from 7:00 – 7:10 PM, followed by a full service in the sanctuary from 7:15 – 8:00 PM.
- Instead of the usual imposition of ashes, worshipers in both settings will be offered a small piece of burlap marked with a cross as a sign of penitence and mortality. Church members desiring a burlap piece to be delivered to their homes should contact *Venetia Phillippe* at (918) 706-2637 by Tuesday, February 16.

Pastor's Sermon: *Gimme That Old Time Religion*

Lectionary texts: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



Special Note – Open floral opportunities for many Sundays throughout the remaining of 2021. Please contact the office if interested.

BIBLE 101 Concludes

The winter **Bible Study Fellowship** for adults is an introduction to our primary resource for Christian belief and practice -- the Bible. Pastor John is leading us in exploring why the Bible is so important for people of faith, how the Scriptures were written and compiled, and how Christians can read and study the Bible for maximum benefit.

During the final session on **Tuesday, February 16 (6:30 – 8:00 PM)**, participants will share their favorite Bible verses and passages. Weather permitting, class members will have the option of gathering in-person in Fellowship Hall, but on-line participation will again be available. Go to the WUMC website for the link.

Volunteers Still Needed for Woodbury Food Bank

February is WUMC's month to provide volunteers for the **Food Bank** sponsored by the Community Services Council of Woodbury. Openings are available on the remaining three Fridays of the month – February 12, 19, and 26. Please call the church office or Mission and Outreach Ministry Team chair *Rev. Paul Hibbard* (860-488-7705) to sign up.

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!
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Children & Youth Ministry

@ HOME RESOURCES for continued Christian Education

- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources>
- <https://www.nyac.com/childrensministries>
- <https://ministry-to-children.com/>
- Scripture Reading: Mark 9:2-9 The Transfiguration

Children & Youth Ministry Programming

- Our Lenten Sunday School series will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Look for a video to be posted to the WUMC Facebook page.
- You still have 24 hours to decorate and leave a valentine at the church to decorate outside the sanctuary for Valentine's Day. This activity is open to kids and adults. Create a valentine with your name and one thing you love about our church on it. Leave it in the designated box outside the church near the office entrance by Friday night. We'll display them on Saturday for viewing during the remainder of February.
- Parents please send Catherine a picture of your children's baptism for inclusion in the February Sunday School video. Please get it to her by February 16.
- For the Sundays during Lent we would like to do a video montage of the kids and youth saying the Lord's Prayer. Our goal is to give each child a word or phrase from the Lord's Prayer that you or they can record and send to Meg to assemble. If you are interested in participating, let Meg know by Sunday, February 14. I will send you a word to record. Please return your recording by Tuesday, February 16.

- There are still two spaces available if your family would like to do one of the Sunday School videos, March 25, Maundy Thursday and April 4, Easter. Let Meg or Catherine know if interested, and they will connect you to the lectionary texts to work from and any child friendly resources you may need.

Kudo Korner

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Anna Richardson*, liturgist; *Rick, Anna*, and *Grace Richardson*, Children's Time leader; *Rick* and *Anna Richardson*, singers.

The Prayer Corner:

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of *Mike Malagutti*, who died on February 7. Mike's daughters are *Tatyanna* and *Jasmyn Malagutti*, who attended our church as children with their grandmother, *Sherry Swanhall*. Plans for a memorial service are pending.

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*.

Home from the hospital: *Amber Craig* (injured in an auto accident on February 5)

Recovering at home: *Lynn Cullen; John Fleming; Josh Harwood; Gary McClendon; 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 Cames* (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 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.

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!