



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. John A. Thomason, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Worship Pre-Registration Requested

We rejoice in our increased worship attendance starting with Easter Sunday! Our seating capacity is now 70. To ensure a place for all worshipers to be accommodated safely, the COVID Recovery Team requests that our members and friends resume the practice of pre-registering for services. You may do this on the WUMC website or by calling the church office. Thank you for your cooperation!

April 18: Third Sunday of Easter Native American Ministries Sunday

The **Easter season**, also known as the Great Fifty Days, celebrates Christ's resurrection and recalls Christ's post-Easter appearances, his ascension, and his giving of the Holy Spirit. The liturgical colors are white and gold, which are used on special days and seasons specifically honoring Christ.

Native American Ministries Sunday, one of the six Special Sundays on the United Methodist calendar, recognizes the contribution of Native Americans to society. The special offering received on April 18 funds Native American ministries, urban initiatives, and seminary scholarships.

Pastor's Sermon:

The Scars Remain

Lectionary Texts: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Liturgist: Carolyn Shay

Children's Time leader: Mike Boisseau

Singer: Carolyn Shay

Please Join Us for Livestreamed Worship Events

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 will also be available for later viewing. Later phone broadcasts are no longer provided.

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#. Note that these numbers have changed from what was previously used. Please mute your phones to eliminate background noise.
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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: Luke 24:36b-48 Jesus Appears to the Disciples

Children & Youth Ministry Programming

- Please note that we have an upcoming Children & Youth Ministry meeting on April 22 at 7 pm. A zoom link will be sent out to all teachers and committee members in advance.
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Kudo Korner

Congratulations to *Rebecca Hibbard*, who has accepted the position of Orientation Leader at the University of Rochester, beginning in May, 2021.

Brady Kissinger is the starting left fielder on the Nonnewaug High School varsity baseball team. Go Brady, and go Chiefs!

Thanks to last Sunday’s worship leaders: *Joann King*, Liturgist; *Meg and Sam Temple*, Children’s Time leaders; *Venetia Phillippe*, Singer.

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)

Home from the hospital: *Liam McGrath* (surgery on April 7 at New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York City)

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: *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.

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!!!



Open Flower Opportunities for our Sanctuary

May 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th

June 13th, 20th, 27th

July 4th, 18th

Please contact the office by phone (203) 263-4775 or email wumc@woodburyumc.net if you would like to order flowers for one of those Sunday worship services.

A Message from the Community:

A message of gratitude and invitation to all our partners in our essential work of compassion:

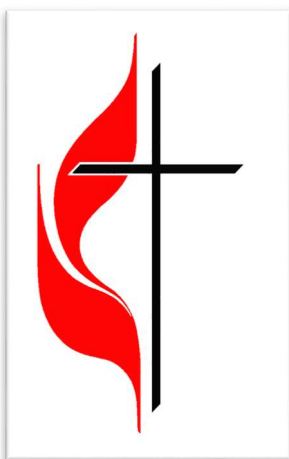
I celebrate the remarkable outpouring of support from so many volunteers and benefactors in our community who have stepped forward with selfless dedication and commitment to ensure that the Community Services Council of Woodbury continues to serve our neighbors in need during these challenging times. Each week our volunteers offer their service to ensure that our Woodbury Food Bank provides weekly access to essential nutritional support even as we observe necessary protocols to ensure the good health and safety of all. During the past year of loss and anxiety impacting so many in our community whose work and lives have been disrupted by the pandemic, friends of the Community Services Council have responded consistently with generosity and compassion through your food and monetary donations to support our critical threefold mission of food, energy and crisis assistance. At a time when we continue the struggle against food and financial insecurity in our midst — a crisis that will remain our mission to address long after the pandemic has receded — we draw inspiration and courage from you, our steadfast community partners whose support daily lifts our spirits to face and overcome the challenges yet to come.

Please allow me to share that the Community Services Council once again this year will participate in the Give Local online giving marathon sponsored by our friends at the Connecticut Community Foundation for worthy charitable organizations across northwestern Connecticut. We invite you to consider making an online gift to the CSCW at any time during this 36-hour marathon from 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, through 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 21. Simply log into www.GiveLocalCCF.org, enter "*Community Services Council of Woodbury*" in the search box to locate the link to our organization profile page, and take a few minutes to complete your donation. When you give through the Give Local appeal, the power of your giving will be magnified because you'll afford the CSCW access to additional prizes and bonus funds provided by the CCF and its benefactors.

In sharing the story of our work at the CSCW, I have often returned to the theme of "*Spread the Light*" as a powerful reminder that, when each of us lights our own small candle, together we can banish the deepest darkness. I celebrate all our friends whose candles burn so brightly and light the path ahead.

Wishing peace and good health to all our partners in compassion,

Bob Taylor, President
Community Services Council of Woodbury



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!