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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Please join us for Sunday services (remote only)

- The Sunday worship service may be accessed using the first link at the top left of the church home page at <http://www.woodburyumc.net>. You may also continue to access through Facebook or Instagram if you prefer.
- Audio only: An audio-only playback of the worship service will also be broadcast via telephone at the appointed hour. You may listen to this broadcast by dialing (701) 802-5464. When prompted, enter the PIN with hash sign: 659965#. Please mute your phones to eliminate background noise.
- Archived worship service videos are also available on the church website by using the 'Archived Worship Services' near the bottom of the main pull-down menu.

April 26: Third Sunday of Easter, 10:30 am

On the 3rd Sunday of Easter, the *Temple* family will sing and lead the Children's Time; *Boen* and *Tesu Beavers* and *David Karraker* will provide special instrumental music; and *Joann King* will serve as liturgist.

Pastor's Sermon: *Easter for Exiles*

Lectionary Readings:

1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Remote Fellowship Hours

A remote FELLOWSHIP HOUR is being offered by phone 2 times per week – on **Sundays at 11:45 AM** and **Wednesdays at 7:30 PM** (call in #: 203-633-3808, no PIN required). WUMC members and friends are invited to use this forum to stay in touch, pray together, express joys/concerns, ask questions, and seek assistance.

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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News from Mission & Outreach Ministry Team

PRAYERS FOR ECUADOR. . . .

Just before Easter I received an email from Sara Flores and her husband Dakin from Ecuador. In it they hold us and others in the United States up in prayer and describe some of the experiences of the people of Ecuador and the COVID-19 pandemic.

They write:

Ecuador was one of the first countries in South America to be affected by the virus and to date over 7,000 cases of the virus have been confirmed and some 700 people confirmed or suspected of having the virus have died. Ecuador has been under a lock down for 4 weeks now with strict circulation restrictions in place as well as a curfew from 2 pm to 5 am each day and has closed its borders.

Guayaquil, in the Guayas Province on the coast, is the city most affected by the virus, 70% of the cases are in the Guayas Province. You may have seen international news about the lack of coffins and collection of the deceased in Guayaquil. In response to this crisis, the government of Ecuador has put in place strict regulations and sent more resources to Guayaquil to cope with the serious local situation there.

As you pray for family, friends, healthcare and emergency services personnel, other essential workers, the sick and the dying here in our country, please include the people of Ecuador and especially Sara and Dakin in your prayers. The Coronavirus does not discriminate in who it affects. This is certainly a reminder, though a tragic one, that we are all one people. May we be one not only in affliction, but also in our affection for one another.

Be well, stay safe, pray without ceasing,

Paul Hibbard
Mission & Outreach Team Chairperson

Need a Mask?

With the new requirement that everyone has a mask on when they leave their homes, don't fret if you don't have one. Simply reach out to *Anna* and *Christine Shupenis* and they will make you one. You can reach Chris at (203) 266-6895 or send your request to: chupenis@gmail.com. Thank you, ladies, for taking on this task.

Local Food Donations Still Needed

WOODBURY FOOD BANK

The Food Bank is in continuous need of non-perishable foods to serve their clients during expanded hours. A picnic cooler is placed on the front porch of the church office between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM each day to receive donations for the Food Bank. Please see the list of priority items needed at the end of this newsletter. Thanks to the WUMC's Mission and Outreach Ministry Team for spearheading this effort.

REGION 14 SCHOOLS

The local school district is also collecting non-perishable foods at Mitchell Elementary School (weekdays from 12:00 – 1:00 PM) and at the Woodbury Middle School throughout the day.

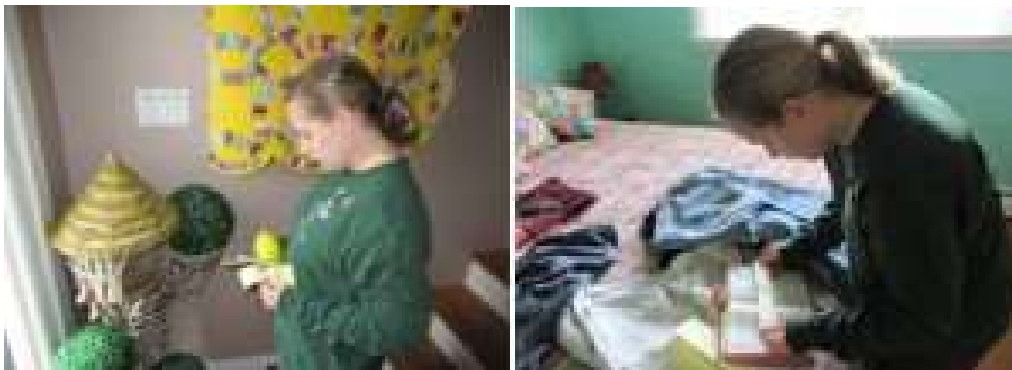
Have you checked out WUMC's updated Website?

This edition of the *Messenger* has arrived as always by email. However, this is the first time you will access the *Messenger* by clicking on a link to the church's website rather than opening an attachment. Please take a few minutes to browse the website for the wide variety of information it provides. The website will be increasingly emphasized as a means of communication for our church family, not only in response to the pandemic but as an ongoing resource for remaining current on WUMC's ministry and mission.

Children & Youth Ministry News

WUMC misses our children & teens so very much. Please see below for an opportunity to share pictures so we can "catch up" with you! At the end of this Messenger are new resources for continued Christian learning & faith exploration together at home this week. See last week's Messenger for others, including resources for supporting children's social-emotional needs at this time.

NOTE: PHOTOS REQUESTED - WUMC families are invited to send a couple pictures showing how they are exploring, learning & practicing faith at home together &/or their recent Easter celebrations at home. A slideshow will be created & shared with the congregation. Here is an example from Morgan Phillippe's Easter egg hunt. Thank you to Venetia Phillippe for submitting her photos last week. Pictures can be sent to catherine.mason02@outlook.com. Thanks.



Kudo Korner

Anna Bower Richardson, a senior at New York University, has been named a University Honors Scholar and received an NYU Founders Award. Anna will graduate in May with a major in political science and minors in psychology and philosophy.

NOTE TO PARENTS: Please email us information about your soon-to-be graduates or the special honors they receive.

FRONTLINERS. . .

Two weeks ago, we gave a kudo to *Rev. Paul Hibbard* for ringing our church bell each night at 8:00 PM. We also recognized Paul for being what is now being called a "frontliner" – one who, in his role as a hospital chaplain, provides essential services to persons in a public setting during a high-risk time. In the next several editions of the *Messenger*, we will offer kudos to other members of our church family (and their family members) who deserve our admiration and thanks for serving as frontliners.

****Barbara Etcheto* continues to transport patients as a team member of the Woodbury Ambulance Association.

****Kevin McCrystal* and *Therese Sotnik* serve customers at LaBonne's grocery store in Woodbury.

****Marion Lowman* serves clients as an in-home caregiver.



PLEASE SHARE WITH US THE NAMES AND GOOD WORKS OF OTHER FRONTLINERS!

The Prayer Corner:

Home from the hospital: *Paul Weber*, friend of *Joy Eusebio* (Hardeeville, SC)

In the hospital: *Betsy Love* (Waterbury Hospital)

Inpatient rehabilitation: *Rev. John Esposito*, pastor of Gaylordsville UMC and friend of Pastor John (Ridgefield Crossings, Ridgefield, CT); *Marie Petty*, aunt of *Kathy Craig* (Abbott Terrace, Waterbury)

Hospice care at home: *Paula Girard*, mother-in-law of *Rynn Naylor*

Recovering at home: *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *Cordelia Ursone*, mother of *Rick Richardson* (Darien, CT); *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: *John and Jackie Fleming*; *Gerry Furlong* (Leesburg, FL); *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: *Joy Eusebio*, *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), the *Keith family*, *Manny Gesh*, *Beth*, *Jillian & Alex Buzzannco*, *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.

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.** 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!!!!

PRIORITY NEEDS LIST FOR WOODBURY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Soups, especially broths, chowders, pea soup, minestrone, vegetable, chicken combo, beef combo
Pastas of all kinds, especially ziti, penne, linguine, fettucine, angel hair, rigatoni, bowties & lasagna
Pasta sauces, all kinds
Canned tomatoes, especially whole, diced, crushed & paste
Canned carrots, canned mixed vegetables, canned peas & canned spinach
Cereals & oatmeal
Juice bottles & juice boxes/pouches
Paper towels & napkins
Toilet paper & facial tissues
Canned fruits, especially fruit cocktail, peaches, pears & pineapple
Fruit cups, apple sauce cups, pudding cups & granola bars
Plain rice & rice mixes
Boxed plain & boxed flavored potatoes, & canned yams

Instant pudding mix & Jell-o
Peanut butter & jellies/jams
Canned chili
Canned chicken
Canned hash
Canned pasta such as spaghetti & mini-ravioli
Canned beef stew
Canned tuna & canned salmon
Canned baked beans
Canned pork & beans
Canned kidney beans
Brownie & cake mixes
Quick bread & muffin mixes
Pancake/waffle mixes
Regular, half-caf & decaf ground coffee, instant regular & decaf coffee, & black, green & decaf teas
Ketchup, mustard & mayo
Cooking oil (vegetable, canola, corn & olive)
Dish detergent & laundry detergent
Toothpaste
Deodorant (men's and women's)
Shampoo & conditioner
Bar soaps & body wash
Organic, low-carb & gluten-free food products
Pet foods

Please note: Donations of bleach, sanitizing wipes & sanitizing liquid to maintain a clean & safe Food Bank environment for staff to prepare assistance packages are also appreciated.

Donations are received Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 am to noon; Fridays, 9 am to 2 pm; and Saturdays, 9 to 11 am, at the Food Bank (basement level of the Newtown Savings Bank branch). Please take the driveway on either side of the LaBonne's plaza building to the rear delivery lot, and drop off goods on the designated Donation Table outside the Food Bank; our staff will keep proper social distance and pick up your donation once you have completed your drop-off. Thanks so very much on behalf of our clients and volunteers for offering the gifts of nourishment and compassion!

WUMC CHILDREN & YOUTH RESOURCES FOR @ HOME

Children's Lectionary Bible Story for April 26: *Luke 24:13-35- "The Road to Emmaus"*

- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/files/uploads/April19Emmaus.pdf> - Free Lesson
- <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/video/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/33162-deep-blue-connects-adventure-spring-2020/33300-lessons/112469-emmaus> (Deep Blue Video)
- <https://ministry-to-children.com/road-to-emmaus-lesson/>
- <https://youtu.be/ndtnZV-5QTo>
- <https://youtu.be/8rdlQ99Cb-g>
- <https://www.abingdonpress.com/eeksaidamy/> (A children's book *Eek, said Amy*, inspired by *Unafraid* available online as free pdf)

TEEN & PARENT RESOURCES

- *LinC* Bible Study Lessons (free issues)
1).<https://www.cokesburykids.com/files/uploads/LINC02242019WhyWorry.pdf> 2.)<https://www.cokesburykids.com/files/uploads/LINC08272017BadNews.pdf> 3.)<https://www.cokesburykids.com/files/uploads/LINC10152017HandwashingDay.pdf>
- http://gbod-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/legacy/kintera-files/about-gbod/UR_10SimpleSpiritualPractices.pdf -
- *Wesleys Take the Web* – Animated UMC Video series featuring John & Charles Wesley
- <https://www.umc.org/en/content/wesleys-take-the-web-three-general-rule>.
- <https://www.umc.org/en/content/the-wesleys-take-the-web-a-mobile-friendly-history-of-the-umc>

RESOURCES FOR ANYONE

- *Unafraid Study Review & Follow Up* - Study videos are now available for free:
<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/series/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/14438-unafraid>
- Top 10 Spiritual Practices for Children & Youth from UMC Discipleship Ministries http://gbod-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/legacy/kintera-files/about-gbod/UR_10SimpleSpiritualPractices.pdf

- *Evening Devotional Videos*: Available on Cokesbury's new video streaming platform - short videos (free) from pastors & authors offer words of comfort in times of uncertainty (: <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/series/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/34668-evening-devotionals>

NOTE FOR WUMC CONGREGATION – Cokesbury has also made many of the adult bible study resources (including several of Adam Hamilton's) available for free of charge on Amplify. Some offers expire 4/30 & others later. To check this out now, here is the link <https://amplifymedia.com/free-amplify-content/>

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.



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