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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Easter Afterglow

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Easter Sunday was more jubilant than ever, because it reflected not only the good news of Christ's resurrection but also the joy of our partial reunion as a church family. It was a blessing to have many of you return for in-person worship. I hope you were reassured by the measures that have been taken to protect your safety and still provide a quality experience of worship and fellowship.

Which leads me to thank all of those responsible for planning, preparing for, and leading the Easter service: the COVID Recovery Team, chaired by *Mark Davis*; the Worship Ministry Team, chaired by *Venetia Phillippe*; and our creative and technical wizards, *Chris Shay* and *Theron Kissinger*, who gave shape to a finished product that was accessible and meaningful both to worshippers in the sanctuary and those watching at home. Chris and Theron spent countless hours recording individuals and groups who participated in the virtual choir. Thanks to all of you who gave of your valuable time to raise your voices in praise!

Grace and peace, *John*

April 11: Second Sunday of Easter

The **Easter season**, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and the giving of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter (John 20:22-23) and the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). The liturgical colors are white and gold, which are used on special days and seasons specifically honoring Christ.

Pastor's Sermon:

An Unexpected High on Low Sunday

**Lectionary Texts: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133;
1 John 1:1 – 2:2; John 20:19-31**

Liturgist: Joann King

Children's Time leaders: Meg and Samuel Temple

Singer: Venetia Phillippe

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.

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!

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: John 20:19-31 Jesus Appears to his Disciples

Kudo Korner

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Sarah Kate Walkup*, Liturgist; the *Cloud* family, Children's Time leaders; *Matt Bodwell*, *Rod Carnes*, *Jeff and Barb Hunt*, *Dylan and Kate Keeler*, *Morgan Phillippe*, *Barbara Rego*, *Kyra and McKenna Rook*, and *Sue Vindigni*, musicians and singers.

The Prayer Corner:

In the hospital: *Liam McGrath* (surgery on April 7 at New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York City); *Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto* (VA Hospital, West Haven)

In rehabilitation: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto* (Gaylord, Wallingford)

Home from the hospital: *Amelia Eager*, friend of the Temple family (heart surgery on March 24 at Children's Hospital, Boston)

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: *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, 9th, 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.



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!