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# Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Please join us for Remote services!

Playback begins at 10:30 am

- 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We suggest that you get on the website a couple of minutes early so you will be ready to receive the playback when it starts at 10:30 AM.

May 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter, 10:30 am

On the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, David Karraker will serve as liturgist; Tacy Nettleton will lead the Children's Time; and Venetia Phillippe will offer special music.

**Pastor's Sermon:** *Accounting for Our Hope*

**Lectionary Readings:**

**Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21**

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## Spring Has Sprung!

**NOTE from Board of Trustees:** Since we don't have an actual Spring Clean-Up Day scheduled, please feel free to come by and work on the church property whenever you want. Bring a rake, shovel, gloves and of course, your mask! Pick one of the sunny warm days in the next week or two and enjoy your peaceful time. We will be scheduling something in the near future so watch for the upcoming date. Thanks to all in advance!



# See and Talk to Your Church Friends! A New Format for Fellowship Hours

From Mark Davis, Lay Leader

Both remote FELLOWSHIP HOURS (Sunday at about 11:20 am and Wednesday at 7:30 pm) are now being offered by online video conference with the option for audio-only call-in.

Join Zoom Meeting URL/link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82364695207>

Or you can join via Zoom app or Zoom web portal with Meeting ID: 823-6469-5207 (no password).

Available audio-only call-in numbers are: (415) 762-9988 or (646) 568-7788. Follow the verbal prompt to enter the meeting ID: 823-6469-5207 followed by the # key. Simply press # key when prompted for participant ID.

WUMC members and friends are invited to use this forum to stay in touch, pray together, express joys/concerns, ask questions, and seek assistance.

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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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## Stay Up-to-Date on WUMC's Website

**The Messenger, the previous Sunday's sermon, and the next Sunday's worship bulletin** are now being sent out by email as links to the church's website rather than as 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.

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## 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.

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# Children & Youth Ministry

Dear Families,

The Children & Youth Ministry Team wishes our WUMC family well. We are especially remembering & praying for our young people celebrating educational milestone transitions in a much different way this year. Please join us in remembering our young people transitioning from Pre-k to Kindergarten, Elementary to Middle School, 8<sup>th</sup> grade to High School and especially those graduating from High School & College.

This is an uncertain & unexpected time for all young people. Resources for supporting children & youth socially-emotionally are available on the WUMC Website under Children & Youth.

Below are this week's resources for continuing children & youth's Christian education at home. Additional resources for Bible Story, faith exploration & family devotionals are available on the WUMC website.

- Announcing Virtual Sunday: **\*New\*** Online Sunday School sponsored by Cokesbury Kids on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/events/1047004415683691/?event\\_time\\_id=1047004425683690](https://www.facebook.com/events/1047004415683691/?event_time_id=1047004425683690) ("Premiers" Sunday Mornings at 9:30 CDT but accessible for later viewing)

- Lectionary Based Bible Story Resources  
<https://ministry-to-children.com/jesus-gives-us-comfort-lesson/>  
[https://sermons4kids.com/comforter\\_group\\_activities.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/comforter_group_activities.htm)

- Additional Resources  
<https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources/church-at-home>  
<https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources/church-at-home/celebrate-wonder-lords-prayer-video> (Lords Prayer Video for Families)

- For Middle School & High School Youth:  
<https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources/church-at-home/linc-hope>
- Lectionary for May 17, 2020: *Acts 17:22-31 • Psalm 66:8-20 • 1 Peter 3:13-22 • John 14:15-21*

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

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## Kudo Korner

**Congratulations** to our spring college graduates! They are ending their college careers in an unusual fashion, without much of the traditional revelry, pomp, and circumstance; but we as a church family want to underscore our pride in their achievement. The following students from WUMC have been identified as graduates of the class of 2020:

- *Andrea Craig* – Post University, May, 2020
- *Emily Lind* – American University, May, 2020
- *Anna Bower Richardson* – New York University, May 19, 2020
- *Sarah Schivera* – Indiana University, April 30, 2020

**ATTENTION PARENTS!** Please let us know if you have a college student in your family who is graduating this spring. Just call the church office or send us an email. All college graduates, along with middle school and high school graduates, will be recognized on Education Sunday in June.

**Mary Grace Styblo** participated in the 2020 Connecticut State Competition for National History Day. She was awarded a Special Prize for "Outstanding Entry Related to Breaking Barriers in Military History" for her Junior Exhibit Entry: "World War II, Break the Gender Barrier in the Military and Work Force." Congratulations, Mary Grace.

**Thanks** to *Chris and Carolyn Shay* for doing the initial spring yard mowing and cleaning of flower beds on our church property on May 12. The Spring Clean-Up Day originally scheduled for March 28 was cancelled due to the pandemic.

**Thanks** to all who led our hymn singing last Sunday by appearing in a “Congregational Collage”: *Amanda, Abby, Caroline, Annabelle, and Jack Cloud; Paul and Rebecca Hibbard; Joann King; Danielle McClendon; Morgan Phillippe; Rick, Anna, Julia, and Grace Richardson; Sam Temple; Kate Thomason Keeler and John Thomason.* Thanks also to the youth and children who sang a tribute to mothers during the Children’s Time: *Abby, Caroline, Annabelle, and Jack Cloud; Rebecca Hibbard; Danielle McClendon; Morgan Phillippe; Anna, Julia, and Grace Richardson; and Sam Temple.* Special thanks to *Chris Shay* for coordinating both music selections.

## ***FRONTLINERS. . .***

Each week, as a regular feature of “Kudo Korner,” we are recognizing “frontliners” – those who provide essential services to persons in a public setting during a high-risk time. We are honoring members of our church family (and their family members) who deserve our admiration and gratitude for their sacrificial service.

\*\*\**Kelly Etcheto*, who lives in Southington with her mother, *Barbara Etcheto*, serves as a paramedic in the ER at Manchester Hospital, working primarily with COVID-19 patients.



\*\*\*Three members of *Pat McWhirt's* family serve in medical professions. Daughter-in-law *Rhonda McWhirt* (wife of *Scott*) is an RN at Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford. Granddaughter *Emily Fitzpatrick* is an EMT and is currently in training to become a police officer. Her husband *Ryan* is a paramedic and firefighter. The Fitzpatricks reside in Colchester, VT, with their infant daughter *Eloise*.

\*\*\**Janet Cornell's* son, *Tim Cornell*, serves as a respiratory therapist at a hospital in Vermont.

\*\*\**Dawn Thomas* works in environmental services at Waterbury Hospital. *Becca O'Hara*, the fiancée of *Steven Thomas, Jr.*, works in food services at Waterbury Hospital.

\*\*\**Art Opiel* works in the repair and overhaul unit of military helicopters with over 500 other essential employees at the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation in Shelton, CT.

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

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## **The Prayer Corner:**

**Christian sympathy** is extended to *Joy Eusebio* in the death of her close friend, *Paul Weber*, on May 7 in Hardeeville, SC. Joy served as Paul's primary caregiver during his long illness.

**Christian sympathy** is extended to *Larry Kaine* in the death of his companion, long-time church member *Betsy Love*, on May 8, at her home in Woodbury. We give thanks for Betsy's abundant life, her friendship to so many in our church family, and her significant contributions to WUMC as a Trustee and volunteer. Memorial services are pending.

**COVID-19 patients in our church's extended family:** *Emily Bodwell* of Newtown, sister of *Matt Bodwell* (health care worker at Danbury Hospital); *Audrey Karraker* of Waterbury, daughter of *David and Larrie Karraker* (psychiatric social worker at Waterbury Hospital)

**Home from the hospital:** *Dominic Vaiuso* of Newtown, father of *Karen Williams*

**Inpatient rehabilitation:** *Angelina Vaiuso*, mother of *Karen Williams* (River Glen, Southbury); *Marie Petty*, aunt of *Kathy Craig* (Abbott Terrace, Waterbury)

**Recovering at home:** *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *Rev. John Esposito*, pastor of Gaylordsville UMC and friend of Pastor John (recovering from COVID-19); *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 remember:** *Jailyn Sands*, student of *Kate Thomason Keeler*, in the death of her grandmother, *Marjorie Sands* of Queens, NY

**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](http://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](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net). This is also important to keep track of any of our college students as well!!!

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## **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!*



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## 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.



***Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors***  
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