



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. John A. Thomason, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, May 27, 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 31, 10:30 am

Pentecost Sunday

5th Sunday Service

The Day of Pentecost is the 50th and last day of the Easter season, when the Church received the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2).

On 5th Sundays, WUMC offers a touch of variety to our regular experience of worship. This Sunday, worshipers are invited to participate in a “**Pentecost Birthday Party**” by sharing brief videos from home, which might consist of a greeting, a joy, or a concern. The videos will be assembled and played during the Pentecost service. Please submit your videos to our worship service editor, *Theron Kissinger*, at polger33@gmail.com. Theron will send a “received” reply to everyone. **Thursday, May 28 is the deadline for submissions.** Let’s celebrate the birthday of the universal Church and our fellowship as a local church!

On Pentecost Sunday, *Julia Bower Richardson* will serve as liturgist; the *Shupenis* family will lead the Children’s Time; *Kate Keeler* and the *Bower-Richardson* family will lead hymn singing; and *Matt Bodwell*, *Rod Carnes*, and *Kate Keeler* will provide special music.

Pastor’s Sermon: *Pentecost: So What’s New?*

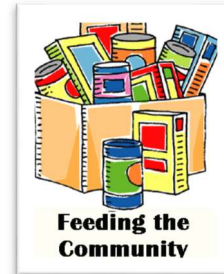
Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE WOODBURY FOOD BANK

Though we are not yet able to worship together, we can still be in mission together as we serve our community. The Woodbury Food Bank has received some generous donations over the last couple of months, but according to Community Services Council Director, Bob Taylor, there are items that need replenishing. With that in mind we would like to encourage members of the WUMC to focus on those needs over the first couple of weeks of June. So from this Sunday, May 31st through Sunday, June 14th we invite you to drop off items for the Food Bank (see list below) at the church any day that is convenient for you. There will be coolers on the porch where you can leave your donation, and each evening around eight o'clock they will be brought into the church and brought to the Food Bank at the end of the week. Items that are currently needed are:

- Bottled juice and juice boxes.
- Pancake mix
- Pork & Beans or Baked Beans
- Corned Beef Hash
- Any Chowder (Clam, corn, etc.)
- Jellies or Jams
- Ketchup, Mustard, or Mayonnaise
- Brownie Mix
- Canola or Vegetable Oil
- Dish Washing Liquid



Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Paul Hibbard, Mission & Outreach Chair

See and Talk to Your Church Friends! A New Format for Sunday Fellowship Hour

From Mark Davis, Lay Leader

Please note: the Wednesday Fellowship Hour is being discontinued.

A remote FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sunday at about 11:20 am) will continue to be 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.

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 Life of the Church” articles, 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.

Children & Youth Ministry

Important Announcement for graduating WUMC High School Seniors: Congratulations on your upcoming graduation. WUMC would like to honor & recognize you. Information & a new **Scholarship Request form** for 2020 are available through the WUMC website. If you would like to receive a WUMC Scholarship &/or be recognized in WUMC Graduate Recognition publicity (Messenger, special worship bulletin insert, etc.) please complete this fillable form and submit to catherine.mason02@outlook.com no later than **Tuesday, June 2, 2020**.

The **Graduate Recognition Worship Service was scheduled for June 21, 2020**. With the current uncertainty, we will update graduates & parents as the next few weeks bring more clarity as to whether or not we will be able to gather in some form on that date or a later date this summer to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of WUMC seniors.

Attention 8th Grade & College Grad Parents: WUMC would also like to recognize those that are completing 8th grade or graduating from college. Please let us know if your son or daughter is celebrating these transitions as well.

WUMC Youth Group – Family Service Project: Signs for Hope Please help create yard signs to thank and honor front-liners and essential workers for display in the WUMC yard along our fence. Thanks to WUMC Lay Leader Mark Davis who coordinated the purchase of signs that each family may pick up from the front porch of the church, decorate at home (with paint &/or permanent markers) & then return to church and post their sign in the yard. The signs are in the cardboard box on the office porch for anyone that would like to be creative and make a sign. Please email Catherine.mason02@outlook.com if you would like to participate in the event we run out of our sign supply.

THIS WEEK’S CHILDREN & YOUTH RESOURCE FOR @ HOME: <https://ministry-to-children.com/pentecost-childrens-sermon/>

Kudo Korner

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 this summer, on a date and in a format to be determined.

Thanks to last Sunday’s worship leaders: *Joann King* (liturgist); *Elizabeth* and *Mary Grace Styblo* (Children’s Time); *Kate Keeler* (soloist); and members of the virtual choir who led hymns and offered special music: *Amanda*, *Abby*, and *Jack Cloud*; *Jeff* and *Barb Hunt*; *Kate Keeler*; *Joann King*; *Morgan* and *Venetia Phillippe*; *Carolyn Shay*; and *Sam Temple*.

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.

*** *Wesley Shay* is a Radiology Assistant at Sloan-Kettering Memorial Hospital in NYC who works with radiologists there in Interventional Radiology; and *Jen Shay* (*Nathaniel’s* wife and daughter-in-law of *Chris* and *Carolyn Shay*) who is a Physical Therapist and does home care for two agencies in Fairfield County.



****Abbie Davis* has assumed new responsibilities in three health care settings: as a nursing intern in the Emergency Room at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, as an EMT at Oxford Ambulance, and as an EMT at Meadow Ridge Assisted Living in Redding, CT.

****Athelene Nanthan* serves clients in Southbury as a home health care worker for First Light Home Care of Western Connecticut

****Jennifer McClendon*, wife of *Gary McClendon*, has direct contact with patients as the office manager for Orthopedics New England in Middlebury.

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

The Prayer Corner:

Please continue to remember persons in our church family who have recently suffered the loss of loved ones: *Joy Eusebio* (*Paul Weber*), *Larry Kaine* (*Betsy Love*)

Please remember *Gary McClendon*, who leaves on June 4 for an extended business trip to Norway which will require him to self-quarantine after he arrives and then again after he returns to Connecticut.

Welcome home to *Elizabeth Styblo*, who arrived in Connecticut on Sunday after a long sojourn with her aunt in Illinois following the shutdown of her college classes at Western Michigan State University.

COVID-19 patients in our church's extended family: *Emily Bodwell* of Newtown, sister of *Matt Bodwell* (health care worker at Danbury Hospital)

Inpatient rehabilitation: *Angelina Vaiuso*, mother of *Karen Williams* (Bethel Health Care Center, Bethel, CT); *Marie Petty*, aunt of *Kathy Craig* (Abbott Terrace, Waterbury)

Recovering at home: *Dominic Vaiuso* of Newtown (father of *Karen Williams*); *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; Rev. *John Esposito*, pastor of Gaylordsville UMC and friend of Pastor John (recovering from COVID-19); *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: *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.** 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!

Need a Mask – Contact Christine Shupenis at cshupenis@gmail.com and she will gladly make one for 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.



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JUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT WUMC

Turner Carnes, Larrie Karraker & Orson Lin	1 st
Tatyanna Malagutti	3 rd
Gary McClendon	4 th
David Karraker	5 th
Kathleen Roche	6 th
Rachel Galus	7 th
John Boettcher & Lynn Cullen	10 th
Laurie Cole	11 th
Toby McGrath	13 th
Sam Sledzieski	19 th
Alicia Boisseau, Mary Feller, Stephen King, & Dave Shupenis	22 nd
Jim Congdon & Mack LaManna	23 rd
Sibley Morosco & Owen Shay	25 th
Gail Guiditta	28 th
Chloe Chiu & Sara Guillemette	29 th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL,
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS ARE ON THEIR WAY!**