



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Please Note: Church Office Closed This Thursday and Friday

**For Pastoral Emergencies, please contact Rev. Paul Hibbard
at (860) 488-7705**

June 14 Worship Service Provided by New York Annual Conference

On Sunday, June 14, a worship service will be provided online by the NYAC staff for all churches in the Conference. (See yesterday's "Life of the Church:" article by Pastor John). Please note: There will be no pre-recorded service from WUMC that day.

You may access the online service broadcast by the Conference in the usual way on WUMC's website:

- By 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.

RE-OPENING CHURCH SURVEY

WUMC Church Council would appreciate your opinion regarding re-opening in-person worship services and continuing online services.

Please "click" the following link to complete and submit this brief (approximately 10 minute) survey: [WUMC Survey](https://forms.gle/np2z5M2BgF83cDWA8). If the link does not work on your device, please copy and paste the following URL into your browser: <https://forms.gle/np2z5M2BgF83cDWA8>.

Your input is important to our efforts to reopen the church in a timely manner. So, please complete and submit the survey as soon as possible, but no later than June 20th.

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. Continuing 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 During Sunday Fellowship Hour

A remote FELLOWSHIP HOUR (Sunday at about 11:20 am) is 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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Children & Youth Ministry

Resources for @ Home:

- Cokesbury Kids Free Resources (*children & teens*): <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources/>
- Ministry to Children: "Unity in Christ" <https://ministry-to-children.com/racial-unity-in-christ-lesson/>

Virtual Meetings for Sunday School & Youth Group to wrap up the school year will be announced to parents via email soon.

A Note to the Congregation –

When a child is baptized in the United Methodist Church, the congregation promises to nurture the child in the Christian faith and life in a community of care & love. This enables the child to grow their trust of God and become true disciples. June is typically a month when we come together to celebrate the accomplishments of "our children." Though we are not together, we can still celebrate the accomplishments of our children and teens as the school year concludes & graduations are celebrated at home & with drive-in ceremonies. We **invite the WUMC congregation to send a note, card or postcard to the children & youth** of our congregation. If you need addresses or information, please refer to your latest church directory or contact Catherine at 203.707.6571 or Catherine.mason02@outlook.com.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADS:

Grace Bower Richardson, Abigail Cloud, Harrison Todd Harwood, Alyna Jones, Emily Paige Matson, Samuel Elijah Temple, & Zachary Phillip Varnum

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADS: *Brady Cordova, Orson Lin, Mary Grace Styblo, & Lydia Hope Temple*

COLLEGE GRADS: *Anna Bower Richardson – New York University, May 19, 2020; Mollie Cole – University of Bridgeport, May 2020; Andrea Craig – Post University, May, 2020; Emily Lind – American University, May, 2020; Sarah Schivera – Indiana University, April 30, 2020*

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.

Kudos to *Julia Bower Richardson*, who organized and led a rally to protest systemic racism, held in Southbury on June 7.

Thanks to *Leeah Joo* and *Tesu Beavers* for making signs offering support to victims of racism and placing them in our church's side lawn. Tesu's picture appeared in the June 8 **Republican-American**.

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Jeff and Barb Hunt* (handbells); *Rynn Naylor* (liturgist); *Diane and Rebecca Hibbard* (Children's Time); the *Cloud* family (congregational hymns); *Kate Keeler* (special music).

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.

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

The Prayer Corner:

Please remember *David Green*, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Dave and *Glenda* live in the home on Main Street immediately across from the front of the sanctuary. They have been caring neighbors to our church for many years.



Inpatient rehabilitation: *Angelina Vaiuso*, mother of *Karen Williams* (Bethel Health Care Center, Bethel); *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!

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.



*Open Hearts, Open Minds,
Open Doors*

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Spread the Light!



**Set a star aglow
with your generosity:
Join the Community Services
Council of Woodbury in
a celebration of hope**

*Neighbors reaching out
to help neighbors in need*

Our Services:

The Community Services Council of Woodbury Inc. operates as an independent 501 (c) (3) nonprofit agency governed by a board of directors that includes clergy from participating faith communities, four elected officers, and representatives of the town government and community. The CSCW works with the Social Services Department of the Town of Woodbury to address the needs of low-income households in our community. Through your generosity:

- The **Woodbury Food Bank** provides weekly access for all authorized clients to obtain staple goods, supplemented by baked goods, meat products and fresh produce. This program serves both to support proper nutrition and to enable client families to conserve scarce financial resources for other household necessities. Introduction of pickup and home delivery services this year has enabled our pantry to keep its commitment during the pandemic while protecting the health and safety of all.
- The CSCW **supplementary energy assistance program** offers additional support to meet urgent heating oil, gas and electricity needs that are not met through assistance available through the state of Connecticut and energy providers.
- The CSCW **crisis assistance program** enables authorized clients to request short-term financial help with critical emergency needs, including housing, medical, utility and transportation obligations.
- The CSCW **holiday program** seeks to brighten the holiday season for client families by providing holiday dinners with all the trimmings through the Food Bank; organizing a "Santa's Shop" for children's gifts; and providing client families with gift cards for holiday shopping.

**Community Services Council of Woodbury Inc.
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For more information, please contact CSCW President Bob Taylor:

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