



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. John A. Thomason, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Upcoming Worship Schedule

June 27 – SUMMER WORSHIP TIME BEGINS (9:30 AM)

Rev. Paul Hibbard, preaching

July 4: Rev. Garrett Walkup, preaching

July 11: Pastor Michael Cobb's first Sunday

**NOTE: Summer Church Office Hours begin on Tuesday, July 6
Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM – Office closed on Monday & Friday**

June 27: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Please note: June 20 was Pastor John's last Sunday in the pulpit. He will continue his duties as pastor through Wednesday, June 30. **Remember to pre-register if planning on attending Sunday services.**

Rev. Paul Hibbard will be leading the congregation in this Sunday's worship service. Rev. Hibbard is a chaplain at Waterbury Hospital and Griffin Hospital in Derby.

Pastor's Sermon: *Constantly Changing*
Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Mark 5:21-43

Liturgist: Rynn Naylor

Singer: Venetia Phillippe

Children's Time: Rev. Hibbard

Audio-Visual Technician: Theron Kissinger

Pastor Michael Cobb

Communion Sunday will be celebrated on July 11th with Pastor Cobb leading us in worship for the first time. If you cannot attend and would like to receive Communion, please be sure to let us know if you would like to pick up your package or if we can make a home delivery. Just email or call the office and leave a message with your name and how many kits are needed and whether you would like the kits delivered or you would be able to pick them up at the church. We'd be happy to do so, if requested.



Worship Pre-Registration Requested

Our sanctuary seating capacity is now 70. To ensure a place for all worshipers to be accommodated safely, the COVID Recovery Team requests that our members and friends continue the practice of pre-registering for services. You may do this on the WUMC website or by calling the church office. Thank you for your cooperation!

Changes to WUMC COVID Safety Protocols Issued June 20, 2021

We are pleased to announce that WUMC's COVID Reopening Team recommended and Church Council approved changes to our COVID Safety Protocols, as summarized below. These changes, which will be introduced over the next several weeks, represent our next step toward normalcy. These changes are made possible by Connecticut's sustained positivity rate of well below 1%, continued drop in hospitalizations, and a vaccination participation of almost 60% fully vaccinated and almost 10% partially vaccinated. We also will ensure that each week our Pastor and worship team are fully vaccinated. However, due to the unknown vaccination status of our congregation and the fact that our children and youth under the age of 12 are not vaccinated, **we ask that all members of our congregation continue to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.**

- Return of Pastor greeting line (socially distanced)
- Transition to every other pew seating
- Congregation is allowed to sing while masked
- Plexiglass shields removed for vaccinated worship team members
- Allow praise band and ensemble of 3-4 singers, who are all fully vaccinated
- Return hymnals and Bibles to pews
- Return of bell choir
- Return of passing of the offering plate
- Return of candle lighting by an acolyte
- Return of more personal communion

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.
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Mission & Outreach Ministry Team

“Spread the Light” - A Message from the Community Services Council of Woodbury

The Community Services Council of Woodbury will mark the 11th anniversary of our annual **“Spread the Light”** fundraising campaign during June with an invitation to all who have sustained and strengthened our mission during the pandemic journey to join us in dedicating this year’s appeal as **“A Celebration of Gratitude and Hope.”** From Memorial Day through the Fourth of July, donors who make a “Spread the Light” donation to the CSCW by mail, online or in person at the Woodbury Food Bank are invited to pick up both a star lantern and a gratitude stone as symbols of their shared partnership in the Council’s daily work to assist Woodbury neighbors in need. In keeping with an annual tradition that began in 2011, approximately 200 star lanterns will be placed on trees at Woodbury’s five town greens along Main Street on the Fourth of July. Each star lantern, displayed throughout the day and illuminated during the evening, will represent a dedication made through a donation to the “Spread the Light” campaign.

Donors will have the opportunity to pick up a star lantern and a “gratitude stone” at the “Spread the Light” table outside the Woodbury Food Bank from June 2 through July 3 on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. We very much hope that the community will embrace this year’s theme of thanksgiving and hope by displaying gratitude stones and star lanterns widely at their own homes. At a time when we all have so much to be thankful for, what a beautiful message we can send by letting our stars shine and creating our own gratitude stones!

Donations may be made in person at the food bank, or by mailing a check payable to “Community Services Council” to the CSCW, PO Box 585, Woodbury, CT 06798. The CSCW also offers the option to make “Spread the Light” donations through the PayPal portal available on the CSCW web page on the Town of Woodbury website. This page can be reached by using the URL, <https://woodburyct.org>, to reach the Town of Woodbury home page, and then using the “Community Links” tab to access the Community Services Council of Woodbury page on the town website.

Donors are invited to include memorial or honorary dedications to persons they wish to remember by submitting a written note of these names with their in-person or mail donations, or by including these names in the PayPal “Write a note” box. Dedications also may be submitted to the attention of CSCW president Bob Taylor by email at community.services.council@gmail.com. In sharing the story of our work at the CSCW, I have often returned to the theme of “Spread the Light” as a powerful reminder that, when each of us lights our own small candle, together we can banish the deepest darkness. I celebrate all our friends whose candles burn so brightly and light the path ahead.

Wishing peace and good health to all our partners in compassion,

Bob Taylor, President
Community Services Council of Woodbury

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: Mark 5:21-43 Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus’s Daughter
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Thanks to last Sunday’s worship leaders: *Rod Carnes*, Liturgist and Reader; *Kate Keeler* and *Sarah Kate Walkup*, Singers; *Matt Bodwell* and *Rod Carnes*, Singers and Musicians; *Kate Keeler*, Children’s Time leader; *Theron Kissinger*, audio-visual technician.

The Prayer Corner:

In the hospital: *Kinley Mae Drown-Burr*, infant daughter of *Bud Behlman’s* cousin, *Jessamie Drown* (Yale-New Haven)

Upcoming surgery: *Linda Rockhill* (June 29 at Naugatuck Valley Surgical Center, Waterbury)

Outpatient rehabilitation: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto*

Recovering at home: *Carol Hennessey; Liam McGrath; Christian Echeveria*, friend of *Kelly Etcheto*; *Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amanda Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *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*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis*

Homebound members: *Florence Brown, Linda Bailey*

Please continue to remember: *Lawrence "Ed" Rockhill*, father-in-law of *Linda Rockhill* (River Glenn, Southbury); 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.** – **NOTE SUMMER HOURS BEGIN TUESDAY, JULY 6TH.** 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.

Love is Spoken Here!

