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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, June 3, 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.

June 7, 10:30 am

First Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Communion



The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. **Trinity Sunday** is always observed on the First Sunday after Pentecost, a celebration of the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Peace with Justice Sunday is also observed on the First Sunday after Pentecost in the United Methodist Church. This day witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, peaceful, and secure world. The special offering received on this occasion funds peace with justice ministries provided by annual conferences and the General Board of Church and Society. Those wishing to donate may do so through the WUMC website or by writing a check to WUMC with "Peace with Justice Sunday" in the memo.

On June 7, *Rynn Naylor* will serve as liturgist and Communion co-celebrant; *Diane* and *Rebecca Hibbard* will lead the Children's Time; *the Cloud family* will lead hymn singing; and *Barbara & Jeff Hunt* and *Kate Keeler* will provide special music.

Pastor's Sermon: *Signs of the Times*

Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

SIGNS OF THE TIMES CREATED BY WUMC YOUTH



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK.

The yearly gathering of clergy and lay delegates to the New York Annual Conference was originally scheduled for Thursday, June 11, through Sunday, June 14. This meeting has been postponed until at least September because of the pandemic.

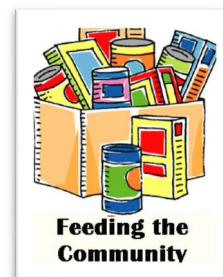
NYAC pastors would normally be away from their churches for the four days of Annual Conference, including the final day (Sunday). Bishop Thomas Bickerton has granted pastors those four days off for rest and renewal. NYAC will be providing an online worship service for all churches in the Conference on June 14.

Pastor John will be away from June 11-14 and Woodbury UMC will worship by means of the Conference website on the 14th. This will also give our church's musicians and tech team a much-deserved break. **The office will also be closed on Thursday and Friday; however, if a pastoral emergency arises, please contact Rev. Paul Hibbard at 860-488-7705.** Details about accessing the NYAC worship service will be made available next week.

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

Children's Resources for @ Home

- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources/church-at-home/free-deep-blue-sunday-school-lessons-for-home>
- <https://ministry-to-children.com/go-make-disciples-matthew-28-lesson-great-commission/>

Youth Resources for @ Home

- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources/church-at-home/linc-soul-in-disrepair>
- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources/church-at-home/linc-lament>

A Note to the Congregation -

When a person is baptized in our United Methodist denomination, the congregation makes promises that include in part to nurture the child (or adult) in the Christian faith and life in a community of care & love that will enable the child (or adult) to grow their trust of God and become true disciples. June is typically a month when we come together as a connected congregation to celebrate the accomplishments of "our children." Though we are not together, we can still celebrate the accomplishments of our children and teens as they wind down this school year in online study with drive-by teacher parades and drive in graduations.

We invite the WUMC congregation to send a note, card or postcard to the children & youth of our congregation. If you would like a suggestion of a child, youth or two, please contact Catherine Mason at Catherine.mason02@outlook.com or 203-707-6571.

This is a nice article from the UMC Discipleship Ministries: "A Small Congregation Advantage: From 'Children's Moment' to 'Each Child's Ministry'" by Teresa Stewart: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/blog/a-small-congregation-advantage-from-childrens-moment-to-each-childs-ministry> .

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.

Congratulations to parents *Wesley and Kelly Shay* and grandparents *Chris and Carolyn Shay* upon the birth of *Sophie Maureen Shay* on June 1 at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Sophie was six weeks early and weighed 5 lbs./20 oz. Kelly is home from the hospital and expects to bring Sophie home this weekend.

Congratulations to *Rev. Paul & Diane Hibbard* as they celebrate 34 years of marriage on June 7th.

Congratulations to *Bill and Judy Wilhelms* on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary on June 10. We give thanks for the living legacy of their lives, their marriage, their family, and their commitment to Christ and his Church.

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Julia Bower Richardson* (liturgist); *Christine, Anna, and Matthew Shupenis* (Children's Time); *Kate Keeler, Rick Richardson, Kathy Bower, and Julia Bower Richardson* (hymns); and *Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Kate Keller, and Chris Shay* (special music).

Thanks also to the *Cloud* family, the *Mason/Styblo* family, and *Rick Richardson* for contributing videos to our Pentecost “birthday party.”

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.

*** *David Markey* (fiancée of *Andi Craig*) services customers at Advanced Auto in East Hartford, CT.



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

The Prayer Corner:

Please remember *Gary McClendon*, who leaves on June 4 for a month-long business trip to Norway which will require him to self-quarantine after he arrives and then again after he returns to Connecticut. And **happy birthday** to Gary, who turns 65 on the day of his departure for Norway!

COVID-19 patients in our church's extended family: *Jacob Rego*, son of *Alan* and *Barbara Rego*, and Jacob's girlfriend, *Brenda Cadder*, both of Somerville, MA (both fully recovered and back at work); *Emily Bodwell* of Newtown, sister of *Matt Bodwell* (also fully recovered and has resumed her duties as a health care worker at Danbury Hospital)

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!

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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