



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Thursday, July 1, 2021

Upcoming Worship Schedule

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME STARTS @ 9:30 AM

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**

July 4: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Garrett Walkup will be leading up in spiritual worship this Sunday. Garrett is an ordained pastor and currently work as the pastoral care coordinator for RVNA health hospice in Ridgefield, CT.

Pastor's Sermon: *Boiling It Down*

Sermon Text: Micah 6:6-8

Readers: Anna and Grace Walkup

Singer: Sarah Kate Walkup

Children's Time: Garrett Walkup

Audio-Visual Technician: Venetia Phillippe

SAVE THE DATE

**WUMC Summer Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, August 29th
Watch for more information shortly**

Pastor J. Michael Cobb arrives today



Sign created by *Mary Grace Styblo & Lydia Temple*



Thanks Mary Grace & Lydia,
Pastor Michael loved his
official welcome!



Reminder – Communion Sunday, July 11th

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.

Now's Your Chance to be a Servant of God

If you've ever loved to read and dreamed of being a liturgist, love to teach a lesson to children, love to greet and meet people, pass the plate or children be enriched by learning how to become an acolyte... there will be sign up sheets in the Narthex to volunteer for any of these enlightening activities.

We will begin taking volunteers from **Sunday, July 18th and beyond**. Please consider volunteering and being involved in our church. If there are questions, please reach out to Venetia Phillippe (morgansmom71@gmail.com) or Pastor Michael Cobb (PastorMichael@woodburyumc.net).

Beginning **Sept. 5th** we would like to include college students, out of state viewers, and homebound viewers to take part remotely in our Worship service whether it be "Live" or pre-recorded by volunteering as a participant for liturgist or children's time. Email Kathy Craig at wumc@woodburyumc.net to have her add your name on the volunteer sign-up sheet. If you have any questions about the remote participation, please contact Theron Kissinger, our audio-visual tech at theronk@hotmail.com.

Thank you and God Bless!

Venetia, [Worship Chair](#)

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 6:1-13 A Prophet Without Honor

Kudo Korner

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Rev. Paul Hibbard*, Spiritual Leader and Children's Time Leader; *Rynn Naylor*, Liturgist and Reader; *Venetia Phillippe*, Singer; *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)

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

Recovering at home: *Linda Rockhill* (surgery on 6/29); *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 anyone has updates to these prayer requests, please send them to the office email at www.woodburyumc.net.



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...

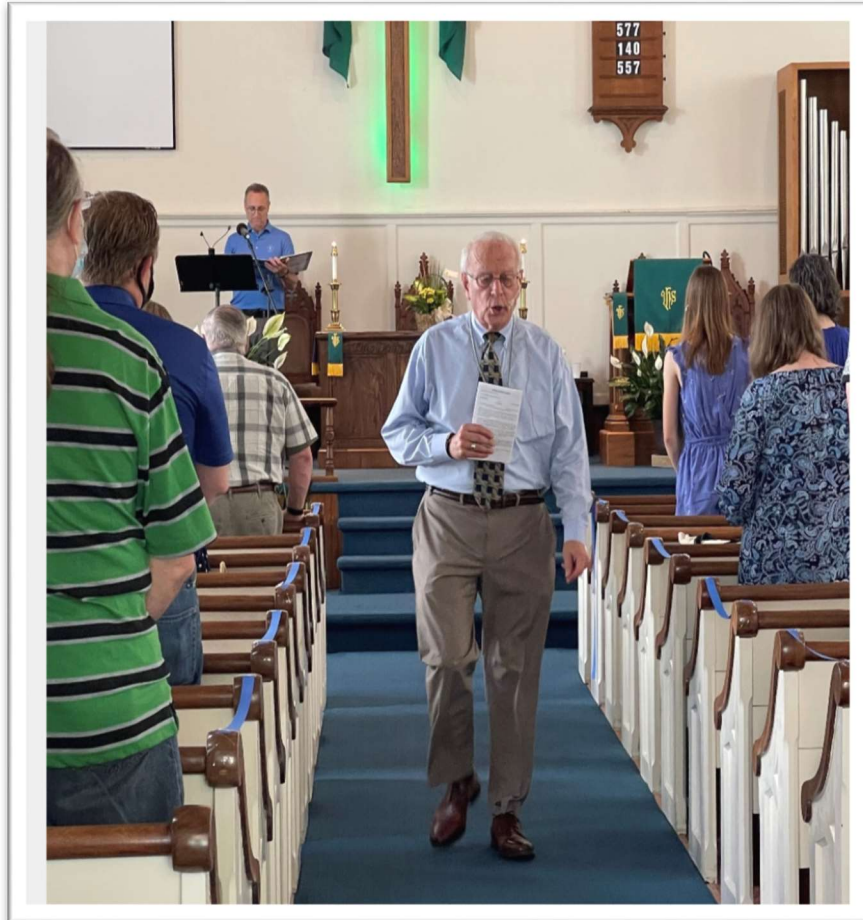
HANDICAPPED PARKING - - these are the three spaces outside the office doors (Church Street Entrance). **Please do NOT park there unless you have a handicapped parking tag. If you do park there, please be sure to leave enough room for the people using the handicapped ramp.**

❖ **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!!!

Pastor John takes his last Benediction Walk at WUMC ~ June 20, 2021



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.— Hebrews 12:1-2

We all wish you well at your new appointment!
You will forever be in our hearts!

Thank You



2021

WUMC Family,

Thank you so much for the graduation card & scholarship. It will help me out in my future!

Thank you again!

Morgan Phillippe

thanks ~~for~~ for keeping me in all your prayers, I can't wait to see you when I'm back!

Sincerely,
Liam

John and our WUMC Family -

We can't thank you enough for all the kind words, prayers, cards, and texts/calls as Liam continues to recover from his surgery. Progress is slow & frustrating at times but Liam is getting stronger and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Love,
Toby



JULY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT WUMC

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| Kevin Connolly | July 3 rd |
| Rod Carnes & John Fleming | July 5 th |
| Elizabeth Styblo | July 8 th |
| Mary Grace Styblo | July 11 th |
| Emily Rego | July 15 th |
| Gillian Griswold | July 16 th |
| Ava Nicole Kelly | July 18 th |
| Taylor Kissinger & Andrew Styblo | July 19 th |
| Mollie Cole, Brady Cordova | July 23 rd |
| David Brencher | July 24 th |
| Dylan Thomas | July 25 th |
| Amber Craig | July 29 th |
| Amanda Cloud | July 30 th |

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

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!



Something to think about. . . should be “everyone’s prayer”

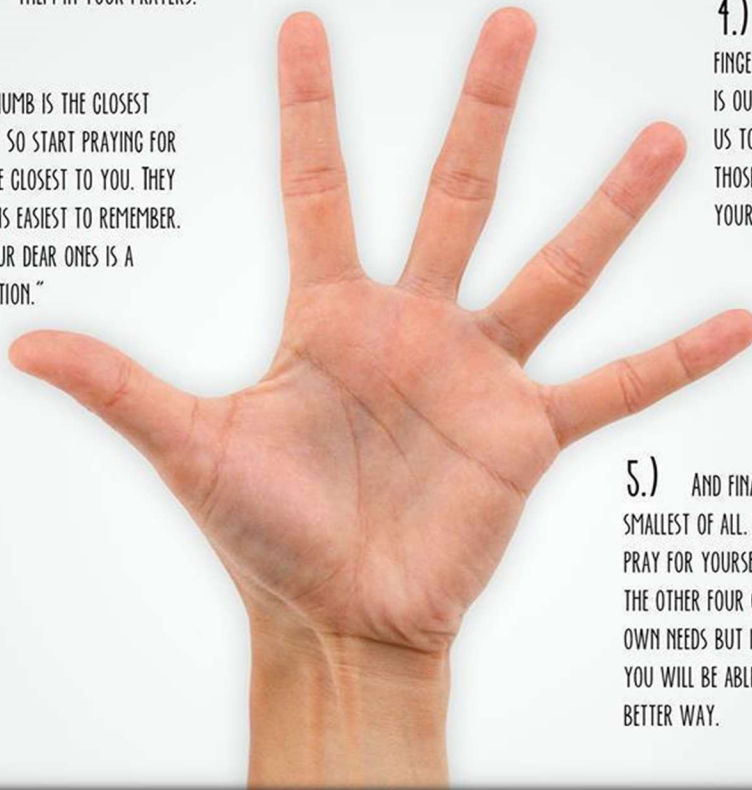
POPE FRANCIS’ FIVE FINGER PRAYER

1.) THE THUMB IS THE CLOSEST FINGER TO YOU. SO START PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO YOU. THEY ARE THE PERSONS EASIEST TO REMEMBER. TO PRAY FOR OUR DEAR ONES IS A “SWEET OBLIGATION.”

2.) THE NEXT FINGER IS THE INDEX. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TEACH YOU, INSTRUCT YOU AND HEAL YOU. THEY NEED THE SUPPORT AND WISDOM TO SHOW DIRECTION TO OTHERS. ALWAYS KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

3.) THE FOLLOWING FINGER IS THE TALLEST. IT REMINDS US OF OUR LEADERS, THE GOVERNORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE AUTHORITY. THEY NEED GOD’S GUIDANCE.

4.) THE FOURTH FINGER IS THE RING FINGER. EVEN THAT IT MAY SURPRISE YOU, IT IS OUR WEAKEST FINGER. IT SHOULD REMIND US TO PRAY FOR THE WEAKEST, THE SICK OR THOSE PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS. THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS.



5.) AND FINALLY WE HAVE OUR SMALLEST FINGER, THE SMALLEST OF ALL. YOUR PINKIE SHOULD REMIND YOU TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF. WHEN YOU ARE DONE PRAYING FOR THE OTHER FOUR GROUPS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR OWN NEEDS BUT IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE, AND ALSO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRAY FOR YOUR OWN NEEDS IN A BETTER WAY.