



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Worship Schedule

WORSHIP TIME - 10:30 AM Each Sunday

**NOTE: Church Office Hours beginning September 7th
Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM – Office closed on Monday**

(The office will be closed on Thursday, Sept. 9th and Friday, Sept. 10th for vacation days)



WEATHER PERMITTING – Worship we will be set up at the North Green. There is no need to pre-register for outdoor service and members of WUMC may remove their masks for outdoor worship. Services for both September and October are scheduled for the North Green unless otherwise noted so stay tuned to your Messenger each week.

September 5: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion kits are available in the church office or by request for home delivery (please contact Worship Team chair Venetia Phillippe, 918-706-2637).

Sermon Text: James 2:1-17, Mark 7:24-37

Liturgist & Communion Steward: Anna Richardson

Readers: Kathy Bower and Rick Richardson

Singers: Kathy Bower, Anna and Rick Richardson

Audio-Visual Technician: Theron Kissinger

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.

Update on COVID and the Recent WUMC Survey

The COVID Response Team (CRT) thanks all members of our church family for taking the time to respond to our recent survey regarding safe worship protocols. We had 32 responses representing 53 members of our church family, which were split about 50/50 between members who are attending worship services in person and those who are joining us virtually online.

Due to the Delta variant driven uptick in COVID cases, we will maintain previously published protocols for indoor and outdoor services. Indoors, all members of the congregation will continue to be required to wear masks. Outdoors, vaccinated members can choose to remove their masks. Social distancing will continue as before. Pre-registration will no longer be required except for special indoor services for which large numbers of attendees are expected. The request for registration for these special services will be made in our weekly e-mail communications.

The CRT has been monitoring closely the recent uptick in COVID cases and hospitalizations in CT, Woodbury, and surrounding communities. As a result, the CRT recommended and the Worship Ministry agreed to begin holding services on the North Green last Sunday and for the remainder of the summer and early fall, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, we will conduct services indoors using existing safety protocols. When we return to regular indoor services in the fall, results from our recent survey will be considered, along with the status of the current wave of new cases, in making further changes to our safety protocols.

SAVE THE DATES

Rally Day Sunday is planned for Sunday, September 12, 2021 – more information from our Youth & Education Leaders will be coming very shortly. People of all ages are invited to **bring your backpack** (or whatever you carry for school or work) to church with you on **Sunday, September 12, 2021**.

Everyone will receive a blessing from Pastor Michael plus a special gift as a keepsake for your bag throughout the year. As we begin a new year of school — or return to work after the more relaxed feeling that summer brings — this blessing offers us a fresh start and new energy as we approach the Fall. We begin the school year in prayer, so that those following academic pursuits may experience a blessed and fruitful school year. All are welcome to come up for a blessing!



PS: If you ever thought about inviting a friend to join us for worship, a service that is outdoors and gives them a gift seems a perfect opportunity 😊

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 10, 2021 will be held from 3:00 – 5:00 PM on the North Green. Many details are being planned for this event and more information will follow very soon.

Laita Sunday - Sunday, October 17– News to come regarding opportunities for youth

UMC Student Day - Sunday, November 28 - News to come regarding opportunities for you & college student participation

A Message from our Choir Director

Our Bell and Voice Choir are beginning to come together once again. If you would like to join either and share your talents, come join us. Bell Choir Rehearsals are from 6:00-7:00 PM and begin on Wednesday, Sept 8, and the Adult Choir Rehearsals are from 7:15- 8:30 PM, also beginning on Sept 8. No experience necessary – just a love for music! Questions about either choir - call or text Chris Shay 203-592-8659.

Children & Youth Ministry News

Calling all kids and families, the WUMC will be collecting school supplies for the needy through Rally Day, September 12. Please consider picking up extra supplies as you purchase your own. If it is on your supply list, chances are there is someone who needs the same things.

We are collecting school supplies to help Woodbury Food Bank clients with school age children, now through the first weekend in September. Here is a short list of the most commonly needed items for these children at the elementary and middle school levels in Region 14 (Woodbury/Bethlehem):

- No. 2 pencils
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Glue sticks
- Sharpies (primarily fine point and black)
- Pencil boxes
- Composition notebooks
- Crayola crayons
- Highlighters
- One-subject and three-subject notebooks
- One-inch and One and a half-inch three-ring binders
- Lined paper for binders

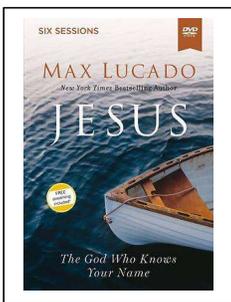
In addition, high school students often need an expensive specific calculator, the TI 84. We would also like to collect new and used TI 84s to distribute to both high schools for students who cannot afford them.

Calling WUMC Acolytes: In September we will have acolytes again for worship. Parents, if your child previously was an acolyte or would like to become one, and he or she can serve in the fall, please contact Catherine to select dates. It's been a long time, so a refresher and opportunity to practice will be offered. More information to come.

@ HOME RESOURCES for continued Christian Education

- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources>
- <https://www.nyac.com/childrensministries>
- <https://ministry-to-children.com/>

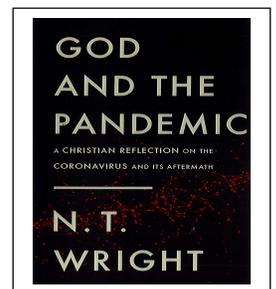
• Scripture selection to read together as a family this week: *James 2:1-10, 14-17* This passage addresses the favoritism we all play sometimes. It asks how can we use worship to bridge the gaps that we have begun to take for granted in our world? How can we reach across the aisle that separates us?



Fall Book Studies!

We have two great book groups starting this month:

- Starting September 19, we will be doing a study using *Max Lucado's* book *Jesus*, with plans to meet before Sunday morning worship.
- Starting Tuesday September 21, we will be doing a study using *N.T. Wright's* book *God and the Pandemic*, with plans to meet each Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8pm.



Details to follow—any questions, see Bud Behlman or Pastor Michael. Books have been ordered and will be available for purchase shortly.

Annual Fall Clean-Up Time at WUMC

Mark your calendar - Saturday, November 13, 2021. Members of the Board of Trustees and anyone who would like to volunteer to participate in the **Fall Clean-Up Day** should plan on being at the church for a 9 AM start – until finished. Leaves will be raked, windows will be washed and a variety of other necessities will be wrapped up for the winter months to follow. If anyone would like to help out, please bring your rakes, shovels, gloves and lots of energy. This is a great way for our youth to obtain community service hours for school as well. Come on down and see *Theron Kissinger*.

Kudo Korner

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders and all those that helped in "many, many" ways at our annual summer picnic!

Thank you to both *Mary Grace Styblo* and *Lydia Temple* for their artistic talents for our Blessing of the Animals flyer. Watch for more information coming out shortly. Mark the date: October 10, 2021 – 3-5:00 PM.



The Prayer Corner

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

Recovering at home: *Carol Hennessey; Liam McGrath; Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amelia Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *Steve Thomas; Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Donna Louise Burke*, friend of *Kathy Craig*; *Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*)

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher; Bob Asman; 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: Relative of *Rev. Betty Lines* who are seriously ill: brother-in-law *Stephen Lines* (recovering from a stroke in Florida) and *Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*); *Manny Gesh, Jane True, Blair Feller, Marilyn Bender, Ryan DeRidder* and family, and *Laura & Stuart Brush*.



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.** –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 J. Michael Cobb's cell @ (203) 512-1059. 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!!!

An Update & Thanks from the Lynch Family to the WUMC Congregation:

Jack, Joey and Ruby hosted a bottle drive fundraiser and bake sale the past two weekends at the Majors Baseball Field at Hollow Park 9:00 am -11:00 am.

"We have been able to raise \$493.95 for the past two weekend bottle/cans collection and bake sales. In total we have collected 3300 bottles and cans.

We have exceeded our goal of \$5000 and will continue to accept donations so we can support our Veterans and Military families. Thank you to everyone that has donated to date!!!"



This is the link if anyone wishes to donate. <https://runtohomebase.org/support/#MarkLynch>

Mark, Jessie, Jack, Joey and Ruby have all signed up to participate in the 2021 5k Run to Home Base on Saturday, September 25, at Fenway Park, in support of Veterans and Military Families! Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program, operates the first and largest private-sector clinic in the nation devoted to providing life-saving clinical care and support for the treatment of the invisible wounds to include post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, anxiety, depression, co-occurring substance use disorder, family relationship challenges and other issues associated with military service. **100% of every dollar raised will go directly towards the life-saving care provided by Home Base.**

Let us all keep the Lynch family and their mission for this fundraising event in prayer. Their work is so important for all our veterans and military families.

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!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT WUMC

Michael Boisseau	Sept 1 st
Dennis Yates	Sept 3 rd
Rebecca Hibbard & John Zaccaria	Sept 7 th
Dorothy Murray	Sept 11 th
Theron Kissinger & Lydia Temple	Sept 12 th
Alyssa Hunt	Sept 16 th
Carolyn Kelly & Colleen Scott LaManna	Sept 17 th
Wesley Shay	Sept 19 th
Logan Chiu	Sept 23 rd
Linda Bailey, Rae Ann Hockenberry, Jeff Hunt & James Levario	Sept 25 th
Steven Hansen	Sept 26 th
Jack Cloud & Joey Lynch	Sept 27 th

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



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September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Communion Worship Service 10:30am - 11:30am	6 	7	8 Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - 7:00pm Voice Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm - 8:30pm	9 Church Council Meeting (via Conference Call or Zoom) 7:00pm - 9:00pm	10 WUMC Volunteer at the Food Bank 10:00am - 2:00pm	11 Prayer Ministry Meeting 9:00am - 10:00am
12 RALLY DAY - BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday Worship Service 10:30am - 11:30am	13 Open Doors Ministry Meeting - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm - 8:00pm	14 	15 Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - 7:00pm Voice Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm - 8:30pm	16	17 WUMC Volunteer at the Food Bank 10:00am - 2:00pm	18
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Legend:

Christian Education

Church Ministries

Worship Service