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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

July 12th – Our First In-Person Worship Service from Mark Davis, Lay Leader

We hope to see you soon! We just received approval for the first two phases of our reopening plan. **We will begin holding in-person outdoor services on July 12th at 9:30 am. They will be held on the Woodbury North Green.** We are excited to say that this venue provides sufficient social distancing that we can have a small praise band! I hope you are as excited as I am to see each other in person, even if it is with a mask and without a hug!

The primary restrictions are ones to which we have grown accustomed, while venturing out in public places and visiting health care providers. Attendees must wear a face covering/mask at all times and maintain proper social distancing. In our case, we are asking everyone to maintain 10 feet of social distancing between families and for children to remain with a parent at all times. For those that are able, we ask that attendees bring their own mask, seating, and printed copy of the bulletin. We will have limited sanitized chairs for those with limited mobility.

The area for worshipers will be roped off to allow two check-in points with greeters who will record attendance and apply obligatory admission criteria (no-touch temperature and quick confirmation that no one is sick or been in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days). We will also be providing an online registration system to make the greeters' job easier.

We ask our elderly and vulnerable church family members to carefully consider whether to attend services in person at this time. While we feel our plans for in-person services provide robust protocols to protect our church family, we encourage our most vulnerable members to stay safe at home. We would love to see you, but we want you to stay safe, because we love you! **Online and audio-only worship service broadcasts will continue to be provided, but later on Sunday.**

A brief summary of what to expect at outdoor services, as well as our approved reopening plan, can be found on our website at the following webpage URL/link: <https://woodburyumc.net/covid-recovery%2Freopening>. Or you will find an active button at the top of our church home page labeled "COVID-19 Recovery/Reopening" that will take you to this webpage.

We also will be offering an online Zoom informational/Q&A session on Wednesday, July 8th at 7 pm: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5373398652?pwd=MmVXaSswdzZ0QU9tS3hVczJCSXdsQT09>; Meeting ID: 537 339 8652; Password: IWUMC2020. You can also participate by phone: (646) 558-8656; Meeting ID: 537 339 8652; Password: 400519.

You can also contact our Lay Leader, Mark Davis, at mwd2010a@yahoo.com and 203-267-1059, to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Please join us for Remote services at 10:30 am on Sundays

- Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net> and click the link at the top left of the home page. Facebook and Instagram may also be used.
- **Audio only playback:** dial 701-802-5464; enter PIN with hash sign 659965#. Please mute your phones to eliminate background noise.
- **Archived worship services** may also be accessed from the main pull-down menu.

July 5: 5th Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please note: Worshipers at home are encouraged to prepare and partake of their own Communion elements. Pastor John will consecrate the elements remotely after a special "Great Thanksgiving for Civic Occasions."

This Sunday's worship leaders: *Rynn Naylor*, Liturgist; the *Bower-Richardson* family and the *Cloud* family, leaders of congregational singing; *Mike Boisseau*, Children's Time.

Pastor's Sermon: 2020 Hindsight **Sermon text: 2 Samuel 12:7-15, 1 Chronicles 29:26-28**

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

Attention Parents: Did your children miss the virtual Sunday School meeting this past Sunday? If so, you can **do the lesson with your family at home**. We learned about the topic of *Communities Need Foundations* with the Bible story from Matthew 7:24-27, *The Wise and Foolish Builders*. **Materials for @ home use are available at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lhgwQ9MCMpkjYbEOyoXkrVhM9dnS-dw9>** for a complete video lesson of this topic. Kids see the mp4 file at the bottom of this link's page.

JULY'S @ HOME RESOURCE for Families of Children & Teens – A comprehensive list is available through the church website and at

- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources/church-at-home>
- <https://ministry-to-children.com/>

JULY MEMORY VERSE: *The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)*

Our Virtual Sunday School meeting was a lot of fun! It was so nice to get together again & see the kids and parents. Thank you to the *Boisseau, Cloud, Mason-Styblo & Temple* families for participating.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Families, SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, July 12th @ 6:30 PM. The Children & Youth Ministry team will hold another **virtual meeting for all families with children through 12th grade**. We hope all can join the fun! We'll catch up, explore a Bible Story, & play a virtual game or two. The information for the virtual meeting will be sent directly to registered parents in Sunday School and Youth Ministry closer to the event date. Please contact Catherine & Meg for more information.

Kudo Korner

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *David Karraker*, Liturgist; *Carolyn Shay*, soloist and leader of congregational singing; *Paul Beavers, Jr.* and *Leeah Joo*, Children's Time.

In last week's *Messenger*, Lay Leader *Mark Davis* identified and thanked a number of people who have been responsible for producing our online worship services. One additional person to recognize is *Matt Bodwell*, who is using some of his own high tech equipment to enhance the sound mixing. Thanks, Matt!

Have we overlooked any **COLLEGE GRADUATES?**

Please let us know if you have a college student in your family who has graduated this year and has not yet been recognized by our church. Just call the church office or send us an email.

Have we overlooked any **FRONTLINERS?**

During the early weeks of the pandemic, we honored persons in our church family (and their family members) who are serving as "frontliners" by providing essential services in high-risk settings. Please let us know of any additional persons we might have missed in our previous recognitions.



The Prayer Corner:

Home from the hospital: *Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (surgery on July 25 at Manchester Hospital, Manchester, CT)

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.**

❖ **SUMMER Office Hours - Tuesday thru Thursday only 9 am – 1 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 umc@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!



*Open Hearts, Open Minds,
Open Doors*

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