



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Outdoor Worship Continues This Sunday 9:30 AM, Woodbury North Green

Last Sunday, 31 persons gathered on Woodbury's North Green for our first in-person worship service in four months. Thanks again to our COVID-19 Recovery Team, the Board of Trustees, and Music Director *Chris Shay* and his technical assistants for helping us to prepare for this landmark event. And thanks to the worshipers who cooperated beautifully with the precautions we were asked to take and for warmly participating in the service itself.



We will continue to worship on the Green through August. If and when you choose to join us, please familiarize yourself with the protocols to be followed for attending in-person worship. Detailed instructions and procedures have been outlined in a letter from Lay Leader *Mark Davis* and may also be found on the WUMC website.

The outdoor service will be canceled if there is inclement weather, and the service will take place in the sanctuary with only the worship leaders present. Every effort will be made to inform the congregation of a cancellation in a timely way.

For those who choose not to join us in-person at this time, we fully understand and support your personal caution and care for others. Services (outside or inside) will continue to be recorded and made available on our website at 1 PM on Sunday afternoon.

The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- 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 17: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday's worship leaders: JoAnn Behlman, Liturgist; the Bower-Richardson family, hymns and special music; Julia Bower Richardson, Children's Time.

Pastor's Sermon: *Peril, Presence, and Promise*

Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;

Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Please note: There will be no Zoom Fellowship Hour during the period when we are worshipping outdoors.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

JULY'S @ HOME RESOURCE for Families of Children & Teens – Resources for continued Christian Education are available on the church website & the following sites:

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

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

Many Thank Yous!

Dear WUMC family,

It has been a great honor to call Woodbury United Methodist Church my 'Church family.' Since I was little the church was always my safe place, a place that taught me to be the love is spoken here. I value beyond measure having a church family willing to give and receive each other's thoughts and fears, as well as affection. WUMC is a place where you can ask questions and find ample mentorship and companionship through Jesus Christ.

From Samuel "Sam" Temple

Thank You

From Abby Cloud

Dear WUMC Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. I am honor to have received it. I will always remember the memories that I have made at WUMC. I will carry the lessons that I have learned here with me in the next chapter of my life. I promise to visit often! Thank you again! -Abby C.

Thank you

From Harry Harwood

Dear WUMC Family,

I am so grateful for the Church's generous scholarship for college. I am so thankful for having been a part of the WUMC community since I was a little kid, as I've learned so much and have met so many amazing people.

Love, Harry



Dear Church Family,

7-6-20

It takes time to pray- I want to "Thank-you" for both, your time + your prayers. My 40 year friendship with Paul came to an end on May 7th at 8pm. In many ways prayers "were" answered. The hole in his abdomen did heal inside + out. a miracle. That was the prayer request in February. He didn't get Covid. He got to die at home with his dog. So God did answer. As Paul's story unfolded the challenges, struggles + set backs became insurmountable. Defeated, he made the decision in May for Hospice.

On May 7th, heavens gates were opened to accept a treasure + Paul was released from torment, pain + suffering.

Thank you "church family" for your support, phone calls, meaningful cards, + most of all, your prayers during a real difficult time. "Prayer Power" not to be underestimated. It kept me going.

I'll be home + quarantined sometime in July. There's been alot to do here in S. Carolina.

God bless you all, Stay safe + see you soon. Lord bless you each,
Joy Eusebio

Kudo Korner

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Joann King*, Liturgist; *Kate Keeler*, *Joann King*, and *Carolyn Shay*, leaders of congregational singing; *Kate Keeler*, Children's Time.

The Prayer Corner:

In the hospital: *Kate Lintner*, sister-in-law of *Diane Hibbard* (surgery on July 13 in Houston, Texas)

Home from the hospital: *Phyllis Kissinger*, mother of *Theron Kissinger* (Albuquerque, NM)

Outpatient surgery: *Lynn Cullen* (eye cataract procedure on July 14 at Griffin Hospital, Derby); *Jackie Fleming* (eye cataract procedure on July 16 at Waterbury Surgical Center, Waterbury)

Upcoming surgery: *Fred Harper*, brother-in-law of *Kathy Craig* (heart surgery on July 22 in Belton, MO)

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: *Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *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 wumc@woodburyumc.net. This is also important to keep track of any of our college students as well!!!
