



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, March 10, 2021



Don't Forget to Set Your Clocks "AHEAD" Saturday Night before Bed,
You Don't want to be Late for Church on Sunday.....

March 14: Fourth Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday

UMCOR Sunday highlights and supports the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This UMC agency mobilizes individuals and churches to provide monetary support and hands-on assistance to regions that have been affected by natural disasters. A special offering envelope will be inserted in this Sunday's worship bulletin.

Pastor's Sermon:

Final Words: "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

Text: Mark 15:25-36

Bud Behlman, Liturgist and Children's Time Leader
Morgan and Venetia Phillippe, singers

Lenten Study Continues

During Lent, the Tuesday night Bible Study Fellowship group is reading and discussing Adam Hamilton's book, *Final Words from the Cross*. This study is coordinated with Pastor John's sermon series on the 7 Last Words of Christ.

The group meets each Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:00 PM, both in-person in Fellowship Hall and by Zoom. The online link is clearly identified on the first page of the WUMC website. Book are still available in the church office. Newcomers are welcome!

Looking Ahead to Easter

If anyone would like Communion delivered to their home before Easter Sunday, please contact the church office at (203) 263-4775 and leave a message or you may contact *Venetia Phillippe*, Worship Chair at (918) 706-2637. Let us know how many cups you would like delivered and we'll be sure to get them to you.

We are also taking orders for Easter flowers until **Friday, March 19th**. Please refer to the order blank at the end of this Messenger.

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.
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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

@ HOME RESOURCES for continued Christian Education:

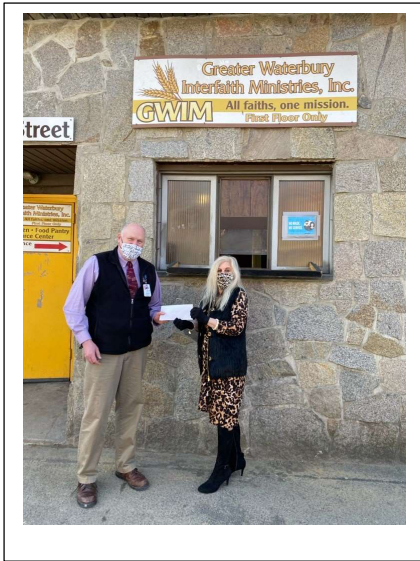
- <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources>
- <https://www.nyac.com/childrensministries>
- <https://ministry-to-children.com/>
- Scripture Reading: John 3:14-21 For God So Loved the World

Children & Youth Ministry Programming

- Our Lenten Sunday School series continues with The Shupenis family providing the video for March 14.
 - There are still two spaces available if your family would like to do one of the Sunday School videos, [March 25](#), Maundy Thursday and [April 4](#), Easter. Let Meg or Catherine know if interested and they will connect you to the lectionary texts to work from and any child friendly resources you may need.
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Mission & Outreach Ministry News

WUMC presents gifts to Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries (GWIM)

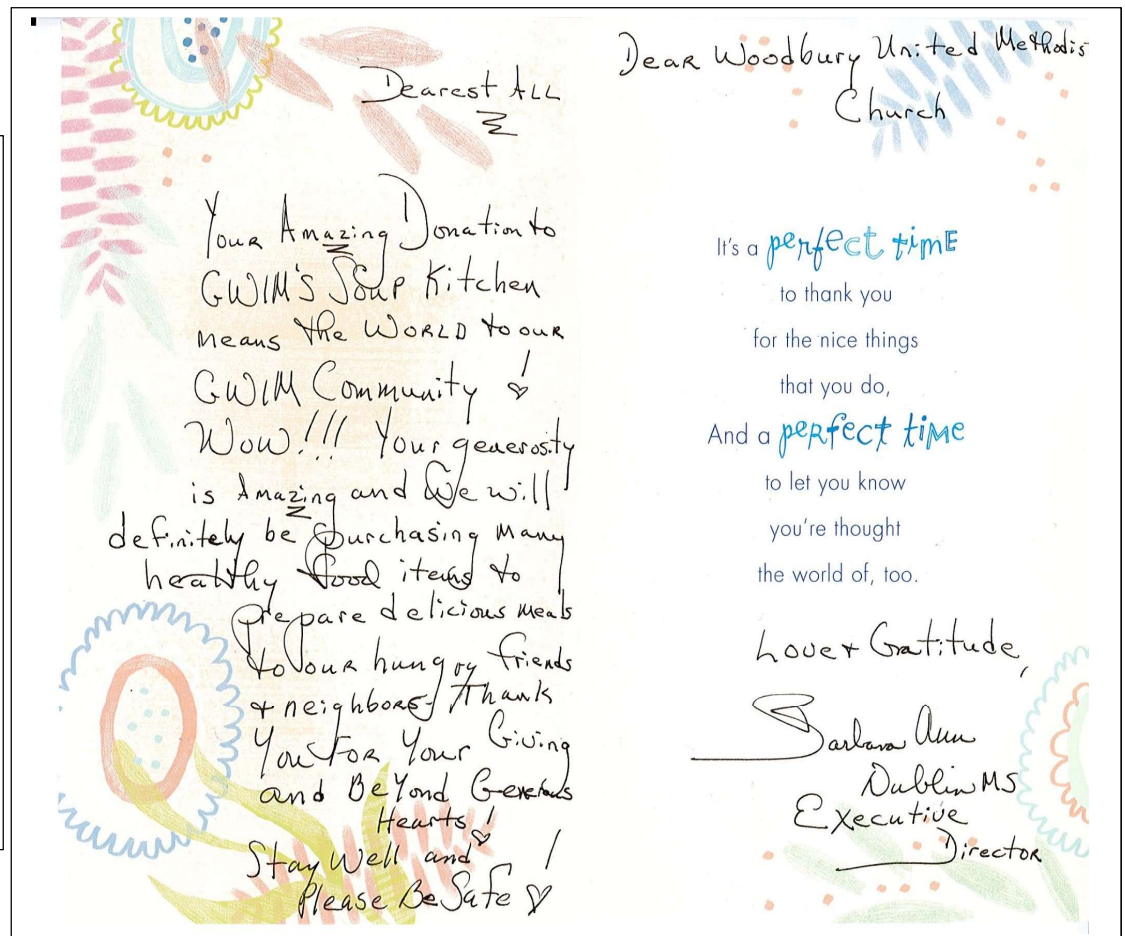
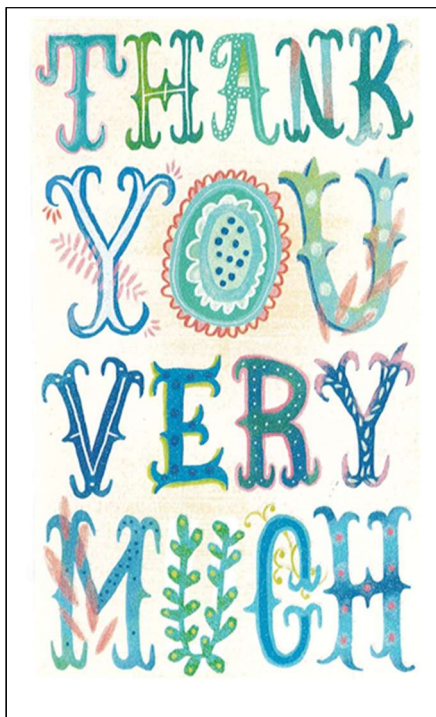


Barbara Dublin, director of GWIM, received a \$500 donation from the Woodbury United Methodist Church for the Ministries of GWIM including their Soup Kitchen pictured here. The Soup Kitchen, which currently is take-out only due to Covid-19 restrictions, serves in excess of 200 people a day.

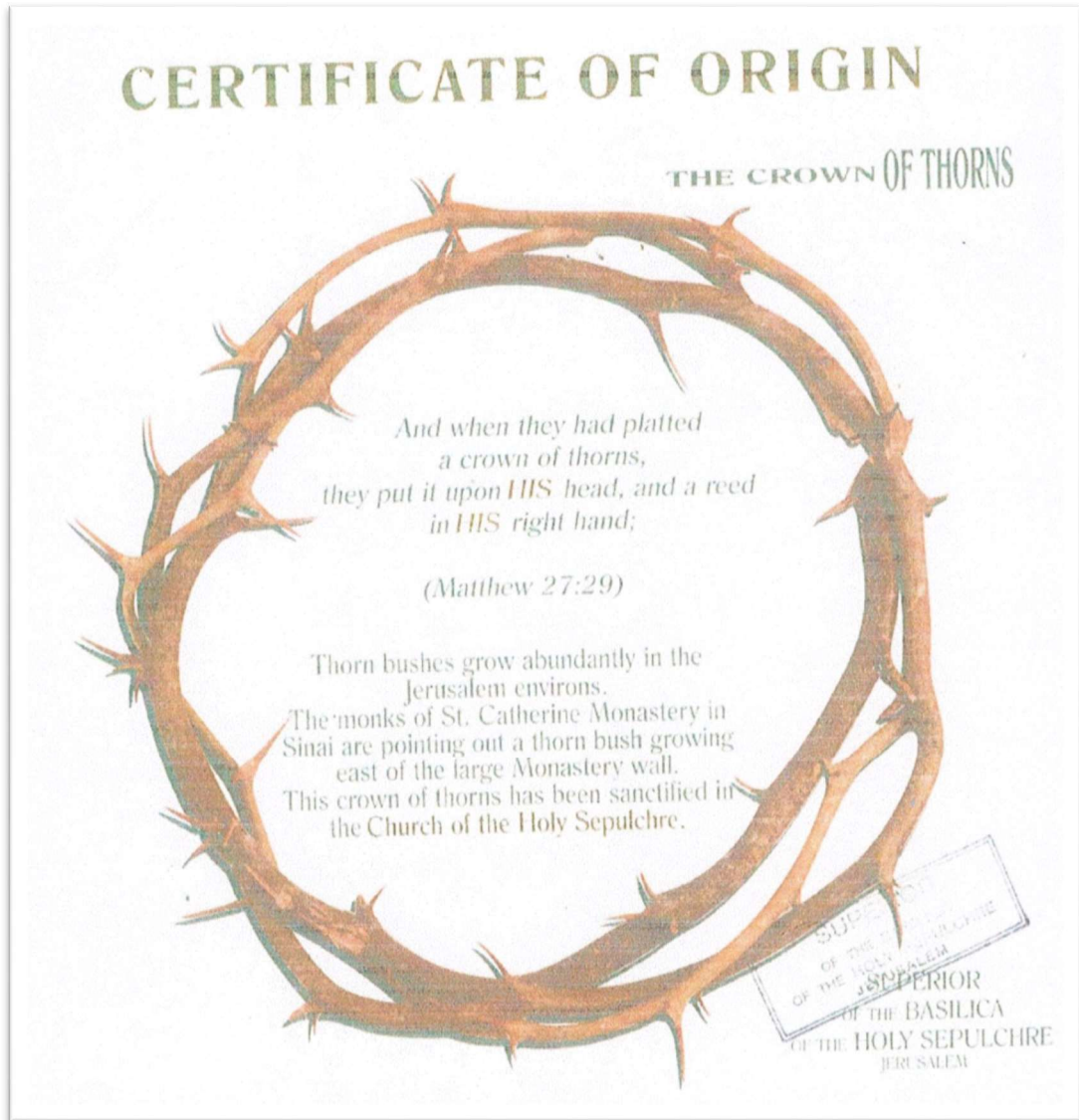
In addition to the Soup Kitchen, GWIM also runs a food pantry at its home located at 770 East Main Street in Waterbury.

Pictured with Barbara Dublin is the Rev. Paul Hibbard, Mission & Outreach Chairperson at the Woodbury United Methodist Church, Woodbury, CT.

Below is an acknowledgement card WUMC received from GWIM this past week.



News from the Worship Ministry Team



Venetia Phillippe wanted to share this certificate explaining the crown of thorns in the Sanctuary.

Kudo Korner

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Rynn Naylor*, Liturgist; *Garrett Walkup*, Children's Time leader; *Carolyn Shay* and *Gary McClendon*, singers

The Prayer Corner:

Christian sympathy is extended to *Stephen* and *Joann King* in the death of Stephen's 91-year old mother, *Jane M. King*, on March 11 in Sarasota, FL.

Home from the hospital: *Brett Toomes*, fiancé of *Lindsey Behlman* (outpatient procedure on March 5 at Bridgeport Hospital)

In the hospital: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto* (Gaylord, Wallingford)

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova*, *Zachary Cordova*, *James Levario*, *Matthew Shupenis*; their teachers: *Catherine Mason*, *Meg Temple*, *John Thomason*; and their mentors: *Mike Boisseau*, *Mollie Cole*, *Rev. Paul Hibbard*, *Carolyn Shay*.

Recovering at home: *Sue Vindigni*, *Amber Craig*; *John Fleming*; *Josh Harwood*; *Gary McClendon*; *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*); *Jane King*, mother of *Stephen King* and mother-in-law of *Joann King* (Sarasota, FL); *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher*, *Bob Asman*, *Mary Wilkins*, sister of *Barb Hunt* (Rochester, NY); *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *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: 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 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 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!!!



Altar Easter Flowers 2021

Every Easter, our sanctuary is decorated with the flowers of the season. If you would like to place a plant on the Altar, we are now taking orders for:

_____ Easter Lily (10.00)

_____ Daffodils (\$8.00)

_____ Tulip (\$8.00)
(red only)

*Please include below your acknowledgement; in honor of, in celebration of, or in loving memory of one or more loved ones. A list will be printed in the church bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 4.

All flower orders must be paid in advance. Simply fill out the form below, and place it in the collection plate, or return it to the church office, accompanied by a check or cash for the total amount or mail it to; 4 Church Street, Attn: Kathy Craig, Easter Flowers. All checks should be made payable to Woodbury United Methodist Church. You can also visit our website @ www.woodburyumc.net to order your flowers. Be sure to fill out everything needed. Thanks!

Please return all orders by Friday, March 19, 2021

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

In honor/celebration/loving memory of: (please circle appropriate one):

*If you would rather give a monetary donation to the church in lieu of flowers, you can also use one of the memorial cards located in the Narthex. Simply fill it out and return it in the same fashion as the floral order form.





**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!