



WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. John A. Thomason, Pastor

Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

March 21: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Pastor's Sermon:

Final Words from the Cross: "I Am Thirsty"

Texts: Psalm 69:3, 16-21; John 19:28-29

Joann King, Liturgist and Children's Time Leader

Singers/Musicians:

**Paul Beavers, Sr., Dylan and Kate Keeler, Joann King and
Todd Purcell**

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 is meeting each Tuesday through March 30 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!

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 12:20-33 Jesus Predicts His Death

Children & Youth Ministry Programming

- Our Lenten Sunday School series continues Sunday, March 21, with the Cloud Family.
 - Easter Sunday, April 4, is still available if your family would like to do a Sunday school video. 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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Kudo Korner

Congratulations to *Morgan Phillippe*, who was recently chosen for the Connecticut All-State Choir by the Connecticut Music Education Association. Morgan received a 191/198 score in her audition, which is the highest score she has received in soprano competitions. We're grateful that Morgan regularly shares her musical gifts with WUMC.

Rev. Paul Hibbard was pictured with an accompanying article in the "Community" section of the March 15 **Republican-American**. He was shown presenting a \$500 gift check from WUMC to *Barbara Dublin*, the director of GWIM (Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries). GWIM's outreach projects include a soup kitchen which serves 200 people per day. Thank you, Paul, for representing WUMC so ably as chair of our Mission and Outreach Ministry Team.

Thanks to last Sunday's worship leaders: *Bud Behlman*, Liturgist and Children's Time leader; *Venetia* and *Morgan Phillippe*, singers.

The Prayer Corner:

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

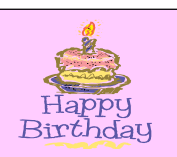
Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis*; their teachers: *Catherine Mason, Meg Temple, John Thomason*; and their mentors: *Mike Boisseau, Mollie Cole, Rev. Paul Hibbard, Carolyn Shay*.

Recovering at home: *Brett Toomes* (fiancé of *Lindsey Behlman*); *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*); *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!!!



**Easter Flower Order deadline
is this Friday, March 19th**



**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!