

Woodbury United Methodist Church



Sunday, November 27, 2022

10:45am Worship

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First Sunday in Advent

United Methodist Student Sunday

*Please stand as you are able.

At 10:45, the worship team will gather at the front of the sanctuary for a brief prayer. Any who would like to come forward and participate are welcome.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Pachelbel

*OPENING MUSIC *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* UMH #211 v 1-4

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Bud and Jo Ann Behlman

What is worship?

Is it something we do once a week?

Is it about us or about God?

We worship the Creator, the Messiah, the wind of the Spirit, the newborn King.

We worship with all that we are and all that we have, our hearts, our minds, our souls and our strength.

Worship is here, and we worship everywhere, bringing to others of the good news of the Prince of Peace.

ADVENT SONG *Light the Candle*

Let us pray:

Creator of all, as we begin this holy season, filled with the hope of the coming of the Messiah, quiet our hearts and minds that we may worship you fully, love you more dearly and see you more clearly. Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Bud Behlman

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *All Earth is Waiting* UMH #210 v 1, 2

SERMON Advent Conspiracy: Worship Fully

Rev. Cobb

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

This is why we bring gifts this morning: to be part of creating a more beautiful world through the ministry of this church and the witness of our lives each day. Let us gather our gifts together and present them as an offering to God.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thanks Be to Thee

Handel

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of the Advent, as we joyfully enter this time of waiting, we wait hushed in anticipation of the coming of your son. He serves as the guide of our lives and the shepherd of our souls. We hope to emulate his generosity and compassion as we share these gifts. Use these gifts so others can be blanketed with the warmth of your unconditional love, like a newborn baby wrapped in the loving arms of a parent. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

A BENEDECTION OF HOPE

Be people of hope.

Let hope live in your heart and share the hope of Christ with all you meet. Share hope by noticing someone else's humanity.

Share hope by listening to someone's story.

Share hope by praying for our world.

In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share hope.

As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share hope with those you meet. **Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH #203 v. 1, 2, 4

POSTLUDE

Wachet Auf

JS Bach

Please join us downstairs for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

Visitors are warmly welcomed!

Thanks to all those making special *contributions to our worship service today*; Bud Behlman, *Liturgist*; Pete and Sue Vindigni, *Greeters and Ushers*; Mark Davis, *AV Technician*.

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.

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The Prayer Corner

In prayer, prayers for Judy and the family for comfort and peace as they grieve Bill's passing; persons who are struggling with the challenges of aging and diminished health; continued prayers for Bob and Martha as they adjust to Martha's health challenges; Continued prayers for Erv Story, that he will feel God's love and comfort during this time. Continued prayers for Rob Bronson who is at the Lutheran Home for rehabilitation; prayers of strength and healing for Anders, uncle of Diane Hibbard; prayers for Aurelia (Watertown congregant); prayers for any church family who may be homebound.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 29th

Advent Bible Study Begins, 6:30pm

Saturday, December 3rd

Christmas Café, 11:30-2pm @ WUMC

Sunday, December 18th

Musical Celebration @ Woodbury UMC, 7pm

Thursday, December 22nd

Blue Christmas Service @ Woodbury UMC, 7pm

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Service @ Woodbury UMC, 5pm

Christmas Eve Service @ Watertown UMC, 7pm

Sunday, December 25th

Merry Christmas Everyone!

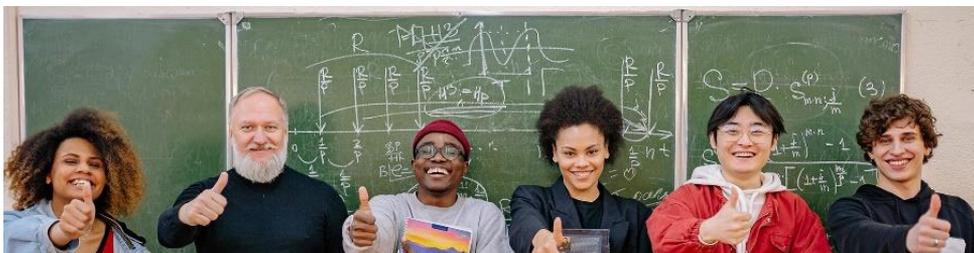
Christmas Day Service @ Watertown UMC, 10am

Sunday, January 1st

New Year's Day Service @ Woodbury UMC, 10am

Methodist Student Sunday is Today!

It's that time of the year when we celebrate and honor our students. Your gifts to United Methodist Student Day support scholarships for students who are poised to become the next generation of leaders in the church and the world. Last year our gifts made a huge impact on the lives of the students who are amongst us. Let us share our gratitude to God and greatly support our students' education. Our students are grateful for your support.



Advent Conspiracy: Bible Study

Join the groundswell of Christ-followers who are choosing to make Christmas what it should be—a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us.

In time for Christmas, this updated and revised book will share stories of the impact this movement has made around the globe as well as give individuals and churches even better, more practical help in planning the kind of Christmas that truly can change the world.

Worship Fully



Christmas begins and ends with Jesus

Spend Less



Free up your resources to support things that truly matter

Give More

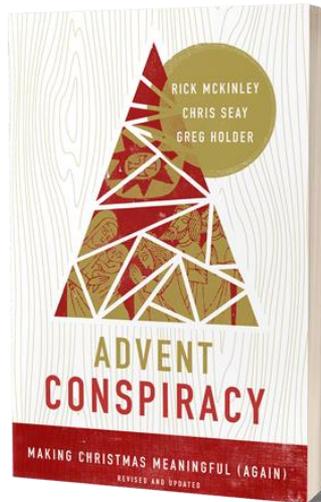


Give more intentionally and relationally.

Love All



Radically love others like Jesus did.



Joann King is giving flowers this week in remembrance of friends and family that we've lost this year.

The floral chart is back in the Narthex for your convenience if you would like to select a date for flowers throughout the year. Flowers are \$30.

Blue Christmas Service: December 22nd

This service acknowledges that for some, the Christmas season, eagerly awaited by many, can be a painful time. The loss of loved ones, the anguish of a broken relationship, the insecurity of employment, the pain of isolation, or the pressure of holiday preparations can make some feel alone in the midst of the celebrations of the season. Even when it is a happy time the frenzy of the season can leave us exhausted, even a little blue. This service is intended to honor our losses, honor the difficulties of life while celebrating the season of Hope.

Through hymns, prayers, scripture readings, and candle lighting, the reality of the darkness will be acknowledged and the promise and hope of the light of Christ, which shines in the darkness, will be proclaimed. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome.

Volunteers In Mission **Ecuador 2023**



When: June 6 – June 14, 2023

Where: Fly into Quito, stay in Otavalo.

What: Support missionary Sara Flores and churches in Ecuador through labor projects, Vacation Bible School and children's programs, assist at health clinics.

How Much: Estimated cost per person is \$1,900. This includes air fare and travel fees, room and board in Ecuador, ground transportation in Ecuador, fee for translators, program support in Ecuador.

(A general fundraising goal of \$5,000 has been set
Which could reduce the per person cost to approx..
\$1,500.)

For more information or to express your interest in being a member of this V.I.M. Team please contact:

Keith Weston, team leader at: bigdub56@gmail.com

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Woodbury UMC at: wumc@woodburyumc.net

If you are at all interested we would like to hear from you by December 1, 2022.



3 Dec

11:30 TO 2 PM

Christmas Café & Crafts

COME & JOIN US!

Enjoy Christmas ambiance and à la carte lunch offering choice of soup, quiche, and dessert. Stop by our crafting station to make your own ornament for a nominal fee.

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