

# Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Friday, January 5, 2018



Happy New Year!  
January 7:  
Epiphany Sunday  
Baptism of the Lord

**Epiphany of the Lord** (January 6) concludes the Christmas season and celebrates the revelation of God to the Gentiles represented by the three wise men. This year's Epiphany observance falls on Sunday, January 7, which is also **Baptism of the Lord Sunday**, when we remember Christ's baptism by John as well as our own baptism. The liturgical color is white.

Our worship service on January 7 will be highlighted by the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The pastor's sermon is entitled *Star People* (Matthew 2:1-12).

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## HUMAN RELATIONS DAY SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018



[Human Relations Day](#) is one of our six Special Sundays. These are Sundays when The United Methodist Church takes up a united offering benefiting specific ministries. This year, Human Relations Day will be observed next Sunday, January 14, and there will be a special envelope enclosed in your Sunday bulletin.

Gifts received from the Human Relations Day offering are used to shine light into our neighborhoods and communities by supporting ministries that are doing the work of community advocacy, community development, and reaching at-risk youth.

Over 900,000 youth were arrested in the United States in 2015. While the rate of juvenile arrests has been steadily trending down over the past 20 years, this is still a large number. Add to it the families, schools and communities affected when young people are at risk to become involved in committing crimes, and we can begin to take into account the whole picture.

At-risk youth are in need of strong families and communities to lead them toward better paths. Our gifts on Human Relations Day support ministries that work to strengthen our communities.

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## January 7 Charge Conference Has Been Postponed



**A request from Kathy:** The conference report deadline has passed and there are a few ministry chairs that have not turned in reports. Please be sure to turn your report into the office ([wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net)) so that it can be included with the others. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathy to let her know when to expect your ministry report. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

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## *A Note from the Office*

We will begin using a new computer software program within the next month for our membership and finances. It is imperative that all our church members review the information we currently have on file printed in the last church membership directory. If there are ANY changes with names, addresses, phone numbers (home & cell), and email addresses; please forward those changes over immediately to [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net). We have also attached a profile form at the end of this Messenger to list any areas of interest you may have in this church. If there are no changes, send a quick email to that effect as well. *Ray Ann Hockenberry, Bill Wilhelms* and I are trying to get this software update completed before January 25. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Kathy Craig, Office Manager

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## *A Request from Meg Temple*

We are in the need of new liturgists for 2018. Training and mentoring will be provided by Meg, and you can contact her at (203) 910-3711 for more information.

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## *An invitation from our Women's Ministry*

**To the women of our church**, please consider joining us for a study of Hebrews beginning Sunday, January 14. The book of Hebrews shows us that when we give Jesus His rightful place in our lives, everything else will fall into its rightful place. If you look up Hebrews 12:1-2, you'll notice it will have a very familiar ring! Everyone who participates will receive a guide to go along with the 9-week study. You are welcome to join in at any time, even if you do not get a guide. We will meet at 9 am in the downstairs classroom. Please see or contact Jen Carnes: (203) 206-6746 or [jen\\_carnes@charter.net](mailto:jen_carnes@charter.net), or Martha Varnum: (203) 233-5647 or [varnums@gmail.com](mailto:varnums@gmail.com) if you are interested!

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## *Children and Youth Ministry*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday school will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Meetings will resume January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM.

**YOUTH NEWS: The Youth Choir will continue!** Mr. Shay plans to lead a regular youth choir. **Starting January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM** practice will be held on Sunday evenings prior to youth group. Students in grades 4 & up are welcome to join us for practice.

**SAVE THE DATE: April 29<sup>th</sup> for WUMC's Youth Led Worship Service.** Youth will be preparing during youth group meetings throughout the winter & lent. All youth in grades 6-12<sup>th</sup> welcome to join us for planning & preparation.

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## **Our Secret Pal Month is Coming!**

Woo Hoo - Secret Pal is back by popular demand! A fun and simple way to get to know each other! There were over 50 participants last year - let's have more this year. See the attached form at the end of the Messenger, and please return the lower half of form by Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> in the designated areas (information table at the top of the stairs and also in Fellowship Hall) to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Hibbard at (203) 405-1005 or [dhibby@aol.com](mailto:dhibby@aol.com).

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# Kudo Korner

**Thanks** to the many individuals and groups who made our celebration of Advent and Christmas so meaningful. Special thanks to our adult Voice and Bell Choirs and the new Youth Choir, all led by *Chris Shay*; to members of the Worship Ministry Team for their planning and coordination of the special services; and to all those who offered gifts of service and generosity to people in need.

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## The Prayer Corner:



**Christian sympathy** is extended to the family of long-time church member *Bruce Horton*, who died on January 5 (the day after his 88th birthday) at Danbury Hospital. A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 12, at 11:00 AM at New Canaan Congregational Church, 23 Park St., New Canaan, CT.

**Christian sympathy** is extended to *Jessie Lynch* and family in the death of Jessie's grandfather, *Claude LeBlanc*, on December 26 in Manchester, CT. The funeral service was held on Saturday, January 6.

**Congratulations** to *Chris* and *Carolyn Shay* upon the birth of a baby granddaughter, *Colette Grace Shay*, on January 5 at Yale New Haven Hospital. The proud parents are *Wesley* and *Kelly Shay*.

**Outpatient rehabilitation:** *Joy Eusebio*

**Inpatient rehabilitation:** *Dick Kahn* (River Glen, Southbury); *Marie Petty*, aunt of *Kathy Craig* (Abbott Terrace, Waterbury)

**Recovering at home:** *Sherry Swanhall*; *Angie Vaiuso*, mother of *Karen Williams*; *Dot Bulls-Petty*, friend of *Kathy Craig*

**Outpatient treatments:** *Linda Davison*, mother-in-law of *Gary McClendon* and grandmother of *David* and *Danielle McClendon* (Bethlehem); *Veronica Tierney*, niece of *Mark* and *Jessie Lynch*; *Becky Simmons*, sister of *Barb Hunt* (Vernon Center, NY); *John Fleming*; *Will Styblo*, infant son of *David* and *Katie Styblo* and nephew of *Jim* and *Catherine Styblo* (Franklin, Tennessee); *Jessie Thomson*, daughter-in-law of *Kathy Craig* (Ferndale, WA)

**Homebound member:** *Florence Brown*

**Please continue to remember:** *Nancy Clark*, *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH); *Frank & Mary Vindigni*, (parents of *Pete Vindigni*), *Paul Hatch*, the *Keith family*, *Manny Gesh*, *Gladys Ayars* (stepmother of *Carolyn Shay*), *Beth*, *Jillian & Alex Buzzannco*, *Kelly Etcheto*, *Vernessa Kingsbury*, *Jim Congdon*, *Jane True*, *Blair Feller*, *Marilyn Bender*, *Alan Bender* (son of *Marilyn & Dale Bender*), *Eddie Lenox* (son of *Grace Bell*), *Ethan Murphy*, (great grandson of *Grace Bell*), *Brigitte Weimann*, *Ryan DeRidder and family*, *Ernest & Mary Jo Corrado*, *Laura & Stuart Brush*, *Lindsey Opper*, and *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](http://www.woodburyumc.net) for this month's birthday listing.

**Reminder**, **Florence Brown** will be **99** on Saturday, January 13, 2018. Please remember her with a card and/or a phone call!!! We hope she will be able to be with us on Sunday as we honor her during Fellowship Hour, but we can't predict our New England weather lately.

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## Fellowship Hosts And Altar Flower Opportunities:

An Altar Flower sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall. Please get the dates you want now to take advantage of this wonderful ministry. If you want your flowers dedicated in the bulletin for a special occasion, please be sure to make us aware of that when ordering.

Many opportunities are available to host Fellowship Hour during the year. If you would like to host a Sunday, please be sure to sign up on the chart in Fellowship Hall.

## HOUSEKEEPING NOTES FROM THE OFFICE. . .

When attending worship on Sundays, parking is available in the C.L. Adams lot; however, please **do not block** the entrance towards the back of the lot as that inhibits the tenant's access in and out of the lot. Thank you.

❖ **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 Thursday 8 am – 2 pm & Friday from 8 am - 1 pm.** 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!



**Messenger deadline – 10 AM on Wednesday for Wednesday afternoon publication!** Please see information for article submission. To keep the formatting to a unified look and also save on time of reformatting articles to fit, please use **Full Justification, Arial font 9.5 size with font 10 size for headings.** Thank you!

**MINISTRY MEETING DATES for 2018** – need to be emailed to the office to be placed on the web calendar. Please remember to submit your ministry meeting dates to the office (by email) so they can be added to the wall calendar as well as the web calendar at our website or feel free to enter them on the calendar for next month's date when you are leaving your meeting. This will let everyone in the community know how active a church body we are at WUMC.

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES???

Please continue to send any changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. please send them to [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net).



## Calendar of Events at WUMC for next week:

**All Ministry Chairs – please submit any ministry meeting times to the office so they can be put onto the calendars each week (Messenger, Office & Web). Thank you!**

<b>Sun., January 7</b>	8:45 a.m.	Men's Ministry Group Meeting	(Fellowship Hall)
<b>Epiphany Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service, Sacrament of Holy Communion	
	10:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	(downstairs classrooms)
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	(Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group meeting	(Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed., January 10</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	(Assembly Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Voice Choir Rehearsal	(Assembly Room)
<b>Thurs., January 11</b>	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting	(Assembly Room)
<b>Sun., January 14</b>	8:45 a.m.	Men's Ministry Group Meeting	(Fellowship Hall)
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Ministry Fellowship	(Fellowship Hall)
<b>Human Relations Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	
	10:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	(downstairs classrooms)
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	(Fellowship Hall)
	6:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice	(Assembly Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group meeting	(Fellowship Hall)

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**SECRET PAL MONTH**  
**CORRESPONDENCE BEGINS FEBRUARY 4, 2018**  
**AND ENDING WITH POTLUCK LUNCH For ENTIRE CHURCH**  
**ON FEBRUARY 25, 2018 at noon**



*“Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7*



**HOW IT WORKS:**

**Fill out the questionnaire below and drop in the SECRET PAL box by Wednesday, January 24th**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** - The name of your Secret Pal will be available during Coffee Hour.

**Week 1 (Feb. 4)** – Write a **card or note** to your secret pal telling a little about yourself, but not enough to give your identity away. Do **not** bring in a gift.

**Week 2 (Feb. 11)** – Leave your secret pal a **small, inexpensive** gift based on the information they shared on their form. You may also give another little clue about yourself.

**Week 3 (Feb. 18)** – Time for **another note or card** sharing a little more about you – but don't give yourself away. Do **not** bring in a gift.

**Week 4 (Feb.25)** – Leave your secret pal another **small gift**. If they haven't figured out who you are yet, **they'll find out at today's potluck lunch!**

If you are not going to be in church on Weeks 1 or 3, you may mail your note to your secret pal. If you are not going to be in church on Weeks 2 or 4, please make arrangements to have your gift left in the designated Secret Pal spot for the Sunday you will be away.

We encourage **Everyone** to participate. **QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT: Diane Hibbard 203-405-1005**

**Keep this Secret Pal Schedule Posted at home.**

**SECRET PAL REGISTRATION FORM**



**PLEASE PRINT**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK AGE GROUP:** under 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 1-12 \_\_\_\_\_ 13-20 \_\_\_\_\_ 21-40 \_\_\_\_\_  
 41-60 \_\_\_\_\_ 61 + \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTHDAY: (Month and day only)** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAVORITE COLOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**PASTTIMES, HOBBIES, CRAFTS, ETC.** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAVORITE SNACK** \_\_\_\_\_ **BAKED GOOD** \_\_\_\_\_  
**FRUIT** \_\_\_\_\_ **CANDY** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SPORTS TEAM** \_\_\_\_\_ **ANIMAL** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MUSIC/MUSICIAN** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAGAZINE/BOOK** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU HAVE A PET, LIST TYPE AND NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOU? (USE BACK OF FORM IF NEEDED)**

## ***News from the Waterbury Community:***

Come join us on **Saturday, January 13 at the Holy Land USA @6:30pm** chapel for a citywide prayer and worship night. Area churches and ministers will gather there for prayer and a time of corporate worship. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Pastors from different churches throughout the Greater Waterbury area will be praying and sharing individual prayer assignments and visions.

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE (*contact me for more info*)

Thanks and God bless!  
Pastor Peter O'Neill  
(203) 525-6913

# **Mountaintop Praise**

## **Holy Land USA - Waterbury CT**

### **Saturday, January 13 ~ 6:30-9:00pm**

#### **CITYWIDE PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

Prayer ~ Praise ~ Prophecy ~ Dance ~ Revival ~ Unity

