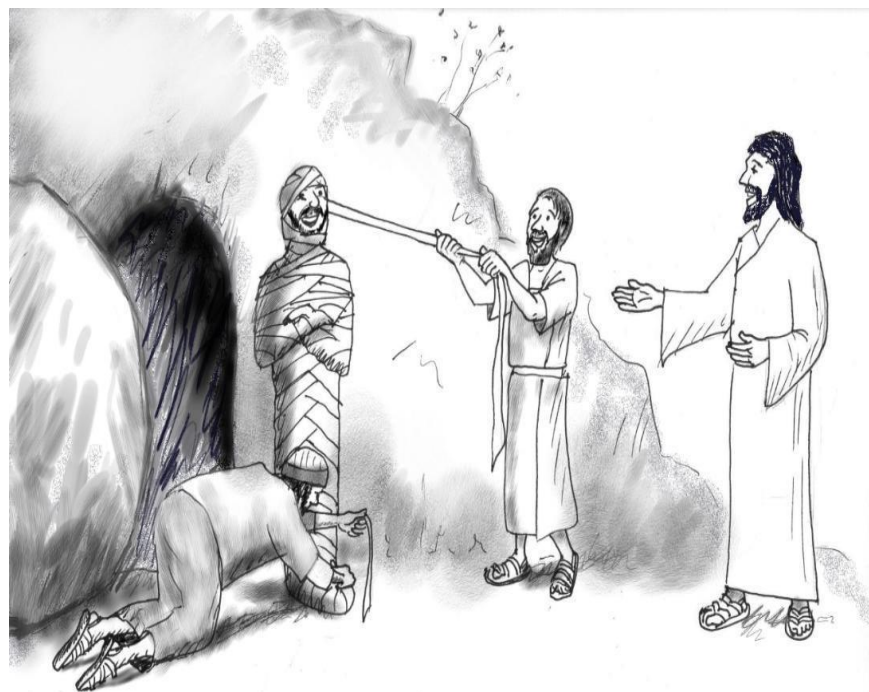


**First United Methodist Church
101 E. Main St.
Westfield, NY**

**April 2, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Lent**



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Dead End

Focus: “Unbind him, and let him go.” (John 11:44)

Quote: “Lazarus’s story, seen in full cycle, gives not only a preview of Jesus’ future but also a compressed view of the entire planet. All of us live our days in the in-between time, the interval of chaos and confusion between Lazarus’ death and reappearance.”

–Philip Yancey, *The Jesus I Never Knew*

Things to look forward to:

April 4 (Tuesdays) 7pm [final night]

6 week Lenten Study called "An Acceptable Fast"- No book necessary.

April 8 – “Egg”cellent Easter Celebration

April 9 – 10:45 Service – Cantata

April 10 – 14 – Fellowship Hall & kitchen floor work being done

April 11 – UMW 2

April 13 – Holy Thursday - @ FUMC 7pm (combined with Hurlbut @ Westfield)

April 14 – Cross Walk @ Moore Park – Noon

April 15/16 – Easter Eve Vigil

April 16 – 2 services (8:30 & 10:45) with Communion at both services

April 18 – UMW



Please note that Fellowship Hall & the kitchen will be undergoing floor renovations April 10 -14. Moving of furniture & appliances will be happening at various times. Contact Andi Mansfield if you are willing/able to help

Lily order forms on purple insert



UMW will have it monthly bag lunch meeting on **Wednesday, April 12** at noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own bag lunch – dessert will be provided (See Trudy Stafford)

Don't forget the cookies, candy & fruit for our Easter Baskets!

UMW II will have its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 18th** at 7pm. @ Audrey Parkhurst's (See Ann Gollnitz or Andi Mansfield)

RCL Readings April 2, 2017

The readings for this week:

Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

2017 (Sanctuary or at home)

Sign Up sheet for **Easter Eve Vigil** is outside office door
 Saturday, April 15 – Sunday, April 16

Sign up for an hour of quiet solitude, prayer, and meditation as we await the risen Lord. If you have never been a part of the vigil, please sign up for an hour by yourself or with others and experience what the silence in the presence of the Lord will awaken in your spirit.

There will be scriptures/ prayers/meditations available for you to use.

This Week: April 2 - 9(16), 2017

Sunday (2) Communion
8:30 – Worship (G)
9:30 – Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal
10:45 – Worship (San)
Coffee Fellowship (FH)
1:30 GS – Private Function

Monday (3): 11:30 - 12:30 WCK (FH)
Girl Scouts

Tuesday (4): Apple Seed
1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
7pm – Lenten Study (G)

Wednesday (5): Apple Seed
4:30 - 6pm WCK (FH)
6pm – TOPS (Gibbs)
Girl Scouts

Thursday (6): Apple Seed
Pounding

Friday (7): 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)

Saturday (8): Eggcellent Easter Celebration
Moving of items in Fellowship Hall

Sunday (9) Palm Sunday - Cantata
8:30 – Worship (G)
9:30 – Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal
10:45 – Worship (San – Cantata)
Coffee Fellowship (FH)

Monday (10): 11:30 - 12:30 WCK (FH)
~~Girl Scouts~~

Tuesday (11): Noon – UMW
~~Apple Seed~~
1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry

Wednesday (12): ~~Apple Seed~~
~~4:30 – 6pm WCK (FH)~~
6pm – TOPS (Gibbs)
~~Girl Scouts~~

Thursday (13): ~~Apple Seed~~
7 pm Holy Thursday [combined with Hurlbut @ FUMC]

Friday (14): ~~11:30 – 12:30 WCK (FH)~~

Noon – Cross Walk – Moore Park

Saturday (15): Easter Eve Vigil

Sunday (16) Easter Sunday – Communion @ both Services

8:30 – Worship (G)
9:30 – Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal
10:45 – Worship
Coffee Fellowship (FH)

WCK = Westfield Community Kitchen; FH = Fellowship Hall; San = Sanctuary; G = Gibbs

Tentative dates for VBS – Aug 21 – 24



Do you have a graduate this year (from Summer of 2016 to June 2017)? Please contact the office before **May 15**. For College and Tech schools, please let us know the name of the school and what they received.

Stop in Gibbs Parlor and check out the photos that Alaina Cockram took on her Mission Trip.

March 26 – UMCOR Sunday (formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing) Goal - \$500 – we collected: \$ 280 so far