

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

**April 23, 2017
2nd Sunday of Easter**



Reach Out & Touch

Focus: “Then [Jesus] said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’” (John 20:27)



Combined 10 am service
Charge/church meeting to follow

Quote: “But then [Jesus] addresses Thomas by name, submitting his hands and his side to the hands-on proof that Thomas had demanded. Thomas blurts out his poignant and enduring four-word prayer: ‘My Master! My God!’ Jesus accepts his confession and then pronounces a blessing on all who in the days and years and centuries ahead would come to believe without benefit of touch and sight.”

–Eugene Peterson in *Living The Resurrection: The Risen Christ in Everyday Life*.

Things to look forward to:

April 23 – combined 10 am service – Charge/church meeting to follow [no Sunday School]

April 26 – Deadline to sign up for bus trip to Botanical Gardens

May 1 – UMW trip to Buffalo Botanical Gardens

May 1 – Office closed – FH Hall floor being sealed – No WCK

May 14 – Mother’s Day

On **Sunday, April 23, 2017**, we will have **one** combined service at **10 am** (no Sunday School). Following this combined service, we will be holding a Charge / Church meeting to discuss and vote on the possible sale of the parsonage. We encourage everyone to attend.



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.

Next Sunday is Native American Ministries Sunday. We have a goal of \$200

Many thanks to everyone that pitched in and helped during the floor renovations.

RCL Readings April 23, 2017

The readings for this week:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31

First Quarter giving statements are printed and are at the Welcome Center outside Gibbs Parlor. Any not picked up by May 1 will be mailed.

UMW/UMW II are planning a trip to the Buffalo Botanical Gardens on Monday, May 1. (This is open to the entire congregation) **Cost is \$12** [pay by April 25] [\$10 for the ticket & \$2 to help offset the cost of gas & tolls]. The sign-up sheet is outside the office. Please bring a sack lunch and drink. We hope to leave the church around 9:30am. That will put us at the gardens around 10:30.

Around 12:30, we will leave the gardens and head to Olmstead Park to eat our sack lunches. We will be back in Westfield before 3.

This Week: April 23 – 30 (May 7), 2017

Sunday (23): 10:00 – Worship - Combined Service
Charge Conference/Congregational Meeting
Coffee Fellowship (FH)

Monday (24) 11:30 - 12:30 WCK (FH)
Girl Scouts

Tuesday (25): Apple Seed
1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
3 - 4 – Caregivers support Group (G)

Wednesday (26): Apple Seed
4:30 - 6pm WCK (FH)
6pm – TOPS (Gibbs)
Girl Scouts

Thursday (27): Apple Seed
~~Pounding class (FH)~~

Friday (28): 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)

Saturday (29): Private Function (FH)

Sunday (30): **Native American Ministries Sunday**
8:30 – Worship (G)
9:30 – Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal
10:45 – Worship
Coffee Fellowship (FH)
Girl Scouts

Monday (1) ~~11:30 – 12:30 WCK (FH)~~
Office closed
Trip to Buffalo Botanical Gardens
Girl Scouts

Tuesday (2): Apple Seed
1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry

Wednesday (3): Apple Seed
4:30 - 6pm WCK (FH)
6pm – TOPS (Gibbs)
Girl Scouts

Thursday (4): Apple Seed
Pounding class (FH)

Friday (5): 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)

Saturday (6): Private Function (FH)

Sunday (7): 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