

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

**April 9, 2017  
Palm Sunday  
Cantata**



## **Celebrate & Wait**

**Focus:** *The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them...* (Matthew 21:6)

**Quote:** "Like the highly organized, well-meaning mother in *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*, has the church gotten so caught up in the details of the parade as to lose sight of whose arrival it heralds and how earth shattering he is?"—Michael D. Kirby, *Feasting on the Gospels: Matthew, Vol.2.*

### **Things to look forward to:**

**April 9** – 10:45 Service – Cantata

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

**April 12** – UMW

**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 2

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

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.

**March 26 – UMCOR Sunday (formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing) Goal - \$500 – we collected: \$ 350+ so far**

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

### **RCL Readings April 9, 2017**

The readings for this week:

Isaiah 50:4-9a      Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11      Matthew 26:14-27



**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 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm. @ Audrey Parkhurst's (See Ann Gollnitz or Andi Mansfield)

## This Week: April 9 - 16(23), 2017

- 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):** ~~Apple Seed~~  
1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
- Wednesday (12):** Noon – UMW  
~~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)
- Monday (17):** 11:30 - 12:30 WCK (FH)  
Girl Scouts
- Tuesday (18):** Apple Seed  
1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
- Wednesday (19):** Apple Seed  
4:30 - 6pm WCK (FH)  
6pm – TOPS (Gibbs)  
Girl Scouts
- Thursday (20):** Apple Seed  
7pm – Quilters (FH)
- Friday (21):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
- Saturday (22):** Private Function - Historical Society (FH)
- Sunday (23):** 10:00 – Worship - Combined Service  
Charge Conference/Congregational Meeting  
Coffee Fellowship (FH)

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

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.

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** [paid in by April 25] [\$10 for the ticket & \$2 to help offset the cost of gas & tolls]. The sign-up sheet is outside the office. More information on departure time & food will be coming.

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.

Many thanks to everyone for their help with our Eggcellent Easter Celebration!