

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

**December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent**



Baptismal Limitation

Focus: “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of the one crying out in the wilderness; ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Mark 1:2-3



8:30 – Praise & PowerPoint Worship (Gibbs Parlor)
9:30 Sunday School for ages 3 and up
10:45 – Worship (Sanctuary)
Followed by – Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 pm – Evening Family Worship
Rev. Nicholas Perry, Pastor Molly Golando

Quote: “This week, pause for an intentional time away from the rush of Christmas hustle and bustle to wonder about the current condition of God’s formation within your heart. We all have visions, hopes, and dreams as life unfolds... By consciously noticing your past and present awareness of God’s activity or God’s seemingly silent periods within your life, the way is opened to reveal the future possibilities of God’s desire to gently shape your inward nature to become more Christ-like.”

–Brenda K. Buckwell in *The Advent of God’s Word*

Things to look forward to:

Advent Bible Study – Sundays 7pm (**November 26 – Dec 17**) * note change of day

Dec 12 - SPRC

Dec 13 – 1:30 Caroling @ Absolut – meet at church at 1 and we will carpool

Dec 24 – Combined 10 am service (Cantata)

Christmas Eve Service – 7pm

NO - 5:30 pm – Evening Family Worship

Dec 31 – Combined 10 am fireside service

NO - 5:30 pm – Evening Family Worship

Many thanks to everyone that donated to the Food Pantry in November. It helped tremendously. We served 64 families (162 individuals) in November and your donations helped keep our shelves stocked.



Angel Gifts

Reminder: Please return all Angel Gifts by Noon on Sunday, December 17th. [Distribution of the gifts will be on the 18th in the morning] If you drop them off before December 10th, please put them in the outer office; drop off Dec 10 – 17th – please put gifts under the Angel Tree in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Albanesius at 326-6680. Thank

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Joint lunch [UMW & UMW II] Tuesday December 12th @ 11:45 at the Parkview. If you are going, see Trudy Stafford or Ann Gollnitz for reservations.

UMW will meet on Wednesday, December 13th at 11:30.

Bring your own sack lunch. Beverage & Dessert provided. We will be assembling the gift baskets [don't forget to bring cookies, small fruit and candy for the baskets] and then going to Absolut to sing [meet at the church at 1 and we will carpool]. All are welcome to join us.



Wanted – plant sitter. We have 2 beautiful ferns that need to be tended to over the winter. If you have a green thumb and are willing to keep them for the winter, please contact Louise Quick or LeAnn in the office.

RCL Readings – December 10, 2017

The readings for this week:

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

In order to “spruce things up a bit”, we are on the lookout for a replacement sofa for Gibbs Parlor (or Fellowship Hall and moving the matching couch & love seat to Gibbs). If you have a couch in good condition (and is smoke free & pet free) please contact the office. [We are also looking at replacing some of the furniture in the youth room]

The winter months sometimes can be quite long for our church friends who don't get out much. You could help by "adopting" someone and making their days a little brighter. Some ideas would be cards, visits, perhaps a small gift. Names are on envelopes, hanging on the clothesline in the hallway outside the office. Tips and ideas are inside the envelope. Please consider choosing one - or two - and spending a little time during December, January, and February making someone's winter more pleasant. Questions? Call Jan VO at 326-2023.

This Week: December 10- 17 (24), 2017

- Sunday (10):** 8:30 – Worship (G)
 9:30 – Sunday School for ages 3+
 10:45– Worship
 Coffee Fellowship (FH)
 5:30 Family Worship Service
 7- Advent Study
- Monday (11):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
 Brownies
 7 - Praying together as a District @ Olean
- Tuesday (12):** Apple Seed
 11:45 – UMW/UMW II lunch @ Parkview
 1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
 Daisy's & Brownies
 6-7 – Class - Private – Fellowship Hall)
 7 - SPRC
- Wednesday (13):** AppleSeed
 11:30 - UMW
 4:30 – 5:30pm WCK (FH)
 6 - TOPS
- Thursday (14):** Apple Seed
 7 - Pounding
- Friday (15):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
- Saturday (16):** Union Relief (FH)
- Sunday (17):** 8:30 – Worship (G)
 9:30 – Sunday School for ages 3+
 10:45– Worship
 Coffee Fellowship (FH)
 Union Relief
 5:30 Family Worship Service
 7- Advent Study
- Monday (18):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
 Brownies
- Tuesday (19):** Apple Seed
 1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
 Daisy's & Brownies
 6-7 – Class - Private – Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday (20):** AppleSeed
 4:30 – 5:30pm WCK (FH)
 6 – TOPS
 6:30 – Apple Seed Christmas Program (San & FH)
- Thursday (21):** Apple Seed
 7 - Pounding
- Friday (22):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
- Saturday (23):**)
- Sunday (24):** combined 10:00– Worship - Cantata
 Coffee Fellowship (FH)
 7- Christmas Eve Service
- Monday (25):** Christmas Day – Office closed

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

FAMILY VBS STYLE WORSHIP

SUNDAYS @ 5:30 PM

Free Dinner, Craft/Activity, Songs &
Bible Story



**Everyone is invited
to join us**

2018 Offering Envelopes are now available at the Welcome Center near Gibbs Parlor. If you do not see yours and would like some, please contact the office

Advent Bible Study *Sundays 7pm – Gibbs Parlor*
Walter Brueggemann's Names for the Messiah

Sunday December 10 – *Everlasting Father*
Sunday December 19 – *Prince of Peace*

No book required and no cost

