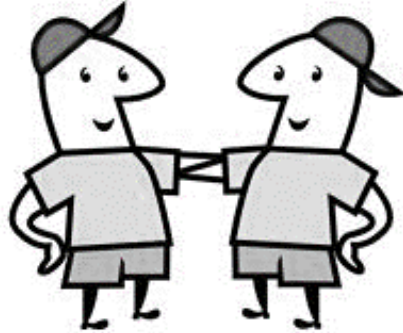


**First United Methodist Church
101 E. Main St.
Westfield, NY**

**December 17, 2017
Third Sunday of Advent**



The word "doppelgänger" is often used in a more general and neutral sense to describe any person who physically or behaviorally resembles another person.

John, the Doppelganger

Focus: "He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light..." John 1:8



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: No hope-filled urgency in our preparation? No true Christmas. No sincere repentance? No true Christmas. No sacrificial Lamb? No true Christmas."

– Merrit J. Nielson in *illuminate: An Advent Experience*

Things to look forward to:

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

Dec 17 – 6pm – Caroling in Mayville – meet at Mayville UMC

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

Poinsettias 2017

Given by.....In Honor of
Cheri & Steve Lathrop Glory to God (2)
Gail & Bruce Boardway Children & Grandchildren
Gail & Bruce BoardwayAlta Boardway

Given by.....In Memory of
Nancy Hanks.....Charley Hanks
Our Parents..... Leona Gundlach
Skip Gundlach..... Leona Gundlach
Loved ones.....Peg Ransom (2)
Dick & Bonnie Lancaster Eleanor & Carleton Lancaster
Luci Petrella.....Michael Petrella
Luci Petrella..... Cecelia Petrella
Kay Whitesell Glade Whitesell
Dottie Wasmund..... Sadie Huber
Trudy Stafford.....Don Stafford
G. Mary Matteson..... Brian Matteson
Bob & Alice Ames..... Loved ones
George & Dottie Bourne Our Parents
Chris & Rita Jaynes..... Joan Bowen
Jeff Schuster Joe Schuster
Hyde & Martin Families.....Betty Hyde & Daniel Hyde
Gail & Bruce Boardway Ken & Della Williams
Gail & Bruce Boardway George Boardway

RCL Readings – December 17, 2017

The readings for this week:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

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- 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
6pm – Caroling at Mayville UMC
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
- Tuesday (26):** 1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
6-7 – Class - Private – Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday (27):** office open 9 - Noon
4:30 – 5:30pm WCK (FH)
6 – TOPS
- Thursday (28):** office open 9 - Noon
7 - Pounding
- Friday (29):** office open 9 - Noon
11:30- 12:30 - WCK (FH)
- Saturday (30):**)
- Sunday (31):** combined 10:00– Worship – Fireside – FH
Coffee Fellowship (FH)
- Monday (1):** New Year's Day – Office closed

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

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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.



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] Please put gifts under the Angel Tree in the sanctuary If you have any questions, please call Lisa Albanesi at 326-6680. Thank you so

Jan, Feb, March 2018 Volunteer Ministries Schedule may be picked up at the Welcome Center outside Gibbs Parlor