



**December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Cantata
Combined 10AM**

Focus: "For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

Quote: "Only poets can do justice to the Christmas and Easter stories and there are not many poets in the pulpit." –Reinhold Niebuhr

The will be no formal Coffee Fellowship Sunday. Please feel free to take a treat bag to enjoy here or at home.

Things to look forward to:

- Dec 24** – Combined 10 am service (Cantata)
Christmas Eve Service – 7pm
NO - 5:30 pm – Evening Family Worship
 11pm Service @ Eason Hall
- Dec 31** – Combined 10 am fireside service
NO - 5:30 pm – Evening Family Worship

Last Sunday's Attendance: [12/17/17]	109
Last Sunday's Offering:	\$2,643

RCL Readings – December 24, 2017

The readings for this week:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Luke 1:47-55
Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38

Mission Statement: *To know Christ and to make Christ known*

Vision Statement: *We are the voice and the hand that encourages people to change their lives with hope, comfort and peace*

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.

Poinsettias 2017

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

Given by In Memory of
Nancy Hanks Charley Hanks
Leona Gundlach Our Parents
Leona Gundlach Skip 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
Roberta Nogle Walter & Alice Tower
Roberta Nogle Vincent & Betty Rothwell

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.

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.

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for allowing me to be a part of this faith family. It is a blessing to serve among you. I so enjoy the opportunities for ministry that I have found and the support of so many, for the work I have been called to in this church, as well as the ministry that is so close to my heart in Haiti. As if your love, support and acceptance were not enough, you have given me lovely tangible gifts, too! Thank you so much for all you have done for me and I continue to pray for this congregation as we minister together. May God bless you with the joy and peace that comes from the understanding of Emmanuel, God with us!

with peace, hope and love, Pastor Molly

The Sunday Evening Family worship will continue in the New Year! However, this new ministry is evolving as we grow into filling the needs of this congregation and community. We have decided to go to a **once a month** format and now need a team to help with the planning and discernment of this new ministry. If this ministry is something that you feel is important, can you help by becoming a part of the planning team? (This is not a commitment to attend every month, just the ability to give input.) If you are not able to be part of the planning team, we also need people who can help with individual needs such as: planning a particular craft, contributing food and/or preparing a meal, hands on help so each child can have a one on one helper during the activity, or other things/idea that you can contribute. Please contact Pastor Molly if you can help. email: mollygolando@yahoo.com or phone (716)679-8465 (leave a message please if she is not available).

Our new monthly Sunday evening Family Worship for the new year will begin January 14, 5:30 pm. We will celebrate how God calls individuals. We start with a kid friendly food at 5:30 followed by music, worship and craft/activity. This is a VERY informal service designed for everyone who wants to share the joy of God presence. This is not just for children, all are welcome to the fellowship/worship/spiritual growth time.

Reminder –

Sunday, December 24th there is a Christmas Eve Service at 7pm

Also, there will be a community wide Noel Candlelight Christmas Eve service to be held at Eason Hall, 23 Elm Street, Westfield, NY, Sunday evening, **December 24th, 2017 at 11:00 p.m.** Come welcome in Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Symbolically beginning in darkness, the candlelight service focuses on the Light of the world coming to redeem! All are welcome to come and witness Christmas through scripture, song, drama, and handbells. Featuring Westfield, Mayville and Sherman area youth and adults, the service is organized and directed by Kent and Nannette Knappenberger. The offerings from the evening's service will go to the Westfield Ministerial Association and will benefit the community. You won't want to miss this exciting way to celebrate Christmas!

This Week: December 24, 2017 - (Jan 7, 2018),

- Sunday (24):** combined 10:00– Worship - Cantata
Coffee Fellowship (FH)
7- Christmas Eve Service
11pm Ecumenical Service @ Eason Hall
- 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
- Tuesday (2):** Apple Seed
1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
6-7 – Class - Private – Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday (3):** Apple Seed
4:30 – 5:30pm WCK (FH)
6 – TOPS
- Thursday (4):** Apple Seed
7 - Pounding
- Friday (5):** 11:30- 12:30 - WCK (FH)
- Saturday (6):** 8 – 2 - Private Function - FH
- Sunday (7):** combined 10:00– Worship – Fireside – FH
Coffee Fellowship (FH)

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