

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

**December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent, Communion**



Focus: "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come." Mark 13:33



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: "Christians are not always very alert. They are far too rarely on tiptoe to see where God is calling the, challenging them, or inviting them. The church can be awfully somnolent It is beset by every manner of temptation, as is the individual. Where, the preacher to ask, have you been sleepy? Where has our congregation been sleepy? What would it look like to wake up?" Leonard R. Klein in *The Lectionary Commentary*.

Things to look forward to:

Advent Bible Study – Sundays 7pm (**November 26 – Dec 17**) * note change of day
Dec 24 – Combined 10 am service (Cantata)
Christmas Eve Service – 7pm
Dec 31 – Combined 10 am fireside service

Last Sunday's Attendance: [11/26/17]..... 80
Last Sunday's Offering: \$2996

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 Albanesi 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. 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 3, 2017

The readings for this week:

Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

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]

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

If you did not get your photo taken (for the update pages) and would still like to be included in the directory, please call the office to arrange for either submitting your own photo, or getting one taken at the church [before November 30]. Update page should be available the first full week of December.

This Week: December 3 10(17), 2017

- Sunday (3):** 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 (4):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
 Brownies
- Tuesday (5):** Apple Seed
 1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
 Daisy's & Brownies
 6-7 – Class - Private – Fellowship Hall)
 7 - SPRC
- Wednesday (6):** AppleSeed
 4:30 – 5:30pm WCK (FH)
 6 - TOPS
- Thursday (7):** Apple Seed
 7 - Pounding
- Friday (8):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
 Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- Saturday (9):** Wedding
- 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
- 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)
- 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

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**

Advent Bible Study *Sundays 7pm – Gibbs Parlor*

Walter Brueggemann's *Names for the Messiah*

Sunday December 3 – *Mighty God*

Sunday December 10 – *Everlasting Father*

Sunday December 19 – *Prince of Peace*

No book required and no cost



Christmas Poinsettias 2017



- ◆ *Price per plant \$11.00*
- ◆ *Deadline for orders:
December 10*
- ◆ *Additional order forms
available at the Welcome
Center and church office*
- ◆ *Please use marked blue
envelopes for flower orders*

In honor of _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In memory of _____

Name _____

Number of plants _____

Total paid \$ _____

*[] *cash [] check*

**Please use blue “plant order”
envelopes if paying by cash*

2018 Volunteer Ministries

We are working on scheduling for the **Jan, Feb March**. Please fill out the form below in order to help us with the schedule. ***If you do not return the form and have volunteered in 2017, your name will AUTOMATICALLY be scheduled.***

Please return by December 10th

Job	Continue /add	Sub	Remove
Usher			
*Sunday School Shepherd			
*Jr Church (2 nd Service)			
*Nursery			
8:30			
10:45			
Lay Reader			
Coffee Hour			
[] I want to work with:			
[] I am willing to work alone			

Name(s): _____

***(Safe Sanctuary training required)**

If you want to be removed from the list, but would be willing to serve as a sub, please mark sub & remove sections

Special notes (ex I am gone Dec 15 – March 15, do not schedule me for communion Sundays, Do not schedule me for June – Sept)

If you would like a description of the different volunteer positions, please contact the office.

[Jr Church is a ministry. It is to work with youth ages 5 – 4th grade during the 10:45 service - following the children’s message. You may do crafts, play games, watch videos. You can request to work a week at a time, a month at a time or for a theme (ie: advent, lent)]