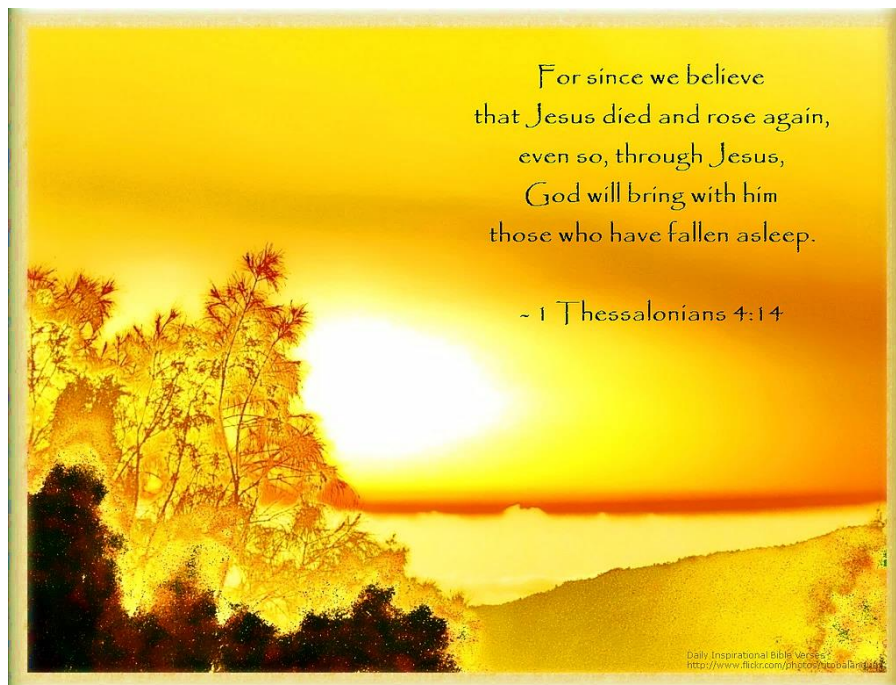


**First United Methodist Church
101 E. Main St.
Westfield, NY**

**November 12, 2017
23rd Sunday after Pentecost**



Grieving with Hope

Focus: “For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.” 1 Thessalonians 4:14



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

Quote: “Paul’s assurance that the Day of the Lord will come suddenly empowers the church’s distinctive life in the midst of the world. As heirs of the day they are equipped by God’s own protective armor to live well as to die in the confidence that God’s faithfulness to them takes on flesh and blood in their faithfulness to God.” E. Elizabeth Johnson, *1 Thessalonians*

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*

Things to look forward to:

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

Nov 26 – UM Student Offering

Dec 2 – Women's Tea

Dec 24 – Combined 10 am service (Cantata)

Dec 31 – Combined 10 am fireside service

Last Sunday's Attendance: [11/5/17]..... 91

Last Sunday's Offering: \$2097

Thank you for your continued generosity in the gifting of a beautiful black and white canvased photo. This photograph is full of sentimental meaning, as it conjures up wonderful memories of introducing Nathan and Nadia to Carmen's sacred place, her grandmother's stock pond in East Texas. Also, thank you for the gift card. From the first moment I walked in the doors, one and a half years ago, I have felt surrounded by your warm affection for my family and me. I am beyond blessed to be in ministry among and with you. I hold each of you in high esteem and in my daily time of prayer.

With a Grateful & Thankful Heart,

Pastor Nick



Advent Bible Study

Walter Brueggemann's *Names for the Messiah*

Sundays 7pm – Gibbs Parlor

Sunday November 26 – *Wonderful Counselor*

Sunday December 3 – *Mighty God*

Sunday December 10 – *Everlasting Father*

Sunday December 14 – *Prince of Peace*

No book required and no cost

Sign up outside the office or online (website or Facebook) so we know how many copies to make.

2018 Offering Envelopes are available at the Welcome Center,

This Week: November 12-19 (26), 2017

- Sunday (12):** 8:30 – Worship (G)
9:30 – Sunday School for ages 3+
10:45– Worship
Coffee Fellowship (FH)
5:30 Family Worship Service
- Monday (13):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
Brownies
- Tuesday (14):** Apple Seed
1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
Daisy’s & Brownies
UMW 2
- Wednesday (15):** Apple Seed
4:30 – 5:30pm WCK (FH)
- Thursday (16):** Apple Seed
7pm – Pounding class (FH)
- Friday (17):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
- Saturday (18):**
- Sunday (19):** 8:30 – Worship (G)
9:30 – Sunday School for ages 3+
10:45– Worship
Coffee Fellowship (FH)
Holly Tour
5:30 Family Worship Service
- Monday (20):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
Brownies
- Tuesday (21):** 1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
Daisy’s & Brownies
- Wednesday (22):** 4:30 – 5:30pm WCK (FH)
- Thursday (23):** Thanksgiving – Office Closed
Private Function - FH
- Friday (24):** ~~11:30-12:30 WCK (FH)~~
Office Closed
- Saturday (25):**
- Sunday (26):** UM Student Offering
8:30 – Worship (G)
9:30 – Sunday School for ages 3+
10:45– Worship
Coffee Fellowship (FH)
5:30 Family Worship Service

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

RCL Readings - November 12, 2017

The readings for this week:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

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]



On **Saturday, December 2** from 2 – 4 pm (in Fellowship Hall), we will be having a Women's Christmas tea. This will be a time for women to "rest & relax" and enjoy the beginning of the advent season as we explore "Vintage Christmas". There will be a sign up sheet outside the office. Each woman is asked to bring 1 dozen cookies to share. Coffee, tea & hot cider will be provided. Come and enjoy the fellowship, share some memories and make some new memories and traditions.

November is our Food Pantry month. Donations may be placed in the bins near the glass door by Fellowship Hall.

Items needed include (but not limited to): soups, pasta sauce, beef stew, chili, canned meals, paper products, condiments, pancake mix, syrup, shelf stable milk, spaghetti, macaroni
(Please – no glass jars)

If you did not get your photo taken on Sunday (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.

FAMILY VBS STYLE WORSHIP

SUNDAYS @ 5:30 PM

Free Dinner, Craft/Activity, Songs &
Bible Story



**Everyone is invited
to join us**