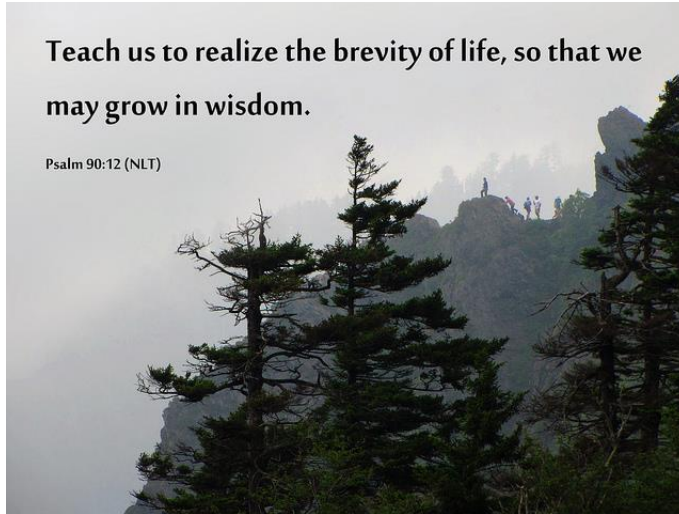


**First United Methodist Church
101 E. Main St.
Westfield, NY**

**November 19, 2017
24th Sunday after Pentecost**

Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we
may grow in wisdom.

Psalms 90:12 (NLT)



How Many Shopping Days Left?

Focus: “So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.” Psalm 90:12

Quote: First, human life is lived under the inescapable judgment of God, from whose penetrating scrutiny there is no escape even in the innermost secretes of one’s life. Secondly, the wise person is the one who knows the limitations and transience of human life and acts accordingly in sober faith.”

–Bernhard W. Anderson, *Out of the Depth*



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

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)

Christmas Eve Service – 7pm

No 5:30 Family Worship

Dec 31 – Combined 10 am fireside service

No 5:30 Family Worship

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*

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 19 – *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.

RCL Readings - November 19, 2017

The readings for this week:

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

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.

This Week: November 19 -26 (December 3), 2017

- Sunday (19):** 8:30 – Worship (G)
 9:30 – Sunday School for ages 3+
 10:45– Worship
 Coffee Fellowship (FH)
 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)
 6 - TOPS
- 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
 7 – Advent Study
- Monday (27):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
 Brownies
- Tuesday (28):** Apple Seed
 Noon - Private Function – FH
 1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
 3 - Support
 Daisy’s & Brownies
- Wednesday (29):** AppleSeed
 4:30 – 5:30pm WCK (FH)
 6 - TOPS
- Thursday (30):** Apple Seed
 7 - Pounding
- Friday (1):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
- Saturday (2):** 2 – 4 Women’s Tea
- 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

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

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 (for the update pages) and would still like to be included in the directory, please call the office to arrange to 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**

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			
[<input type="checkbox"/>] I want to work with:			
[<input type="checkbox"/>] 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)]