

January 1, 2023 Bulletin Announcements

Starting January 1, 2023, we will be worshipping in Fellowship Hall

Greetings First United Methodist Church in Westfield,

You are invited to attend a **special informational meeting** on **January 8th following worship** about the future of our congregation. This will be a time to gather for a lite lunch and drinks, learn of potential options available to us via our church leadership, raise your questions, and offer your ideas to help us to faithfully move forward into God's future.

Various church committees have begun their own internal conversations. We are well-aware of the lower attendance on Sunday mornings, less participation in weekly activities, and a slow decline in the amount of giving. Our church committees aim to be faithful to the gospel, responsible to the congregation, and good stewards of our resources.

On January 8th in the fellowship hall, no official votes will be cast. However, your presence and input are invaluable to how our leadership proceeds in the weeks, months, and years ahead. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact Andi M., Gail B., and/or Pastor Nick.

Blessings,

Did you know? You can drop off your used postage stamps to the church office or to Betty Syper? There is a box in the outer office for them. Please leave a sizable border around the stamp.

Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for January 1, 2023

Ecclesiastes 3 :1-13 Psalm 8
Revelation 21:1-6a Matthew 25:31-46

December Income \$14,633.31 Thru 12/27/2022 I ncludes \$4,000 from trustee account

December Expenses: \$13,944.01 *Total Payroll included in Expenses: \$6,895.31

Difference \$ 689.30

Shared Ministries (\$1,398 per month)

amount due thru 12/30: \$16,776

Amount paid (12/30): \$7,407.64

If you have any questions, please contact Pauline Emilson – Treasurer

We appreciate your faithful giving

All 2022 Giving needs to be at the office by Friday December 30 at noon (or postmarked December 31)

The office will be closed January 2nd & January 6th

Did you know? If you miss the sermon or want to listen to it again, they are available on the church website: <https://www.westfieldumc.org/2022-sermons/>

Children's Bulletins and other activities are available on the church website:

<https://www.westfieldumc.org/just-for-kids/>

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Do you enjoy doing crafts, playing games, spending time with older adults? The Alzheimer Respite group is looking for volunteers to help us out on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 9:30 – 2:30. We will provide you with training. Contact Gail Boardway for more information (716)867-2319