[Shadowed Beneath Thy Hand] It's Raining Bread, hallelujah!

Focus: "Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heave for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day..." – Exodus 16:4

Thoughts: "The Bible sees the manna not as a natural phenomenon; rather, it transforms natural occurrences into acts of God, willed by Him in support of Israel. Manna is thus, in the biblical view, literally the bread of heaven (Ps 105:40), a gift of God. It is to remind Israel of God's unceasing care, but more than that: it places the creation of the people in direct relationship to the creation of the world itself."—W. Gunther Plaut, *The Torah: A Modern Commentary*

Weekly

Food Pantry – Tuesday 1 – 2:30 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 9 – 11:20 AppleSeed Wednesday: 11:30 -12:30 – Ann Cochran's group Sunday – Worship 10 AM Sundays - Sept 10 – October 15: Book Study – Moses 7pm

Looking ahead:

September 24 – No Shoe Sunday October 1 – World Communion Offering Sat, October 7 7:30-10:30 – Breakfast & Silent Auction (Benefits Stacy Holland family) Saturday, November 11, 2023 – Charge Conference 1-3pm at Westfield

Flowers today given in memory of Katie Mansfield

September 24, 2023 Bulletin Announcements

There is a sign-up sheet outside the office for those willing to help with the pancake breakfast on **Saturday**, **October 7**.

*** Please return your membership audit papers. If you did not receive them, please contact the office.

Your offerings can be:

- Dropped off at the church When the office is open, during worship, or After hours use the mail slot by the side glass door
- mailed to the church
- sent to the church through your bank sent to the church using PayPal or Tithely (see the church website for links). <u>https://www.westfieldnyumc.org/donate/</u>

We appreciate your faithful giving

August income	\$11,640.00	(includes 3500 from investments)
Expenses	\$12098.95	(Payroll \$7,254.92)
Difference	\$ (458.95)	
Shared Ministries (\$1,411 per month) –		
	amount due thru 8/31: \$11,288	Amount paid (7/31): \$345.00 (from donations)
If you have any questions, please contact Pauline Emilson - Treasurer		

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. Betty would like to thank everyone that has been bringing in stamp. They would love stamps from other countries and if you are looking to get rid of stamp collections – please contact her for more information.

Looking for individuals to help sand and spray paint our metal railings. Contact the office for more information.

Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for September 24, 2023

Exodus 16:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

Reader's Schedule (Contact Gail for more information)

September 24 – Andi; Oct 1 – Gail; Oct 8 - Pauline; Oct 15 – Carmen; Oct 22 – Jessica, Oct 29 – Kathy A

Coffee Hours Schedule (Contact Gail for more information) October 1 – Rita, Sue & Laurie; Nov 5 – Larry & Sandy; Dec 3 – open.

Looking for individuals that would like to serve as **Communion Stewards**. Please see Gail for more information October 1 – Dave & Betty Syper; November 5 – Open; December 3 - Open

Did you know? We made almost \$50 on our ink recycling program!