

September 3, 2023 Bulletin Announcements

September 10- Back to Church Sunday/ Rally Day/ Church Picnic!

Sunday (Children & Adult) – 9:00 AM

Worship (with communion) – 10 AM

Church Picnic – following worship – bring a dish to pass.

The oven will be on to keep your food hot and the refrigerators are available. Beverages will be provided.

Administrative Board Meeting, Monday, September 11 at 6:00 pm

***** 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). <https://www.westfieldnyumc.org/donate/>

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 3, 2023

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Reader's Schedule (Contact Gail for more information)

September 3 – Pauline; Sept 10 – Jessica.;

September 17 – Doug; 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)

Sept 10 – Church Picnic; 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. August 6 – Larry Porter; September 3 – Pauline & Elise Dougherty; October 1 – Dave & Betty Syper; November 5 – Open; December 3 - Open

The September/October *Upper Room* and the September/October/November *The Word For You Today* are now available.

No Shoe Sunday
Sunday, September 24

Did you know that your gently worn sneakers could help **the Blue Bag Fund at the Westfield United Methodist Church?** (This fund is used to provide extra to those in our community in need and include items like soap, shampoo, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste and cleaning supplies).

Well, they can and here's how...Our team is participating in a fundraiser where there is nothing to buy or sell; All we need is your support and your gently worn, used, or new sneakers!

Here's how you can help:

Start in your and your family's closets and gather as many pair of sneakers that you no longer want; maybe you've out-grown them, they're out of style, or out of season. If you and your household have 20 pairs, great! If not, don't worry. You can ask your neighbors, friends, co-workers, and anyone in your social networks to help out. Every pair counts!

The sneakers that we all collect will help raise money to support our program AND will help our environment by keeping sneakers out of landfills.

Can we count on you?

All types of shoes are welcome and can be dropped off in the containers located at the Methodist Church and Full Strength Coffee or Blue June Blooms. If you would like a drop off bin for your location, please contact the church at 716-326-3243.



Children & Adults!



10 AM



Following Worship—Bring a dish to pass. Beverages are provided.

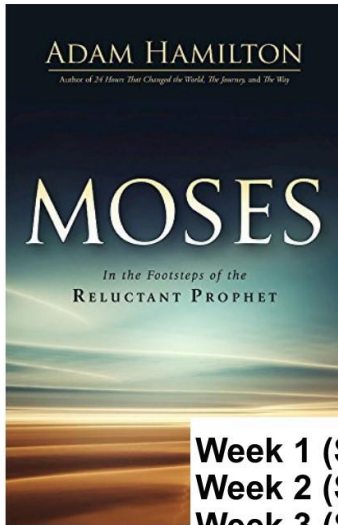


RALLY DAY



Sunday,

September 10



Coming on Sunday's this Fall (2023)

Retrace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian to leading his people out of Egypt.

Join Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given.

Turn your own reluctance into boldness as you examine the significant challenges facing Moses and how God shaped his character and life in powerful ways.

- Week 1 (September 10): The Birth of Moses**
- Week 2 (September 17): Two Moments that Defined the Man**
- Week 3 (September 24): The Exodus**
- Week 4 (October 1): The Ten Commandments**
- Week 5 (October 8): Lessons from the Wilderness**
- Week 6 (October 15): Don't Forget....Pass It On**

Sundays at 7pm. All are welcome!

**First United Methodist Church of Westfield
101 E. Main Street (use Clinton Street Parking Lot)
Contact the church to reserve your book
(716)326-3243 or westmeth@fairpoint.net**