

## December 3, 2023 Bulletin Announcements

**2024 Offering Envelopes are now available. They are on the table outside of Gibbs Parlor. If you don't have any and would like some, please contact the office.**

### **Our December Mission Project: Reverse Advent**

See insert for more information. Please remember no glass jars.

**Now available:** November /December *Upper Room* and December/January/February *The Word For You Today*

### **Coffee Hours Schedule (Contact Gail for more information)**

Dec 3 – Jessica & Nancy; Jan 7 – Gail Boardway; Feb 4 - Louise

### **Reader's Schedule (Contact Gail for more information)**

Dec 3 – Andi, Dec 10 – Jessica, Dec 17 – Kathy A, Dec 24 – Steve C, Dec 31 - Pauline

### **Communion Stewards.** Please see Gail for more information

December 3 – Jessica & Pauline; Jan 7 – Gail & Larry

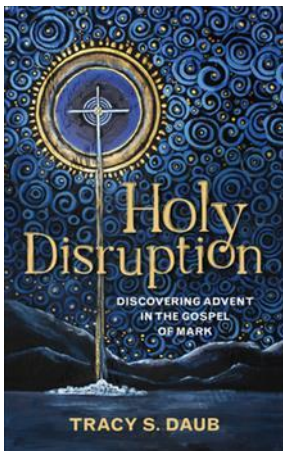
### **Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for December 3, 2023**

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-27



### **Advent Book Study - November 26 December 3, 10, 17**

Where's the baby? The Gospel of Mark doesn't have a nativity story--so where's the Advent message? It's in every aspect of Jesus' life, to his death and beyond. The Incarnation--God come to earth in human form to be baptized, teach, heal, eat, and die--is what we celebrate at Christmas, and Mark shows us just how radical and celebration-worthy it is! Holy Disruption presents a fresh understanding of the holiness of Christmas grounded, not in a conventional cozy Christmas message, but through Mark's disquieting gospel which invites its readers to experience God's disruptive but transformative love for us and our world. (Books \$10)

***Sign-up sheet outside of office***

Blessed that the United Methodist Church of Westfield NY was able to receive a grant from the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation to help with the Blue Bag/Pink Envelope funds. What are the blue bag & Pink Envelope funds?

The Pink Envelope fund was started as a mission project of the church to Feminine Hygiene Products, diapers and formula to women in the community.

The Blue Bag fund was another mission project of the church to help food pantry

clients with basics not covered by SNAP. They include: soap, shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, laundry soap, cleaning solutions and so much more. Both of these programs rely heavily on donations from individuals and the community. Many thanks to those that have made these projects possible. If you are interested in helping out with either of the projects, please contact the church.



<https://www.facebook.com/NCCFoundation/>

<https://www.nccfoundation.org/>



Did you notice our “bare” Christmas tree? We are will be decorating it with handmade angels in honor or memory of anyone. These angels (6”) are handmade (and unique). Proceeds benefit the Food Pantry. As angels are purchased, they will be marked with your names and be placed on the tree and can be picked up on December 24 or 31.

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**

<b>November income</b> .....	\$14,633.01 (includes \$6,000 from investments)
<b>Expenses</b> .....	\$11,454.06 (Payroll \$7,527.84)
<b>Difference</b> .....	*\$ 3,178.95

\*While this may seem like a surplus, we have an insurance payment due in December as well as our Conference bill Shared Ministries (\$1,411 per month) –  
 amount due thru 11/30: \$15,521 Amount paid (11/30): \$380.00 (from donations)

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



We are having a pop-up!!!  
**Saturday, December 16 2023**

10 am - 2 pm

First United Methodist Church of Westfield  
101 E Main Street (Fellowship Hall)

We are a stop on the Cookie walk!

Hot food will be available for sale

**Confirmed so far:**

Fudge & Stuff

Childs' Craft Corner (doll clothes)

Sew & Sows (handcrafted items)

Tastefully Simply (Tanya )

J.E.M's Creative Corner

Stocking by Missy (knitted & crocheted items)

Marcia Wethli (knitted, crocheted & quilted  
items)

Paparazzi (Ashley)

Margie Coran (Rice bags/jewelry)

JoAnne Koehler (Bakery & crafts)

Sue Miller (polymer clay)

Joni Kale (Christmas Ornaments & Santa's)

Kiona Callahan (diamond painting)

Alivia Belson (bracelets & keychains)

Melinda Zook (books)



## Reverse Advent Mission Project 2023

For the month of December, we are challenging you to complete this Reverse Advent calendar. There is one box for each day of Advent (Starting December 1). It does not matter what order you fill in your boxes but see how many boxes you can check off. We will be collecting items the entire month of December (please put on the altar in the sanctuary) and then on Sunday, January 7, we will bless them and deliver them to the food pantry. Help us fill the shelves!

Pancake Syrup (in plastic containers)	Tomato Soup	Spaghetti Sauce (in plastic jars or cans)	Pancake Mix	Boxed Stuffing
Canned Chili	Chunky Soup – Sirloin Burger	Chicken Noodle Soup	Elbow macaroni (no whole wheat or multi grain please)	Canned Ravioli
1 lb bags of white rice	Chunky soups – Chicken Pot Pie	<b>Bonus</b> Feminine Hygiene products, diapers or shelf stable milk	Cream of chicken soup	Boxed mashed potatoes
Canned beef stew	Jelly/Jam (in plastic jars)	Tuna Fish	Mac and Cheese	Diced tomatoes
Canned soup – chicken noodle	Canned vegetable	Cream of mushroom soup	Pasta Sauces (Canned or plastic jar)	Canned meals (like spaghetti-o's, beef-a-roni)
Spaghetti noodles (Please no whole wheat)	Peanut Butter	Rice sides	Canned fruit or applesauce	Canned chicken

# **Christmas Poinsettias 2023**



◆ **Price per 6" plant \$10.00**

◆ **Deadline for orders:**

**December 13**

◆ **Additional order forms available at the Welcome Center and church office**

◆ **Please use marked blue envelopes for flower orders**

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

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**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of plants** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total paid \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**[ ]\*cash      [ ] check**

**\*Please use blue "plant order" envelopes if paying by cash**

**Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on December 17 & 24<sup>th</sup> and may be picked up on the 24<sup>th</sup>**