

First United Methodist Church of Westfield

November 12, 2023

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am

What Are You Waiting For?



Focus: But at midnight..." –Matthew 25:6

WAYS TO REACH US

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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*

Weekly

Food Pantry – Tuesday 1 – 2:30

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 9 – 11:20 Apple Seed

Wednesday: 11:30 -12:30 – Ann Cochran's group

Sunday – Worship 10 AM

Nov 26, Dec 3, 10, 17 – Advent Book Study 7 pm

Looking ahead:

Saturday, November 11, 2023 – Charge Conference 1-3pm at Westfield

November 17 – 19 – Christmas in the Village

November 19 – Harvest Dinner (Thanksgiving Meal)

December 2 – Pancake Breakfast

December 16 – Pop-up

Thankful



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WITH ALL MY HEART,
I WILL TELL OF
ALL YOUR WONDERS.
PSALM 9:1



November 12, 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.

October Mission Project Update

We collected money to help supply laundry soap for the **Senior Santa Project**. Our goal was **\$250** so that we could provide over 200 small bottles of laundry soap. We collected **\$219** (11/5/2023)

Our November Mission Project: Food Pantry

We are looking for Soup, Mac & Cheese, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, hearty meals, chunky soups. Please remember no glass jars.

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

Sign-up sheets for the Sunday, November 19 (4pm) Thanksgiving dinner are now posted. Please let us know how many people are attending and what you are bringing. (We hope to be streaming the Bills game!) Today (November 12) is the last day to sign up

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

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)

Nov 12– Doug, Nov 19– Pauline, Nov 26 – Steve C
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 November 12, 2023

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

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

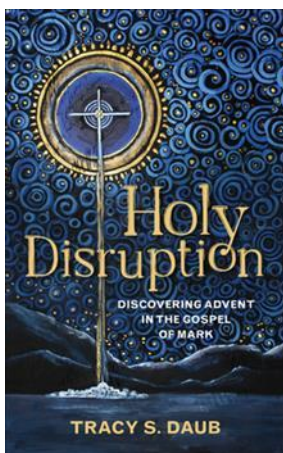
October income	\$15,443.21	
Expenses	\$16,898.05	(Payroll \$8,199.44)
Difference	\$ (1,454.84)	(Insurance & Conference bill for Sept paid 10/2)

Shared Ministries (\$1,411 per month) –
amount due thru 10/31: \$14,110 Amount paid (10/31): \$365.00 (from donations)

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

The church office will be closed on November 22, 23, & 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Pastor Nick will be doing Continuing Education & then vacation from Friday, November 17 and returning on Saturday, November 25. Clara Wilder (716-904-0204) will be providing pastoral care during his absence.



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