

**Thoughts:** “Defying our usual literary expectations, the *end* of the book is suspenseful, raising the question, Will Israel (and will we) really be the faithful covenant community?... It calls more for sober reflection than celebration, for self-examination rather than self-congratulation, for self-examination rather than self-congratulations, for spiritual soul-searching rather than contentment.” Thomas Mann, *Deuteronomy*

**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

**Looking ahead:**

November 4 – Pancake Breakfast (Blue Bag Fund)  
November 5 – Heritage Sunday  
November 8 – Respite  
Saturday, November 11, 2023 – Charge Conference 1-3pm at Westfield  
November 17 – 19 – Christmas in the Village  
November 19 – Thanksgiving Meal

**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*

**October 29, 2023 Bulletin Announcements**

**October Mission Project**

We will be collecting donations to help supply laundry soap for the **Senior Santa Project**. Our goal is **\$250** so that we can provide over 200 small bottles of laundry soap. Please place donations in the red decorated box outside of Gibbs Parlor. Currently Collected **\$177** (10/22/2023)

There is a sign-up sheet outside the office for those willing to help with the pancake breakfast on **Saturday, November 4.**

The November /December *Upper Room* is now available.

***Heritage Sunday will be November 5. Please drop off your photos by November 3 at noon.***

***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.***

**\*\*\* 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**

<b>September income</b> .....	\$8,161.96	
<b>Expenses</b> .....	\$7,939.93	(Payroll \$6,583.49)
<b>Difference</b> .....	\$ 222.03	(Insurance & Conference bill for Sept paid 10/2)

Shared Ministries (\$1,411 per month) –  
amount due thru 9/30: \$12,699 Amount paid (9/30): \$345.00 (from donations)  
If you have any questions, please contact Pauline Emilson - Treasurer

**Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for October 29, 2023**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

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

Nov 5 – Larry & Sandy; Dec 3 – Jessica & Nancy.

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

Oct 29 – Kathy A  
Nov 5-Andi, Nov 12 – Pauline, Nov 19 – Doug, 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

November 5 – Ann C & Lisa, December 3 – Jessica & Pauline



November 5 –

Daylight savings time ends set clocks back 1 hour



Sunday, November 19 – Don't forget to sign up



# **Pancake Breakfast**

## **7:30-10:30 am**

**Fellowship Hall—First United  
Methodist Church of Westfield  
101 E Main St.**

Pancakes, Sausage, Sausage gravy & Biscuits,  
Coffee, Juice

**Cost: Donations are gratefully accepted**

## **Saturday**

**November 4** (Blue Bag Fund to provide  
personal hygiene items to Food Pantry clients)

**December 2**

(Apple Seed)

**\*Program benefitting from your donations**

**Questions? See Larry Porter**