**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). <a href="https://www.westfieldnyumc.org/donate/">https://www.westfieldnyumc.org/donate/</a>

#### We appreciate your faithful giving

September income	\$8,161.96	
Expenses	\$7,939.93	(Payroll \$6,583.49)
Difference	\$ 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

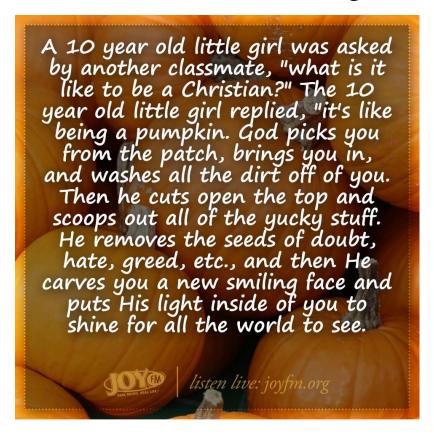


November 5 –

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
Ouestions? See Larry Porter