

**Christmas letters went out this week. If you did not get one, and would like one, please contact the office.**

**First United Methodist Church of Westfield  
December 10, 2023**

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am

**ADVENT SERIES: Holy Disruption**

**(Inspired by Tracy Daub's book *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark*)**



***Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All***  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Focus:** "He stretched [his hand] out, and his hand was completely restored." –Mark 3:5

**December 10, 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  
Calendars are available outside Gibbs Parlor**

**Now available: December/January/February *The Word For You Today***

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

Jan 7 – Gail Boardway; Feb 4 - Louise

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

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

**Communion Stewards.** Please see Gail for more information  
Jan 7 – Gail & Larry

**Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for December 10, 2023**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

Betty & Dave Syper would like to give everyone a heartfelt thank you for all of the prayers and the cards that you have sent them while her sister Vi was in the hospital. Also thanks for all of the sympathy cards, calls and prayers since her sister died. 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

**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*

**WAYS TO REACH US**

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**Church Office Hours:** Mon. - Fri. 9 – 3

**Rev. Dr. Nicholas Perry office hours:** M – Wed 10:30 - 3 - or by appointment

Weekly

Food Pantry – Tuesday 1 – 2:30  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 9 – 11:30 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:

December 11 – Ad Board Meeting 6pm  
December 13 – Respite  
December 16 – Pop-up (10-2)  
December 19: UMW 10-12  
December 21 - Blue Christmas 7pm  
Christmas Eve Service – 7pm

## ***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*** \_\_\_\_\_

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

***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>***

## 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	Peanut Butter	Rice sides	Canned fruit or applesauce	Canned chicken