

**First United Methodist Church
101 E. Main St. Westfield, NY
December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent**



For As the Days of Noah

[Theme: Christ our Hope]

Focus: “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark.”

Matthew 24:36-44



8:30 – Praise & PowerPoint Worship (Gibbs Parlor)
9:45 – Sunday School
10:45 – Worship (Sanctuary)

Quote: “In the face of the crushing needs of the world, the only way to preserve hope, the only way to maintain a willing sense of discipleship, is to trust that at any moment we may be surprised by the sudden presence of God.” Thomas G. Long, *Matthew*

Things to look forward to:

December 1, 8, 15 – Not A Silent Night Book Study 7pm
December 15 – Children to sing during 10:45 Service
December 22 – Combined 10 am service – Cantata (No Sunday School)
December 24 – 7pm Service
December 29 – Combined 10 am fireside service – Fellowship Hall

Last Sunday's Attendance: [11/24/19]	72
Last Sunday's Offering:	\$1,371
Total YTD Expenses (as of 11/25/19).....	\$127,167
Total YTD Offering (as of 11/24/19).....	\$84,877
Total YTD from investments to cover bills (as of 11/15/19).....	\$32,600
Monthly Apportionments due (paid in full through 8/31/19).....	\$3,263
Total Apportionments paid	\$26,559
Needed weekly to make budget.....	\$ 3,246

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*

RCL Readings December 1, 2019

The readings for this week:

Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

***Weather related Church Closing – See Channel 2 WGRZ (Buffalo),
email or Facebook
[please make sure we have your current email address]***

We will have a “Cell Phone” sign-up sheet outside the church office if you would like to receive a text message. To do this, we will need your cell phone # and your provider (for example, Verizon, Straight talk, Cricket...) Once we have your cell phone number, you will receive a test text from the church.

Did you know? We have started up a **Hospitality Team** and a **Hospitality Fund**? The team is being led by Gail Boardway. This team helps with set up, serving and clean up for funerals as well as many other thing. The purpose of the fund is to help offset costs associated with funeral luncheons. If you are interested in more information, or to join the team, contact Gail or the office.

Book Study:

Advent Series (**December 1, 8, 15** - 7pm) –
“Not A Silent Night” by Adam Hamilton

Many thanks to everyone that helped out with our Tiny Tim Sweet Shoppe. We raised \$373!

But wait...We have many items left over and there has been a challenge issued! On Sunday, December 1 we will have our “leftover” items available in Fellowship Hall. Stop in and pick up some sweets and make a donation. We hope that with the sales from Sunday – we will exceed \$500. All funds will be going to our driveway repair/improvement fund.

Reverse Advent Calendars are now available...

What is a Reverse Advent Calendar?

- each day put an item listed on the calendar into a box or basket
- at the end of the month (or soon after), box up your goodies and bring them to Church (or you can bring them each Sunday) and on January 5, we will pray over the food and deliver it to the Food Pantry

It's that easy!

This is such an amazing way to easily give back this year, and will not only bless those in need in your community, but also keep your family focused on the true meaning in this season.

Of course, you can *always* choose to do this same concept in a different way ~ maybe put \$1 in a basket each day and donate the money you save at the end of the month to a local food pantry, or clean out your pantry all at once before making a trip to your local food pantry.

No matter how you choose to give ~ just considering doing something small for those in need this Christmas season. “I’m excited to join this year. We are blessed to be a blessing.”

This week December 1 – 8 (15), 2019

- Sunday (1):** 1st Sunday of Advent – Communion
8:30 Worship – (G)
9:45 Sunday School
10:45– Worship – (San)
7pm – Advent Book Study
- Monday (2):** AppleSeed
11:30- 12:30 Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)
WCK – Soup Supper
- Tuesday (3):** AppleSeed
1-2:30 -Food Pantry
6-7 Kelly Bates - FH
- Wednesday (4):** AppleSeed
4:30 – 5:30pm Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)
6 – TOPS
7pm - Finance
- Thursday (5):** AppleSeed
- Friday (6):** 11:30- 12:30 Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)
- Saturday (7):**
- Sunday (8):** 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:30 Worship – (G)
9:45 Sunday School
10:45– Worship – (San)
7pm – Advent Book Study
- Monday (9):** AppleSeed
11:30- 12:30 Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)
- Tuesday (10):** AppleSeed
1-2:30 -Food Pantry
6-7 Kelly Bates - FH
- Wednesday (11):** AppleSeed
10-2 - Respite
4:30 – 5:30pm Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)
6 – TOPS
- Thursday (12):** AppleSeed
- Friday (13):** 11:30- 12:30 Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)
- Saturday (14):** Union Relief (Friday – Monday)
- Sunday (15):** 3RD Sunday of Advent
8:30 Worship – (G)
9:45 Sunday School
10:45– Worship – (San) – Children to sing
7pm – Advent Book Study