

**First United Methodist Church
101 E. Main St. Westfield, NY
December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent**



In Those Days

[Theme: Christ our Way]

Focus: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 3:2



Quote: "We must not speak of God's love coming down at Christmas without remembering that the divine love is fierce in its judgement of those who resist love's demands." Douglas Hare, *Matthew*

Many thanks for the special music today from: Dudley Robinson, Denny Roach, Pauline Emilson, and Andi Mansfield

Things to look forward to:

December 8, 15 – Not A Silent Night Book Study 7pm

December 11 – UMW

December 15 – Children to sing at 10:45 service

December 22 – Combined 10 am service – Cantata

December 24 – 7pm Service

December 29 – Combined 10 am fireside service – Fellowship Hall

January 5, 2020 – Blessing of our Reverse Advent food, Communion

Last Sunday's Attendance: [12/1/19]	62
Last Sunday's Offering:	\$3,259
Total YTD Expenses (as of 12/1/19).....	\$130,321
Total YTD Offering (as of 11/24/19).....	\$88,136
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*



Angel Tree gifts are due by 11 am on Sunday December 15. If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 326-6680

**Many thanks to everyone that helped out with our Tiny Tim Sweet Shoppe. The challenge was met!!!
We cleared over \$550!!!!. This is a nice start to our Driveway repair/improvement fund.**

Reverse Advent Calendars are still available...

The UMW will be meeting at the Parkview for lunch on **Tuesday, December 10**. Contact Ann Gollnitz for more information.

Christmas letters (and audit information) went out Thanksgiving week. If you did not receive one, please contact the office.

UMW will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 11** at **11 am** to pack our holiday baskets! Don't forget to bring cookies, individually wrapped candy and small fruit.

RCL Readings December 8, 2019

The readings for this week:

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19
Matthew 3:1-12

***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.

This week December 8 – 15 (22), 2019

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
UMW Lunch @ the Parkview
1-2:30 -Food Pantry
6-7 Kelly Bates - FH

Wednesday (11): AppleSeed
10-2 – Respite
11 - UMW
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

Monday (16): AppleSeed
11:30- 12:30 Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)

Tuesday (17): AppleSeed
1-2:30 -Food Pantry
6-7 Kelly Bates – FH
Support

Wednesday (18): AppleSeed
4:30 – 5:30pm Westfield Community Kitchen (FH) Christmas Dinner
AppleSeed Christmas Program
6 – TOPS

Thursday (19): AppleSeed

Friday (20): 11:30- 12:30 Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)

Saturday (21): Private Function (FH))

Sunday (22): 4th Sunday of Advent
10:00– Worship – (San) – Combined Service