

**First United Methodist Church
101 E. Main St. Westfield, NY
February 16, 2020**



**But let your communication be,
Yes, yes; No, no: for whatever
is more than these comes of evil.**

Matthew 5:37

The Practice of Saying No

Focus: "Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No': anything more than this comes from the evil one."
Matthew 5:37

Quote: "God is not found in the soul by adding anything but by subtracting." Meister Eckhart

Looking ahead:

- February 26 – Ash Wednesday Service @ 7pm @ Hurlbut
- March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 @ 7pm - Lenten Book Study
- March 8 – Scout Sunday, Communion, Day light Savings time starts – Spring forward
- March 14 – Pancake Breakfast
- March 22 – UMCOR Offering
- April 4 – Sunday School Activity (FH)
- April 5 – Palm Sunday
- April 9 – Holy Thursday Service @ Westfield @7pm
- April 10 – Cross Walk – Noon – Moore Park
- April 12 – Easter Sunday
- April 26 – Native American Sunday

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*

Last Sunday's Attendance: [2/9/2020]	72
Last Sunday's Offering:	\$ 2,239
Total YTD Offering (as of 2/9/2020)	\$ 10,754
Total YTD Expenses (as of 2/10/2020)	\$ 14,702
Total YTD from investments to cover bills (2/5/2020)	\$ 0
Monthly Apportionments due	\$ 4,122
Total Apportionments paid (1/15/2020)	\$ 2,375
Needed weekly to make budget (2020)	\$ 3,337

February 9 – March 1 - Mission Project: We will again collect funds and products for babies – diapers and wipes. Envelopes are available near the Welcome Center outside Gibbs Parlor.

Lenten Project: ♥Prayer Hearts♥

We will be trying something new this year for lent. We will have an opportunity for people to have a secret prayer partner. How will this work? Take a heart ♥ off the tree near Gibbs Parlor, put your name on a heart ♥ and place the ♥ in the prayer basket at the base of the tree. These hearts ♥ will be collected through Sunday, February 23. From Feb 23 – March 1 you can come and pick a heart ♥ from the basket. All we ask is that you daily pray for the person whose name you drew for the Lenten Season (Ash Wednesday, February 26 through Easter Sunday, April 12). Can't make it to church but still want to participate? Contact the office and we will put your name on a ♥ and send you a ♥ with a name.

If you are interested in coordinating OR helping out with VBS for this Summer (you get to decide dates, times & frequency as well as curriculum) please see Pastor Nick or contact the church office.

Pastoral Care while Pastor Nick is away (February 16 afternoon – March 1 afternoon)

Becky Ward (Ripley): 679-8744

Clara Wilder (Brocton Tri): 904-0204

**LeAnn will be on vacation Feb 16 – 23. Office hours will be M – F 9 to noon
And Tuesday from 12:30 - 3**

A big THANK YOU to everyone that contributed to our “Noisy” offering on “Soup”er bowl Sunday. We collected \$ 110.76 for the Food Pantry and still have more money coming in!!!

RCL Readings February 16, 2020

The readings for this week:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Lenten Book Study - *A World Worth Saving*

God thinks the world is worth saving. When we are close to God, we too will want to save the world. For anyone who dismisses Lent as a seemingly endless time of self-sacrifice and introspection, this 6-week study for Lent offers a breath of fresh air. It connects prayer and other inner spiritual practices with outward actions of mercy and compassion. George Donigian guides you to grow in your prayer life by praying about daily news reports, discovering the needs around you, and responding with love and compassion. You will discover ways to: serve others; feed the hungry; seek justice and fight injustice; offer healing; extend friendship

The author's conversational style and use of well-known hymn texts will engage you in this energizing Lenten study.

Sundays @7pm starting March 1 – April 5, 2020 (FUMC Westfield)

Book \$10

Sign up outside the church office or email the church office or call the church office to reserve your spot!

*****Books are now available in the outer office**

Many thanks to everyone that helped out with our “Soup”er bowl Sunday fundraiser. We raised \$ 305 for the driveway repair fund!

This week February 16 – 23 (March 1), 2020

Sunday (16): 8:30 Worship – (G)
9:45 Sunday School
10:45– Worship – (San)

Monday (17): ~~Apple Seed~~
11:30- 12:30 Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)

Tuesday (18): ~~Apple Seed~~
1 – 2:30 pm Food Pantry
6 – Kelly Bates (FH)

Wednesday (19): ~~Apple Seed~~
4:30-5:30 Westfield Community Kitchen
Tops

Thursday (20): ~~Apple Seed~~
6 – Kelly Bates (FH)

Friday (21): 11:30- 12:30 Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)

Saturday (22):

Sunday (23): 8:30 Worship – (G)
9:45 Sunday School
10:45– Worship – (San)
1-8 – Private Function (FH)

Monday (24): Apple Seed
11:30- 12:30 Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)

Tuesday (25): Apple Seed
1 – 2:30 pm Food Pantry
3 - Support
6 – Kelly Bates (FH)

Wednesday (26): Apple Seed
4:30-5:30 Westfield Community Kitchen
Tops
7pm – Ash Wednesday Service @ Hurlbut

Thursday (27): Apple Seed
6 – Kelly Bates (FH)

Friday (28): 11:30- 12:30 Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)

Saturday (29): 9 – 2 Private Function (FH)

Sunday (1): 8:30 Worship – (G)
9:45 Sunday School
10:45– Worship – (San)
Coffee Fellowship
7pm – Lenten Study

Girl Scouts M, T & Th evenings - ; FH = Fellowship Hall; San = Sanctuary; G=Gibbs Parlor