

**First United Methodist Church
101 E. Main St. Westfield, NY
February 9, 2020**



Be Salt

Focus: “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.” Matthew 5:13

Looking ahead:

- February 12 UMW @ noon, UMW2 @7
- 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

Last Sunday's Attendance: [2/2/2020]	62
Last Sunday's Offering:	\$ 1,221
Total YTD Offering (as of 2/2/2020).....	\$ 8,587
Total YTD Expenses (as of 2/6/2020).....	\$ 11,803
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

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*

Quote: "So we conclude that "losing your saltiness" means losing your identity that distinguishes you from the foolish world—being corrupted by the world because you do not do the deeds Jesus teaches." David Gushee & Glen Stassen, *Kingdom Ethics: Following Jesus in Contemporary Context*

RCL Readings February 9, 2020

The readings for this week:

Isaiah 58:1-9a	Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20

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**

February 9 – March 1 - Mission Project: We will again collect funds and products for babies – diapers and wipes. Envelopes are in bulletin and are also 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.

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

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 on Sunday and still have more money coming in!!!

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.

This week February 9 – 16 (23), 2020

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

Monday (10): Apple Seed
11:30- 12:30 Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)

Tuesday (11): Apple Seed
1 – 2:30 pm Food Pantry
6 – Kelly Bates (FH)

Wednesday (12): Apple Seed
Respite
UMW
4:30-5:30 Westfield Community Kitchen
Tops
7pm – UMW 2 @ Gail Boardway’s

Thursday (13): Apple Seed
6 – Kelly Bates (FH)

Friday (14): 11:30- 12:30 Westfield Community Kitchen (FH)

Saturday (15):

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)