

January 24, 2021 Bulletin Announcements

Greeting friends and members of First United Methodist Church of Westfield,

I write to inform you that our church's task force, made up of our church's leadership made the difficult decision earlier this week to suspend in-person, public worship in our church building. The suspension of in-person, public worship will begin Sunday, January 10th for the remainder of the month of January. During this time the church's building will be restricted for gatherings of people. In the coming weeks, additional information will be provided for our return of in-person, public worship in early February.

The current wave of COVID-19 is locally impacting the lives of close friends and family members of our congregation. While the task force has in place strong and effective policies such as: face masks, social-distancing, and no-singing, etc. this additional short-termed step of suspending in-person, public worship is simply another layer of protection for our congregation and local community. Be assured when we return in early February, we will continue to follow the policies mentioned above.

Before the pandemic began our church was already recording the Sunday sermon and putting them online. For the remainder of January, we will also provide recordings Mary playing our beloved hymns. Both sermons and musical recordings may be found on our church website (westfieldumc.org) and our church's Facebook page (Westfield United Methodist Church, NY). In addition, Jan provides written sermons weekly to members of our congregation that do not have internet access. If you or someone you know would like to receive printed sermons, please contact the church office (716.326-3243).

As we hold our community and you in prayer, we ask that you continue to pray for our congregation, our staff, and our church's leadership. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to the church office and/or Pastor Nick (716.940.9228). We want to contact everyone in our congregation about the suspension of in-person, public worship for the month of January. Help us get the word out. We love you. Until we meet again—Be well.

Christ's Blessings,

Pastor Nick

Children's Bulletins and other activities are available on the church website:

<https://www.westfieldumc.org/just-for-kids/>

Did you know? If you miss the sermon or want to listen to it again, they are available on the church website: <https://www.westfieldumc.org/2021-sermons/>

Directions for our new on-line giving option (Tithe.ly) are now available. They can be found on the website and a printed version is available at the church.

Many thanks to everyone that sent cards, called and prayed for Mary Syper and our family. We really appreciate our church family. Much love. Dave and Betty Syper.

Please note: at this time the Food Pantry is **NOT** accepting donations of **clothing and shoes or adult diapers**. We will let you know when this changes.

Year End Giving Statements (over \$100) were mailed on January 12, 2021.

THERE IS HELP FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER WITH THE DISEASE OF ADDICTION; namely, Alcoholism. A meeting is held every Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. ONLINE CURRENTLY. Please log onto NYPENNINTERGROUP.ORG and choose PASS IT ON... which began in Hurlbut Church on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution prior to the pandemic. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Cyndy (716/640-0067). We remain anonymous, and remember, you are not alone.