

December 19, 2021 Bulletin Announcements

Sunday School - 9:30
Worship - 10:30
PLEASE remember to sign in.

Reminder –
Blue Christmas – Tuesday, December 21 at 7pm
Christmas Eve Service – Friday, December 24,
7pm

Please note, we are now required to have **masks** worn (no matter what your vaccination status) when inside the church building. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

November Income+:	\$ 10,783.00	YTD Income	\$144,237.89
*November Payroll	\$ 7,244.88	YTD Payroll	\$77,531.39
November Expenses	\$ 4,775.22	YTD Expenses	\$61,793.92
Difference	\$ -1,237.10		\$ 4,912.58

Shared Ministries (\$1,816.00 per month)

Shared Ministries – Owed: \$21,816 total paid (as of 11/30) \$2,142.00 – **total due 2021:**
\$19,674.00

*includes benefits and taxes

If you have any questions, please contact Pauline Emilson - Treasurer

Your offerings can be:

- Dropped off at the church - When the office is open, during worship, or After hours - use the mail slot by the side glass door
- mailed to the church
- sent to the church through your bank - sent to the church using PayPal or Tithely (see the church website for links). <https://www.westfieldumc.org/donate/>

We appreciate your faithful giving

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/>

January/February *Upper Room* is now available. Check the pink bin or the Welcome Center for copies

*Get ready for Prime Day! Sign up for AmazonSmile and select First United Methodist Church of Westfield as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0816631. Remember to shop for deals at **smile.amazon.com**, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you.*

We still have hats for sale. If you would like to look at them, please contact Gail Boardway.

2022 Offering envelopes are now available outside of Gibbs Parlor. If you do not see yours, please contact the church office.

We will be hosting a **Blue Christmas** service on **Tuesday December 21st** at 7pm. This service will be led by Rev. Carmen Perry
Many of us have lost family and friends during this past year.
Please join us for Blue Christmas/Longest Night Worship With Those Who Mourn.

Blue? Yes, blue as in the blues. Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregations and communities

Our church willing be holding a service of worship on the longest night of the year, which falls on December 21st, the Winter Solstice.

There is an interesting convergence for this day as it is also the traditional feast day for Saint Thomas the Apostle. This linkage invites making some connections between Thomas's struggle to believe the tale of Jesus' resurrection, the long nights just before Christmas, and the struggle with darkness and grief faced by those living with loss.