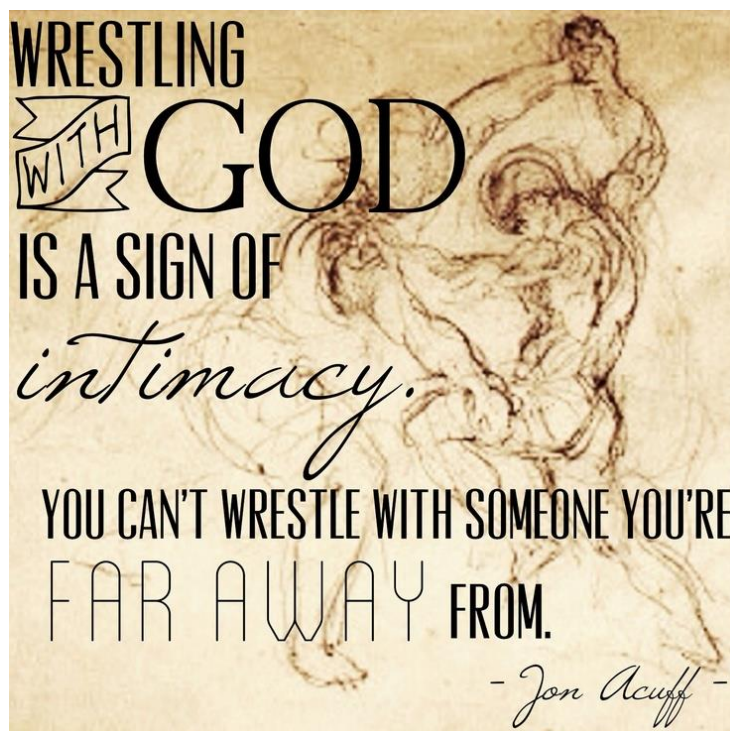


**First United Methodist Church
101 E. Main St.
Westfield, NY**

**August 6, 2017
9th Sunday after Pentecost**



Wrestling with God

Focus: "Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak."
(Genesis 32:24)



Combined 10:00 – Worship
Followed by – Church Picnic
Rev. Nicholas Perry

Quote: "For to wrestle with God is also to wrestle with human beings—ourselves and others. It is to face polarities and unify them. Not only to face the polarities of Same and Other when we face each other, but also within ourselves to face the polarities of fear and guilt, of love and anger—and to unify them." Arthur Waskow, in *Godwrestling—Round 2: Ancient Wisdom, Future Paths*

Things to look forward to:

August 6 – combined 10 am worship [with communion] (on the lawn – weather permitting) followed by church picnic & games.

August 21 – 24 – VBS!!!!

September 10 – Fall Schedule resumes with Sunday School

September 11 – Ad Board

August 6, 2017

The readings for this week:

Genesis 32:22-31

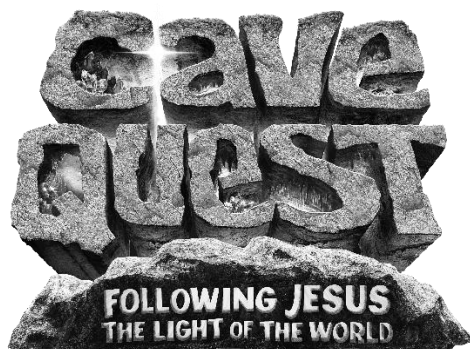
Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

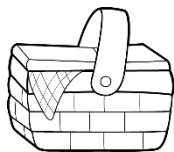
The Sunshine list has been updated (now on blue paper) and is available at the Welcome Center near Gibbs Parlor

If you did not have your photo taken (or give us a photo for the directory), there will be a supplemental page going out this summer. Please contact the office to arrange for getting your photo taken or how to submit a photo. Thanks



VBS – Aug 21 – 24

Volunteers needed for registration and snacks (5:50-6:15 ish)



August 6 – combined 10 am communion service with church picnic to follow

Meat, dessert and beverages will be provided.

Attendees should bring a generous dish to share, their own place setting and a chair for outside church service (weather permitting).

Feel free to bring some outdoor games!

If anyone is interested in assisting with building a wheelchair ramp in Westfield in August, please contact Pastor Nick.

This Week: August 6 - 13(20), 2017

- Sunday (6):** combined 10:00– Worship
Communion
Church Picnic
4 – 10pm – Private Function (FH)
- Monday (7):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
- Tuesday (8):** 1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
- Wednesday (9):** Cleaning Apple Seed Floors
4:30 - 6pm WCK (FH)
6pm – TOPS (Gibbs)
- Thursday (10):** Pounding Class (FH) [if bad weather]
- Friday (11):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
- Saturday (12):**
- Sunday (13):** 8:30 – Worship (G)
10:00– Worship
Coffee Fellowship (FH)
- Monday (14):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
- Tuesday (15):** 1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
- Wednesday (16):** Cleaning Apple Seed Floors
4:30 - 6pm WCK (FH)
6pm – TOPS (Gibbs)
- Thursday (17):** Pounding Class (FH) [if bad weather]
- Friday (18):** 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)
- Saturday (19):**
- Sunday (20):** 8:30 – Worship (G)
10:00– Worship
Coffee Fellowship (FH)

WCK = Westfield Community Kitchen; FH = Fellowship Hall; San = Sanctuary; G = Gibbs

VBS (Vacation Bible School)



August 21—24, 2017 6:00—8:00 pm

(registration/check-in starts at 5:50)

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101 E Main St, Westfield, NY

Ages 3 to entering 6th grade

Songs, Stories, Games and Crafts!

Monday —pizza dinner to kick off VBS!

Snacks every day

** Mission project: bring school supplies

Pre register by August 17

<http://www.westfieldumc.org/vbs-registration/>