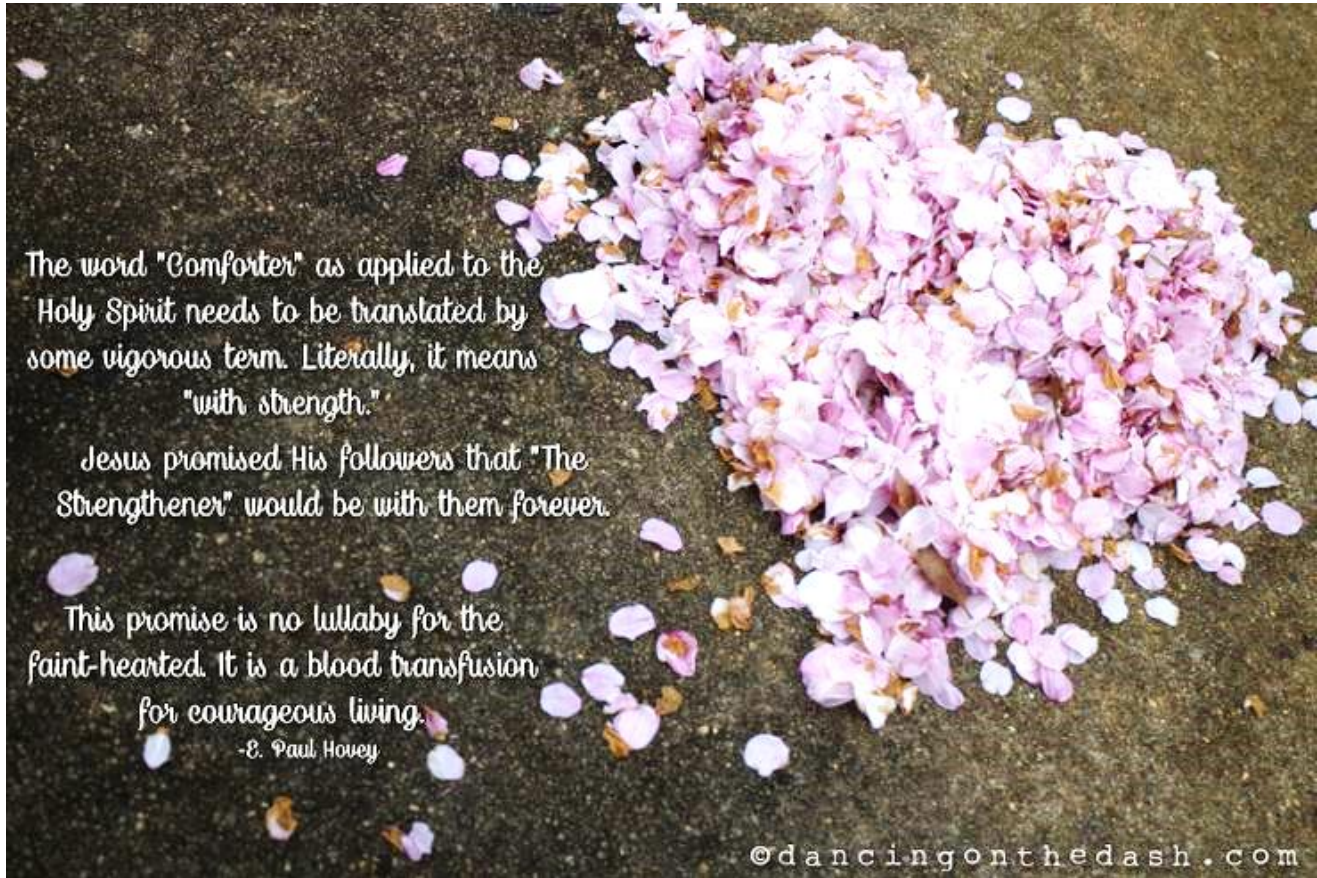


**First United Methodist Church
101 E. Main St.
Westfield, NY**

**January 1, 2017
New Year's Day**



The word "Comforter" as applied to the Holy Spirit needs to be translated by some vigorous term. Literally, it means "with strength."

Jesus promised His followers that "The Strengthener" would be with them forever.

This promise is no lullaby for the faint-hearted. It is a blood transfusion for courageous living.

-E. Paul Hovey

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"The Importance of the Presence of God"



10:45 – Worship (Fellowship Hall)
Noon – Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Rev. Nicholas Perry

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Church Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 – 3

Rev. Nicholas Perry office hours:

M – Wed 10:30 - 3 - or by appointment

Today we are blessed to have the Pastor Mario Eugene and family (from Haiti) joining us. Pastor Eugene will be assisting Pastor Nick and Pastor Molly with the service.

Things to look forward to:

Jan 1 – Combined 10:45 - Fireside Service

Communion

Jan 2 – Office Closed

Jan 3 – Finance Meeting

Jan 8 – normal schedule resumes

Jan 10 – Undecorate the church

Jan 10 – UMW 2

Jan 11 - UMW

Jan 15 – Human Relations Day

Jan 16 – 7pm – Ad Board

This Week: Jan 1 – 8 (15)

Sunday (1): **New Year's Day** - Communion
10:45 – Combined Worship (FH)
Family Service (No Sunday School, Nursery or Jr Church)

Monday (2): **Office Closed**
11:30 - 12:30 WCK (FH)
~~Girl Scouts~~

Tuesday (3): Apple Seed
1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
7pm – Finance Meeting

Wednesday (4): Apple Seed
4:30 - 6pm WCK (FH)
6pm – TOPS (Gibbs)
Girl Scouts

Thursday (5): Apple Seed
Pounding Class
Friday (6): 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)

Saturday (7):

Sunday (8) 8:30 – Worship (G)
9:30 – Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal
10:45 – Worship (San)
Coffee Fellowship (FH)

Monday (9): 11:30 - 12:30 WCK (FH)
Girl Scouts (FH)

Tuesday (10): Apple Seed
9 - ? Undecorate the church
1 – 2:30 – Food Pantry
7pm UMW 2

Wednesday (11): Apple Seed
Noon – UMW
1 – 3 Clergy Meeting (G)
4:30 - 6pm WCK (FH)
6pm – TOPS (Gibbs)
Girl Scouts

Thursday (12): Apple Seed
Pounding Class
Friday (13): 11:30- 12:30 WCK (FH)

Saturday (14):

Sunday (15) 8:30 – Worship (G)
9:30 – Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal
10:45 – Worship (San)
Coffee Fellowship (FH)

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

RCL Readings January 1, 2017

The readings for this week:

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

Extra copies of the Charge Conference are available at the Welcome Center (near Gibbs Parlor)

Are you interested in:
Membership, Confirmation, Baptism, Transferring your membership? Please contact
the church office

Offering Envelopes for 2017 are out. They are at the Welcome Center near Gibbs Parlor. If you don't see yours and would like some, please contact the church office.

New Mission Statement:

To know Christ and to make Christ known

New Vision Statement:

We are the voice and the hand that encourages people to change their lives with hope, comfort and peace

Stop in Gibbs Parlor and check out the photos that Alaina Cockram took on her Mission Trip.

It's not too late to submit a **photo** for our new directory (or to make arrangements for us to take a photo). For those of you that did have your photo taken, I hope to start sending you your photos next week via email. If you do not have an email, I will give you a call – or you can stop in – and we can pick out your photos and print them out for you (\$.50 per 8 ½" x 11" page)

Did you know – that you can find address labels (as people change their addresses) and/or obituary notices on the slats outside the church office?

Many thanks to everyone for your prayers, thoughts and cards following my father-in-laws death. They were felt and appreciated.

A big thank you to Jan & Andi for filling in for me so that I could spend time with Mike's family. LeAnn (and the entire Childs family)

PS: Thank you to everyone that showered the office with cards and special goodies.

Many thanks to everyone that helped with the Angel Gifts and the Union Relief Christmas program. What a blessing to everyone that gave and everyone that received a bit of Christmas Joy. Thanks again for all of your help!

On Tuesday, Jan 10, we will undecorate the church. We will start at 9 am. Anyone interested in helping should contact Andi Mansfield.

Did you notice something different about our Volunteer Ministries Schedule? We are trying something new and will be doing it month by month. If you did not receive a packet in the mail (and/or by email) you are not scheduled for anything in January.

The flowers today are given in memory of Betty Hyde and her son Daniel by Harold Hyde and Colleen Hyde Martin.

Dear Westfield Church Family

Thank you so much for your
love & encouragement! You
have made my journey so much
brighter! Your prayers have
been such a blessing to me as
I am learning day by day to
eat, swallow, & talk. I have
a long road ahead & will need
to have some other procedures
done. The doctors say it will be
about 18 mo. before I start to find
a "new normal" but I know I will
get there by the grace of God!
Please continue to keep me in your
prayers. - Blessings Kim Smith