

December 31, 2023 Bulletin Announcements

Our December Mission Project: Reverse Advent – many thanks to everyone that helped make this a success! We collected well over 700 items!

We also collected \$180 with our angels!

Now available: January/February *The Upper Room*

Coffee Hours Schedule (Contact Gail for more information)

Jan 7 – Gail Boardway; Feb 4 - Louise

Reader's Schedule (Contact Gail for more information)

Dec 31 – Pauline

Jan 7 – Gail, Jan 14 – Doug, Jan 21 – Pauline Jan 28 Steve C

Communion Stewards. Please see Gail for more information

Jan 7 – Gail & Larry

Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for December 31, 2023

Isaiah 61:10- 62:3

Psalm 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

Starting January 1 – Office hours will be (Monday 9 - Noon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 8:30 – 12:30, closed on Fridays) LeAnn will be on medical leave from Jan 1 - ? 6 to 8 weeks) Betty Syper will be filling in on Mondays and Kim Maras will be filling in on Tues, Wed, & Thurs

From the Food Pantry:

In 2023:

- We logged in well over 700 hours in volunteer time. (from food ordering, to food deliveries, to packing food, to check ins, to food distribution to paperwork)
- We served over 650 families (averaging about 56 families a month)
- We served 1525 individuals (averaging 127 per month)
- We provided 13,725 meals (averaging 1,144 meals per month)
- We received donations from every church at least 2 times a year.
- We received food donations from individual and organizations (including some special treats from local Girl Scouts)
- We received monetary donations as memorials, in honor of individuals birthdays and just because donations.
- Our Reverse Advent (sponsored by the United Methodist Church of Westfield NY) brought in over 750 items!

We just wanted to thank the community for all of their continued support over the last 25 plus years that we have been open. Without your support, we would not be able to help the community as much as we do.

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.westfieldnyumc.org/donate/>

We appreciate your faithful giving

November income\$14,633.01 (includes \$6,000 from investments)

Expenses.....\$11,454.06 (Payroll \$7,527.84)

Difference..... *\$ 3,178.95

*While this may seem like a surplus, we have an insurance payment due in December as well as our Conference bill

Shared Ministries (\$1,411 per month) –

amount due thru 11/30: \$15,521 Amount paid (11/30): \$380.00 (from donations)

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