

**WESTBY UMC**  
**Christmastide**  
**December 30, 2018**

*\* please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*GATHERING HYMNS

#224 *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

#228 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

\*GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

L: God is Good.

**P: All the Time.**

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\*CENTERING THOUGHTS

**The year is ending, and a new year is beginning.**

**Some people are laughing and rejoicing.**

**Others are crying and filled with grief.**

**This is a time of old and new, gladness and sorrow, despair and hope.**

**In this turning of the year,**

**may we know the grace of God is always with us.**

\*OPENING HYMN #251 UMH *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN OF PREPARATION #240 UMH *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

MESSAGE *A Fresh Start* Pastor Pam

OFFERING OUR TITHES, GIFTS, LIVES, AND SERVICE

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #95 UMH *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (*unison*)

**Dear God who makes all things new, we praise you!**

**As we set out on the journey of this new year,**

**we wonder what challenges we may face.**

**Send your Holy Spirit, so that we may trust you completely.**

**Direct our gifts and resources to fulfill your will**

**for us individually and as a community of faith.**

**We ask this through your Son who is Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.**

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #242 UMH *Love Came Down at Christmas*

\*BLESSING

L: Go with love, the love of God.

**P: We go renewed in Christ.**

L: Go empowered in faith.

**P: We go to serve, led by the Spirit of God.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!

### Coming Events

January 9 6:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

January 13 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Resumes

January 28 6:30 p.m. Location TBD Wisconsin UM Foundation Informational Meeting

### PRAYERS

*Graham, Tom Sharrott, Nick, Shelly, Pam (Donna's daughter), Richard (Jane's dad), college students, people who are lonely during the holidays; the ministry of this church; those in need in our community; unnamed concerns.*

**Attendance:** December 23 - 37

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Pastor's Sabbath is Friday.

*Westby United Methodist Church is part of the Driftless Regional Ministries which also includes Faith UMC, New Hope UMC, and Retreat UMC.*

### Sunday Schedule:

8 a.m. New Hope and Retreat Worship at Retreat in December

9:30 a.m. Faith UMC Worship S3297 Salem Ridge Rd, La Farge, 54639

10:45 a.m. Westby UMC Worship, 202 East State St., Westby, 54667

**If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please submit it by Tuesday night the week before the desired service. Send to [westby-umc@driftlessministry.org](mailto:westby-umc@driftlessministry.org)**

### Giving Baskets:

We will continue to ask for monthly donations towards the "Welcome Bags" and "Chemo Bags". We need your assistance for this ongoing outreach project to reach new people to the area and to show chemo patients that others are thinking about them.

A list will be posted on the bulletin board in the entry way and a box will be available in the narthex to place your donations.

### Sunday Sermons on Channel 15:

The Sunday Sermons are now being broadcast on Vernon Communication's channel 15.

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1:30 PM	4:00 AM	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	4:30 AM	9:30 AM	12:00 AM
	6:30 PM	11:30 PM		7:00 PM		2:30 PM



## WESTBY United Methodist Church

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*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. ~Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:15 AM Fellowship  
10:45 AM Worship  
Westby United Methodist Church  
202 East State St., Westby, WI 54667**

*Our calling is to reach all people with the life-changing power of  
God's Love and Grace  
available to all through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*