

# Messenger

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WEST JEFFERSON, OH

## Gratitude

by Pastor Ruth

**G**ratITUDE is resilience of sorts, the defiance of kindness in the face of anger, of connection in the face of division, and of hope in the face of fear. . . Gratitude empowers us. It makes joy and love possible. It rearranges the way we see and experience what is all around us. Gratitude makes all things new. It transforms how we understand what is broken and gives us the ability to act more joyfully and with hope. That is why gratitude is central to all the world's religions. As a practice, it embodies the wisdom of humanity's greatest spiritual teachers: the love of neighbor. Gratitude takes us from abstract belief to living compassion in the world. *Gratitude is strongest, clearest, most robust, and radical when things are really hard. Really hard. All-is-lost hard.*

Gratefulness isn't easy and isn't just hearts-and-flowers. It can be tough in tough times. But a dogged commitment to the giftedness of life can deepen our spiritual capacity to make it through circumstances that threaten to overwhelm us.

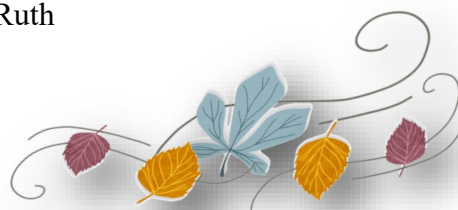
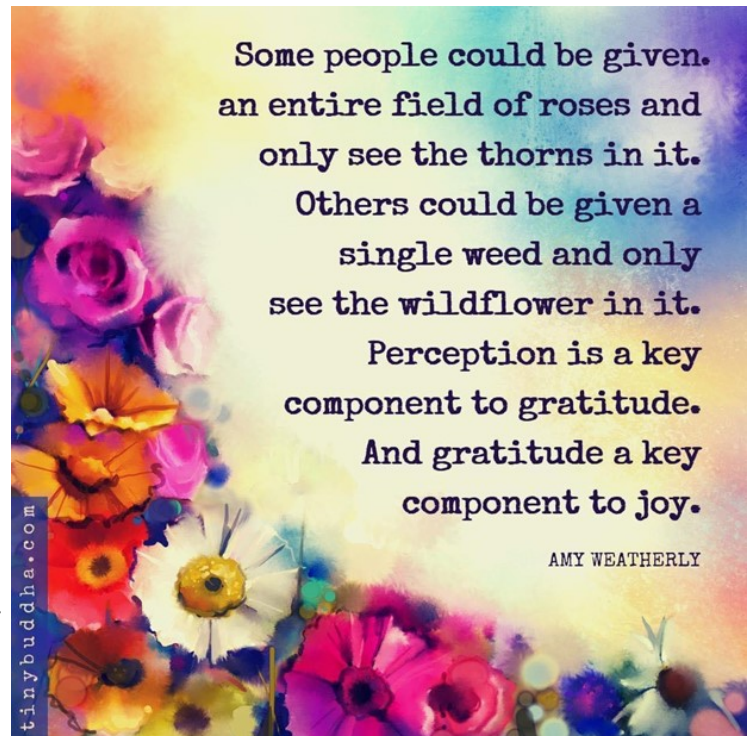
Being grateful isn't a magic wand or kind of prosperity mantra. Rather, it rearranges the way we see the world. As we practice redirecting our attention toward the gifts in our lives, gratitude lessens our fears, strengthens our hearts, and builds our resilience.

You may need to be reminded of that today. Someone you know might benefit from a kind word of appreciation or the encouragement of "thank you." Take time to count your blessings, thank someone, and pay it forward.

Be part of a global movement of gratefulness. If you are grateful, you are enjoying the differences between people and respectful to all people. The grateful world is a world of joyful people.

Grateful people are joyful people. A grateful world is a happy world.

See you in church! Pastor Ruth



# Church News

**FINANCIAL NEWS ; Duane Stokes, Treasurer**

General Fund 2023		
	Aug	YTD
GF Income	7,946.00	102,063.92
GF Expenses	12,734.14	114,127.07
	-4,788.14	-12,063.15



The **Good Samaritan Food Pantry** will be collecting donations for Thanksgiving dinners for those less fortunate in our community. A donation of \$15 provides a meal for four. Make your checks out to "Good Samaritan Food Pantry" and mark "Thanksgiving Meal" in the memo.

Mail to: **Good Samaritan Food Pantry**  
36 S Center Street,  
West Jefferson, OH 43162



## UM Women Events

Saturday, 11/11	<b>HOLIDAY BAZAAR, 9am—2pm</b>
Saturday, 12/2	<i>Breakfast Meeting @ Der Dutchman, 9am</i>
Saturday, 12/16	<i>Meeting 9am @ Community Breakfast</i>

The Emmaus women's walk will be from Thursday, **October 5th to Sunday October 8th**. Sign up for a weekend of meaningful stories and scripture.

Contact **Pastor Ruth** or visit the Emmaus website for details:

[Upperroom.org](http://Upperroom.org)  
[GCEmmaus.org](http://GCEmmaus.org)



## Sunday, November 5th

# ALL SAINTS' DAY

**All Saints' Day** is the day we remember those who have returned home to God before us. Submit names of loved ones who have passed over the past year to the church office. **During worship on November 5th**, a candle will be lit in honor of those who have departed.

Al-Anon is for the *friends and family* of someone who is suffering from alcoholism. **Group meets at West Jeff UMC on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.**



Also new to the West Jeff community is Alcoholics Anonymous. **Group meets at Harvest Chapel Church, Mondays @ 6.**



For questions call Brian N. (614)285-0648

## Sunday, Oct. 29

# Feast on the 5th Harvest Party!



**Saturday, 10/21**  
the **Community Breakfast** is hosted by the UM Men and will take place every **third Saturday of the month, 8-10am.**



October is...

# Pastor APPRECIATION

Be sure to tell Pastor Ruth how much she is loved and appreciated! ❤️

Sunday, Nov. 5th



DON'T FORGET TO

FALL BACK

## 2023 MEET THE CANDIDATE NIGHT

A NON-PARTISAN EVENT FOR THE WEST JEFFERSON COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 @ 6:00 PM

All local candidates and issue representatives for the upcoming election are invited to participate:

- Mayor of West Jefferson
- West Jefferson Village Council
- Jefferson Township Trustees
- Jefferson Local Schools Board of Education
- Tax Levy - Hurt/Battelle Memorial Library

WEST JEFFERSON COMMUNITY CENTER  
230 CEMETERY ROAD



Wish List - Oct/Nov:

Blankets

Kid card games, dollar (\$) store

Cookies in tin, 4 oz (\$) store)

Bath washcloth (\$) store)

Beef Jerky (\$) store)

Sunflower Seeds (\$) store)

Body wash (\$) store)

Mini Ornaments (\$) store)

2 Cor 12:9

Sufficient  
Grace Mtg:  
Mondays @  
1:30p  
West Jeff UMC  
Dining Room



United Methodist Church  
36 S. Center St.  
West Jefferson, OH. 43162

# "WANTED VENDORS"

## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

SAT. NOV. 11TH. 9AM.-2PM.

Bake Sale & Lunch Served

Inside Event

8 ft. table & 2 chair's \$40.00 Space

For more information call  
Sheryl Roberts 614-506-1871

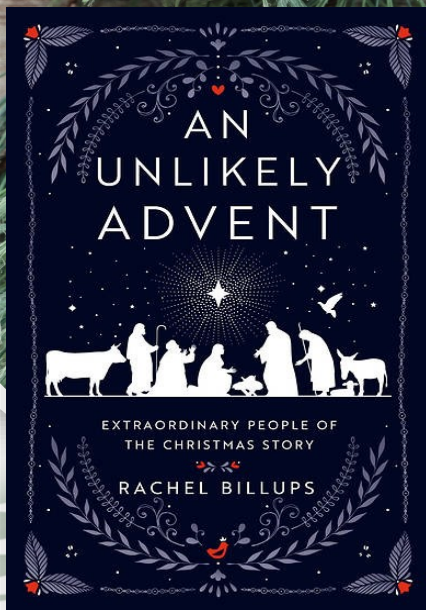
Join us every Tuesday  
11/28 - 12/19

6:30 - 8pm

for: *An Unlikely Event*

an advent study by Pastor Rachel Billups

Books: \$13.50



# West Jefferson

## Upcoming Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Worship 10a God's Kids 11a Alleluia Ringers 11:15a	<b>2</b> Sufficient Grace 1p Boy Scouts 6:30p	<b>3</b> Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a Shawl Sisters 9a	<b>4</b> Food Pantry 2-3p Al Anon 5:30p Choir 7p		<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Food Pantry 10-11a
<b>8</b> Worship 10a God's Kids 11a Alleluia Ringers 11:15a	<b>9</b> Sufficient Grace 1p Boy Scouts 6:30p	<b>10</b> Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a Shawl Sisters 9a	<b>11</b> Food Pantry 2-3p Al Anon 5:30p Choir 7p	<b>12</b>  Walk to <b>Emmaus</b> THE UPPER ROOM Woman's Walk 7p	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Food Pantry 10-11a
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<b>22</b> Worship 10a God's Kids 11a Alleluia Ringers 11:15a	<b>23</b> Sufficient Grace 1p Boy Scouts 6:30p Leadership 6:30p	<b>24</b> Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a Shawl Sisters 9a	<b>25</b> Food Pantry 2-3p Al Anon 5:30p Choir 7p	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Food Pantry 10-11a
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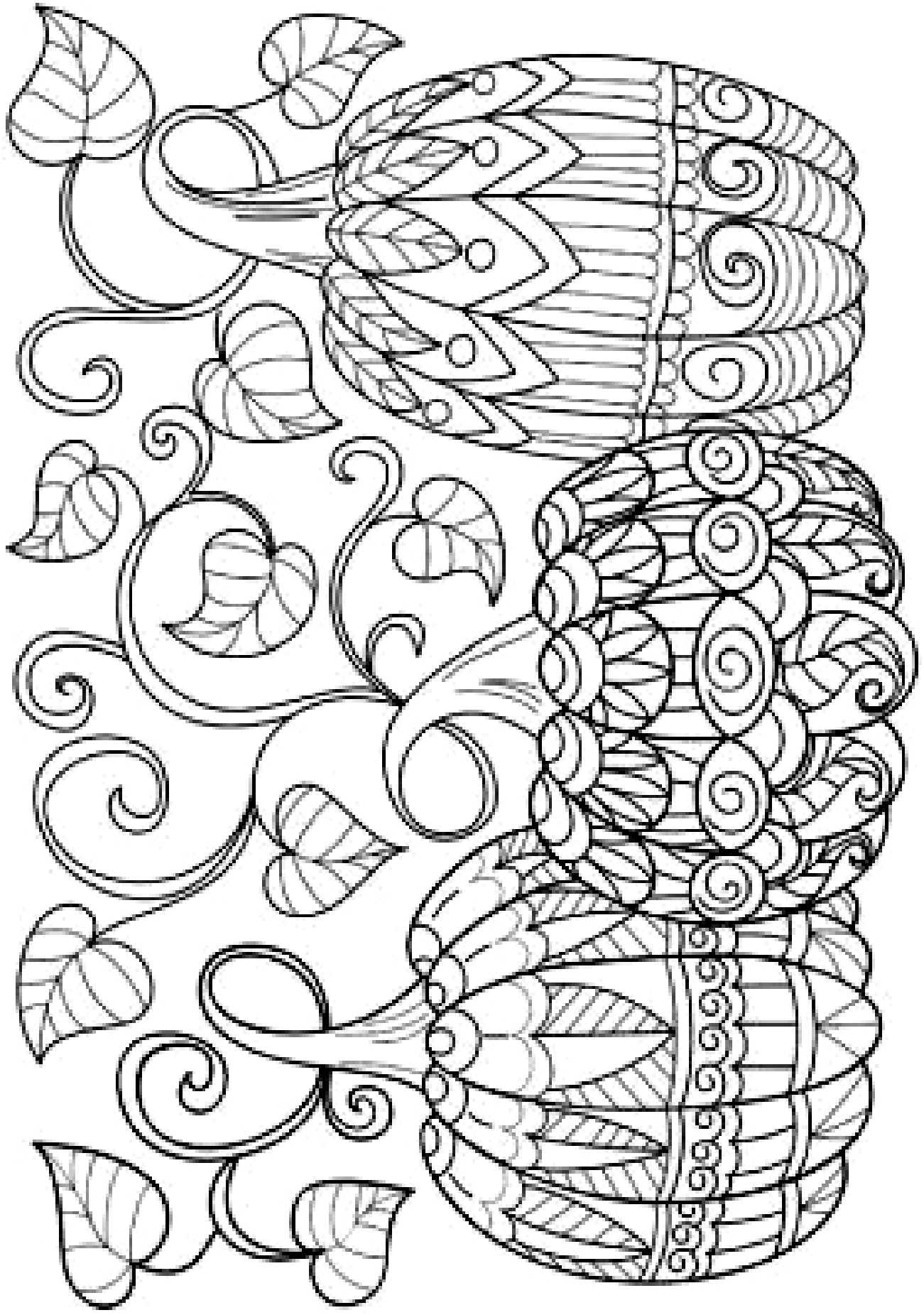


# October

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Don J. & Jolene Hay (A)	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Genny Meade	<b>5</b> Addison Murry	<b>6</b> A.J. Murry	<b>7</b> 
<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> Craig & Amanda Borberly (A)	<b>10</b> Luke Foulk Josephine Morgan Jordan Parks James & Megan West (A)	<b>11</b> Larry & Diana Hay (A)	<b>12</b> Bob Harper, Jr. Brad & Connie Lollo (A)	<b>13</b> Shelby Cahill Bob & Leona Harper (A)	<b>14</b> 
<b>15</b> Gracyn Eckert	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> Mallory Justus	<b>18</b> Ron Hanes	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 
<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Mike Harper Michelle LeMaster	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Geoffrey Delong Avery Haley Jeffrey & Michelle Hay (A)	<b>27</b> Mike Maggard Ed & Susan Braithwaite (A)	<b>28</b> 
<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> Bob Hockenbery Sarah Tackett				





## West Jefferson United Methodist Church

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Rev. Ruth Pribe, Pastor

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Worship 10AM

Sunday School 10AM

YouTube, Facebook, or by CD (audio only)



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