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A Time to Re-Evaluate Priorities

by Pastor Ruth

A Money Magazine article several years ago told of the life of a woman who saved 80% of everything she earned, investing it all in the stock market and turned it into a \$22 million fortune within 50 years. It sounds like an incredible success story, doesn't it? But as you read the article, you begin to wonder whether her sacrifice was worth it to make all her money.

It's not that she made the money by illegal or immoral means. It was all honestly earned. But she alienated her family and made no friends. She walked to work to save the cost of bus fare. She wore clothes for years until they were tattered and worn. She limited herself to spending only a few dollars a week on groceries. In the middle of all this thrift though, she never bothered to invest in any relationships. She died without a single friend. In the last five years of her life, she didn't even receive a personal phone call. Her broker says, "A big day for her was walking down to the Merrill Lynch vault near Wall Street to visit her stock certificates." Though her financial portfolio sounds successful, this story is a tragic illustration of a life driven astray by a misguided set of priorities.

So where are your priorities? Are you living simply to pad your bank account? What is the most important thing to you? Paul Tillich, a twentieth-century American theologian, says that whatever our highest priority is functions as a god for us. He calls it our "ultimate concern". Whatever is our ultimate concern, that is our top priority. That is what functions like a god, whether we outwardly worship it or not. No matter what we say is most important, it is the thing that concerns us most which functions as a god for us. So what is your ultimate concern? Is it your family? Your church? Your job? Your wallet or pocketbook? Your bank account or stock certificates? What is your ultimate concern? Do you know?

How can you tell where your priorities lie? How can you determine what your ultimate concern is? Jesus gave us a clue when he said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21) Stores and manufacturers understand it when they take inventory on a regular basis. Taking a personal inventory of time, talent, and treasure may help us to see what those things of ultimate concern are for us.

How many minutes are there in a year? If you're a fan of the hit Broadway show "Rent" (like I am) you can tell me that a year includes five-hundred-twenty-five-thousand-six-hundred minutes. (A really great song!) How have you spent that 525,600 minutes since last Thanksgiving? What have you spent your time/money on? Have you consciously evaluated your priorities and taken steps to change things you don't like? Have you sought the kingdom of God in the time since last November? How do you measure that year?

Strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all the things that really matter will be added to you. Give yourself, your time, and your bank account to God completely. You will probably be really surprised at what God will do and how you will be blessed!

Every day should be a day of Thanksgiving, not just every 525,600 minutes on our national holiday. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you. Your heart will always be where your treasure is.

Happy Thanksgiving! See you in Church!

Pastor Ruth



FINANCIAL NEWS ; Duane Stokes, Treasurer

General Fund 2023

	Sept	YTD
GF Income	12,170.80	114,234.72
GF Expenses	13,622.20	127,749.17
	-6,451.40	-13,514.45



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. *The community thanks you!*

Good Samaritan Food Pantry
36 S Center Street,
West Jefferson, OH 43162



Roger Jester and family welcomed **Millie Jane** into the world Saturday, October 28th. This adorable bundle of joy weighed in at 6lbs 10 oz. Millie and family are doing well!

November 5th All Saints Sunday

Betty Garver, November 9 2022
 Karen S. Miller, March 31 2023
 James Pearce, May 25 2023
 Ron Stevens, June 10 2023
 Patricia Kay, July 1 2023
 Flo Scheid, August 5 2023

Millie McMahon
 Andy Mahugh

UM Women Events

- Saturday, 11/11 **HOLIDAY BAZAAR, 9am—2pm**
- Saturday, 12/2 *Breakfast Meeting @ Der Dutchman, 9am*
- Saturday, 12/16 *Meeting 9am @ Community Breakfast*



Saturday November 18th

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



Wish-list
November:

- Blankets
- Kid card games
- Cookies in tin, 4oz
- Bath washcloth
- Beef Jerky
- Sunflower Seeds
- Body wash



How bazaar...



UMW
HOLIDAY

CRAFT BAZAAR

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER
11TH**

9AM-2PM

Come on down for
homemade goodies,
bake sale items and
lunch!

West Jefferson

UMC

36 S Center Street

West Jeff, OH



HELP WANTED

CHURCH CUSTODIAN

Starting in JANUARY the church will need a new custodian. Tasks would include vacuuming and mopping floors as well as other general cleaning tasks in the church building. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, contact the church office:

wjumc@att.net

614/879-8130

Thank you!



Contata 2023

Rehearsals begin soon!

See Jeanne Godden for details.

Join us every Tuesday

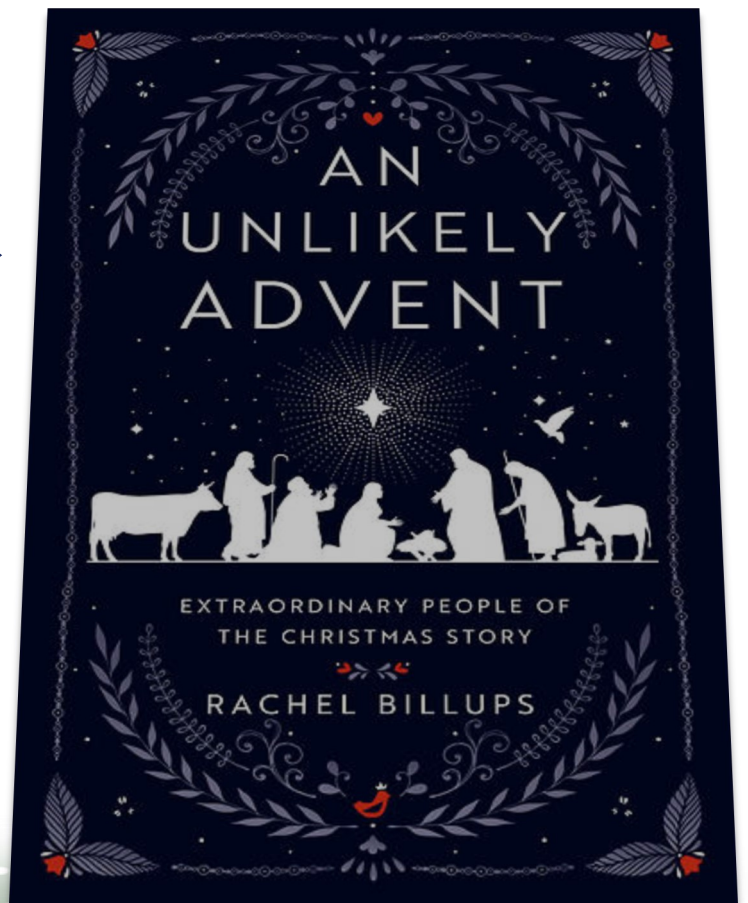
11/28 - 12/19

6:30 - 8pm

for: An Unlikely Advent

an advent study by Pastor Rachel Billups

Books: \$13.50



Upcoming Events



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i> <i>Al Anon 5:30p</i> <i>Choir 7p</i>	2	3	4 <i>Food Pantry 10-11a</i>
5 <i>FALL BACK</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>Bells/God's Kids 11a</i>	6 <i>Sufficient Grace 1p</i> <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i>	7 <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i> <i>Shawl Sisters 9a</i>	8 <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i> <i>Al Anon 5:30p</i> <i>Choir 7p</i>	9	10	11 <i>UMW Holiday Bazaar, 9-2p</i>
12 <i>Worship</i> <i>Bells/God's Kids 11a</i> <i>Charge Conference, Springfield 2p</i>	13 <i>Sufficient Grace 1p</i> <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i>	14 <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i> <i>Shawl Sisters 9a</i>	15 <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i> <i>Al Anon 5:30p</i> <i>Choir 7p</i>	16 <i>Girl Scouts Service Unit 6-8p</i>	17	18 <i>Community Breakfast 8-10a</i> <i>Food Pantry 10-11a</i>
19 <i>Worship</i> <i>Bells/God's Kids 11a</i>	20 <i>Sufficient Grace 1p</i> <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i>	21 <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i> <i>Shawl Sisters 9a</i>	22 <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i> <i>Al Anon 5:30p</i> <i>Choir 7p</i>	23 <i>HAPPY TURKEY DAY!</i> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	24 <i>Dinner/Schneider Wedding 3p</i>	25 <i>Food Pantry 10-11a</i>
26 <i>Worship</i> <i>Bells/God's Kids 11a</i> <i>Advent Starts</i> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	27 <i>Sufficient Grace 1p</i> <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i> <i>Leadership Mtg 6:30p</i>	28 <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i> <i>Shawl Sisters 9a</i> <i>Advent Study begins, 6:30p</i>	29 <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i> <i>Al Anon 5:30p</i> <i>Choir 7p</i>	30		

West Jefferson
Birthdays &
Anniversaries

November

2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>Sheryl Roberts</i>		
5 	6	7	8	9 <i>Andrew Jenkins</i>	10 	11 <i>Raylon Winters</i>
12	13 <i>Kim Haley</i>	14 <i>Steve Williams</i>	15 	16	17	18 <i>Todd Clark</i>
19 	20 <i>Frank Adkins</i>	21	22 <i>Karen Salyer</i>	23 	24 <i>Marcia Baker</i>	25 <i>Matt & Sara Neufarth (A)</i>
26 <i>Helen Haenszel</i>	27 <i>Susan Breathwaite</i>	28 	29	30 <i>Sherry Hook Julia Lambert Debbie Owen Ruth Pribe Bill Thrasher Roger & Margie Jester (A)</i>		

HAPPY

Thanksgiving

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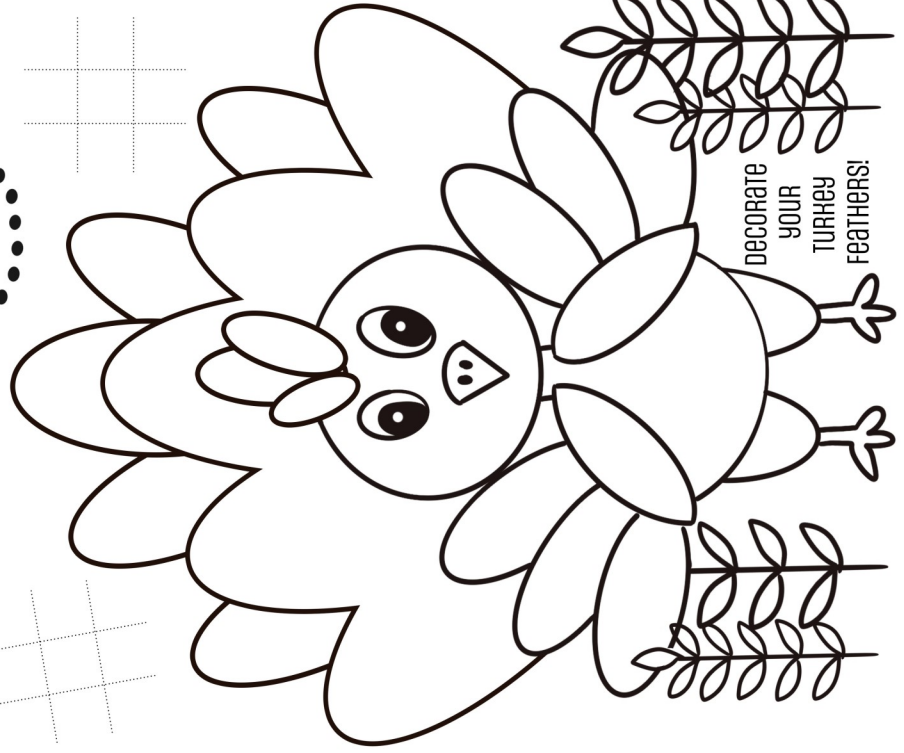
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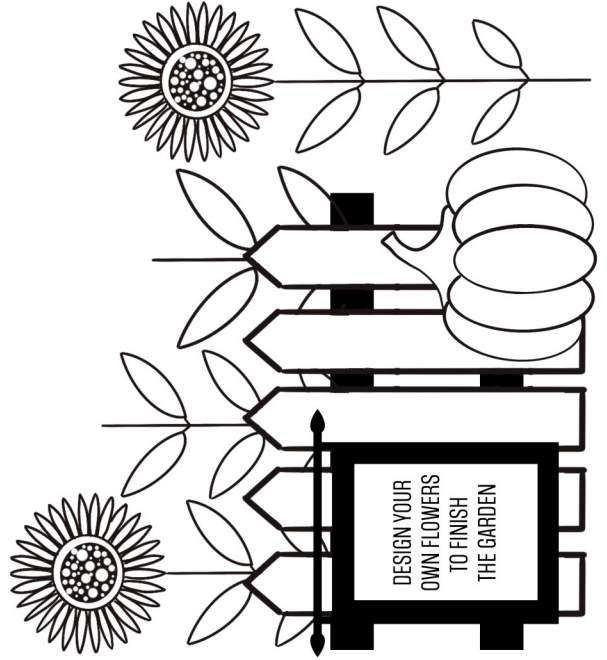
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- NOVEMBER
- FAMILY
- GRATEFUL
- GATHER
- TURKEY
- GRATITUDE
- HARVEST
- FALL
- PUMPKIN



DECORATE
YOUR
TURKEY
FEATHERS!



DESIGN YOUR
OWN FLOWERS
TO FINISH
THE GARDEN



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Worship 10AM

Sunday School 10AM

YouTube, Facebook, or by CD (audio only)

