



West Jefferson, OH
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The Easter Challenge

We are now in the 50-day period of the church year known as Eastertide. In this season that leads up to Pentecost, we celebrate and look for hope. Hope is the Easter Challenge and it can and often does surprise us because we live in a time and in a world that expects the worst.

Here in Ohio we often say to one another when things don't go so well, "it could have been worse".

The gospel stories of Jesus' resurrection remind us that Easter is a call to find hope again. Instead of expecting or thinking the worst, the Easter Challenge invites us to look for something more. Like daffodils and crocus' poking themselves out of the ground toward the light, we are called to look for hope and then do all we can to live into that light.

This Easter Challenge makes all the difference in how we live and in what we see. When we focus on hope, it changes everything because it means defeat and death and all the other things that pull us down do not have the final word. Hope does if we dare to be open to it.

The next time you feel like GOD can't use you, just remember...

Noah was a drunk, Abraham was too old

Isaac was a daydreamer, Jacob was a liar

Leah was ugly, Joseph was abused

Moses had a stuttering problem

Samson had long hair and was a womanizer

Rahab was a prostitute

Jeremiah and Timothy were too young

David had an affair and was a murderer

Jonah ran from God, Job went bankrupt

Peter denied Christ

The Disciples fell asleep while praying

Martha worried about everything

The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once

Zaccheus was too small, Paul was too religious

AND

Lazarus was dead!

Now! No more excuses! God can use you to your full potential.

Besides, you aren't the message, you are just the messenger.

Where is God wanting to use you? How open are you going to be to

God's call? How are you going to listen to hear God's call?

With Hope,

Pastor Ruth Rife



FINANCIAL NEWS ; Duane Stokes, Treasurer

General Fund 2023

	FEB	YTD
GF Income	9,252.36	21,827.66
GF Expenses	16,427.52	32,818.47
	-7,125.16	-10,990.81



Dear Church Community,

We want to start by expressing gratitude for your generosity towards our church. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

You can give now at this link:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZK1R>

Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Blessings!

NEW QR code! Scan to donate



youth MINISTRY Schedule

April 14 6:30-8pm

May 5 6:30-8pm



Sufficient Grace says thank you to all who came out to have delicious food at *Los Mariachis!*



The grand total is: **\$1648.37**

"We are so grateful for the support from our community and from this incredible business!" SG

Thanks for Donating!



NO Emmaus Walk this April

INSTEAD

put **Thursday, Oct 3rd** through **Sunday, Oct 6th** on your calendar.

For information contact the church office:

614/879-8130

wjumc@att.net

Or contact Pastor Ruth:

614/578-9224





This year we would like to put out an updated church directory. If you have any updated addresses, emails and/or phone numbers that you would like to be included, please fill out the form below and submit to the church office. *Thank you!*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Eclipse 2024

Congregate @ Converse Park

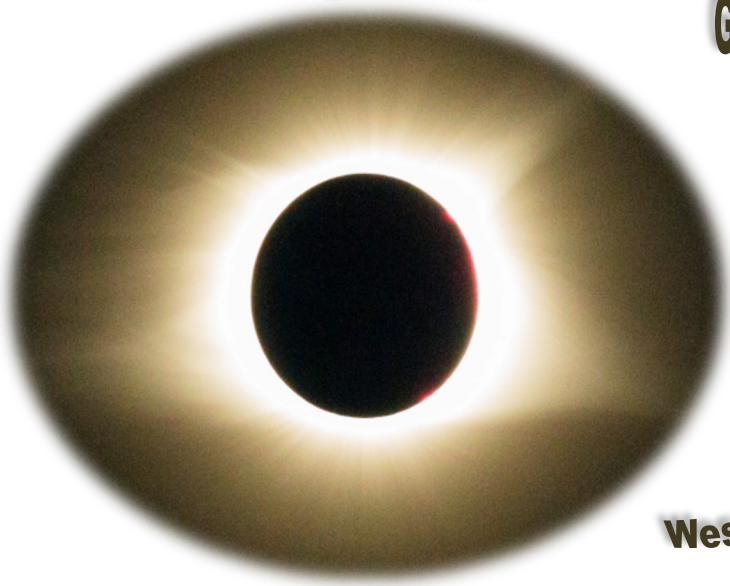
Monday, April 8

Gather @ Garrette Park

or...

West Jefferson is in the 99% totality zone! Viewing glasses are available at Village Hall until supplies run out.

Viewing glasses will also be available on the Sunday before in the sanctuary.



**West Jefferson Schools
Closed April 8th**

Partial begins 1:40pm
Near totality 3:11pm
Eclipse ends 4:30pm



Our Church's Graduates

2024

Hard to believe that graduation will be happening again soon! If you know of any graduating high school students to be honored during church this year, please submit to the church office.

If you are a MOM, & interested in



being part of a



Mom's Fellowship Group

PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW & SEND TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Available Times to Meet (check all that apply):

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

Liturgist Sign-Up

We are always in need of new volunteers to read the opening prayer and scriptures every Sunday. The sign up to be liturgist is on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

No experience needed! Sign up for Liturgist 😊

Membership



Baptism

If you are interested in membership here at West Jefferson UMC, please see Pastor Ruth, or call the office. Also, if you are ready for baptism or to have your child baptized, please let us know. It is a blessing to see many new faces and members. Let us know how we can help with this wonderful sacrament of Christ's Church

~Pastor Ruth

Special Music

Another season of *Special Music* is coming! Do you have a song you'd like to share or have a friend or family member who does? Your chance is coming in **June!** Talk to any of our music leaders.

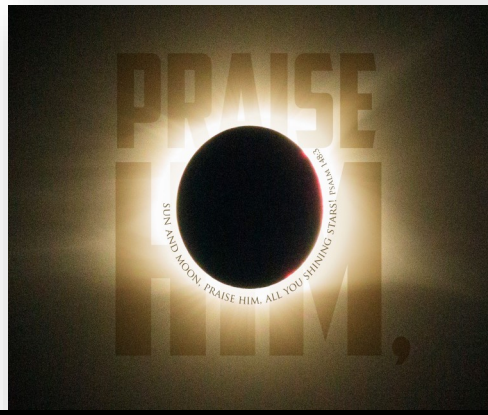
Chancel Choir: Jeanne Godden

Praise Team: Aaron Parks

Organist/Pianist: Katie Hillenbrand



West Jefferson
Upcoming
Events



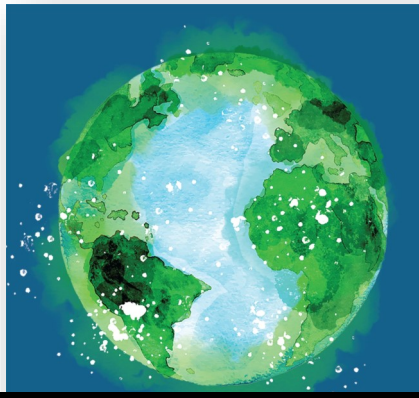
APRIL

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Sufficient Grace</i> <i>1p</i> <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i>	2 <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i> <i>Shawl Sis 9a</i>	3 <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i> <i>Al Anon 12p</i> <i>Choir 7p</i>	4	5	6 <i>Food Pantry 10-11a</i>
7 <i>Worship 10a</i> <i>God's Kids 11a</i> <i>Alleluia Ringers 11:15a</i>	8 <i>Solar Eclipse 1:40p-4:30p</i> <i>Sufficient Grace 1p</i> <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i>	9 <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i> <i>Shawl Sis 9a</i>	10 <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i> <i>Al Anon 12p</i> <i>Choir 7p</i>	11	12	13 <i>Food Pantry 10-11a</i>
14 <i>Worship 10a</i> <i>God's Kids 11a</i> <i>Alleluia Ringers 11:15a</i> <i>Youth Mtg 6:30</i>	15 <i>Sufficient Grace 1p</i> <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i>	16 <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i> <i>Shawl Sis 9a</i>	17 <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i> <i>Al Anon 12p</i> <i>Choir 7p</i>	18	19	20 <i>Food Pantry 10-11a</i> <i>Community Breakfast 8-10a</i>
21 <i>Worship 10a</i> <i>God's Kids 11a</i> <i>Alleluia Ringers 11:15a</i>	23 <i>Sufficient Grace 1p</i> <i>Leadership Mtg 6:30p</i> <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i>	24 <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i> <i>Shawl Sis 9a</i>	25 <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i> <i>Al Anon 12p</i> <i>Choir 7p</i>	26	27	28 <i>Food Pantry 10-11a</i>
29 <i>Worship 10a</i> <i>God's Kids 11a</i> <i>Alleluia Ringers 11:15a</i>	30 <i>Sufficient Grace 1p</i> <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i>	31 <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i> <i>Shawl Sis 9a</i>				

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>April Arganbright</i>	2 <i>Evan Jenkins James Stevens</i>	3 <i>Diana Hay</i>	4 <i>Claudia Cox Julie Hay</i>	5 <i>Mark Roberts</i>	6 <i>Hannah Parks Ben Thrasher</i>
7 <i>Evelyn Clark</i>	8 <i>Millie McMahon Megan West</i>	9	10	11	12 <i>Lucy Parks David & Maria Kelly (A) Brian & Pamela Parks (A)</i>	13 <i>Audi Hughs Jennifer Thrasher</i>
14	15	16 <i>Gene & Barb Ellinger (A)</i>	17 <i>Donna Ball</i>	18 <i>Arla Cahill Barb Hockenbery</i>	19	20
21 <i>Cory Sickles</i>	22 <i>David Kelly</i>	23 <i>Katie Hillenbrand Amber Lollo Becky O'Connors</i>	24 <i>Cindy Call</i>	25	26 <i>Carmen Coburn</i>	27 <i>Emily Carruthers Katie Kelly</i>
28	29 <i>Heather Hall</i>	30 <i>Crosley Johnson</i>				





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Worship 10AM

Sunday School 10AM

YouTube, Facebook, or by CD (audio only)



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