

# Messenger



## *The Power of Divine Inspiration*

*By Pastor Ruth Pule*

**A**s we transition from the joyful celebration of Easter into the vibrant season of Pentecost, we are invited to delve deeper into the significance of this pivotal moment in Christian tradition. Pentecost, often referred to as the "birthday of the Church," holds immense spiritual importance, symbolizing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the birth of a new era in the life of believers.

The origins of Pentecost can be traced back to the Jewish festival of Shavuot, which commemorated the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. For Christians, Pentecost marks the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to empower and guide his disciples.

The account of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-4 vividly portrays the dramatic descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem. "Suddenly, a sound like a mighty wind filled the house where they were sitting, and tongues of fire appeared and rested on each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, enabling them to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to people from every nation."

This miraculous event had a profound impact, as thousands of people from diverse backgrounds heard the apostles speaking in their own languages and were drawn to investigate further. Peter, emboldened by the Spirit, delivered a powerful sermon, explaining the significance of what was happening and calling people to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. On that day, three thousand souls were added to the fledgling community of believers.

Pentecost serves as a powerful reminder of several key truths for Christians today:

**The Universality of the Gospel:** The miracle of Pentecost demonstrates that the message of salvation through Jesus Christ is for people of every nation, tribe, and tongue.

**The Power of the Holy Spirit:** Pentecost reveals the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The same Spirit who descended upon the apostles continues to dwell within our hearts empowering us to live holy lives, bear witness to Christ, and to love others.

**The Birth of the Church:** Pentecost marks the birth of the Christian Church as a community of faith empowered by the Holy Spirit. The United Methodist Church, along with all other churches of what ever denomination, are united in Christ, and share in our mission to proclaim the gospel for the transformation of the world.

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, let us be reminded of the ongoing presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of the Church. May we be filled afresh with the Spirit's fire, inspired to boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and to live as faithful witnesses to his love and grace in the world.

See you in Church!

Pastor Ruth



# youth MINISTRY Schedule

May 5

6:30-8pm



## VBS Set-up

### Sun. June 16th

### June 17th -20th 5:30-7:30p

#### FINANCIAL NEWS ; Duane Stokes, Treasurer

General Fund 2023

APR YTD

GF Income 21,525.90 43,353.56

GF Expenses 16,853.24 49,671.71

4,672.66 -6,318.15

Making a donation is as easy as scanning the code!

Here are the current giving options:

- General Fund
- Youth Ministry
- Altar Flowers
- UMCOR—United Methodist Committee on Relief



*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!**

**WJUMC Finance Committee**

#### Churches Receive VBS Mini-Grants

Fifteen churches (including West Jefferson UMC) across West Ohio received help with their upcoming VBS programs from the United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio. Thanks to the generosity of a Foundation donor, \$5750 was provided for VBS programs in this year's grant cycle.

Funds were provided by Ketha Robbins, who established the Clara's Kiddies/Jesse's Vine Endowment with the Foundation in 2017 to support VBS programs in honor of her grandmother and great-grandfather who encouraged her faith. To Ketha, this is what made, and continues to make, VBS so special. In her words, "It is a bookend. It is the start of what a person's spiritual life can become."



This year, the Madison County Junior Fair will be July 6th through July 13th. You are invited to see over 800 youth exhibitors who participate in the Madison County Fair annually.

If you would like to donate, you will have your name, group's name or company's name highlighted in the Madison County Fair book and a special place on the donor signs displayed during the fair.

**For info call:** 740/852-1654

**Or email:** madisoncountyfairground@gmail.com

*Thank you from the Junior Fair Advisory Committee*

**MADISON COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR**

PO Box 30  
London, OH 43140-0030



**May 17th**  
6-10:30pm



**Saturday**  
**May 11, 8-10a**



**POOL OPENS**

May 25th Noon—8pm  
May 28-30 4-8pm (Special Hrs)

**NEW AT THE POOL FOR 2024!**

Swim lessons will be available this summer! Registrations will start in early May, and more information on dates and rates will be coming soon. Depending on demand, classes for Swimming Readiness, Beginner Swimming, Intermediate Swimming and Advanced Swimming will be available.

**MEMBERSHIP RATES**

	Village Resident	Non-Resident
Single	\$120.00	\$200.00
Family*	\$170.00	\$250.00
Senior (60+)	Free	Free
Babysitter**	\$250 base price	

\*Family pass is for two adults and up to five children that are immediate family members under age 22. Additional children are \$15 and \$25 depending on residency.

\*\*Babysitter's pass includes one adult and up to five children under age 18. This pass can be used M-F, noon-4pm. Regular rates apply on the weekend. After 4pm, there is an additional \$3/person fee.

Membership forms are on the Village website, [westjeffersonohio.gov](http://westjeffersonohio.gov) or can be picked up at the Water Department. Save \$10 before 6/1/24!

**Daily Admission Rates**

3-5 years old	\$2.00
6-59 years old	\$4.00
60 years and older	Free
After 5pm (no rain checks)	\$2.00
10 Day Tickets	\$35.00
Children age 2 and under are free with paid adult admission.	

**POOL PARTY RENTAL**

The pool is available for private rental from 8pm-10pm or 10am-noon for \$175. Check availability on the free Village of West Jefferson Ohio app, then call Shelton at 614 307-6543 to reserve.

**West & East Ohio**  
Summer Camp

**2024 Summer Camp Opportunities Offered in Partnership with East Ohio**

West Ohio has partnered, once again, with East Ohio Camps to provide churches and families with summer camping opportunities. Former West Ohio campers, and local churches have been mailed 2024 East Ohio summer camping brochures from West Ohio.

For more information, contact Director of Camps, Retreats, and Next Gen Engagement, Ann Marie Carley ([amcarley@gmail.com](mailto:amcarley@gmail.com)).

Visit the website for more details: [westohioumc.org](http://westohioumc.org)

# Our Church's Graduates

## 2024

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

# 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



## Specific Items Needed

- Diapers – all sizes
- Formula
- Baby Food
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Lotion
- Diaper Bags
- Bottles
- Teething Toys
- New Baby Toys
- Strollers
- Pack & Plays
- Cribs\*
- Crib Mattresses
- Crib sheets and blankets
- Swings
- Monitors
- Baby Clothing (Infant – 2T)
- Toddler socks
- Plastic Bags (grocery store)
- Modern Maternity Clothes
- Personal Care Items for Moms
- Any baby accessories
- Any baby safety items
- Baby Magazines
- Pregnancy Books
- Office Supplies
- File Cabinets
- File Folders
- Copy Paper



## Lifepointe Family Center

### Our Mission

Lifepointe Family Center (LFC), an outreach of churches serving Madison County, Ohio, believes in the sanctity of every human life and is dedicated to empowering parents who are facing a crises pregnancy through education with the hope of self sufficiency.

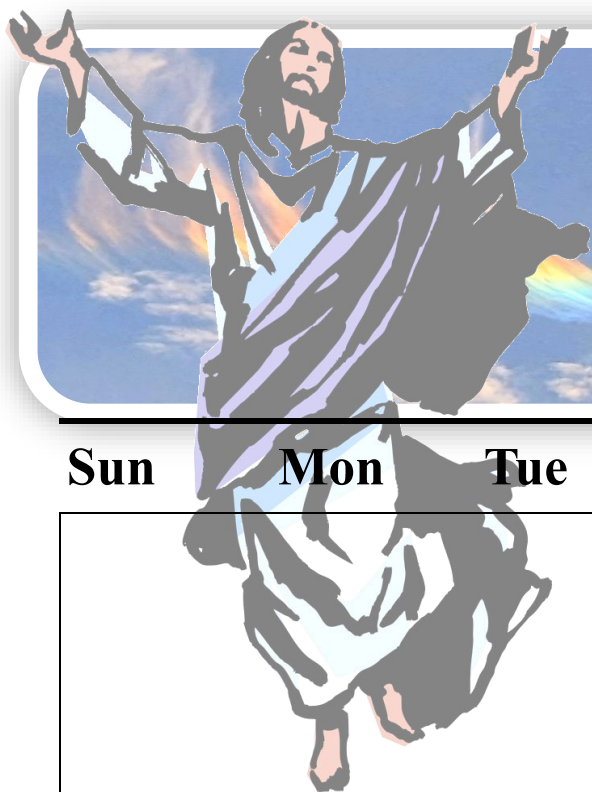
### Contact Us

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Website  
[www.lifepointepregnancy.com](http://www.lifepointepregnancy.com)

For Hours of Operation Please call Center



# May 2024

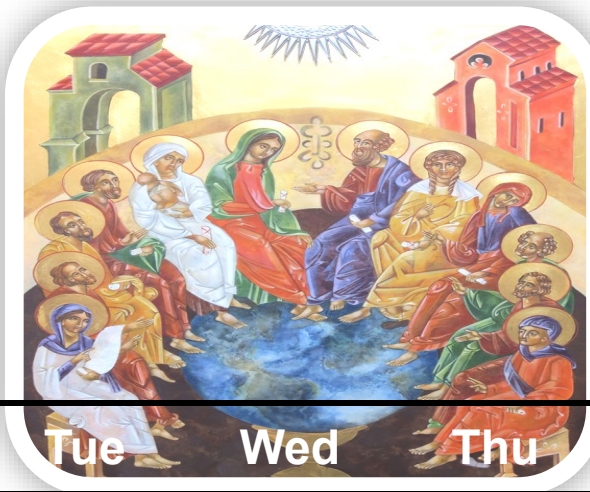
## West Jefferson Upcoming Events

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

			<b>1</b> <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i>  <i>Choir 7p</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Food Pantry 10-11a</i>
<b>5</b> <i>Worship 10a</i> <i>God's Kids 11a</i> <i>Alleluia Ringers 11:15a</i> <i>Youth Group 6:30p</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Sufficient Grace 1p</i>  <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i>  <i>Shawl Sisters 9a</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i>  <i>Choir 7p</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Girl Scouts</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Food Pantry 10-11a</i>  <i>Community Breakfast 8-10a</i>
<b>12</b> <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>  	<b>13</b> <i>Sufficient Grace 1p</i>  <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i>  <i>Shawl Sisters 9a</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i>  <i>Choir 7p</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Girl Scout Service Unit 6p</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Friday Night Uptown 6p</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Food Pantry 10-11a</i>
<b>19</b>  	<b>20</b> <i>Sufficient Grace 1p</i>  <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i>  <i>Shawl Sisters 9a</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i>  <i>Choir 7p</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Girl Scouts</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Food Pantry 10-11a</i>
<b>26</b> <i>Worship 10a</i> <i>God's Kids 11a</i> <i>Alleluia Ringers 11:15a</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Sufficient Grace 1p</i>  <i>Boy Scouts 6:30</i>  <i>Leadership Mtg 6:30p</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Food Pantry Set-up 7:30a</i>  <i>Shawl Sisters 9a</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Food Pantry 2-3p</i>  <i>Choir 7p</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  	

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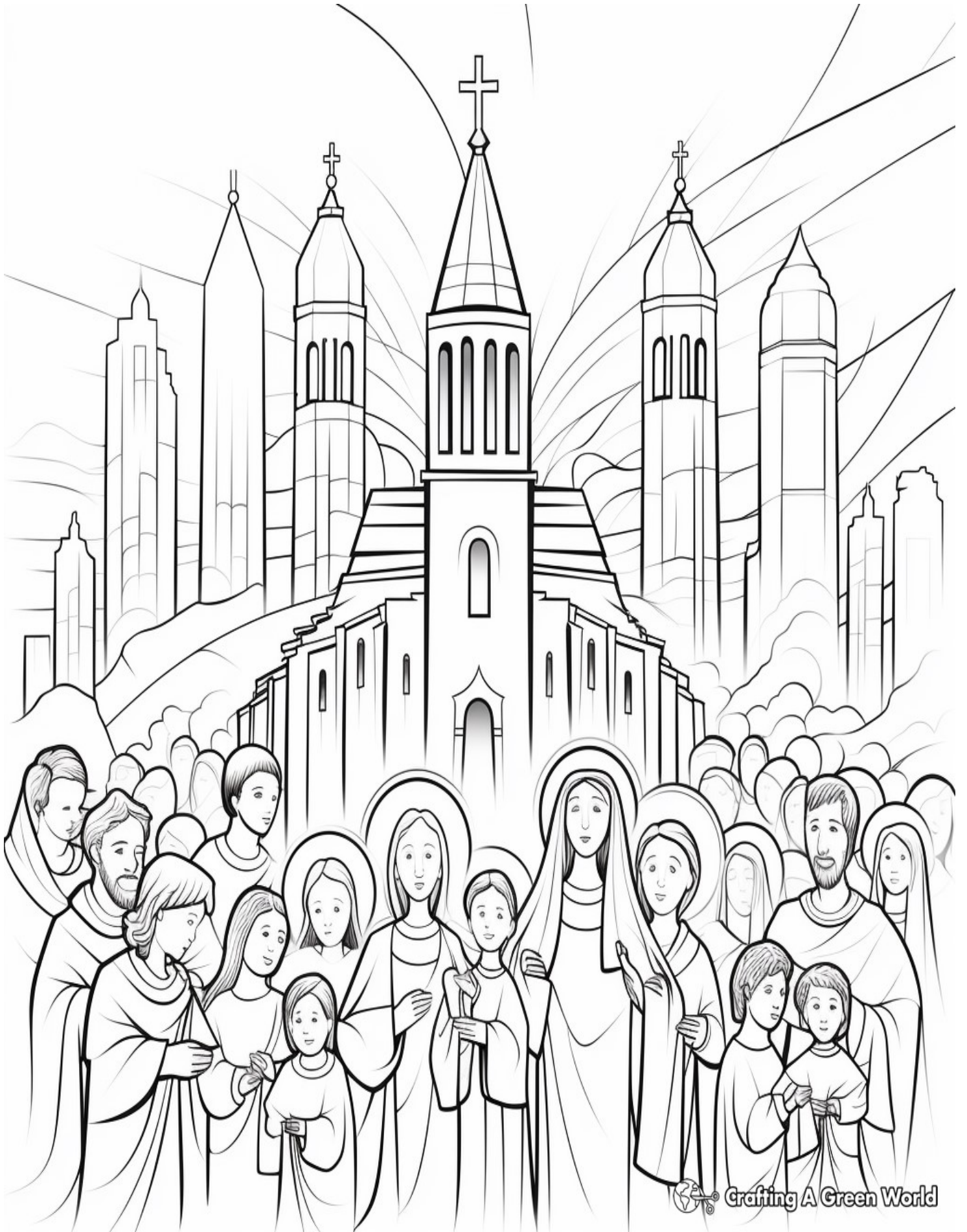
## Birthdays & Anniversaries



# MAY

## 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>"I will pour out my Spirit on all people."</i></p> <p>Joel 2:28, NIV</p>			1	2	3	4 <i>Ben Carruthers</i>
5	6	7	8	9 <i>Charlie Melfi</i>	10 <i>Bonita Gardner Nell Merriman</i>	11
12 <i>Kathy Foster</i>	13 <i>Eva Eseman</i>	14	15 <i>Laura Gaus Kaylie Martin</i>	16	17	18 <i>Bill &amp; Jennifer Thrasher (A)</i>
19	20 <i>Diantha Hillenbrand Bob &amp; Barb Hockenbery (A)</i>	21 <i>Andrea Lowe</i>	22	23	24 <i>Sawyer Stokes</i>	25 <i>Kelly Looby</i>
26 <i>Michael Ball</i>	27	28 <i>Valerie Murry</i>	29 <i>Skip &amp; Beverly Hall (A)</i>	30 <i>Carol Bichler</i>	31	





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Worship 10AM

Sunday School 10AM

YouTube, Facebook, or by CD (audio only)



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