

Messenger



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A Season of Gratitude & Grace

By Pastor Ruth Trile

As we gather together this Thanksgiving, let's take a moment to reflect on the countless blessings in our lives and the faith that brings us together.

A Time for Thanks:

For Family:

This Thanksgiving, we are especially grateful for our families. Each gathering is a reminder of God's love and the bonds we share. May our hearts be filled with warmth and gratitude for one another.

For Friends:

Let's give thanks for the friends who support us, uplift us, and sometimes even challenge us. They are the ones who add laughter to our lives and joy to our gatherings.

For Provision:

We are thankful for the abundance on our tables, a reminder of God's provision. As we enjoy the feast, let's remember those who are less fortunate and consider how we can share our blessings with others.

A Thanksgiving Prayer:

Dear Gracious God, we thank you for this day and for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us. Help us to remember the true spirit of Thanksgiving: to give thanks in all circumstances and to extend love and kindness to those around us. May our hearts be filled with joy and gratitude. Amen.

Reflecting on Gratitude:

As we celebrate this season, let's take a moment to write down three things we are thankful for and share them with one another.

Gratitude transforms our hearts and reminds us of the goodness in our lives. Thanksgiving is so much more than food and football. Even though Thanksgiving is a national holiday originally sanctioned by the federal government, it was set aside to offer thanks to God. Let's not lose sight of what this season is about--Being thankful is an attitude for living life. It is a part of being made whole, and it is recognizing life as a gift from God that drives us into the community of God's people. We are blessed to be a blessing to others! Thanks be to God!

Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments. May your homes be filled with peace and joy as you celebrate with loved ones.

With great thankfulness and love for you, my church,

Pastor Ruth





FINANCIAL NEWS ; Duane Stokes, Treasurer

General Fund 2024

SEPTEMBER YTD

GF Income	20,467.42	117,472.52
GF Expenses	17,791.88	136,102.25
	2,675.54	-18,629.73

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

All Saints Sunday

Our Church Members:

- Irene Yates - January 7, 2024*
Connie Harbage - May 13, 2024
Roger Jester - June 2, 2024
Joe Dado - October 10, 2024

Our Friends and Family:

- Beverly Pearce - December 3, 2023*
Kim Allen Harbage - June 15, 2024
Chelsie Jones - September 2024



Community Breakfast

**Saturday
November
16th
8-10am**



Youth Schedule

Jan 15th	6-7:30p
Jan 25th	Winter Jam @ Schott.
Feb 7th	Youth Outing @ Powell UMC
Feb 12th	6-7:30p
Mar 12th	6-7:30p
Apr 9th	6-7:30p
May 14th	6-7:30p



UMW Women

Saturday, 11/9 9a-2p	<i>Holiday Bazaar</i>
Saturday, 12/7 9am	<i>Breakfast Meeting @ Der Dutchman</i>
Saturday, 12/21 9am	<i>Breakfast Meeting @ Community Breakfast</i>



December

The UMC Women Present:
 West Jefferson UMC

**SATURDAY
 NOVEMBER 9TH
 9am—2pm**

West Jefferson UMC
 36 S Center Street
 614/879-8130

HOLIDAY Bazaar 2024

special **BAZAAR** visit!

10-12P

Stop by the bazaar and get your photo taken with Santa!

The “jolly old elf” will be in between 10am and 12pm, so be sure to bring your deepest Christmas wishes!

christmas Party

DECEMBER 1ST
 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
 THE CHURCH SERVICE

WEAR YOUR
 FAVORITE CHRISTMAS
 SWEATER AND BRING
 A DISH TO SHARE!

Baked potato bar will be provided.
 Enjoy some fun and fellowship! Make
 an ornament for your tree, decorate a
 cookie and grab some friends for a
 holiday photo!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



**West Jefferson
United Methodist Church
2024**

It's poinsettia season! The cost of each poinsettia is **\$Z** for a 6.5" pot, and the deadline to order is **Monday, December 9th**.

If you wish to purchase a poinsettia, please complete the order form below. Checks should be made **payable to West Jefferson UMC** and indicate **"Poinsettia"** on your check or offering envelope. Place your order form in the offering plate or in the church office. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

of Red: _____ # of White: _____

of Plants _____ x _____

Amt Paid: \$ _____

Church office: 614-879-8130; wjumc@att.net
\$7 per plant.

Checks payable to West Jefferson United Methodist Church

Christmastime Verses

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Verses & Artwork by Robert Pearce

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November

West Jefferson 2024

Upcoming Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Food Pantry 10-11a
3 Worship 10a God's Kids 11a Alleluia Ringers 11:15a 	4 Boy Scouts 6:30p	5 Food Pantry Set-Up 7:30a Shawl Sisters 9a	6 Food Pantry 2-3p Chancel Choir 7p	7	8	9 Holiday Bazaar 9a-2p Food Pantry 10-11a
10 Worship 10a God's Kids 11a Alleluia Ringers 11:15a Church Conference 2p	11 Boy Scouts 6:30p	12 Food Pantry Set-Up 7:30a Shawl Sisters 9a	13 Food Pantry 2-3p Chancel Choir 7p	14	15	16 Food Pantry 10-11a Community Breakfast 8-10a
17 Worship 10a God's Kids 11a Alleluia Ringers 11:15a	18 Boy Scouts 6:30p	19 Food Pantry Set-Up 7:30a Shawl Sisters 9a	20 Food Pantry 2-3p Chancel Choir 7p	21 Girl Scout Service Unit 6:30p	22	23 Food Pantry 10-11a Day of T-Giving and Unity with Bishop Jung 10a-3:30p
24 Worship 10a God's Kids 11a Alleluia Ringers 11:15a	25 Boy Scouts 6:30p Leadership 6:30p	26 Food Pantry Set-Up 7:30a Shawl Sisters 9a	27 Food Pantry 2-3p Chancel Choir 7p	28 Happy Thanksgiving! No office hours	29	30 Food Pantry 10-11a



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Sheryl Roberts</i>
3	4	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 <i>Tye Dunnington</i>
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 Braithwaite</i>	28	29	30 <i>Sherry Hook Julia Lambert Debbie Omen Ruth Pribe Bill Thrasher</i>



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A Note on "All Saints Day" from Bishop Jung

"Dear Siblings in Christ,

All Saints Sunday is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith.

The mystery of God lies in embracing and binding both the living and the dead with the bond of divine love. We are to live by faith in Jesus in the present while remembering and being thankful for those who went before us.

My Asian traditions have always taught thorough respect and reverence for our ancestors, so I often asked how I could confess and live in those Asian traditions within the same faith while believing in Jesus and living as his disciple. This very question led me to believe that the Christian tradition is not unfamiliar, and that we collectively maintain a sense of gratitude and remember our ancestors in the faith.

In that sense, All Saints' Day is a beautiful celebration that spiritually connects East and West and helps us get closer to the ranks of faith and sacred traditions...

...Our faith is rooted. Those roots give us the beautiful wings of devotion to become witnesses of the gospel in this day and age. May we live this biblical dream to the fullest in our time as we look to Jesus, the Lord of our faith. We remember a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounding us, encouraging us, and cheering us on.

Charles Wesley, John Wesley's brother, picks up on this theme in his hymn #709 in our United Methodist Hymnal. In the first verse of "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

*Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.*

May we give our love and respect to those who have gone before us. God's blessings!

Grace and peace,

DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND UNITY WITH **Bishop Jung**

On **November 23rd 10am-3:30 pm**, join us for a day of prayer, worship, learning, and communion as we celebrate together what it means to be a United Methodist!

Our guest speaker is [Rev. Dr. Paul Chilcote](#). His theme for our day together is "A Hope-filled United Methodist Future: A Rediscovered Deep Connection and A Refreshed Wesleyan Vision."

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$10, and the deadline to register is **November 11th**.

Location: Worthington United Methodist

600 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085



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Rev. Ruth Pribe, Pastor

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Worship 10AM

Sunday School 10AM

YouTube, Facebook, or by CD (audio only)



2024

