

### A Season of Gratitude & Grace

By Pastor Ruth Pribe

s 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





### Æll 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

# 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                   |  |  |  |  |

### FINANCIAL NEWS; Duane Stokes, Treasurer

**General Fund 2024** 

SEPTEMBER YTD

**GF** Income 117,472.52 20,467.42

**GF** Expenses 17,791.88 136,102.25

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Making a donation is as easy as scanning the code! Here are the current giving options:

- General Fund





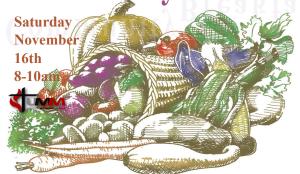
UMCOR—United Methodist Committee on Relief

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

### CommunityBreakfast





## M Women

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







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!





## West Jefferson United Methodist Church 2024

t's poinsetta season! The cost of each poinsettia is \$\frac{\mathbf{S}\overline}{\text{for a}}\$ for a 6.5" pot, and the deadline to order is Monday, December

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!

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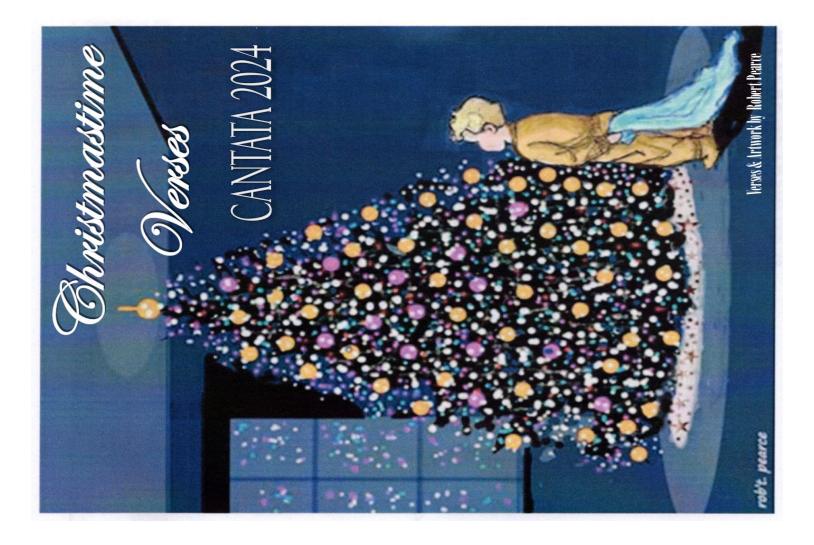
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Church office: 614-879-8130; wjumc@att.net

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Checks payable to West Jefferson United Methodist Church





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Upcoming Events

| Sun   | Mon                                    | Tue  | Wed                                  | Thu                                  | Fri | Sat  |
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|   |  |  |                                      | 3.                                   | 1   | 2 Food Pantry 10- 11a  |
| Worship 10a God's Kids 11a Alleluia Ringers 11:15a                      | Boy Scouts 6:30p                       | 5 Food Pantry Set-<br>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                                 |
| Worship 10a God's Kids 11a Alleluia Ringers 11:15a Church Conference 2p | Boy Scouts 6:30p                       | 12 Food Pantry Set-<br>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-<br>Up 7:30a Shawl Sisters 9a | 20 Food Pantry 2-3p Chancel Choir 7p | Girl Scout Service Unit 6:30p        | 22  | 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-<br>Up 7:30a Shawl Sisters 9a | 27 Food Pantry 2-3p Chancel Choir 7p | Happy Thanks-giving! No office hours | 29  | 30 Food Pantry 10- 11a   |





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| e // V             |                             |                      |                            |                   | 1                  | 2<br>Sheryl Roberts  |
| 3                  | 4                           | 5                    | 6                          | 7                 | 8                  | 9 Andrew Jenkins   |
| 10                 | 11 Raylon Winters           | 12                   | 13<br>Kim Haley            | 14 Steve Williams | 15                 | 16 Tye Dunnington  |
| 17                 | 18 Todd Clark               | 19                   | 20<br>Frank Adkins         | 21                | 22<br>Karen Salyer | 23   |
| 24<br>Marcia Baker | 25 Matt & Sara Neufarth (A) | 26<br>Helen Haenszel | 27<br>Susan<br>Braithwaite | 28                | 29                 | 30<br>Sherry Hook<br>Julia Lambert<br>Debbie Omen<br>Ruth Pribe<br>Bill Thrasher |







# 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.

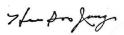
In that sense, All Saints' Day is a beautiful celebration that spiritually connects East and West and helps us get closer to the ranks of faith and sacred traditions...

...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 <u>Rev. Dr. Paul Chilcote</u>. 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

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Worship 10AM Sunday School 10AM

YouTube, Facebook, or by CD (audio only)



