

November 2026

Ellettsville First United Methodist Church



It was a fantastic day for a picnic!



"Blessed be those who have loved you into becoming who you were meant to be." John O'Donohue.

One of my spiritual practices each November is to reflect on those, living and dead, who have influenced me in ways small and large. Mrs. Tyler is coming to mind this year. She taught at my high school, though I took none of her classes. She did reprimand me once when she thought my sideburns were too long. I did not enjoy that, though on reflection, I am sure they were ugly. So it was something of a shock when in junior college, I walked into the required class called "Public Speaking 101." Care to guess who was teaching the class? My native bashfulness was already making me ill at the thought of delivering speeches, so seeing her disapproving face, as I remembered her, was no help. A week or so in, we were given our first speaking assignment. For a week, I dreaded the five-minute address I was to bring to the group. I made sure my sideburns were short and neat, and worked hard on what I wanted to say. When the day arrived, notecards in hand, I delivered my speech and made my way back to my seat. To my utter unbelief, Mrs. Tyler spent the next five minutes complimenting me and my presentation. At the end, she said, "I don't know what you will do in our life, but it definitely should include public speaking." At the time, I had no idea I would embrace a call to become a pastor. Hers was an early voice in my young adult life that let me know that perhaps I could do something I had never considered. Who are those who have influenced you? Who helped you believe you had gifts to do something that could bless others? I invite you to join me in the grace of sacred remembering this November.

ALL SAINTS DAY AT ELLETTSVILLE FUMC
Sunday, November 1, 9:30 AM

On Sunday, November 1, we celebrate All Saints Day in our morning worship service. During this time, we will read the names of all church members who have died since last year's All Saints service. We also will have a time of remembering all those we have lost, whenever we lost them, whose presence in our hearts we will feel. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion together. We hope you join us for this sacred, loving worship service.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 29 9:30 AM

Plan to be in attendance on November 29, as we mark our entry into the season of Advent. "Advent" means "coming" or "arrival". It marks the four weeks of preparation leading to Christmas. In our service, we'll have a time of "Hanging of the Greens" in which all are invited to decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree. We look forward to sharing these sacred days.

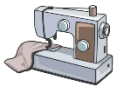
INDIANA LANDMARKS SACRED SPACES GRANT PROCESS

As we mentioned in the Administrative Council meeting, our church has been selected, along with nine other Indiana congregations, to participate in this year's grant application process of Indiana Landmarks Sacred Places. A team from our church is working with the team from Sacred Places to work on an application for a planning grant of up to $25,000. This grant would allow us to contract with architects and others to study future needs in our building. The second phase in the process, which is optional, could eventually lead to well-resourced capital campaign. Stay tuned as this initial application process continues through the late fall and winter.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:30a Communion Service 10:30a Fellowship 10:45a Sunday School	**2** 6p Trustees 6:45p Troop 1119 6:45p Troop 119	**3** 6:45p Webelos 6:45p Bears & Wolves	**4** 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	**5**	**6**	**7**
7 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship 10:45a Sunday School	**8** 6:45p Arrows of Lights 6:45p Troop 1119 6:45p Troop 119	**9** 6:45p Pack Committee	**10** 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	**11**	**13** 8a-7p Dinner Prep  4p-7p Holiday Dinner	**14**
15 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship 10:45a Sunday School	**16** 6:45p Troop 1119 6:45p Troop 119	**17** 6:45p Webelos 6:45p Bears &Wolves	**18** 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	**19**	**20**	**21**  8a-2p Women's Sewing Group
22 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship 10:45a Sunday School	**23** 6:45p Arrows of Lights 6:45p Troop 1119 6:45p Troop 119	**24** 6:45p Lyons	**25**	**26**  10a-4p Private Party	**27**	**28**
29  9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Fellowship 10:45a Sunday School	**30**					

October 2026

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December 2026

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UMCOR : United Methodist Committee on Relief

November's Gold Can Offering is in support of UMCOR

When disaster strikes around the globe, like earthquakes, typhoons or tornados the United Methodist Committee on Relief is prepared to act.

When You Give You Equip Christ's Body – The Church - to Serve in His Name
Because your generous giving to UMCOR it allows us to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today. It's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Please give generously so UMCOR can continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities who've experienced devastation in the wake of disaster.

Church Financial Report

Through September 30th

Income Actual	Expenses Actual	Budgeted
$111,309.55	$115,803	$115,981.50

Star of David giving $26,514

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!
2027 BUDGET

The Finance Committee is asking each committee to provide their budget requests for 2027.

Peggy will try to get your committee expenses YTD thru 9/30/2026 as soon as she can. It is asked that your budget requests be submitted as soon as possible so they are available for the next Finance meeting. Date is TBA.

Special Dates

- All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2026*
- Daylight saving time ends, *November 1, 2026*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2026*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 22, 2026*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 26, 2026*
- First Sunday of Advent, *November 29, 2026*

Faith Sees the Promise

Charles Wesley offered this powerful affirmation of faith:

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees
And looks to God alone;
Laughs at impossibilities
And cries, 'It shall be done!'"

Bible Quiz



What did St. Paul teach about how people can recognize the existence of God?

A. They would have no understanding of God unless someone told them.
B. They could see evidence of God by observing creation.
C. God cannot be known in any way except through Jesus.

Answer: B (Romans 1:19-21)

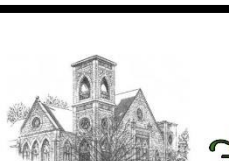
Annual Church Picnic

It's all about Food, Fun, and Fellowship



Our Fall Festival Float





Ellettsville First United Methodist Church

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Faith

803 W. Temperance St.

2026 Holiday Turkey Dinner

November 13th
4:30PM - 7:00PM

Public Invited!



Menu:
Turkey and ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, desserts and drinks.

Cost:
$15.00 for adults, $7.00 for children
ages 3-12, ages 2 & under are free.

Take-out available.

Sweet Shop Open

Satisfy your cravings for homemade treats!

Our Youth in Action









Above: The kids paint the wall of the window well outside their classroom. Below: Having fun smashing a piñata that they made and reaping the rewards of all the candy after it was broken open.









The Communicator

Ellettsville First United Methodist Church, Inc.

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Ellettsville, IN 47429

Worship	9:30am
Fellowship	10:30am
Adult Sunday School	10:45am
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