

# May!

2025



*Ellettsville First United Methodist Church*

## Powered by God

God made us: invented us as a [person] invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else.

Now God designed the human machine to run on himself. He himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from himself, because it is not there.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Same  
Fair  
Us

## Announcing Our New Pastor

Jimmy Moore, who will assume pastoral duties at Ellettsville First United Methodist in July, is originally from Mississippi, and moved to Indiana in 1988. He is married to Mary Beth Morgan, who is a pastor at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Bloomington. Jimmy has two children, two stepsons, and two grandchildren. Ordained in 1980, Jimmy spent the early part of his ministry as a Southern Baptist pastor, and completed the process of transferring his ministry credentials to the United Methodist Church in 2008. In his ministry, Jimmy values listening to and telling stories: stories of scripture, of historical and contemporary life, stories from his own life and the lives of those with whom he serves. He believes that story is one of God's best ways of helping us know where we have been and where we are going. Jimmy enjoys reading, trying his hand at writing poetry, hiking, working out, and playing with and training with his Labrador Retriever, Mabel.



# Missions News

The Missions Committee has chosen Beacon as their Gold Can Offering for the month of May. Beacon is a solutions-driven, anti-poverty organization, dedicated to aiding and empowering people experiencing extreme poverty, especially hunger and homelessness. Founded in 2000 in response to a growing community concern about the needs of people without homes, Beacon has grown rapidly these past two decades to become the largest housing provider of any nonprofit in Monroe County. They operate seven days per week at three locations with nearly 30 staff.

Beacon is a values-driven agency—hospitality, dignity, empowerment, and hope define all that they do. They use a low-barrier approach, a nationally recognized best practice for reaching those most in need.

Beacon provides housing, day and overnight shelter, hunger relief, social services, financial support, life essentials (like laundry, showers, and mail), and other related health and human services to hundreds of people each day and thousands of people each year. Ninety-six percent of their guests have incomes at or below 30% of the area median income, which is considered extreme poverty. Sixty percent of their guests are women and children while eleven percent are veterans.

They have acquired the old Weddle Brothers Construction property on the west side of Bloomington. This facility will bring together Beacon’s programs of shelter, resource center, and housing, with a special emphasis on community partnerships and improving the quality of care available to people experiencing extreme poverty in our community.

Some of the highlights of this new center will be: twenty-five new permanent homes/apartments; a 50-bed shelter and semi-private rooms that will focus on women who become homeless, as well as beds for couples and space for pets; a day center which will provide services from different organizations to work together, e.g., HealthNet, Centerstone, social workers, and resource officers; and a new employment center, classroom, and training kitchen.

More than a shelter, Beacon is a lifeline. But before they can start building this amazing center, additional capital is needed. The Missions Committee hopes you feel the same way we do about this campaign.

Additional information about Beacon can be found at: [beaconinc.org](http://beaconinc.org)

Jo Anne Bowen  
Missions Committee

## The Long-awaited Ride Home

In September 2024, NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams headed to space for what was supposed to be an eight-day mission. Due to technical problems, that expedition exceeded nine months. Despite the unexpected delay, Williams said the astronauts didn’t feel stuck or abandoned. Instead, they viewed the extended voyage as an opportunity to do more research.

Almost 30 years ago, another astronaut also faced setbacks with her return trip to earth. Shannon Lucid had to stay at the Russian Mir space station six months because of hurricanes and various mechanical problems. Before catching a ride back home on the space shuttle *Atlantis*, Lucid said, “You can rest assured I am not going to be on the wrong side of the hatch when they close it.”


Followers of Jesus need not worry about being on the “wrong side of the hatch” someday. Although the gate to heaven is narrow, Jesus himself is the way and leads us safely home.

—adapted from an illustration by Craig Brian Larson



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On March 29, a cozy group of eight women gathered together in their pajamas for a movie night in Roger Hall! They kicked back and enjoyed watching "War Room," an inspiring film that showcased the amazing power of prayer and faith in everyday life. With plenty of snacks and warm fellowship, it was a great way to relax and connect!

Fast forward to the weekend of April 12, when a fantastic crew of nine women united to put their sewing skills to good use for a great cause. They worked hard and ended up making over 100 beautiful patches for quilts to support the Midwest Mission. Each patch represents much more than just fabric; it tells a story filled with creativity and care, showcasing the love and commitment these incredible

women have for helping those in need. It's such a heartwarming way to make a real difference.

Mother's Day is right around the corner; there will be dinner for the Mothers of the church. Dinner at 6 pm, in Rogers Hall. Come dressed as your favorite woman and also bring a little write.



## Birthdays

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 6 Katelyn Qualters | 23 Dennis Williamson |
| 9 Garreth Owens    | 24 Nate Southern     |
| 13 Taylor Isom     | 24 Sheila Wright     |
| 13 Morgan Wright   | 31 Matthew Dillon    |
| 23 Mira Harris     |                      |

## Anniversaries

- 13 Matt & Julie Pyle
- 16 Randy & Sheila Wright
- 17 Tom & Amy Slabaugh
- 23 John & Peggy Bray

## Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer, *May 1, 2025*
- Mother's Day, *May 11, 2025*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 17, 2025*
- Victoria Day (Canada), *May 19, 2025*
- Memorial Day, *May 26, 2025*
- Ascension Day, *May 29, 2025*



## Bible Quiz

What was the name of the wealthy merchant of purple cloth who met Paul and his companions, was baptized and became a leader in the Philippian church?

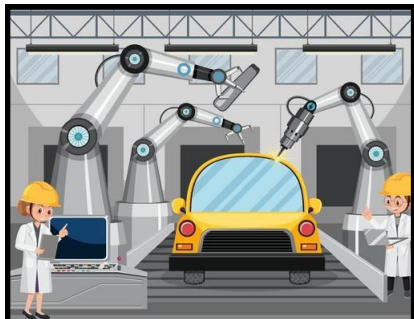
- A. Priscilla
- B. Lydia
- C. Dorcas
- D. Joanna



Answer: B (See Acts 16:11-15, 40.)

# Some May Events

## Methodist Men Excursion to Toyota Assembly Plant May 22



Men of the church will be heading to Princeton, Indiana to tour the Toyota Assembly Plant on Thursday, May 22. Bob has received word that arrival time of 9:45 Eastern Time is suggested. That would mean a departure time of 8:00 AM from the Church Parking Lot. Ten spots have been reserved. Additional tour spots need to be into the church office by Sunday, May 4. A sign up sheet is available also at the back of the sanctuary. A stop for lunch will be scheduled on the way back home, and arrival back at the church should be by 4:00.

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### Bob's Preaching in May

Sunday, May 4

Communion Service  
Sermon: "Count It All Joy"  
Scripture: James 1: 1-4

Sunday, May 11

Sermon: "Green Pastures"  
Scripture: Psalm 23:1-6 & Matthew 6:25-30

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### Men's Breakfast, Saturday, May 10, 8:00 AM

All men of the church are invited to attend the May 10 Breakfast at 8:00 in Rogers Hall. This is a time of food and conversation and a great way to learn about one another. On this Saturday we will also finalize plans for the May 22 trip to the Toyota Plant. We will also look at the schedule for the rest of the year and discuss breakfast preparation responsibilities.

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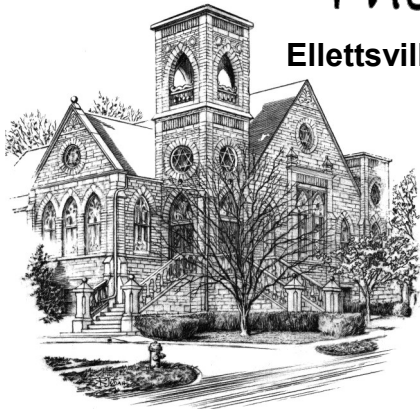
### ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

Another Annual Conference Session will be coming soon: June 4-7 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on the north side of Indianapolis. Bob and Ned will be accompanying the church's Lay Member, Penny Caudill. We ask for your prayers for this annual gathering, celebration and planning event for the life of the Indiana Annual Conference. Penny will share in morning worship a summary of the event later in the summer.



# The Communicator

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<b>Worship</b>	9:30am
<b>Fellowship</b>	10:30am
<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	10:45am
<b>Office Hours:</b>	M, W, F 9am-12pm
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FAITH

LET YOUR FAITH BE BIGGER THAN YOUR FEAR