

# November 2025



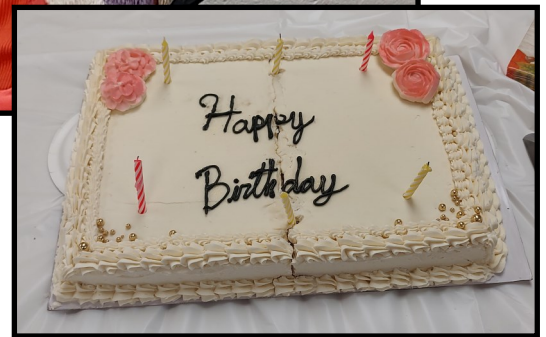
*Ellettsville First United Methodist Church*

## Anise Osborne turns 105!

Anise turned 105 on Monday October 13th and a reception was held after church on Sunday the 12th. We wish you all the best in the future Anise.



Anise with her family.



Anise's Birthday Cake.

## Remembering The Saints

When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he addressed his letter "To all God's beloved ... who are called to be saints" (Romans 1:7, NRSV). Paul regarded his fellow believers as people who have responded to the good news of Christ by choosing to follow and serve God.

The New Testament emphasizes that Christians are God's beloved — special people set apart to receive his grace and to be his witnesses. All people whose minds and hearts are devoted to God are "called to be saints."

About 700 years after the church began, leaders designated November 1 as All Saints' Day to honor people whose lives reflect Christ dwelling within them. Because of what God has done for us, all Christians can wear the label of saint.

November 2, 1969 is a day that lives powerfully in my memory. On that day, my father died. He had been struggling with cancer of the bladder for six years, and spent the last month of his life in a bed in our home. Those days, and especially that day, were very difficult. My dad was a very good man, and was very playful and tender with me. I felt his loss profoundly, though I really did not speak about it for many years. Through the years, though, I have discovered that my has grief shifted from a sadness about his loss to a profound gratitude for his presence in my life. The worst things are never the last things.



“The worst things are never the last things.” Drawing on the power of resurrection, John Claypool spoke those lines often, perhaps most memorably as he described the funeral of Winston Churchill. The former British prime minister had planned his own funeral liturgy. The service was traditional, but at a particular point, Churchill had instructed that Taps would be played by a bugler. Upon hearing that, the congregation entered a solemn mood, only to be surprised by the sounds of “Reveille.” Church’s final testimony is that even in the wake of difficulty, it’s time to get up. As he said in his famous address, “Never give in!”

In November, we will honor this affirming faith. On November 2, we celebrate “All Saints Day,” when we remember the lives of those we have lost. While we will feel some sadness when we do, All Saints Day is chiefly a time to give thanks for the gifts these ones leave us. Later in the month, we will mark Christ the King Sunday, sometimes called, Reign of Christ Sunday. It is the last Sunday of the Christian Calendar, the next Sunday being the first Sunday of Advent. Christ the King Sunday marks that through the year, in all the days of our lives, God is alive and working in us. It, too, affirms, that the last thing is never the worst thing, but always leads us into God’s ongoing grace. May it be so!

## **ALL SAINTS DAY AT ELLETTSVILLE FUMC**

### **Sunday, November 2 9:30 AM**

On Sunday, November 2, 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.

## *Giving Thanks for All Things*



It’s easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

But what about life’s storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God’s comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?



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## Birthdays

- 1 Penny Caudill
- 1 Susie Knust
- 1 Cullen McCarty
- 12 Rita Taylor
- 17 Karen Davis
- 21 Angie Purdie
- 28 Rebecca Owens

## Anniversaries

- 6 Joe & Barba Baer
- 19 Ned & Elizabeth Steele
- 26 Tim & Bliss Felton



# Thank You Reverend Moore



October was Pastor Appreciation Month and Sunday October 12th was appreciation Sunday. Rev. Moore had a cake made in his honor and was enjoyed by those who attended fellowship.



The Christmas Cantata will be held on December 14th at 9:30am. Make sure and mark it on your calendar so you don't miss this awesome event.

## Special Dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2025
- Daylight saving time ends, November 2, 2025
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2025
- Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2025
- Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025
- First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025

# Bible Quiz

James 1:17 reminds us about the source of every blessing. According to this verse, how is God described?

- A. The one who changes like shifting shadows
- B. The giver of wisdom to the faithful
- C. The Father of heavenly lights who does not change
- D. The one who rewards those who are generous



Answer: C (See James)

# November Gold Can Offering

Diabetes Research Institute Foundation



Diabetes  
Research  
Institute

FOUNDATION

November's Gold Can Offering is to support diabetes research.

November is National Diabetes Month. It's an annual observance dedicated to raising awareness about diabetes, a chronic health condition that affects millions of people worldwide. This month-long campaign aims to educate the public about the different types, risk factors, prevention strategies, and the importance of early detection and management. It also serves as a platform to support individuals living with diabetes, their families, and healthcare providers in their effort to control the disease and improve overall health.

Your money will go to the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation. If you don't currently attend church, and would like to make a donation, checks should be made payable to DRI Foundation, and can be mailed to the church, attention Treasurer. Thank you for your caring and support.

Until there's a cure...



## Men's Fellowship



The men will meet for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, November 8th at 8am in Rogers Hall.

## Holiday Dinner and Sweet Shoppe

When: Friday, December 5

Time: 4:30pm to 7:00pm

Price: \$15 Adults

\$7 Children Age 5 to 12

Free Children Age 4 & under

*Take-Out Available*

*The RBB store has graciously allowed us to use the space in front of the store to offer our crafts and baked goods on Saturday Dec. 6 from 9 to 4.*

Did you know our church is a member of the Greater Ellettsville Chamber, and at least three of us are on the board. This is a bit about their annual meeting and the congregation can attend (but have to pay to support the meal which will be great)

On Tuesday, October 28th, join us for a special evening of celebration and connection at our Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner!

This event is a wonderful opportunity to honor the exceptional individuals who make our community shine. We'll recognize their achievements and contributions while enjoying a delightful evening filled with inspiring stories, delicious food, and great company.

*Thank you Linda Rutledge  
for our beautiful Bulletin  
Boards!*





## Thinking of You Cards

You come to church and notice that you don't see a fellow parishioner that comes every week. You ask around and no one can tell you anything. You tell yourself to send a card when you get home but when you get home you forget.

If this happens to you (it happens to me all the time), we will make your life a little easier.

In the back of the sanctuary will be a box of *Thinking of You* cards. Write a little note inside, sign your name, address the stamped envelope. Give it to Keith or Marge Clark to mail. Thank you Valerie for the suggestion.

### Making Life Easier

Cards with stamped envelopes

Pick one, write a note, sign card

Address envelope – Address booklet will be available

Seal card inside envelope

Give to Keith or Marge to mail



## Take Me to the River

God often works in unexpected ways. Just ask Naaman, the army commander in 2 Kings 5:1-14. Stricken with leprosy, he traveled to Israel seeking healing from the prophet Elisha. Instead of an impressive display or a grand ceremony, Elisha sent word for him to simply wash seven times in the Jordan River.

Naaman was not impressed. "Aren't the rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel?" he asked. Why bathe in a foreign, muddy river when the clean, sparkling rivers of home were far more appealing? It didn't make sense. Yet what seemed absurd became the very path to his healing.

We may not be told to wade into an actual river, but we all face "Jordan moments" in life — times when God calls us to take a step that feels uncomfortable, humbling or completely illogical. It is in those moments that trust and obedience matter most.

Naaman's story reminds us that God's power is not limited by appearances or human reasoning. Sometimes the action that feels least likely to work is the one that opens the door to blessing. When God invites you to take the plunge, step into the water. You may find healing and hope waiting there.

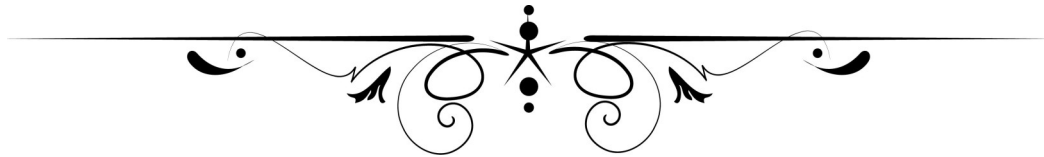
—adapted from *Homiletics.com*

# A Thanksgiving Hymn That Sees God's Hand Everywhere

For a hymn that captures the beauty and gratitude of Thanksgiving, All Things "Bright and Beautiful" is a perfect choice. Its lyrics paint vivid pictures — flowers opening in the morning sun, birds singing, golden sunsets, purple-topped mountains and rivers rushing by. It all leads to this joyful reminder: *"He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell: How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well."*

The hymn was written by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), an Irishwoman with a passion for teaching children about God. She wrote many hymns for her Sunday school class, later collected in *Verses for Holy Seasons*.

But her ministry went beyond music — she spent her life serving the poor, comforting the sick, and caring for the grieving. When she passed away, "a great throng" gathered to remember her, honoring both her faith and the beauty she shared with the world.

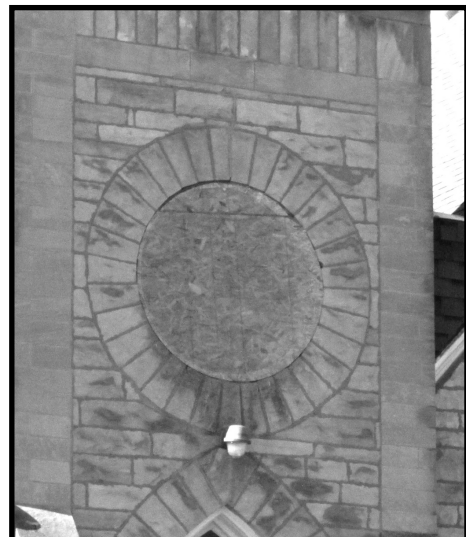


## Star of David Window Progress

We are well on our way with the painstaking task of restoring our historic Star of David windows. The 9 windows were removed a while ago and plywood inserted in their place. Since that time, 2 of the openings have been replaced with a couple of much needed vents. It is imperative that we have sufficient funds for the downpayment of \$16,000 dollars so that the restoration may begin this fall and winter. Our overall goal of \$42,000 dollars will be achieved through a variety of means. Please consider how you are best able to assist with our goal through your time, talents, and gifts. We look forward to our finished windows to be back in place in the future.



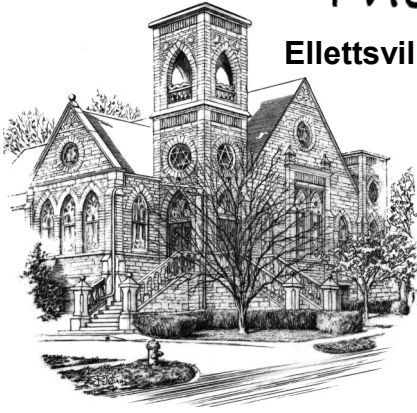
Before Removal



Current Situation

# The Communicator

Ellettsville First United Methodist Church, Inc.



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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
<b>Church Phone:</b>	812-876-4792
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:efumchurch@bluemarble.net">efumchurch@bluemarble.net</a>
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