

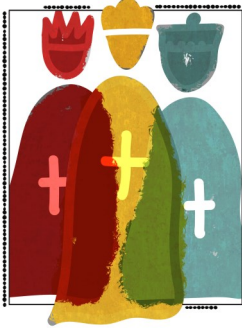


2024



*Ellettsville First United Methodist Church*

## Thankful Thoughts



“The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has nobody to thank.” That quote from 19th-century painter Daniel Rossetti is often misattributed to Christian apologist G.K. Chesterton. In fact, Chesterton springboarded off Rossetti’s statement to elaborate on thankfulness.

“The converse of this proposition is also true,” said Chesterton, “and it is certain that this gratitude produced ... the most purely joyful moments that have been known to man. [Rossetti] boasted that he mixed all his colors with brains, and the great saint may be said to mix all his thoughts with thanks.”



## In Awe of Everyday Joys

Maybe you’ve heard of making micro-resolutions for the new year. Similarly, health experts recommend becoming aware of — and thankful for — micro-joys we experience and encounter.

In *The Power of Awe*, Jake Eagle and Michael Amster describe the benefits of taking several brief A.W.E. breaks throughout the day:

- **A** is for Attention, as you focus on something that amazes you or seems valuable.
- **W** is for Waiting, as you pause to take a deep breath.
- **E** is for Exhaling, as you breathe out and feel joy and gratitude.

This simple practice reveals how profound the “ordinary” can be, thanks to the generosity of our extraordinary God.



# United Methodist Men—A Possibility?

Men of the Church: Join us for Conversation about a POSSIBILITY.

Saturday, November 9, 8:00 AM-9:30 in Rogers Hall—Breakfast and Talk



First of all - - I want to thank you all for the absolutely gorgeous bouquet of flowers!

Thank you for the heartwarming happy birthday wishes and cards! I am incredibly blessed to have you all in my life.

And then there was the PARTY!! I'm still smiling from the wonderful celebration! The decorations, photos, unique and beautiful centerpieces, delicious cake and yummy punch made it a perfect day and it wasn't even noon yet! 😊 Thank you for all your hard work! Everything was amazing and appreciated more than you know! You made my 104th extra special!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

I love you all.

Anise Osborne



*With gladness and thanksgiving*

... The long day of the year is almost done,  
and nature in the sunset musing stands,  
gray-robed, and violet-hooded like a nun,  
looking abroad o'er yellow harvest lands: ...

Empty and folded are her busy hands;  
her corn and wine and oil are safely stored,  
as in the twilight of the year she stands,  
and with her gladness seems to thank the Lord.

Thus let us rest awhile from toil and care,  
in the sweet sabbath of this autumn calm,  
and lift our hearts to heaven in grateful prayer,  
and sing with nature our thanksgiving psalm.

—Kate Seymour Maclean (1829-1916)

## *A different kind of King*



As Jesus himself taught, denial of ourselves leads us to find ourselves (see, for example, Matthew 16:24-25). The crucifixion is the ultimate expression of such self-denial. The all-powerful God of the universe submitting willingly to having all power stripped away. How could that be imaginable? Even more, how could that be true?

And yet it was. For Jesus, as for us, this is what it means to steward our power well. Jesus' death was not just a necessary price for humanity's failure and restoration. It was that, of course. But it was also the incomparable and ultimate demonstration of what God-like power looks like in its expression of self-restraint.

—Uli Chi, *The Wise Leader*

## Items Of Note For November

**November 3:** Celebration of 200 years of the ministry of our congregation. Much more will be shared about this day throughout October.

**November 10:** Church Council after worship. The 2025 Budget will be presented for approval.

**November 17:** Commitment Sunday. Following the pattern of last year, our Commitment Sunday will focus on the various ways God uses our responses, our energies, our efforts and our ideas to further the Kingdom.

**November Gold Can Offering:** The offering will support the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Hoosier Hills Food Bank is non-profit organization that provides over five million pounds of food annually to over 100 other non-profits serving people with low incomes and personal challenges, children, and seniors in seven counties.



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803 W. Temperance St.

2024 Holiday Bazaar and Turkey Dinner

December 6 & 7

*Public is Invited!*

Friday – December 6, 2:00 PM-7:00 PM

Saturday – December 7, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

*Sweet  
Shop*



*Kid's Mouse House*

A place where children can  
shop for Christmas gifts.

Friday - 2 to 7 PM & Saturday - 10 to 2 PM

*Crafts  
& More*



Friday evening

December 6

4:30—7:00 PM

Menu:

Turkey and ham, dressing, mashed  
potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls,  
dessert and drinks.

Cost:

\$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children  
ages 3-12, ages 2 & under free.

Take-out available.



# November 2024



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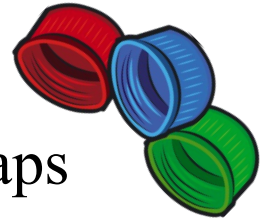
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- 1 Cullen McCarty
- 12 Rita Taylor
- 17 Karen Davis
- 21 Angie Purdie
- 28 Rebecca Owens

## Anniversaries

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

### Special Dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2024
- Daylight saving time ends, November 3, 2024
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2024
- Christ the King Sunday, November 24, 2024
- Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024



## Bottle Caps

The Monroe County Purdue Extension Office is collecting bottle caps/rigid lids for the 4-H club. They are located at 3400 S Walnut. It's at the same turn off you'd take to the Monroe County Solid Waste District. If you don't want to take your lids down there, then drop them off at church.

## Bible Quiz

Shortly after the birth of the church at Pentecost, which apostle(s) taught an Ethiopian official about Jesus and then baptized him?



- A. Philip
- B. Peter and Andrew
- C. James
- D. Paul

Answer: A (See Acts 8:26-40.)

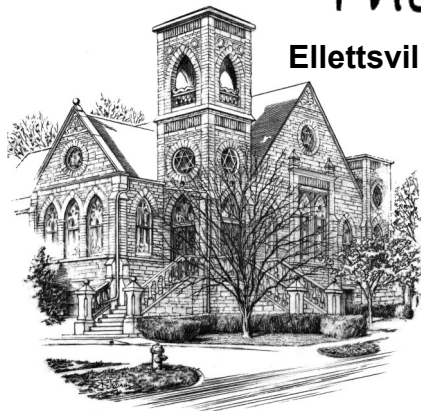
## Church Picnic A Treat

The annual church picnic took place on October 6th at Flatwoods Park. Lots of food and good times were had by all who attended.



# The Communicator

Ellettsville First United Methodist Church, Inc.



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P.O. Box 548  
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**Worship** 9:30am  
**Fellowship** 10:30am  
**Adult Sunday School** 10:45am

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Give thanks  
to the Lord  
for he is good;  
His love endures  
Forever  
PSALM 136