

 APRIL 2025



Ellettsville First United Methodist Church

## Hope for Holy Week

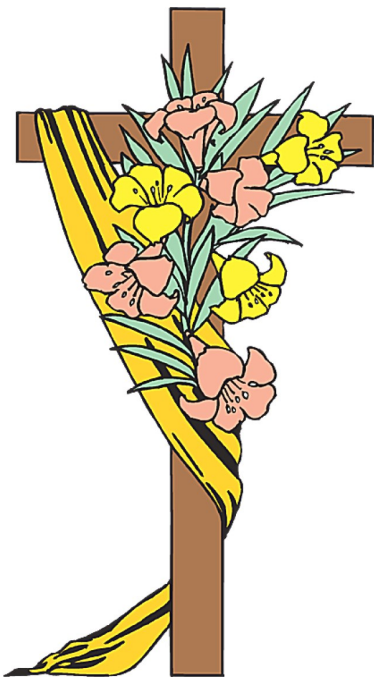


Same  
Fain  
Us

As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don't lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what he has to offer because of his humble attitude and his devotion to his mission.

When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can't help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

—Peter Sulzle



## Easter Insights

Did you know the word *Easter* never appears in the Bible? It may be a variant of the name Eostre, a pagan fertility goddess who symbolized rebirth and spring. *Eostre* stems from the Proto-Germanic word for *dawn*, which Christians connect to Jesus' victory over darkness.

The ancient tradition of Easter baskets also has ties to Eostre, whose symbol was a rabbit. Christians likely adapted the practice of bringing eggs and seeds as an offering to Eostre. Some Orthodox Christians continue a tradition of having a priest bless baskets of Easter food on Holy Saturday. Items usually hold special symbolism, such as Paska bread, cured meats, colored eggs, salt, horseradish and lamb-shaped butter.



The UMWF is looking to start sewing again and we are going to start sewing quilts for the Midwest Mission. Our first sewing will be April 12, 9-12 pm, Rogers Hall. All level of sewing welcome, if you don't know how to sew come out we will have something for you to do or even teach you how to sew.

Plans are in the works for the annual Mother's Day dinner. May 8, save the date. More information to follow.

The below article is about one of the places the Women at the church help support by sewing clothes and knitting baby sweaters for.

### Angels of Hope Shipment to Guatemala

On Tuesday, March 11, a truck pulled into Midwest Mission, bright and early in the morning. It was pulling a 20 ft container that would soon be on its way to Guatemala. Like last week's shipment, this was also an Angels of Hope Shipment!

While talking with our partner, Food For The Poor, it came to our attention that one of the things the children's homes would really like is toys. It so happened that we had several pallets of brand new toys donated by an anonymous corporate donor. So, we were able to add several boxes of toys, along with the normal Angels of Hope items. The Personal Dignity Kits give the children hygiene items that they can call their own. The Home Care Kits and disinfectant wipes provide sanitation to keep the homes clean and healthy. The Bed Packs, mattresses, and Cover Them With Love Quilts provide a comfortable place to sleep for children who are new to the home. Each item that goes with the Angels of Hope shipments has a specific purpose, geared towards children's homes. Every item that Midwest Mission sends (Angels of Hope and other shipments) is specifically requested, to fulfill specific needs on the other side.

We are thankful for your overwhelming response to the requests we send out, and to the items in our Kits and Projects brochure. Without you, there wouldn't be enough items in the warehouse to keep sending shipments! Thank you!

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off Results

Our Annual Chili Cook-Off was held February 28<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turnout with 49 folks in attendance. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all. 11 different chilies were available to try. Everyone in attendance voted for their favorite chili and the winners were:

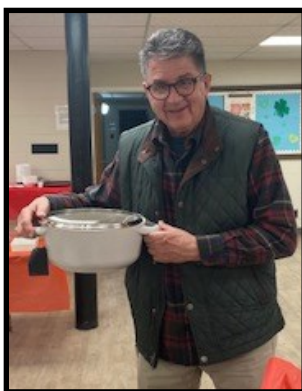


1<sup>st</sup> place went to Dan Rarey

2<sup>nd</sup> place was awarded to Dana Dillon

3<sup>rd</sup> place was awarded to Bliss Felton

A free will offering of \$220 was collected to support Houses to Homes which is the Guatemala organization we supported last year on our mission trip.



Dan



Dana



Bliss (left)



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# April



## Birthdays

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 2 TJ Nichols     | 17 Randy Wright     |
| 7 Barry Fisher   | 20 Laurie Samuelson |
| 9 John Bray      | 21 Marge Clark      |
| 9 Trent Fender   | 25 Linda Blackwell  |
| 13 Phil Rambo    | 26 Ken Hayes        |
| 14 Darby McCarty | 29 Braxton Harris   |
| 17 Tim Felton    |                     |



## Anniversaries

- 21 Craig Stewart & Marion Krefeldt  
28 Ken & Joy Hayes

“Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing.”

—Frederick Buechner

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“Where [humanity] sees but withered leaves, God sees sweet flowers growing.”

—Albert Lighton

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“It’s not about the bunny; it’s about the Lamb.”

—Unknown

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“There are always flowers for those who want to see them.”

—Henry Matisse

### Special Dates

- Holy Week, *April 13-20, 2025*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *April 13, 2025*
- Maundy Thursday, *April 17, 2025*
- Good Friday, *April 18, 2025*
- Easter Sunday, *April 20, 2025*
- Administrative Professionals Day, *April 23, 2025*

## Christian symbol

**PALM BRANCH** — When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, common symbols of victory and rejoicing. Churches still use them to remember that occasion, knowing that Jesus’ crucifixion was the ultimate triumph over sin and death. As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before God’s throne.



Don’t forget that Ellettsville First United Methodist Church can be found on the internet. If you would like to know what’s on the monthly calendar, read the church newsletter, or find other information, go to our site at [www.efumchurch.org](http://www.efumchurch.org)

## Bible Quiz



From the cross, Jesus prayed words from the book of Psalms. What were they?

- A. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
- B. “I thirst!”
- C. “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”
- D. “It is finished!”

Answer: A (See Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34; and Psalm 22:1.)

# Fun and Laughter

“Here cometh April again,” said poet Charles Lamb (1775-1834). “And as far as I can see, the world hath more fools than ever.”

That second observation may or may not be true, but April does indeed begin on a lighter note. April Fools’ Day, which is filled with practical jokes, can also be a reminder to thank God for laughter, joy, funny stories, children’s antics and other things that make us smile.

Then one week after Easter, on what’s known as Holy Humor Sunday, some churches celebrate that God played the supreme joke on death. Jesus’ resurrection is cause for joy, smiles and, yes, laughter. Even the Almighty joins in: “He who sits in the heavens laughs” (Psalm 2:4).

## Holy Week Opportunities 2025

\*April 13, Palm Sunday.

Worship at 9:30am, with Palm Parade in the Sanctuary.

\*\*Monday, April 14 thru Friday, April 18.

Devotional and Meditation Time in the Chapel daily from 12-1pm. Communion will be available.

\*Maundy Thursday, April 17. Worship in the Chapel at 7:00pm. A time to remember the Last Supper and The Great Commandment. Communion will be included.

\*April 20, Easter Sunday.

Sunrise Service at 7:30am. Rev. Steele leading.

Breakfast in Rogers Hall following Sunrise Service.

Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30am. Rev. Ostermeier is preaching: “Go, Tell Peter”

## Looking At April Events

### MENS’ TOUR OF TOYOTA ASSEMBLY PLANT IN PRINCETON

WHAT: TOUR OF THE PRINCETON TOYOTA PLANT  
WHEN: DEPART FROM THE CHURCH AT 8:30 ON MAY 22  
LUNCH: GASTHOF AMISH RESTAURANT IN MONTGOMERY  
RETURN: TO CHURCH BY 4:00

SIGN UP SHEET AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY, OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

### EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

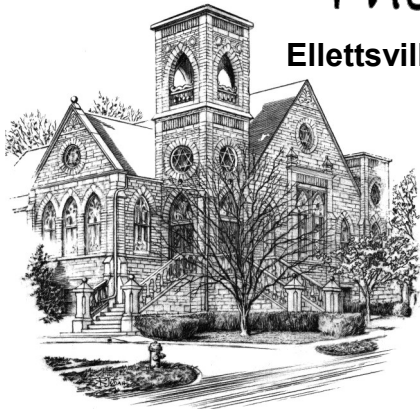
All are invited to an Easter Sunrise Service on April 20 at 7:30 AM.  
Easter Morning Worship at the regular time, 9:30, on Easter Sunday.  
Breakfast can be enjoyed between the two services.

### TRUSTEES AND THE CHURCH WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The single-panel, aluminum-framed windows have been replaced through out the building. This project will greatly improve the insulation of the building and eliminates any deterioration that has occurred over the past decades. Thanks to the Trustees for their care of our facility!

# 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
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