



2026

Ellettsville First United Methodist Church

Holiday Dinner a Great Time

The church's annual Holiday Dinner took place on December 5th. As always, the food and fellowship were awesome. This year, the craft show took place on Saturday and was held at the RBB Store.



What are your New Year's resolutions? Many make promises to change something in their lives at the beginning of each year. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, encouraged people of faith to do that very thing. Wesley developed a covenant prayer from the writings of Anglican Richard Alleine and encouraged Christians to offer that prayer at the beginning of every year. Many believers, including Methodists, have held "watch night" services on New Year's Eve, in which they have reviewed the previous year, offering confession when appropriate, and dedicated themselves to live holy lives in the upcoming year.



January will afford that opportunity for us at Ellettsville First United Methodist Church. On the first Sunday of the year, we'll consider the star-led journey of the Magi, asking how we might be invited to follow as disciples. On the following Sunday, we'll reflect on the baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan and observe a "remembrance of Baptism." During this movement, we'll consider our own baptismal vows and renew our commitment to follow faithfully as disciples. Later in the month, we'll offer a new member class, offering an opportunity to join our church, and to more fully join in living out the call of Jesus in our congregation.

Being a disciple involves repeatedly looking back to see how we have loved and lived and making a determination to join God's creative work in our world. We look forward to where that will lead us in 2026.

Blessings as we enter the New Year together!



January's Gold Can Offering will support Midwest Mission.

Midwest Mission's goal is to bring the hearts and hands of God's people together to transform resources into humanitarian relief. They send tangible resources to those in need to make an intangible difference in their lives through hope and empowerment.

- They help with Disaster Relief by preparing and sending relief kits both locally and globally.
- They help improve the health needs of others. Health is a basic human need, but many lack equipment and supplies to sustain and improve their health. They send resources like Rice and Soy Blessing Bags and medical supplies to meet community health needs.

- They encourage education. Education is a key to improving a child's circumstances. Students need tools that will set them up for success. They equip them with resources that empower them to build a better future for themselves.

- They help people establish Micro businesses by refurbishing bikes and sewing machines to send to men and women to give them the means to make a living for their family.

Please prayerfully consider giving to this Mission of God's Love.



Angel Tree

A special thanks to everyone who provided gifts for our church's Angle Tree. We helped bring a smile to the faces of 20 children of our community whose families have been struggling financially. We are all God's hand here on earth and do make a positive difference in the lives we touch.



When All Else Fails—God Reigns

When we deliberate, God reigns;
When we decide wisely, God reigns;
When we decide foolishly, God reigns;
When we serve God in humble loyalty, God reigns;
When we serve God self-assertively, God reigns;
When we rebel and seek to withhold our service, God reigns —
The Alpha and the Omega, which is, and which was and which is to come, the Almighty.



— William Temple
at the Lamberth Conference, 1930



JANUARY 2026



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Star of David Windows

Thank you for continuing to donate funds each week for restoring these beautiful historic windows. Every dollar counts and together we continue to amass the monies needed. By January 1st, the deposit for the restoration will have been paid and the windows will have been picked up for a makeover. When the project was proposed at the Administrative Council in July, the Trustees requested \$42,000 and we are almost halfway there. As the Stewardship Committee looked into the possibility of applying for grants, we realized that all of the work involved to remove the windows had already been paid by the trustees, approximately \$8,000. Which brings the total for the restoration of the windows to approximately \$50,000. We are all looking forward to celebrating the installation of the restored windows in 2026. Thank you all again for your support.



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Special Dates

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2026*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2026*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 11, 2026*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 19, 2026*



Bible Quiz



Fill in the blank to complete this verse from 2 Corinthians: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new _____. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

- A. Creation
- B. Beginning
- C. Season
- D. Covenant

Answer: A (See 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV)



The Communicator

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