



Ellisville First Methodist Church

March 2026

From Bro. Mark

On Almsgiving for Lent

All of March is devoted to the observance of Lent, with Easter arriving on May 1. My goodness, what a holy month we are in! Of course, every month is holy to the Lord, but during the season of Lent there is a heightened focus on what really makes for true holiness in God's eyes.

Almsgiving is one of the three pillars of Lent, alongside prayer and fasting. We usually think of it as simply giving money to the poor, but it includes any act of compassion or service to those in need. Jesus placed great emphasis on this throughout His life and used it as the capstone for His teaching ministry in the parable of the Sheep and the Goats.

Here is a beautiful 3rd century story that highlights the importance of almsgiving:

*St. Martin of Tours was originally an officer in the Roman army. One bitterly cold winter's day he was riding out of the town of Amiens in France, when at the city gates he beheld a beggar almost destitute of clothing, shivering with cold. No one had bothered to even offer him a worn-out garment. Martin, moved with compassion, drew his sword and cut his warm military cloak in half, giving one piece to the beggar. He then rode on. The next night he had a dream, or rather a vision. He saw Our Lord Jesus Christ, surrounded by angels, wearing the half-cloak which had been bestowed on the beggar, and saying to the angels: "**Look, this is the garment which Martin gave to me!**" This dream led to Martin's conversion. He was baptized, and from that day on was more generous in almsgiving than ever. Later, he was made a bishop and led a saintly life. ~~ Remember brethren, God regards what we do to our fellow creatures as done to Himself.*

"...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me." Matthew 25:35-36

Grace and Peace,

Bro. Mark

Volunteers for March

Children's Church

March 1 — Tracy Haynes
March 8 — Haley Walley
March 15 — Ashley Longwitz
March 22 — Ann Manning
March 29 — Lindy Farmer (music)

Audio/Visual Technicians

March 1 — Garrett Mixon & Chad Garick
March 8 — Garrett Mixon & Marley Mixon
March 15 — Garrett Mixon & Gary Herring
March 22 — Garrett Mixon & John Wesley Longwitz
March 29 — Garrett Mixon & Chad Garick

Acolytes

March 1 — Archer Manning & John Wesley Longwitz
March 8 — Amelia Manning & McClellan Cooley
March 15 — Isaac Alexander & Harvey Kerr
March 22 — Riley & Reagan Abercrombie
March 29 — Kinsley Uldrick & Suzanne Haynes

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 AM Morning Worship

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper
5:50 PM Awana
6:15 PM Prayer Service
6:30 PM Youth & Young Adults
meet at their designated rooms
7:00 PM Choir Practice

March Meetings

Methodist Men - Sunday, March 1, 8:00 a.m.

Lambuth Circle - Monday, March 2, 6:00 p.m.

Wesleyan Circle - Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 p.m.

Finance Comm. - Sunday, March 22, 8:30 a.m.

Save the Date! March 1st

There will be a catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service on March 1st. Immediately following the meal, we will gather in the sanctuary to discuss the future of Ellisville First Methodist Church and hear from our Exploratory Team.

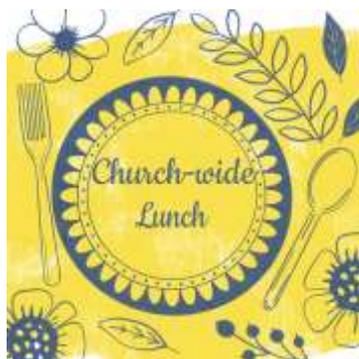
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Sunday, March 1
After Morning Worship

A catered lunch will be offered and a meeting held after the luncheon in the sanctuary where information will be presented by the Exploratory Team.



Beginning
Wednesday, March 25
4:00 p.m.
For children 5th grade & older

March Birthdays

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| 1 — Terry Buckhault | 27 — Larry Walters |
| Matthew Byrd | 29 — Jameson Alexander |
| Steve Mixon | 31 — Marley Mixon |
| 5 — Prentiss Alexander | |
| Mike Jordan | |
| Noel Rogers | |
| Kinsley Uldrick | |
| 6 — J B Bounds | |
| 7 — Jason Cooley | |
| David McGowin | |
| 10 — Melissa Butler | |
| Jeremy Manning | |
| 12 — Lindy Farmer | |
| Connor Jacobsen | |
| 16 — Mae Walley | |
| 20 — Scottlyn Buckley | |
| Diana Tullos | |

Prayer List

- Kitty Bounds – Homebound
Craig Bryan – Back surgery recovery
Shari Bryan – Cancer treatments
Terry & Marilyn Buckhault – Homebound
Sue & Charlie Coker – Homebound
Cathy Dean – Homebound
Mac Haynes – JCRH Rm 109
Charles Hollingshead – Homebound
Joann McKenzie – Homebound
Frances Munn – Homebound
Frances Reynolds – Homebound
Jeanne Reynolds – Brain surgery recovery & upcoming cancer treatments
Dave Robertson – Homebound
Dwight Sanders – JCRH Rm 107
Mary Frances “Tootsie” Stringer – Jones County Rest Home Rm 408
Jan & Jerry Wansley – Homebound