



Ellisville First Methodist Church

April 2026

From Bro. Mark

He Goes Before Us!

The story is told about two caterpillars who were crawling across the grass. One glanced up and observed a beautiful butterfly in flight. Nudging the other, he said, *“Look at that! You couldn’t get me up in one of those things for a million dollars!”*

Sometimes it’s not easy to trust our future to God and His plans, but we can dare to do so if we remember He is the God who goes before us. This was the message of the angel to the women at the empty tomb. *“Go quickly”* the angel said, *“and tell His disciples He has been raised from the dead and is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see Him.”* It’s in this confidence that we face whatever the future holds, knowing that Jesus has overcome even death and is present to guide us every step of the way.

One of my favorite hymns is written by Brian Wren. In the first line he says, *“This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that’s gone.”* Christ’s love is always preparing the way forward! Resting in this truth and believing that the *“same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead is also at work in us,”* dispels paralyzing fear and gets us airborne.

John Wesley loved to teach a wonderful doctrine called *Prevenient Grace*. It emphasizes this message of God’s faithfulness and steadfast love. On resurrection morning all God’s promises were fulfilled in Christ with a resounding *“YES!”* So, let us embrace the Easter message and celebrate our wonderful God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He has risen from the dead and *“goes before us!”*

Grace and Peace,

Bro. Mark

Volunteers for April

Children's Church

April 5 — No Children's Church (Easter)
April 12 — Ashley Longwitz
April 19 — Natalie Flynt
April 26 — Lindy Farmer (music)

Audio/Visual Technicians

April 5 — Garrett Mixon & Marley Mixon
April 12 — Chad Garick & Gary Herring
April 19 — Garrett Mixon & John Wesley Longwitz
April 26 — Garrett Mixon & Chad Garick

Acolytes

April 5 — Haynes Walley & McKinley Manning
April 12 — Harvey Kerr & Luke Welch
April 19 — Mae Walley & Liza Endom
April 26 — Archer Manning & John Wesley Longwitz

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

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

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:00 PM Confirmation Class
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

April Meetings

Lambuth Circle - Monday, April 6, 6:00 p.m.

SPRC - Wednesday, April 8, 5:00 p.m.

Youth Parent Meeting - Wed., April 8, 5:00 p.m.

Methodist Men - Sunday, April 12, 8:00 a.m.

Trustees - Sunday, April 12, 8:30 a.m.

Wesleyan Circle - Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 p.m.

Children's Council - Wed., April 15, 5:00 p.m.

Church Council - Sunday, April 26, 8:30 a.m.

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Address Service Requested



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Sunday, April 5

6:30 a.m.

Grab-n-go breakfast will be
served after this service.

No Sunday School



Easter Sunday

Traditional Morning Worship

Sunday, April 5

10:45 a.m.

April Birthdays

1 — Daniel Bartran
9 — Natalie Herndon
10 — Tom McClellan
12 — Mariann Taylor
15 — Betty Livingston
22 — Jacob Manning
25 — Carley Robinson
28 — Dianne Minter

Prayer List

Kitty Bounds – Homebound
Shari Bryan – Cancer treatments
Terry & Marilyn Buckhault – Homebound
Greg Butler – Hip replacement surgery recovery
Sue & Charlie Coker – Homebound
Family of Freida Collins
Cathy Dean – Homebound
Mac Haynes – JCRH Rm 109
Charles Hollingshead – Homebound
Family of Dana Jacobsen
Joann McKenzie – Homebound
Frances Munn – Homebound
Frances Reynolds – Homebound
Jeanne Reynolds – Cancer treatments
Dave Robertson – Homebound
Dwight Sanders – JCRH Rm 107
Family of Mary Frances “Tootsie” Stringer
Walt Therrell – FGH ICU; heart attack, stents placed
Jan & Jerry Wansley – Homebound