



# Ellisville First Methodist Church

May 2026

## From Bro. Mark

### If We All Pull Together

George MacDonald, the great Scottish author and minister, once said, *“A single draft horse is capable of moving two tons of weight. Yet, two draft horses in harness, working together, can move an astounding twenty-three tons of weight! When we join with the efforts of other believers, our efforts are likewise multiplied many-fold.”*

It’s humbling to be compared to a draft horse, but what an amazing lesson! God has arranged things in such a way that the whole is always greater than the sum of its parts—the individual performance is always raised to a higher level by the team.

I was given a nugget of gold the other day, figuratively speaking. Someone said, *“All we need in order to be productive in any endeavor is enlightenment, opportunity and courage.”* Just think about the power and truth of this statement. It applies universally. St. Paul said, *“...Equip the saints for the service of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God to full maturity.”* (Eph. 4:12-13)

Maturing in the Son is always a team effort. The Holy Spirit endows each of us with gifts and graces to be used in this effort. It’s called, *“...building up the body of Christ.”* In order for this to happen, each of us must do the hardest thing known to man, i.e., putting the interests of the body ahead of our own interests.

If we all pull together, then the Kingdom of Heaven is ours... present tense! I am reminded of C. S. Lewis’s profound insight: *“At the end of all things, the Blessed will say, ‘We have never lived anywhere except in heaven’, and the Lost, ‘We were always in Hell.’ And both will speak truly.”*

It’s a sobering insight. In which place are we abiding by the decisions we make? If we all *“decide”* to pull together (for the interests of Christ and His Kingdom), then we’re indeed abiding in heaven.

Grace and Peace,

*Bro. Mark*

## Volunteers for May

### Children's Church

May 3 — Ann Manning  
May 10— Marley Mixon  
May 17 — Jason Cooley  
May 24 — Lori & Lila Bartran  
May 31— Lindy Farmer (music)

### Audio/Visual Technicians

May 3 — Garrett Mixon & Gary Herring  
May 10 — Chad Garick & John Wesley Longwitz  
May 17 — Garrett Mixon & Marley Mixon  
May 24 — Garrett Mixon & Chad Garick  
May 31— Garrett Mixon & Gary Herring

### Acolytes

May 3 — Amelia Manning & McClellan Cooley  
May 10 — Riley Abercrombie & Sam Longwitz  
May 17 — Harvey Kerr & Luke Welch  
May 24 — Kinsley Uldrick & Suzanne Haynes  
May 31— Isaac Alexander & Will Crumpton

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
10:45 AM Morning Worship  
5:00 PM Celebrate Recovery

### Tuesday (starting May 12)

9:00 AM Hallowed Grounds Coffee Club

### Wednesday Night Schedule

#### After May 6th

6:00 PM Prayer Service

## May Meetings

**Methodist Men** - Sunday, May 3, 8:00 a.m.

**Lambuth Circle** - Monday, May 4, 6:00 p.m.

**Wesleyan Circle** - Tuesday, May 12, 6:00 p.m.

**Finance Committee** - Sun., May 31, 8:30 a.m.

### David's Schedule Change

As of Monday, May 11, David will be working part time. David will be in the office all day on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as Wednesdays until noon. With this schedule change, Hallowed Grounds Coffee Club will move to Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. Alaina Garick will be in charge of Children's activities and Katie Stone will be in charge of the Youth activities once those activities resume in the fall.

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**May 2026**



**Graduate Recognition  
Supper**

**Wed., May 6**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Bring your covered dish!**



**Ellisville Courthouse**

**Thurs., May 7**

**Noon**

## May Birthdays

6 - Wes Longwitz  
8 - Jeanette Armstrong  
Frances Reynolds  
10 - Lori Bartran  
12 - Bronson Rogers  
15 - Sherry Farmer  
17 - Kelvin Knotts  
21 - McClellan Cooley  
21 - David Jones  
22 - Matt Rounsaville  
23 - Bertha Cooley  
26 - Jameson Buckley  
Ann Manning  
McKinley Manning  
28 - Cindy Hill  
29 - Dwight Sanders  
30 - Charlie Garretson

## Prayer List

Kitty Bounds – Homebound  
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 – Cancer treatments  
Dave Robertson – Homebound  
Dwight Sanders – JCRH Rm 107  
Walt Therrell – FGH Physical Therapy on 4th floor  
Jan & Jerry Wansley – Homebound