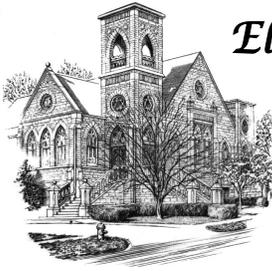


October 2024



Ellettsville First United Methodist Church

# Church Picnic!

Sunday, October 6  
Starting at noon  
Flatwoods Park

Please bring a side  
dish to share

The church will provide  
Chicken Tenders,  
Drinks, Ice, Cups,  
Plates, Napkins, and  
Silverware

Come join the  
festivities.  
Share in Fellowship,  
Games, and  
Great Food



# EFUMC's Fall Festival Float



On September 14th, our church proudly participated in the Monroe County Fall Festival for the third consecutive year, fostering a morning filled with joy, community spirit, and captivating festivities. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to all contributors who dedicated their time to prepare, decorate, and ride on our impressive float, showcasing an abundance of fruit and stuffed animals. Special thanks to Dan Rarey, Chris Kleindorfer, and the RBB Family Store for their invaluable support. We eagerly anticipate next year's event, inspired by our collective efforts and community connection.

Above: The float begins to take shape for its trip through downtown Ellettsville.



Right: Stuffed animals line the center of the float.



Above: Karen Davis stands next to the finished float and the back panel. Thanks to Dan Rarey for use of the tractor and wagon.



Above & right: People gather on the float in preparation for the ride past the parade enthusiasts and hand out stuffed animals.

# CHURCH NEWS



## Charge Conference

### Charge Conference

Wednesday, October 30. St. Mark's Bloomington 7:00

The annual Charge Conference will be held with other congregations at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Bloomington on Wednesday, October 30, at 7:00. This annual meeting conducted by the Superintendent is part of our connectional system. Members of the Charge Conference of each church include the appointed pastor(s) and the members of the Church Council or Administrative Board. Actions of the Charge Conference include reports of membership during the year, pastoral reports and the setting of Pastoral Salary for the coming year. Members of the Church Council are invited to attend.

## Looking ahead into November

**November 3:** Celebration of 200 years of the ministry of our congregation. Much more will be shared about this day throughout October.

**November 10:** Church Council after worship. The 2025 Budget will be presented for approval.

**November 17:** Commitment Sunday. Following the pattern of last year, our Commitment Sunday will focus on the various ways God uses our responses, our energies, our efforts and our ideas to further the Kingdom.

## October Choir Rehearsals

Choir members are encouraged to attend Wednesday evening rehearsals Through October at 7:30. In addition to working on Sunday Specials, the choir will spend some time at each rehearsal to prepare for a Christmas Cantata to be presented on December 15.



## World Communion on October 6



The First Sunday of October is the traditional time for observance of World Communion. This occasion reminds us that we are part of a World-Wide Church, expressed in a wide variety of forms. As we come to the Lord's Table that day we join the Church Universal and unite with all Christians around the world and through all time.

## Church Picnic on October 6

See front cover of this newsletter for information.



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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

4 Dan Rarey	13 Jerry Pittsford
4 Nathan Hall	16 Tom Slabaugh
5 Art Collins	18 Shannon Taylor
10 Bliss Felton	20 Pat Caudill
11 Jim King	22 Chris Fisher
11 JJ Smith	31 Shelly Knust

## Anniversaries

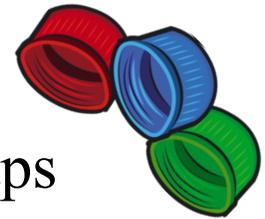
4 Pat & Penny Caudill
7 John & Barbara Kleindorfer
14 John & Melinda Barnes
29 Jim & Rita Chambers



**13 Anise Osborne turns 104!**

### Special Dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2024
- Columbus Day, October 14, 2024
- Indigenous Peoples Day, October 14, 2024
- Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024
- Reformation Day, October 31, 2024



### Bottle Caps

The Monroe County Purdue Extension Office is collecting bottle caps/rigid lids for the 4-H club. They are located at 3400 S Walnut. It's at the same turn off you'd take to the Monroe County Solid Waste District. If you don't want to take your lids down there, then drop them off at church.

## Some Things To Ponder

*"It is great wisdom to know how to be silent."*

*—John of the Cross*

*"Not seeing results? Feel like giving up? Consider this: The last thing to grow on a fruit tree ... is the fruit."*

*—Unknown*

*"The fullness of joy is to behold God in all."*

*—Julian of Norwich*

## Bible Quiz

When Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink, at which site related to the ancient Israelites is he resting?

- A. the edge of the Jordan River
- B. beside the Red Sea
- C. Jacob's well
- D. the Pool of Bethesda



Answer: C (See John 4:6.)



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU



If you are an early riser and want to talk to Anise Osborne you will have to wait a bit. She is not up until about 8:00 or 8:30 in the morning. This is a luxury for some, but for Anise, it is part of her daily routine. Mornings will find her enjoying coffee. In years past that was also a time to do a little work on the morning crossword puzzle. Life is relaxed and quiet for her, but it was not always that way.

She was born in Bloomfield, IN on October 13, 1920. For those of us who do not do math, that means that she will be 104 this month. During that time she has experienced a full life. Mom, from Stanford, and Dad, from Solsberry, had a grocery in Clear Creek and did some farming while they were having the children; Anise, three brothers, and a little infant girl that died at childbirth.

Life in the mid 1900's was full of historic events; war and depression being the biggest. These events changed many people's lives, and Anise's was no exception. She remembers her brothers going to war. She remembers ration books for gas, sugar, clothing, and many other things. She remembers doing without many things we consider normal in our lives. However, when asked about this, she says she has always "gone with the flow." Everyone was experiencing the same hardships so no one really felt they were alone in the situation.

During the depression her family lost their home and business. She remembers her parents "sitting all of us kids down and explaining that we have to move." They were going to become tenant farmers in Monroe County. While the parents had other reactions, the kids "thought it was pretty nice. We had a cow, chickens, and plenty to eat. Life in rural areas was not affected the same way as it was in the cities."

Throughout her growing up years Anise's family moved around, but always in this area. Finally they ended in Bloomington where the kids went to school. The oldest of the kids, Anise graduated from Bloomington High School at age 16. She had planned to go to business college, but the depression changed that. Instead, she entered the work force babysitting for her cousin in Solsberry.

Life was about to change. While at a September school pie supper in Solsberry, Anise met a school bus driver named, (you guessed it) Pete Osborne. He swept her off her feet. A few short months later, in April, they eloped. Eloping meant they got the license and met with the preacher without families knowing. In those days, telephones had party lines and anyone on the line could hear someone else's conversation. The preacher's wife was telling someone about the wedding and was heard on the line. By the time Anise went to tell her parents, they already knew. Maybe that was the social media of their day.

Like many newlyweds, Anise and Pete lived with his parents for a while as they started their new life together. Pete later went to work at Crane and they moved to a place in Stanford. The family grew when Rita and Larry were born. During this time, they moved to Whitehall Pike. About 1950 they moved to Ellettsville and eight years later they built the home she still lives in.

Family life at the Osborne house was busy. Anise stayed home until Larry went to school and she went to work at RCA. The plan was to work two years to buy a sewing machine and a raincoat. Pete bought her a machine at the Fall Festival (how about that?), and she cannot remember anything about the raincoat. However, the two years turned into thirty-two and she finally retired in 1980. The sewing machine helped her do mending and sew some of Rita's clothes, but sewing was never high on Anise's favorite things to do list.

As Rita and Larry became active in school, Anise kept busy with mom things. She said that sometimes she would come home from work and there would be several kids at the house. This means more mouths to cook for. Since they lived in town their house was the go-to place for country kids who could not go home between events.

Both Rita and Larry married. Between them they gave Pete and Anise four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren. Some of the kids live nearby. Grandchild Jay Taylor has been seen visiting or fixing things as he is handy and helpful. Anise says all four grandchildren have lived with them at some time in their growing years. Parents were moving, kids were in transition, or other reasons helped to make Pete and Anise's the place to be. Anise says she has always been grateful for those times they spent with the grand-kids.

Anise's church life started early in her childhood. Originally, she went to Fairview Methodist, and she and Pete continued there until they moved to Ellettsville. At that time they came to EFUMC when Pastor Alexander was the preacher. They remained because they like the size, the people, and the activities. Over the years she served on trustees and sang in the choir, which she says she still misses. She has fond memories of working with Wilma Thasher doing the bazaar dinners. Currently, she regrets not going to Rogers Hall for fellowship, but she does not like the lift; she preferred the previous chair. Maybe someone can encourage her to try it again.

Obviously, the subject of age needs to be addressed. Anise says she never thought of herself as old she turned 95. However, much has happened in her life. She remembers laying on the floor with Pete, Rita, and Larry listening to the radio mystery shows and the soap opera. TV did not enter their lives until the late 1940's. She did not think she would ever see TV. She also did not expect to see a man on the moon. Throughout her life time things have happened she also did not think about or expect. She did not expect to have to bury her son, Larry, in 2008. She did not expect to outlive her brothers and girlfriends. She and Pete were married over 77 years as Pete lived to be 99.

These days Anise is content to live a slow life style. You won't find her shopping as it is not an interest. Her life is blessed with what she needs and wants. She enjoys her flowers and the kids have fixed high benches for the flower pots so Anise can reach them easily. She says her house is convenient and she enjoys her summers here. She enjoys the Hallmark and TLC channels on TV. You can find her watching I.U. basketball, Wheel of Fortune, or Jeopardy. In the winter, we miss her, Rita, and Arly as they spend the cold months in Bradenton, Florida. Anise says she enjoys her time in both places.

For now, Anise enjoys eating out (which is good because Rita does not like to cook), taking car rides, and going to church. She appreciates all of the friendly people at church and misses those who have found new church homes. She has talked to many of them and knows they are happy where they are so she is at peace with that. Her activities are limited as there are some places the wheel chair won't go. She does not like to ask for help, but she does know she needs it and welcomes it when it comes.

Church is a major part of her life. Even with the vote (she asks why was it necessary?), it is "my church." The people are friendly and many work a lot; as she wishes she could. The ministers are very good and she has enjoyed the visits she has had. She likes the music but is too loud. "I take my hearing aids out when he plays."

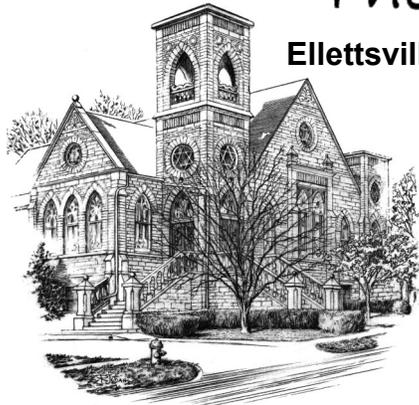
Anis says her motto is: "I don't see as good, hear as good, and can't walk, but other than that I'm just fine."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANISE

Interviewer,  
Valerie DeWar,

# The Communicator

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