

The Messenger

Greg Davis, Pastor

April 2022



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Mission Statement

*McCutchanville Community Church's mission is to connect our community with
God's
power and hope through the love of Christ.*



EASTER IS COMING! PRAISE THE LORD!

Yes, Easter is in April this year – the annual anticipated major event of the Christian Church year. Oh, you might say that is Christmas. However, to me Christmas is the announcement, Easter is the culmination. So, let's take a look at Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday – culminating with Easter.

Palm Sunday: Mark 11:9: *Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"* The crowd shouted "Hosanna," meaning Save! They recognized that Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9. They correctly saw Jesus as the fulfillment of these prophecies, but they did not understand where Jesus' kingship would lead Him. This same crowd would later cry out "Crucify Him!" when Jesus stood trial only a few days later. The message of Palm Sunday is that the Lord parades into our lives, often unannounced, and lays the promise of salvation through forgiveness of our sins at our feet. There it is, just like Jesus was there on this parade, it is ours, free of charge; we sometimes ignore it, even trample on it, but we should never miss it.

Maundy Thursday: John 15:12-13: *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.* So many events occurred on this day and night. Mere humans such as you and I would never have been able to endure the events of this day – I'm afraid, we like the disciples would have dispersed rather quickly. However, the whole evening in the Upper Room and later in the Garden were demonstrations of Jesus' love for His friends. He had to deal disciples bickering, Judas betraying, Peter denying, and later disciples sleeping while He wept. Through perseverance and prayer, Jesus would say: "Father, your will be done."

Good Friday: Luke 23:46: *Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."* [a] *When he had said this, he breathed his last.* Billy Graham said: "God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'" Many events of that first Holy Week were pretty unholy: pain, conspiracy, terrorism, hate, fear, and death. But there is nothing more evil than what happened on that Friday - and yet we call it "Good Friday." This term almost seems unholy, yet it is Good, even Great, the greatest sacrifice of all time – to absorb the sins of all humanity – yes folks – God loves you that much!

Three Days in the Tomb: Simple: Emptiness, Darkness, Separation, Aloneness

EASTER!!!: Luke 24:5-6: *In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen!"* A church elder, after looking at the attendance on Easter, suggested that they call every Sunday Easter. Great idea, but the truth is that every day is Easter from now on because the Lord is alive and living among us. He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!

Live as Easter people today, tomorrow, every day of your life!

Pastor Greg



April 3 - 10:30AM Holy Communion

April 9 - 10:00AM Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 10 - 10:30AM Palm Sunday

April 14 - 6:00PM Maundy Thursday with Communion

Easter Sunday, April 17

7:30AM Sunrise Service

8:00AM Breakfast

9:00AM Easter Celebration



Prayer Requests:

Our World, Brick
Briscoe, Joan Reed,
Cheryl Miller (our
custodian) Mary
Moore, Jim Smith,
Sara Dixon, David
Elkins (friend of Pas-



Prayer List

tor Greg), Harriett (Friend of Helen) Sials (Jerry and Jane Bennet's great grandson,, Barbara Seigert's mother, Jenny Taylor, Debby Phares, Norm Koehler, Josette Higgins, Mary Lou Ellis, Ed Schiffer (cancer treatments), all area schools and universities, God's Kids, Amy Dubber, Our Haitian children: Daphnica Noel and Richecarde Charitable Louissant, MCCutchanville Firefighters, *Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the Messenger?*

Call the church office at 812-867-5735



Easter Lilies and Tulips will be available to purchase "in memory of" or "In Honor of" for our Easter Service. Each will be \$10.00.

Order forms are available in the foyer.





McCutchanville Community Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 9, 2022
10:00 AM– 12:00 PM

9505 Petersburg Road
Ages 2-5th Grade Welcome

All Children Must be accompanied by an adult

- Egg Hunt
- Rise Up with Jesus Activities
- Easter Bunny Photo Booth
- Snacks Provided for All Attendees

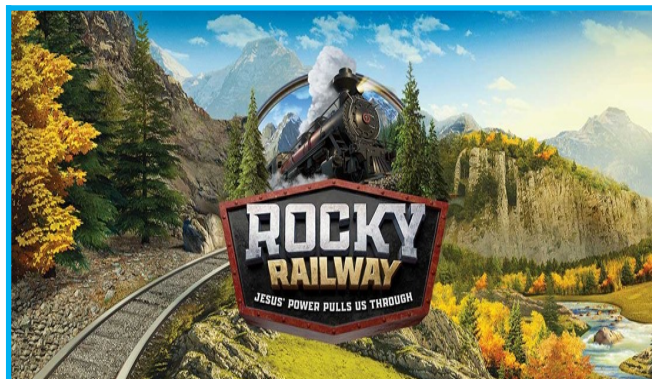
The MCC Women's Group met on March 30th to stuff candy in eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. 1500 eggs were stuffed and the ladies enjoyed each other's company for a couple of hours as they prepared for the BIG day!



The ladies are smiling when the 1500 eggs are stuffed!



Dr. Seuss
Green Day at
God Kids!



Vacation Bible School at MCC Week of June 20-24 9:45AM- Noon

For ages 2 to 5th Grade

It takes planning for any event and VBS is in the planning stages. Contact Natalie, Ashley or Teresa if you would like to volunteer for this fun event!



Pastor Greg spends time with God's Kids every week! Here he is caught giving instructions on how to use sidewalk chalk.

And he even demonstrated how to use the chalk!

What a wonderful Spring Day to be out in the sun and enjoying the children!



Church Directory

UPDATE



It is time to update the MCC directory! Our last directory was published in 2017 . . And there have been several changes!

Keith Kinney has volunteered to take pictures again of our church family so we will have a visual recognition as well as all updated telephone, address, and email addresses.

There will be an information sheet provided that should be completed with all updated information as well as the names of those who are in the photograph.

We want your picture!

McCutchanville
Community Church



Directory
2017

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With GRATITUDE THANKFULNESS APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for your generous gift! Your financial contribution will help relieve suffering and assist with recovery of one household at a time.

Please keep your prayers coming and watch our city as God works His wonders in our midst.

May God Bless you.

Kay Chapman

Maysville, KY UMC



APRIL

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Eli Reeves	7
Vanessa Hayes	9
Josette Higgins	10
Kent Burrese	15
Mark Morgan	18
Kendra Georgesen	19



Unto the Least of These - Ministry to the Homeless in Evansville

Our people on the streets of Evansville need our help and that of EVERYONE who is donating selected items and cash for this ministry. This is indeed a ministry of Jesus, being carried out by all of us (you included) who are honored to be a part of this service. Let's continue to love the unloved, as asked to do by the Master of the Universe. I bow at His Feet in Humble Adoration. Thank you EVERYONE!

Jennie Hiam

"Unto the Least of These"-Matthew 25:40, Jesus speaking....

Ministry to the homeless and underserved of Evansville

Aldersgate UMC 1-812-477-7816
5130 Lincoln Ave



April

Daniel & Vanessa Hayes	14
Linda & Bob Holder	25
Cory & Annelle Mills	27



Items needed-SMALL containers of baby powder, SMALL containers of sunscreen, small pads of paper and writing pens (inexpensive), toilet paper, small pkgs. of kleenex, bath towels and wash cloths (clean, used), mens bluejeans (used, clean, sizes 32-36), T-shirts (M, L, and XL), sweatshirts, good walking shoes.

(please see
the other Marchweekly "Street Talks" at-

FOR RENT

9401 Petersburg Road is currently taking applications for rent. Please direct all inquiries to Mary Getz, 812-499-2597.



The house will be available by July 1, 2022. \$1,900.00 a month with a 12 month contract. Renter pays Center Pointe and Water. No pets preferred.

3 bedrooms, 1 down & 2 upstairs
2 full baths, 1 half bath
Large great room, kitchen, laundry room.
Stylish remodeled 2387 sq ft with unfinished 570 sq ft basement. Complete renovation completed April 2021 so the interior is completely new with LVT flooring, beautiful custom kitchen by Amish, quartz countertops. Kitchen appliances are included.
Large walk-in storage area,
Open front porch & concrete patio
Large detached garage.

1 acre lot (maintained by MCC)

Interested inquiries must contact Mary Getz to



April is soup and crackers for the local food bank at Patchwork Central. Please bring your donations and put in the basket. EVERYTHING is appreciated!



The UMYH 's Newsletter arrived ! Copies are on the bulletin boards. The new girls dormitory is under construction and everyone is excited for the move in day! There are several interesting stories and several ways to volunteer at the youth home.

Pastor Greg and Teresa continue to deliver an evening meal once a month. The girls and boys always look forward to the meal which is provided through our contributions.



MENU **TUESDAY**

April 5: Burgers & Brats
April 12: Chicken & Dumplings
April 19: Sloppy Joe
April 26: Vegetable Soup



March 2022 Attendance and Giving

	Att	Build- ing Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	VBS (Pancake Dinner)	Samar- itan Purse	Tue Meals	Memo- rials/ Margie Smith	Missions (Haiti)	Lent Boxes	Total Checking Deposit
March 6	58	\$475.00	\$1,232.00	\$310.00	\$513.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$6.00		\$2,836.00
March 13	55	\$905.00	\$2,397.00		\$40.00	\$662.00				\$125.00	\$4,129.00
March 20	62	\$150.00	\$1,049.00		\$47.00	\$25.00		\$50.00	\$100	\$70.00	\$1,392.00
March 27	62	\$20.00	\$1,343.00				75.00		\$1.00	\$10.40	\$1,449.40



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 27	March 28 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	March 29 11:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved	March 30 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	March 31 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	April 1	April 2 8-10 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall 9:00-12:00
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STREE TALK

Unto the Least of These Ministry to Homeless in Evansville

March 5, 2022

Hello everyone!

We continue to thank all of you who are helping keep everything in our mission room at church in PERFECT order! I also wanted to add that we now have some Harrison H.S. students who are helping with that endeavor every Friday morning. All of this is under the direction of CHIEF Pat Marienau! Please stop by room #210 to check things out if you like. You can still leave your donated items in the grocery cart by the door of the church near the office as always. In addition to the above information, I would like to tell you that we can always use a few items-new/used clean sleeping bags, NEW cotton underwear for women (sizes 7 OR 9) and NEW boxer briefs for men (sizes M, L, or XL). Also, a few hygiene items such as deoderant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and razors. Thank you for helping with the above. Now, I need to tell you some things about our week out on the streets.....

Last Sunday afternoon, I took several pairs of NEW shoes out on the streets that Pastor Darrell Rice obtains for us frequently from his source in KY. These are SO VERY MUCH APPRECIATED! I pulled into the parking area for the United Caring Shelter and the shoes were gone IMMEDIATELY! Every pair was deeply appreciated by those who received them. Thank you, Pastor Darrell!

On Monday afternoon, I took some new clothing items over to Hope Hall on East Franklin St. which is operated by the Volunteers of America. There are approx. 95 recently incarcerated individuals who reside there BUT also have day-time employment in our area. They are placed there by the Indiana Dept. of Corrections. Many are homeless and also drug addicts. This facility is ALWAYS very appreciative of all our ministry is doing for them.

I met a young man out on the streets on Monday who has a definite immobility problem of his left arm. He told me it was secondary to an old injury (a fight??). From what he told me, he had NEVER had an adequate medical evaluation of his arm so I immediately referred him over to ECHO for health care. I have cards for this facility that I carry with me for referrals. Hopefully he will take advantage of this opportunity. One thing I found out from him is that he ALSO lives in one of those cheap motel rooms over on Fares Ave. (Remember?-this is the red light district of Evansville). I have lost track of the number of homeless people I have come in contact with who live at that site. This young man told me that these "accommodations" are dirty and very unkempt. But "at least I have a roof over me!", he told me. During the day, he panhandles out on the streets and gets his meals at the shelters, etc. per his statement. I am so very glad that our city govt. is working to improve the mental health care availability for our people. Did any of you see the news to that effect in the paper as well as on T.V. this past week? I am praying and trusting that this health care will be provided ASAP.

On Tuesday of this past week, Terri and I took the van and went over to the Potter's Wheel Mission (corner of Jefferson and Governor) to help the people in that area over their lunch time which is served at the Mission. They were MOST appreciative! I knew a lot of the people we visited with from the jail (my past health care experience there), the shelters, and from the streets around town. We are hoping we will be able to continue providing this service at that site once each month from now on. Thank You, Dear Father, for arranging for us to visit these dear people this past week. From there, we drove over to the Rescue Mission. There were several people just standing outside. I don't believe any of them were residents of the Mission. They just came there for a meal. We saw several younger people there, some of these were just newly on the streets. They were VERY MUCH in need of EVERYTHING! We talked with one woman who had NO OTHER possessions other than what she was wearing that day! We provided her with as many items as we had available. We referred her to ECHO for a social service evaluation. Hope she went there. She was unable to get a room at Ruth's House-none available. She had already tried to go that route.

We had different people tell us that with the weather warming up they will just have to sleep outside because the United Caring Shelter will not have the "white flag" opportunity available for them. They can only go there if the temp. is below freezing. They will have to resort to porches, sheds, garages, etc. Sometimes there are 10-12 people all crowded up together in one of the above locations. The city is providing some facilities here and there as housing for our people. However, many times they abuse these areas with trash, damage to property, abusive behavior, etc.

We saw one young man at the Rescue Mission who had only ONE shoe on! He had only a dirty sock on the other foot! THANKFULLY, we had a NEW pair of shoes/boots that we gave to him PLUS some socks that several of you have donated to this ministry!! He was thrilled, as were we! Thank You, Dear Father, that Pastor Darrell was able to supply us with those shoes for distribution to our people. We are CONSTANTLY in awe at how God is meeting our people's needs through donations to this ministry!

Do you remember my telling you about Michelle recently? She definitely has many psycho-social problems. Recently, her 25 y.o. son was killed in a car accident over in Illinois. She had last seen him when he was 7 y.o. We see Michelle frequently at many different locations around town. You NEVER know what her behavior will be at any given time. Well, I saw her just this last Thursday. She had been unable to get to her son's funeral. She was very sad. I spent some time with her and told her how much Jesus loves her AND how much I love her. We hugged each other and then she turned around and walked away. Oh, Father-please be with this dear woman. This brings to my mind something else. Last year, Pastor Jim and our team provided a communion service on Good Friday for our people at the United Caring Shelter. I'm going to see if we can do this again this Easter. Last year, several of our people were in tears by the end of the service. We did this in the parking lot of the shelter (corner of 6th and Ingle). I'll keep you posted on this. We would like for as many of you to come as possible. Later.....

There is ALWAYS a lot I could say but I give you enough reading to do as it is! However, this week, I came across something that St. Augustine wrote which really touched me. Please read the following:

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It was eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of humanity. That is what love looks like."

May we all continue to do the above. Thank You, Dear Jesus, for serving in this ministry with us. We love you, Father, and we love Your people. Thank you, everyone for your participation.

Jennie Hiam

"Unto the Least of These"-Matthew 25:40 (Jesus speaking)

Ministry to the homeless and the underserved

Aldersgate UMC 1-812-477-7816

5130 Lincoln Ave.

March 12, 2022

Hello everyone!

There are several things I could share with you as we speak but I think the most important thing is that we need EVERY-ONE to be praying for this ministry and for our dear people on the street. I will go ahead and share some of these situations with you.

One great thing is that several of our people are getting apartments and jobs through Aurora-the primary local agency caring for their primary needs. So we are VERY thankful for that!!

One thing for which we are requesting prayer specifically is that many of our people are "getting" rooms at those small motels out on Fares Ave. This is SO VERY distressing to me! Prostitution and drug activity is going on LIKE CRAZY in this part of town AND in those motels. AND I hate to tell you this, but Kiely, the young pregnant woman (6 months along) that we have been following very closely has been frequenting that site now for some time. I asked her SPECIFICALLY if anyone was hurting her in any way OR if she was having sex with any of those men and she said an EM-PHATIC "NO"! Since she has been sleeping on the streets, other than for her going to the United Caring Shelter on really cold nights, this is where she is staying! This past week, she came up to me when we were at the shelter, hugged me, and said, "I love you, Grandma Jennie". (Let me add one positive note here. I stopped over at Birthright on Read St. yesterday. They will provide her with a complete newborn layette, clothing, and diapers, etc. for 6 months after the birth of this little one. I will give her that information when I see her again.)

Then, Kiely told me she had some good news!!! She now has a room at Ruth's House as of last evening. Since the women who are there can only be there on a 24 hour basis on Saturdays and Sundays, I am going to start going there on week-ends to see what some of the specific needs are these women have. Other than for the weekends, these women can only be there from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. on Monday through Friday. Otherwise, they are out on the streets (OR over on Fares Ave. probably selling their bodies! The latter is the information several have given me).

By the way, our ministry has been providing bus tokens on an occasional, if NEEDED, basis to any of our people who have a specific, legitimate (I HOPE) site to go to where they can get help for some particular need they may have. Some of these sites have been for health care, Aurora (job seeking), etc. AND I am VERY HAPPY to tell you that some of these very people have been able to obtain jobs, as I mentioned earlier. Thank You, Dear Jesus!

One stop I wanted to tell you about was a personal one of mine over at the House of Bread and Peace. Pastor Darrell Rice of the Connection Church here locally had obtained additional new shoes and clothing items for us to distribute so I took a lot of them to this location. One of their Moms and her 8 yr. old son came out to help us carry things in. Just as a loving gesture, I gave the Mom and her son each one a \$5 gift card for McDonald's. They were THRILLED! Thankfully, there is a McD. really close by where they were staying, so they considered this a MAJOR treat! We usually keep some of these gift cards in the van for distribution such as this. This is called "Christian Love", too.

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We stopped in at one small downtown deli which we frequent on occasion, and we saw two of our men there. One of the guys smiled a lot when he saw us! He immediately came over to us and showed us the new shoes on his feet that Pastor Darrell had given us to distribute. He was THRILLED! He told us that he has a friend who lives down at Barkley Lake and has a decent camper he can use for housing. He even had transportation down there! I hope and pray all of this is on the "up and up"! Please Jesus, we want this man to be in a good housing situation.

While we were in the deli (as above), we saw another one of our men who approached us and thanked us again for the "wonderful" backpack one of you had given us to give to him. He was SO VERY appreciative! We did find out this time that this man has severe lung disease and carries his oxygen tank inside of his backpack which he uses as needed. We encounter "surprises" all the time!!

Unfortunately many of our people are over all in poor health. We saw a young man at the Salvation Army this week who has a very obvious mass in the side of his neck. We immediately referred him to ECHO for health care, but, fortunately, he told us he already had an appointment to be seen. Hope he follows up with that. This could very definitely be a "cancer" of some sort. We'll keep an eye out for him.

We also saw a middle-age man at the S.A. with "yellow eyeballs" (icterus). It was hard to evaluate for other symptoms and physical findings in that situation but he denied "drinking or drug use" by history. Hmm..... Of course, this could always be a liver infection (hepatitis), but he definitely needed health evaluation quickly. We gave him the information to contact ECHO. Also, we refer individuals to the Social Work at the Salvation Army for assistance in a situation like this.

We were VERY busy at the Mets Bus Station on Thursday. Right when I got out of the van, a young man ran up to me, crying as he came, asking me to pray with him. I don't recall ever seeing this person. However, I always count it a privilege to pray with someone in need. I asked him a few more questions as to specifically what the issue was but he just kept on sobbing. To be honest about this, I didn't need to know the particulars of this situation. GOD KNEW what was going on! So, I put my arms up over his shoulders and we prayed. I REALLY sensed the Presence of God there ON THE SPOT! When we finished, he thanked me profusely and then went back to sit down on a bench. When we deliver box lunches to our people at the bus station, I usually walk around and talk with as many people as I can. Many are sitting on seats lined up in a row and then others are inside the ticket office area waiting. I offer them the meal and encourage them to go out to the van to get it. If they have a lot of personal items with them (backpack, blankets, etc.), I ask them to simply leave them where they were seated and I will "stand guard" over them until they return getting their lunch. They are most appreciative. When we were finished distributing the lunches, I headed back out to the van. Suddenly, the same young man (as above, requesting prayer) came running over to me profusely thanking me for the prayer and how much he appreciated it. Needless to say, I WAS OVERWHELMED, too! God was DEFINITELY in our midst that day AND at that particular time!

As I recall, this young man's name was "Roy". Please continue to be praying with me for him regarding his life and all that was going on. You know, I really believe he saw the name of our church, and particularly the word, "church" on the side of the van and he was trusting that he would receive God's help by speaking with us. I am STILL overwhelmed by this situation. Thank You, Dear Jesus!

One more interesting situation that was God inspired! When I was driving on MLK Blvd. heading home after all of the above, I saw an older gentleman walking in front of the Civic Center. I could tell he was very cold. NO coat, hat, or gloves- only a white plastic bag of belongings hanging over his shoulder. I had no idea where he was heading. I was able to turn around down by the Ford Center and head back in this man's direction. WELL!! I saw four (4) cops getting things out of their cars, probably heading into work. I pulled right up next to them, introduced myself and told them the situation. I gave them the items I had laid out for this older gentleman (a pull-on hat, warm scarf, gloves, one of our healthy treat bags, and a bottle of water). I told them I needed their help AND that gentleman needed it likewise. I pointed toward the direction where I last saw him and asked them to get ALL of these items to him. All four of these cops were smiling, and were very kind. I reminded them that I support them in their work so they need to help me in mine! Well, I have a GOOD idea they followed through on what I asked them to do. I know a homeless person in need when I see one so I wanted this man to get help NOW!!! (That's not bad for an 80 year old grandma, is it???)

Anyway, on the more pensive side of what we are doing, we MUST continue to reach out and help our fellow humanity. AND I am CONVINCED that PRAYER is the KEY to what we are doing in Evansville AND also for our dear fellow humanity in Ukraine and the rest of the world! Oh, dear Jesus! We desperately need you like NEVER before! THANK YOU that we KNOW You are the One True God!
Jennie Hiam

Specific needs-new or clean used blankets/sleeping bags, new/used socks, new/used mens' bluejeans sizes 32, 34, 36, and womens' sizes 12, 14, men's sweatshirts-all sizes, bus tokens, perhaps 20-25 small Bibles written in Spanish (seeing more Hispanic families now), used "In Touch" magazines by Dr. Charles Stanley. Thank You!!

STREE TALK

March 19, 2022

Hello everyone!

As I sit here typing, I am in absolute AWE of the God of the Universe! I have sensed His Presence so VERY strongly in our ministry out on the streets of Evansville. He is providing so many WONDERFUL things for us to distribute to the homeless and underserved of our area-it is OVERWHELMING at times! Their needs are SO VERY GREAT! Thank You, Dear Jesus, for being with us! Let me share some of my thoughts with all of you regarding this.

Last Sunday, I went to Ruth' House over on Walnut Street and took these women some things that many of you have contributed. They were definitely items that they needed! Marcia, the Director, told me that with certainty! The women who are there (22 of them presently) are drug addicts and/or are homeless and many are running from abusive situations. She told me about one woman who just recently came there during the night, knocked on the door, and IMMEDIATELY wanted help! She was running from an abusive partner who was chasing her. Her sole earthly possessions were the clothes on her back! I am SO VERY GLAD we collectively can be of help to these dear women! I plan to continue visiting that site every Sunday afternoon. A local family physician called me this last week and had some brand NEW pajamas/lounging wear to donate, so I am taking these to R.H. tomorrow. Please continue to pray for these dear women and their families, wherever they may be.

The one pregnant young woman, Kiely, whom we are following, is now staying at Ruth's House. Marcia told me that Kiely is due for delivery at any moment. I will check this out further and get back to you about the situation. Please be praying for her, her future, and that of this special child.

I saw my friend, Billy, over at the UCS this past week. We hadn't seen him for 2-3 weeks so I was wondering as to his whereabouts. He told me he had developed a heart problem and had been hospitalized for a few days the week before. He is presently on medication for this condition. Has a strong family hx. of the same. We talked a few minutes and then he went over with some of the other men. At the conclusion of our visit at the shelter, he ran back over to the van and said, "I need my hug, Grandma Jennie"! He and I have become ol' buddies over the years and I always hug him when we leave. To be honest about it, I needed a hug from him, too!

Bert and Dwayne Deutsch (my friends from Blue Grass Church who drive the van on occasional Mondays for us) and I were VERY busy when we were out with our people this past week! The people we see at all locations are so very appreciative of our help (and yours, as well). We had one older woman come up to the van at the UCS wrapped up in a blanket and with tears in her eyes. She was dealing with multiple problems, many of them having to do with the shelter. She told me she had been "kicked out of the shelter" and not permitted to return. We had difficulty understanding her because of her crying. I called inside the shelter and had the woman at the desk come out and try to determine what the problem was. She promptly removed her from the property and called "911". I have no idea what all was happening. The people we see have MULTIPLE, MULTIPLE personal problems which are beyond us for any resolution. Just as an FYI here-I have been invited to meet with some of the agencies here locally whose job is to assist people on the street and to see how we can collaborate to remedy some of these situations. I will be anxious to hear what they say and what they can offer. I also want to know how we can help further in caring for our people. Please be praying in regards to this meeting (next week). I'll keep you posted.

The remainder of the week, we were very busy at all the sites we visit (Patchwork, UCS, the Salvation Army, and Mets Bus Station, along with people on the streets in general).

It seems like we are seeing more and more people with health issues that need care. We saw one woman at Patchwork (age 44) who is probably pregnant by someone "unknown". She is "unsure" just who. She told me she sleeps in "different locations". I am so very glad we have our nurse practitioner, Jane, with us to check some of these situations out further. Jane has also been providing foot care for any of our people who are interested. You can only imagine what their feet look like because of their walking around all over town, poor hygiene, no shoes on occasion, chronic illness that affects the feet, etc. Just this past week, we saw a "youngish" woman with no shoes or socks on at all! She told me that someone had stolen her shoes! This is not uncommon-personal items are stolen VERY frequently! Another man came up to me walking barefooted in the rain one time. A young man came up to me a couple of weeks ago with one shoe on and only a sock on the other foot. Let me add here that ALL personal items are stolen VERY frequently.

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I have told you about other health situations we have encountered with our people in the past. One recent situation was that of a man with what appeared to be shingles involving the nerves to the eye. He had huge blisters over his forehead and the front part of his head. Thankfully, he was already seeing a physician over at ECHO. I am SO VERY THANKFUL we can refer our people for excellent health care, knowing they will be evaluated ASAP and followup provided.

The Mets Bus Station continues to be VERY busy with people everywhere around there-the homeless, the working poor, and many Old Order Amish Families. When homeless people up and down the streets in all directions see our church van, many run over for assistance very quickly. We are MOST happy to help as needed.

When I first started writing this "editorial" today, I said something about our knowing that God is DEFINITELY working in this ministry through ALL of us! Well, On Thursday of this week, I noticed that we were getting VERY low on our supply of toothpaste, toothbrushes, and dental floss. When we got back to church, we discovered that a local dentist who has helped us in the past with our ministry had been to the church AND had left us a VERY LARGE supply of the above mentioned dental items for our ministry! In fact, all of these items were from the "Southwestern Indiana Oral Health Foundation". I was absolutely OVERWHELMED and had to sit down a little bit just to recover! Thank You, Dear

Jesus! And thank you, Dr. Buedel, for your kindness. You are VERY MUCH appreciated!

Now, just for your general information, we are in need of several items again to distribute to our people. They are as follows:

Blankets (new or clean used), backpacks (same), sleeping bags (same), towels and washcloths (same), socks (same), bluejeans (same as above, men's-sizes 32, 34, 36, women's 12, 14, 16), T-shirts (same as above, medium, large, XL, men's and womens). We are o.k. on hygiene items now).

One last thing-on Good Friday afternoon of last year, we conducted a Communion Service at 1 p.m. at the United Caring Shelter in the parking lot (corner of 6th and Ingle downtown), for any of our people who would like to attend. This includes the homeless AND any of you who would be interested in coming. Our pastor, Jim Clark, will be ministering at this event. Many of our people VERY MUCH appreciated this. I will be in attendance, too. So, please come join us. What we are doing in this street ministry is making every effort to provide assistance to our people regarding their many human needs which we all have. In ADDITION to this, we want to introduce them to the God of the Universe, Jesus Christ, so they will know that He loves them and wants to help them with their spiritual needs. You know, our people VERY frequently take the Bibles and Christian literature that many of you have provided, AS WELL as asking for personal prayer with them on the spot. This last Thursday, I had the honor of praying with three of our people. I am honored to do so. I hope to be able to continue providing this ministry with YOUR help for many years to come. Thank you!

Jennie Hiam

"Unto the Least of These"-Matthew 25:40, Jesus speaking

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Hello everyone!

I continue to be in awe as to how the Master of the Universe is working in this ministry! Here are some details!! Last Sunday, Sue Moore and I went downtown to Ruth's House on Walnut St. to see how we could help them further. There are 22 women there presently. All are homeless and/or have drug/alcohol problems, mental health issues, as well as having been abused as a child or as an adult. We aren't permitted to meet with them as a group but we did talk with 3-4 of the women in their garage. We gave them new socks, new pajamas/lounge wear, as well as new Bibles, copies of "Our Daily Bread" and other Christian literature. They were All very appreciative of these gifts. As I have mentioned to you before, none of these women are permitted to stay there on the premises during the day on Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. but do return for the night to sleep. They simply walk the streets or go over to other shelters during the day. I do want to add here that we asked the ladies who were there if they would like for us to pray WITH them before we left. They answered in the affirmative without any hesitation!! So, we did AND were honored to do so. We will continue to go back to see them hopefully every Sunday afternoon.

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We saw the young pregnant woman (Kiely) that I have told you about on numerous occasions over at the United Caring Shelter on Monday when Terri and I were there. She looked very tired and sad. It seems like she gives us a different "due-date" for the delivery of her baby every time we see her. I told her I had missed seeing her lately. She told me she had been in jail for 3-4 days on a charge of "failure to appear" in the court system. I have no idea what that was about and I didn't pursue it. Anyway, because of this, she has not been able to get back into Ruth's House for the present so she has been sleeping on the streets. Oh, dear Jesus-please continue to be with Kiely and her little one. We would like for all of you to continue praying for this young woman and her unborn child. She is continuing to be seen at ECHO and at the Deaconess Women's Hospital clinics. My heart aches for this dear young mom, her unborn child, and their future.....

On Monday, when Terri and I were out on the streets, we were VERY busy! I wanted to tell you about one young man (age 28, named "Noah") who is a veteran of the Afghanistan conflict. He has suffered from PTSD for some time now. He is presently staying at the UCS, so that is helpful. He has a service dog with him named "Shadow" who helps him immensely with his anxiety and stress. Is a beautiful, black Lab. Noah was SO VERY HAPPY to see us and talk with us. We asked him if he would like us to pray with him and his INSTANT reply was "YES"!! So, we did! What an HONOR! Please continue to be with Noah and his dog, dear God of the Universe. We will continue to try to keep track of Noah and his situation and relay the news back to you. PLEASE be much in prayer for this young man as well as ALL the others on the streets that we see.

Another veteran that we see every time we are out on the streets is "Jim"-the 80 y.o. who served our country in the Viet Nam conflict years ago. He has lived down along the river, then in a large box he found that he used for cover, and now in an abandoned garage. He always shows up at the Salvation Army when we are there, just for a friendly chat, AND for a roll of toilet paper! Bless his heart! This last time he wanted to bring us something! So, he brought ALL of the plastic bags back to us that we had given to him to use for other people's items. AND, we really needed those bags, so that WAS a blessing! Thank You, Dear Jesus! And continue to be with Jim out on the streets, Dear Father.

Our nurse practitioner, Jane Kratochvil, has been providing health care at Patchwork Central, and anywhere else it is needed. She saw the one woman (age 44) for further evaluation that I had seen at P.C. last week. We were wondering if she might be pregnant. Thankfully, she is NOT, so we were grateful for that. BUT, she has numerous other health issues related to being on the streets, doing drugs/alcohol, and probably prostituting herself out to any and everybody who comes along. She has no specific home. Please be praying with us for her and her life in general. Will keep you posted.

As an update, this week we received 8 large bags of wonderful clothing items for our people from the "Connection Church" out on the North side of town. The pastor is Darrell Rice. One of these bags was FULL of beautiful blankets which the women of the church had made for our ministry!! Needless to say, I was overwhelmed! Thank You, Jesus! Included in their gift to us was approx. 15 pair of nice men's dress pants that were donated by a local retired eye Dr. Well, I promptly took the latter part of this donation downtown to Hope Hall (operated by the Volunteers of America) which houses people recently released from prison. Presently, they have 66 individuals (including 3 women), in their facility on East Franklin St. as well as 39 people on house-arrest around town. The management at H.H. is ALWAYS very appreciative of the items we bring to them for distribution to their people. Many of the latter are homeless by history. So, what we are giving them probably is among the nicer items of clothing they have ever had. I am so thankful we can help them out AND give them encouragement!

I would like to close this "editorial" with you by sharing a note that Bill Clippinger sent to me regarding an experience he had when he was with us driving the van this last Thursday:

"I shared with you about the young man who was so cold he was shaking. We helped him with warm clothes, gloves, etc. He was so very grateful! Thank God we were there to be of assistance. He left wearing warm clothing, carrying a bed roll and possessing a new attitude".

"A woman wanted a sweatshirt. We had a very pretty female, warm sweatshirt that she loved. She put it on and said how pretty it was. I said she looked beautiful and she said that was the nicest thing anyone had said to her in a long time. That was God using me (Bill) to share His love for all of us".