

Messenger



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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.



Over the years, pastors in the Indiana Conference of the UMC have been encouraged to follow a distinct Wesleyan influence. One of the emphases is to follow John Wesley's *Three Simple Rules* and to actually live by the THREE Simple Rules: do no harm, do good, stay in love with God. John Wesley gave us those rules, all clergy agree to them when they are ordained, and all United Methodist people are called to follow them. Reuben Job wrote a very short book entitled *Three Simple Rules, A Wesleyan Way of Living*. Mr. Job states: "We live in such a fast paced, frenzied, and complex world that it is easy to believe we are all trapped into being someone we do not wish to be and living a life we do not desire to live" (Job 7). Sound like you?

The first of the Three Simple Rules is "Do not harm." Our *Book of Discipline* states: "By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced." So how are you doing with the first one? Do you think Wesley had something else in mind when he was considering that which is most generally practiced? Is there a lot of generally practiced bad stuff going on today? Let your thoughts wander a bit... How about abandonment of children, and young children running the streets at all hours of the night? How about sexual exploitation of our young people leading to human trafficking? How about hunger? How about the perils of meth and other drug use in our area? How about gossip? How about the words that we use – either complaining about someone else or whining about our present predicament? How about profanity? Quite possibly, with the exception of meth, Wesley faced these issues in his day like we do and he said to avoid this type of behavior.

So how do we avoid this behavior, and "do no harm"? This involves growing deeper in faith and not continuing to be as an infant spiritually as Paul writes about to the Church of Corinth in 1 Corinthians 3:1-3. In fact Paul tells them "You are still worldly." Their own desires must be controlled in order to come to some maturity of faith. This rule, do no harm, like Paul's honest assessment of the Corinthian church, is not an easy rule; it does demand a radical trust in God's presence, power, wisdom, and guidance and a radical obedience to God's leadership.

Upon our baptism and receiving of the Holy Spirit in our very lives, we are new creations, and with this newness we are beginning a journey of being transformed into the likeness of Christ. Is this a tall order? Yes, it is, but it is also a demand on the life of one who claims to be a Christian. We must change. Reuben Job says: "***To do no harm means that I will be on guard so that all my actions and even my silence will not add injury to another of God's children or to any part of God's creation***" (Job, 31).

Try it out this month, Do no harm, and next month we will discover what it means to then take this and begin to "Do Good." But if you want to get a head start in doing good, you have my permission.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg

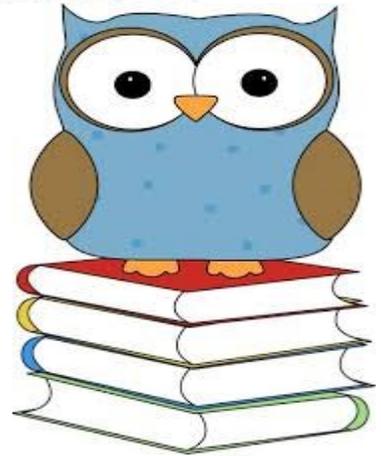
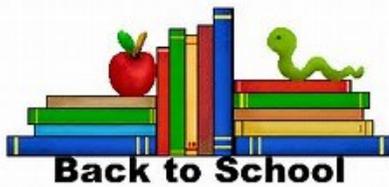
BACK TO SCHOOL

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A BENEVOLENT GOD CAN LET BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE

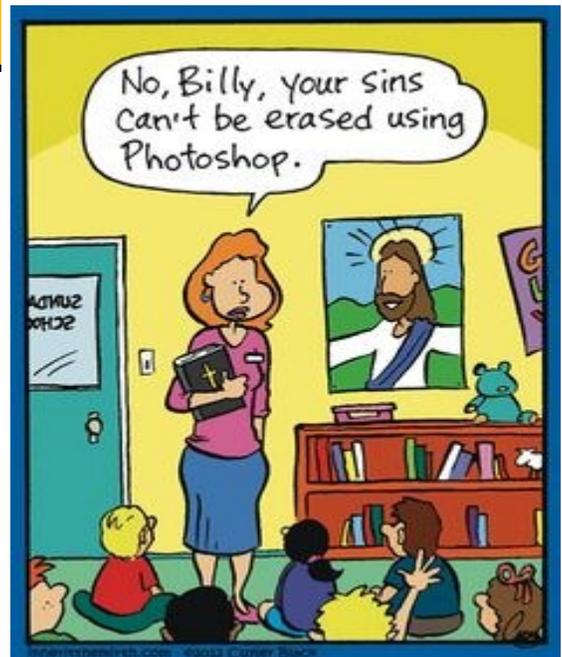


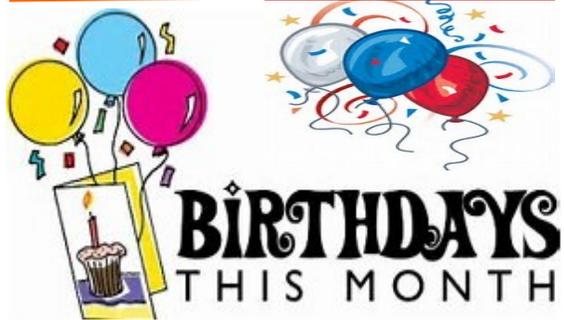
On August 7, MCC will be joining with Bluegrass, The Connection Church, and Mt. Pleasant to serve lunch to the teachers and staff at Scott School. Please let Helen Finke know if you would like to be of service that day.

Integrity Compassion Safety Team Oriented Committed

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME

Our congregation will be collecting school supplies for the United Methodist Youth Home during the months of August and September. Our donation box is located in the hallway outside the offices. Please bring anything you know will be used by children during the school year: markers, pencils, notebooks, pens, etc.





AUGUST

- Larry Ellerbrook 3
- Gene Glackman 5
- Hayden Tapp 5
- David Georgeson 7
- Angie Shoptaugh 8
- Victoria Hayes 14
- Gina Muller 14
- Joan Reed 16
- Megan Davis 18
- Bill Roettger 23
- Eddie Moll 30



- Bill & Joy Roettger 3
- Dean & Maren Hubble 19
- Larry & Kathy Ellerbrook 20
- Larry & Cherissa Williams 28



Back by Popular Demand!!
MCC's 2nd annual "Lunch on the Lawn"!!

Stop by for FREE Hotdogs and drinks, cookies and fellowship!

Friday September 2nd
11:00 am—1:00 pm



Be sure to check out our website!
Mccutchanvillecc.org



Pastor Greg and Teresa will be on a must deserved and needed vacation August 6 -15. Please contact Helen at 812-454-4391 for any ministerial emergency.



Shiloh Abner will be having surgery on August 16th. This will be a difficult time for the family and we as a congregation can help by providing meals and helping to get Savannah and Kennedy to school. There will be a sign up sheet in the hallway with meal suggestions as well as school times.



Ushers
 August: Heath & Amanda Kline
 Larry & Kathy Ellerbrook

July's Attendance and Giving

	Attendance	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Special Project Donation	Habitat Collection & Missions	Facility Rental	Food Pantry	VBS Donation & Children's Ministries	Total Checking Deposit
July 2	57	\$1,120.00	\$1671.00	\$1,100.00		\$250.00				\$4,096.00
July 9	57	\$169.00	\$1744.00	\$1375.00				\$25.00		\$3,313.00
July 16	96	\$554.00	\$2,220.00	\$1100.00						\$3,874.00
July 23	72	\$194.00	\$1,647.00	\$1,100.00	\$2,000.00					\$4,941.00
July 30	64	\$189.00	\$1813.00	\$1,100.00			\$75.00			\$3,177.00



We always thank
God for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV



In Our Prayers

Joy Roettger The McManus Family (Josette Higgin's daughter and granddaughter), Brick Briscoe (Teresa's brother) Sharon Hendricks, Ed Schiffer, Jonathan & Shiloh Abner, John & Irene Green (Jane Bennett's parents), Nancy Glackman, Amy Higgins, David and Sarah Dixon, Ruth Postal, Peggy Davidson, Marie Pickett, Parker Dubber, The homeless population, God's Kids, our FireFighters

Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the **Messenger**? Please contact the church office



Firefighter's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God,
Whenever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save a life
Whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late
Or save an older person from
The horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest shout,
To quickly and efficiently
Put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling,
To give the best in me,
To guard friends and neighbors
And protect their property.

And if, according to Your will
In my duty I should fall,
Bless with Your loving hand
My family one and all.



We pray for these 14 firefighters
Justin Sturgeon

Ricardo Zacarias

Adam Smith

Michael Smith

Robert Young

James Hines

Patrick Knight

Chris Lemon

Bryan Happe

Todd Veeck

Austin Smith

Tucker Patterson

Blake Howell

Brandon Elliott, Lieutenant

McCutchanville Firefighters with their new Bibles from MCC, The Connection, and Mt Pleasant Churches.

Celebration Sunday!



Our Pastor's Anniversary



Teresa and Pastor Greg have been reappointed to MCC!



New Members Are Joining



Seven new members joined our church family! From left: Dean Hubble, Maren Hubble, Gordon Venema, Cherrie Venema, Barbara Siegert, Jennifer Harwood. Eileen Venema is not pictured. Welcome!!

On August 16, we had a wonderful time of CELEBRATION! Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by the congregation!



August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 No God's Kids New floors installed	2 No God's Kids New floors installed	3 No God's Kids New floors installed	4 No God's Kids New floors installed	5
6 Communion Sunday Pastor Greg & Teresa on vacation 6-15	7 No God's Kids New floors installed 6:30pm -Room 203 reserved	8 No God's Kids New floors installed	9 EVSE -Back to School	10 God's Kids Resumes 6:00 Finance Sub- Committee Meeting- Conference Room 6:00 Trustee Meeting-	11	12
13	14 6:30pm- Room 203 reserved	15	16	17 6:00—Ad Council Meeting Conference Room	18	19
20	21 6:30pm- Room 203 reserved	22 1:00 pm—UMW Meeting	23 10:00 amNomination Committee Meeting- Conference Room	24	25	26
27	28 6:30pm- Room 203 reserved	29	30	31	September 1	2
3 Communion Sunday	4 6:30pm- Room 203 reserved	5	6	7	8	9