

# Messenger Messenger

*Mission Statement*

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

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In the Church calendar year we are about to enter the period of **Lent** – the forty days leading up to Easter. The term Lent comes from an Anglo-Saxon word which means “Spring.” The practice dates from around A.D. 300 and is primarily based on Jesus’ forty days of fasting during the time He was tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:2; Luke 4:2).

The three traditional practices to be taken up with renewed vigor during Lent are [prayer](#) (looking to God), fasting (looking inward at one’s self), and [almsgiving](#) (caring for one’s neighbor). Today, some people give up a vice, add something that will bring them closer to God, and may even give the time or money spent they would have spent to [charitable](#) purposes or organizations.

There are several holy days within the season of Lent.

[Ash Wednesday](#) is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity (this year for us on Tuesday night, 2/13). The fifth Lenten Sunday, also known as [Passion Sunday](#) (however, that term is also applied to [Palm Sunday](#)) marks the beginning of [Passiontide](#).

The sixth Lenten Sunday, commonly called [Palm Sunday](#), marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent immediately preceding Easter.

Wednesday of Holy Week is known as [Spy Wednesday](#) to commemorate the days on which [Judas](#) spied on Jesus in the garden of [Gethsemane](#) before betraying him.

Thursday is known as [Maundy Thursday](#), or Holy Thursday, and is a day Christians commemorate the [Last Supper](#) shared by Christ with his [disciples](#).

[Good Friday](#) follows the next day, on which Christians remember His [crucifixion](#) and [burial](#).

Following are some questions that I would like to pose to you about your life during Lent?

1. Are you tending to daily disciplines during this time of year such as setting aside a specific time to read your daily devotional, pray for the lost, search the Scriptures for life’s daily guidance?
2. Are you planning to be in worship and Sunday School each and every Sunday during Lent? Proverbs 27:17: Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.
3. Are you doing some personal housecleaning? We all keep way too much baggage and garbage in our lives, whether it is what we read, watch, play, eat, speak, do... Create in me a clean heart O Lord. Proverbs 27:19: As water reflects the face, so one’s heart reflects oneself.
4. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. You get the point on this one, as we ask and need forgiveness, we must also be forgiving without holding back.
5. Where are you spending your money? I know I may be meddling a bit, but some of us need to hold back a bit in some areas and be more charitable in others.
6. During Lent, make it a point to not just send a card to a loved one on a special occasion, but actually pay a visit to that loved one. We can offer guidance to names of those in nursing homes or shut-ins. For the shut-ins, I recommend calling them first and set up a time for a visit.
7. When is the last time that you volunteered to do something around the church or community? Maybe even pick out a specific mission focus for Lent.

My encouragement to you this Lenten season is to let God lead you in some new exciting directions!

In Christ,  
Pastor Greg

Brothers and Sisters,

The 2016 *Book of Discipline* ¶601 states, “The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.”

At the 2017 Annual Conference Session, we affirmed as an Annual Conference that our Wildly Important Goal (WIG) will be: 100% of our churches/pastors engaged in life-giving changes for Jesus Christ in their mission field by 2020. We have been actively at work to accomplish that in our districts and core ministry areas over the last year, and there is more work to be done.

Be encouraged,  
Bishop Julius C. Trimble

**One way that MCC is meeting this challenge from the Bishop is through Sponsorship!**



Please Meet  
Richecarde Charitable Louissant.  
Richecarde or  
“Little Richard” is one of the children that  
McCutchanville Community Church is  
sponsoring and is from  
Plain-du-Nord, Haiti.



There are three regions in the mainland of Haiti: the northern region, which includes the northern peninsula; the central region; and the southern peninsula. The Plaine du Nord lies on the northern border of the country between Massif de Nord mountain range and the Atlantic Ocean. Richecarde lives in an area where there is a strong Vodou spirit association. An annual festival is held in Plain du Nord and is attended by Vodou pilgrims. The pilgrims bathe themselves, similar to a baptism, in a sacred mud pool “honoring the spirit Ogou”. Vodou ceremonies and rituals occur at the mud pool and include the sacrifice of animals.

### **What is sponsorship by MCC doing for Little Richard?**

McCutchanville Community Church has sent money to sponsor two children.

We are waiting for the information regarding the second child.

The money for sponsoring each child pays tuition and fees for schooling for an entire year. One uniform, which is worn 5 days a week, is given to each child.. The children have access to religious training as well as medical care and general guidance while at school.

Cory Mills visited this area last year. He stated that it is difficult to explain but the small rural towns of Haiti have very little to offer. The town from which Little Richard is from has no stores and no gas station.. The church and the accompanying school is the major focus of the entire community in the tiny villages. If the children do not have a sponsor, they are leaderless and have no other option for education and religious training.

As a sponsor, we will be collecting things to send Richecarde as well as the other child we will sponsor. Hopefully we will receive updates from the children and will know more of their needs as we fill boxes that will be mailed to the children.

Please keep Little Richard in your daily prayers and begin looking for items to ‘fill a box’.



## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Support Souper Bowl of Caring by bringing in items for the Food Pantry on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 4th

Items will go to local Food Pantry



**Enjoy a bowl of soup with a sandwich immediately following Sunday morning service!**

- **Vegetable soup**
  - **Chili**
  - **Cabbage & Beef Soup**
  - **Potato Soup**
- with a sandwich and drink.**

**Sponsored by the Friendship Class. Free Will offering accepted.**

## February 13

**Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper / Ash Wednesday Eve Service also on Tuesday night, February 13, 2018**



On Tuesday night, February 13th we have an opportunity for two special events.

**This is our 2nd supper sponsored by our Trailblazers (Junior High) Pioneer Club class.**

Mardi Gras, literally "Fat Tuesday," has grown in popularity in recent years as a raucous, sometimes hedonistic event. The name Mardi Gras comes from the tradition of slaughtering and feasting upon a fattened calf on the last day of Carnival. The day is also known as Shrove Tuesday (from "to shrive" or hear confessions).

But its roots lie in the Christian calendar as the "last hurrah" before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. That's why the enormous party in New Orleans, for example, ends abruptly at midnight on Tuesday, with battalions of street sweepers pushing the crowds out of the French Quarter towards home.

**Pancake Tuesday and fetter Dienstag:** The custom of making pancakes comes from the need to use up fat and eggs and dairy before the fasting and abstinence of Lent Begins. So this year we are going to celebrate Fat Tuesday (February 13th) with a pancake supper. All you need to do is come and eat, and eat, and eat. There will be pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee. This year any profit from this event will go to our Vacation Bible School program.



**Our youth will once again serve us a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5:00-6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be taking a freewill offering for this summer's VBS. The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, milk and juice.**

**Lent 2018 kicks off on Wednesday, Feb. 14th.**

However, we will begin Lent with the imposition of ashes on Tuesday night, the Eve of Lent, at 6:30 PM.

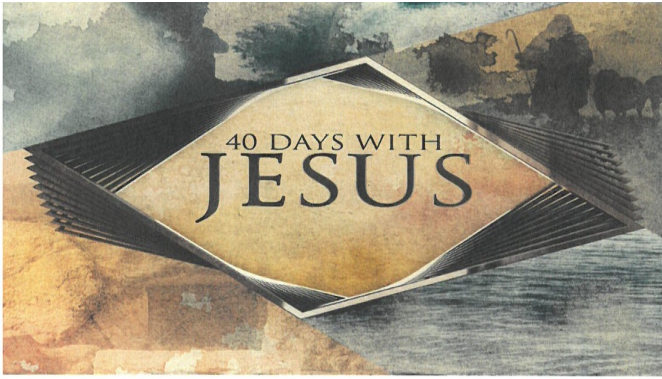
This service prepares us through repentance, reflection, remembrance and renewal to be fully aware of Jesus' sacrifice and atonement for our sins, and our own need for His grace and love in our lives.

*"All are from the dust, and to dust all return."*  
Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



Ash Wednesday Service





## Lent 2018 Theme at MCC

Each week we will view an eyewitness account that dramatically retells the course of Christ's ministry leading up to his crucifixion. These videos will help our church prepare for Easter. They highlight major events in Christ's life and how they impact people's lives today.

The videos with and messages include: John the Baptist, Simon Peter, Temple Cleansing, Nicodemus, God's Voice In the Thunder, Palm Sunday, Peter's Denial, and Nobody But Jesus.

These weekly messages are geared for all of us, but especially to the tell the story of why we need a Savior such as Christ the Lord to die for our sins. This is a good time to invite a friend or neighbor to come with you to church to hear the Good News of how God enters into our lives.



Men's Lenten  
Breakfast

Saturdays during Lent at 7:15 am  
Hosted by various churches



**PLEASE NOTE THAT MCCUTCHANVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH WILL BE HOSTING, COOKING, AND SERVING BREAKFAST ON MARCH 10, 2018. EACH WEEK A PROGRAM WITH SINGING AND A MESSAGE**


2018 MENS LENTEN BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

SALEM UMC	FEB 17,2018
SIMPSON UMC	FEB.24,2018
HOWELL UMC	MAR. 3,2018
MC CUTCHANVILLE UMC	MAR.10,2018
METHODIST TEMPLE UMC	MAR 17,2018
BLUE GRASS UMC	MAR 24,2018




**Congratulations to Elizabeth and Adam Sponseller!** They welcomed their baby boy, Oliver Westley, on January 13 at 10:38 pm. Oliver weighed in at 5lb 3oz and was 18 inches long! Oliver is also welcomed by his grandparents Debbie and Keith Kinney and great grandparent Curtis Kinney!

Congratulations on your new Baby Boy  
God bless you guys!




**I would like to thank my church family for their cards, notes of support, and prayers that continue to help in my recovery. A special thanks to Pastor Greg for his trip to be present during my surgery. Your kindness means so much.**

~ Nancy Glackman





**FEBRUARY**

Victor Doty	9
Keith Kinney	12
Kathy Ellerbrook	15
Olivia Burress	19
Jarmon Perkins	23
Ashley Tapp	24
Addison Russell	27



Prayer Requests: Mary Fisher (Debbie Kinney's mother), JoBerta Campbell (Christy Georgeson's sister who was involved in a car accident and is scheduled for surgery), Velma Hein (Christy Georgeson's mother), Dorothy Moffett (in the hospital), Sharon Hendricks(at St Vincents, Rm 5107), Barb Doty (surgery 2/12), Martha Koelher, Don Skelton, Amy Higgins, Jane Bennett, Amy Dubber, Nancy Glackman, Janice Kinney, Victor Doty, Harold Briscoe (Teresa's father), Brick Briscoe (Teresa Davis's brother) , Ed Schiffer, Joy Roettger, David and Sara Dixon, Ruth Postal, Marie Pickett, Kevin Roberts (Ashley Tapp's brother) deployed to South Korea, Little Richard (our adopted Haitian child), MCC Firefighters, The homeless population, God's Kids, Pioneer Club

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



Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington's actual day of

birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.



**Ushers for the Upcoming Months**

2018

February	Jane & Jerry Bennett Josette Higgins Michael Barnett
March	Betty & Frank Gentry Barba & Victor Doty
April	Karen Swope Mardee Rea

**January 2018 Attendance and Giving**

Be sure to check out our website!  
[Mccutchanvillecc.org](http://Mccutchanvillecc.org)

	Attendance	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Rent: Facility & Houses	Habitat Collection & Missions	Food Pantry	Total Checking Deposit
January 7	55	\$855.00	\$1990.00	\$675.00		\$65.00	\$25.00	\$3,642.82
January 14	39	\$430.00	\$1108.00	\$585.80				\$2,123.80
January 21	57	\$230.00	\$2,030.00	\$100.00				\$2,030.00
January 28	72	\$1,990.00	\$1,805.00	\$100.00				\$2,095.00



Mark your  
calendar



**SOUP &  
SANDWICH  
and  
SILENT AUCTION**

*McCutchanville Community Church United  
Methodist Women*

**LOCAL CHARITIES BENEFIT  
Sunday, March 18**

**11:30 AM - 2 PM**

**COST: \$6.50 ADULT  
\$3.50 CHILD 10 AND UNDER  
9505 PETERSBURG RD**

*Silent Auction Items will be on display and may be  
bid on during church business hours from  
March 11 9AM - March 18, 2PM*



www.21cartoondrawings.com

McCutchanville  
Community Church  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
March 24, 2018  
At MCC  
9505 Petersburg Road  
10:00 AM

**Hot Dog Lunch Provided!!**



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# GOD'S KIDS reporting.....

FEBRUARY



February birthday are so SWEET! It is the month of Love!!

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God's Kids children who are celebrating birthdays this month are: Liberty (2), Emma (2), Nora (8), Henry (11), Addy (15), Kota (18), Jackson (27), and Sidney (28). We pray these little ones have a blessed birthday and many wonderful years ahead. We also have two teachers with birthdays this month: Miss Sherri (21) and Mish Ashley (24).

### Field trips /Classroom parties

- **Dental Awareness:** dental hygienist will come to us talk to children about healthy teeth
- **Easter seals:** the children will be participating in a Hop-a-thon to help Easter seals and 3yrs and pre k classrooms will visit Easter seals rehabilitation center.
- **Lollipop concert:** the Whales and Dolphins will attend the Lollipop concert by the philharmonic Fairy tales
- **Valentines parties:** the children will be celebrating valentines day the week of the 14th

### PROFILE OF THE MONTH:

Teacher Miss Jody Peak



Hello! My name is Jody Peak. I care for the 1-2 year olds in the Seahorse Classroom. I have been employed by God's Kids for the past three years and have been in child care for the past seven years.



Both of my daughters attended God's Kids Preschool. My oldest is Havyn and is 14years old now. My younger daughter is Trinity and is seven years old.

I am a 35 year old single mom. We have two female dogs too. Neelah is a Boxer and Londyn is a Pomeranian. My girls keep me super busy with dance, competitive cheer and Girl Scouts. Both girls are also involved in our church's Catholic Religion Class.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 28	January 29 6:00 Room 203 Reserved	January 30	January 31 4:30 Gym Reserved 6:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:30 pm Choir	February 1	2	3 10:00 am Gym reserved
4 Communion Sunday Souper Bowl/ Soup & Sandwiches after service	5 6:30-8:00 Girl Scouts Fellowship Hall 6:00 Room 203 Reserved	6 10:00 am Pastor Greg & Teresa chapel with God's Kids 6:00 pm Pioneer Club Resumes	7 4:30 Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Gym Reserved 6:30 pm Choir Practice	8 6:00 pm Trustee Meeting	9	10 10:00 am Gym reserved
11	12 6:00 Room 203 Reserved	13 10:00 am Pastor Greg & Teresa chapel with God's Kids Pancake Dinner & Ash Wed Service	14 4:30 Gym  Reserved 6:00 pm Gym Reserved 6:30 pm Choir Practice	15 6:00 pm Ad/Finance Meeting	16	17 10:00 am Gym reserved
18	19 Reserved	20 10:00 am Pastor Greg & Teresa chapel with God's Kids 1:00 UMW Meeting	21 6:4:30 Gym Reserved 6:30 pm Choir Practice	22	23	24 10:00 am Gym reserved
25 Fellowship Hall reserved 2:00- 4:00 pm	26 6:00 Room 203 Reserved	27 10:00 am Pastor Greg & Teresa chapel with God's Kids 6:00 pm Pioneer	28 4:30 Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Gym Reserved 6:30 pm Choir Practice	March 1	2	3
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