

The

Messenger



Mission Statement

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

Greg Davis, Pastor

February 2020

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IN 47725

Peace and Grace to the local church,



On Wednesday, February 26th, we begin the season of Lent. This day is called Ash Wednesday. Its official name is “Day of Ashes,” so called because of the practice of rubbing ashes on one’s forehead in the sign of a cross. Since it is exactly 40 days (excluding Sundays) before Easter Sunday, it will always fall on a Wednesday. However, we at MCC will begin our Lenten observance with an “Ash Wednesday Eve” service on Tuesday night, February 25th, at 6:30 PM, immediately following our Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper.

The Bible never mentions Ash Wednesday—for that matter, it never mentions Lent. Lent is intended to be a time of self-denial, moderation, fasting, and the forsaking of sinful activities and habits. Ash Wednesday commences this period of spiritual discipline. Ash Wednesday and Lent are observed by most Catholics and some Protestant denominations. The Eastern Orthodox Church does not observe Ash Wednesday; instead, they start Lent on “Clean Monday.”

While the Bible does not mention Ash Wednesday, it does record accounts of people in the Old Testament using dust and ashes as symbols of repentance and/or mourning (2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3). The modern tradition of rubbing a cross on a person’s forehead is done so that one identifies with Jesus Christ.

So should a Christian observe Ash Wednesday? Since the Bible nowhere explicitly commands or condemns such a practice, Christians are at liberty to prayerfully decide whether or not to observe Ash Wednesday. If a Christian decides to observe Ash Wednesday and/or Lent, it is important to have a biblical perspective. Jesus warned us against making a show of our fasting: *“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen”* (Matthew 6:16-18).

We must not allow spiritual discipline to become spiritual pride. It is a good thing to repent of sinful activities, but that’s something Christians should do every day, not just during Lent. It’s a good thing to clearly identify oneself as a Christian, but, again, this should be an everyday identification. And it is good to remember that no ritual can make one’s heart right with God. My prayer for you is that this season of Lent will be one of deep and profound meaning and a means by which you become closer to God.

In Christ,

Pastor Greg



Sunday

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Sunday Feb 2
Soup & Sandwich
Fellowship Lunch
Following 10:30 Worship
McCutchanville
Community Church
Canned Goods donations
will be sent to
Patchwork Central

All are invited to join us Sunday Feb 2 for lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Menu includes:
Homemade Soups & Sandwiches
a variety of Desserts
Ice Tea and Lemonade

A monetary free will offering will go towards the ministry projects of the Friendship Class
Canned Goods donations will be sent to Patchwork Central



FEBRUARY

Victor Doty	9
Keith Kinney	12
Roger Campbell	13
Kena Campbell	14
Kathy Ellerbrook	15
Olivia Burress	15
Jarmon Perkins	23
Ashley Tapp	24





February:
Betty & Frank Gentry
Helen Finke & Jennifer
Harwood

March: Fred Swartzentruber & Karen Skinner
Jane & Jerry Bennett

April: Joan & Elvin Reed
Vacant and Elisha Smith



Mountain Mission pick-up truck will be at MCC on February 24, 2020. If you are beginning your spring cleaning, please bring donated items marked clearly for Mountain Mission. The MM Newsletter and "Most Needed items" list is on the bulletin boards.



Prayer Requests: Howard Briscoe (Teresa's father), Nancy Glackman, Linda Proctor, Cherissa Williams, Sue and Steve Proctor, Mary Lou Ellis, Josette Higgins, Jim Smith. Gary Sprinkle, , Austin Smith, (firefighter) , Amy Dubber, Joy Roettger, David and Sara Dixon, Marie Pickett, Our Haitian children: Daphnica Noel and Richecarde Charitable Louissant, MCCutchanville Firefighters, The homeless population, God's Kids.
*Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the Messenger?
Call the church office at 812-867-5735*

January 2020 Attendance and Giving

	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Food Pantry	Missions Youth Home	Flooring & Special Projects	Stella Vennard Hettenbach Memorial	Total Checking Deposit
January 5	88	\$1,235.00	\$2,325.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$132.26	\$20.00		\$3,942.26
January 12	70	\$100.00	\$750.00	\$805.80					\$1,655.80
January 19	80	\$5,890.00	\$1,851.00	\$100.00				\$125.00	\$7,966.00
January 26	65	\$390.00	\$1045.00	\$100.00			\$1,500.00	\$50.00	\$3,085.00



Save the date for the Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner to support Vacation Bible School! Back for one night only,

Tuesday, February 25th from 4 to 6 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.

Come enjoy breakfast for dinner on us. We'll be serving all you-can-eat pancakes (including some chocolate chip pancakes), sausage, juice and milk. Monetary donations toward VBS will be accepted. We hope to see you there!



Tuesday, February 25th
6:00 pm.

Again this year, the Ash Wednesday service will follow the Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner.

Ash Wednesday begins the forty days of lent and the service reminds us that the season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, self-examination and penitence. After filling up physically on pancakes, we will join together in the sanctuary to fill up spiritually.



Winter for 6 more weeks or Spring? Only the Groundhog Knows for sure! Watch for Mr. Groundhog on February 2nd!



Are you planning an event and would like to use the Fellowship Hall or the gymnasium?

Check out the church calendar on our website: mccutchanvillecc.org

to check the availability of the facility. Next,, contact the church secretary to complete a Facility Usage form.

NEWS EVENTS
What's Happening?
ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are many things going on around the church! Have you looked at our calendar lately? The gym and/or Fellowship Hall are busy almost every night of the week. But things are happening that we can't really see yet. Here are a few highlights

- ◇ New flooring will be installed in the hallways and fellowship area around the sanctuary. This is scheduled to be installed March 23-27.
- ◇ The firefighters chaplains from three townships are putting together a marriage workshop/retreat for emergency responder personnel. The retreat will be held at MCC February 14 & 15. Marriages of first responders is often put under a strain. Meals will be provided on Friday evening and Saturday Morning. Childcare will also be provided.
- ◇ A room at the UMYH boys dorm has been dedicated to MCC because of financial, emotional and spiritual support. MCC has recently approved to pledge \$6,000.00 toward the girl's dorm build.
- ◇ MCC recently approved a \$2,000.00 pledge for this year's Habitat Build.
- ◇ New flooring was recently installed in the classroom across from the kitchen. The previous floor was removed and asbestos flooring had to be taken up before the new floor could be installed. Thank you John Swope for your hard work!

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

Prayer is a time when we talk to God. Be sure to pray for Pastor Greg and Teresa and their family as well as our church members and the direction God wants our church to be led by Him.

DONT MISS OUT

Mark Your Calendar
Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!

Lenten

Meal & Services




The 2020 Men's Lenten Breakfast Schedule

Howell UMC	Feb 29, 2020
McCutchanville UMC	March 7, 2020
Salem UMC	March 14, 2020
Simpson UMC	March 21, 2020
Fairlawn UMC	March 28, 2020
Blue Grass UMC	April 4, 2020

The breakfast will be served at 7:15 am. The price is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 16 years of age.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING



Shiloh has been busy planning the upcoming next few months. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 24th. This year the children will "Walk Through the Easter Story" and follow a map. The map will be stamped at each station. **Volunteers will be needed to portray the Easter Story characters.** After the children have walked through the stations, there will be an Easter Egg hunt and then lunch will be provided.



VBS has also been scheduled. This year VBS will be the June 22-26. Many, many volunteers and donations are needed to make VBS a success.



President's Day is February 17, 2020.



February 25	Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner 4:00-6:00 PM
February 25	Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 PM
April 9	Maundy Thursday
April 10	Good Friday
April 12	Easter Sunday

2020 Methodist Men's Schedule



January 27	6:30 PM	Dinner
March 7	7:15 AM	UMM/MCC will host Lenten Breakfast
March 23	6:30 PM	Dinner & Speaker
May 23	8:00 AM	Work Day Lunch will be Provided
June 22	6:30 PM	Dinner & Speaker
September 28	6:30 PM	Dinner & Speaker
October 17	8:00 AM	Work Day

Men's Fellowship

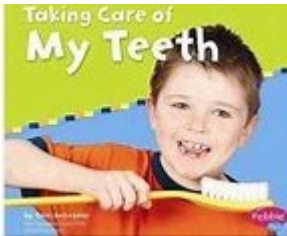


GOD'S KIDS reporting



Happy Birthday to our February birthday children: Waylon (2); Emma (2); Nora (8), and Kennedy (24)! February is a sweet time for a birthday celebration!

*February is a short month but there is so much to do!! First, this year is leap year! That means we have a **WHOLE MORE** day of fun at God's Kids!*

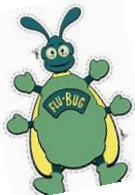


We will have a dental hygienist visit us this month. Learning the best way to take care of our teeth is very important to us.

In February all of us children will participate in the March of Dimes Hop-A-Thon where we will raise money (for each hop) or for the length of time we can continue hopping. The money will be donated to The March of Dimes so that they can help children and families in need.



Of course, February is the month of Love! We will be celebrating Valentine's Day in each classroom and will have class parties with lots of food! We are making Valentines for our parents and special people in our lives. What a perfect opportunity to tell someone we love them!! And we want to tell MCC that we love you too! ♥



Winter is the season that the flu bug bites! We have been very fortunate here that few have been sick. We are very blessed that our teachers have been very diligent in sanitizing and cleaning all of the surfaces.



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 26	January 27 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	January 28	January 29	January 30 4:00-Gym Reserved 6:00-Gym Reserved 6:30pm	January 31	Feb 1
2 Communion Sunday Souper Bowl Sunday-Lunch in the Fellowship Hall	3 5:00 Gym Reserved 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	4 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa 6:00 Emalyn's Angels-Conf Room Gym Reserved 2:00-4:00 pm 6:00pm-7:30	5 Gym Reserved 6:00pm-7:30	6 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00-Gym Reserved	7 2:00-8:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	8 9:00 am Gym Reserved Gym Reserved 4:00-8:00
9 1:30 –GS Fellowship Hall Reserved	10 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	11 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa 5:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved GS Gym Reserved 2:00-4:00 pm 6:00pm-7:30	12 Gym Reserved 6:00pm-7:30	13 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 5:30 –Gym Reserved	14 5:00 Church Reserved	15 8:30 am-1:00 Church Reserved
16	17 God's Kids Closed 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	18 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa Gym Reserved 2:00-4:00 pm 6:00pm-7:30	19 Gym Reserved 6:00pm-7:30	20 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00 6:00 Gym Reserved	21	22 2:00 pm Gym Reserved-Doty
23 1:30 –GS Fellowship Hall Reserved	24 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	25 1:00 pm UMW Meeting Conference Room 4:00-6:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved Fat Tuesday and Ash Wednesday Service Gym Reserved 2:00-4:00 pm 6:00pm-7:30	26 Gym Reserved 6:00pm-7:30	27 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved	28	29 7:15 AM Men's Lenten Breakfast -Howell UMC