

The Messenger

Greg Davis, Pastor

May 2022

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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From the
Pastor



To my dear friends at MCC,

I had planned to do one of my infrequent, tears, cheers, jeers, etc. articles; however, with circumstances in our church at a crossroads, I thought it better to do a bit more information about the decision ahead of us.

First of all we take a vote on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6PM, in consideration of disaffiliation from the UMC and realigning with the Global Methodist Church. As with most votes, we have two considerations: 1. Remain with the UMC and vote No to disaffiliation or 2. Vote to disaffiliate. Those who are members of McCutchanville CC retain the privilege to vote on this matter following prayerful discernment.

King Solomon gave us some very sound advice found in Proverbs 1:1-5: *I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes.* This wise advice that instructs us to make careful consideration. In order to take a stand by making a move such as this, it is my belief that God desires us to understand His statutes (God's Word instructs us on God's statutes). Scripture speaks of "the Word of God," meaning "the things God has said." But Scripture also uses the phrase "the Word of God" as a name. Specifically, as a name for Jesus Christ. Just listen to the way John's gospel begins: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* Putting this together is important, believing in Jesus as the Word of God is also believing in His Word as the Word of God.

Is keeping and honoring the Word of God important in one's life? The believer who is committed to God and studies His Word will receive earthly blessings and eternal rewards. So, hide His Word in your heart and live out His Word in your life. Honor and blessing are the rewards for faithfulness and obedience.

No where is it written to "Hide part of God's Word in your heart." Paul teaches us in 2 Timothy 3:16: **All Scripture** is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. The two words that are important for us to consider here are: All Scripture.

We are disaffiliating based upon Paragraph 2553 inserted in the UMC Book of Discipline. ¶ 2553 was adopted in 2019 as a way for churches that disagree with the denomination's position on LGBT ordination or same-sex marriage (or with their annual conference's response to the denomination's position) to withdraw from the UM Church. Scripture has repeatedly addressed this issue and it would be inconceivable for us to ignore the text in order to accommodate what runs contrary to Scripture. In fact, 2 Timothy 4:3 informs us on this point: *For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.*

Another verse from Proverbs, 14:12 offers this guidance: *There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.* This passage has always instilled a healthy fear of God – to follow, learn, lead, and pastor, not on my own will, but striving to live out the will of God, and faithfully preach in accordance with the Word of God. Therefore, it is my belief that the time has come for us to no longer go along with a denomination that has repeatedly let us down on this matter and others that we should no longer tolerate.

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Are there likely some trials ahead of us going this new direction? Likely, and I'm not even going to guess what they might be. Even the process ahead is somewhat confusing and tedious. But we will work to make it possible.

The Church is the Bride of Christ, and we should honor that relationship by honoring Christ as and through the Word of God.

In Christ,

Pastor Greg



**Charge
Conference**

**We now officially
have a date for a
Church Conference - the only order of business**

**will be to vote upon disaffiliation
from the UMC and to join the
Global Methodist Church in accordance with paragraph 2553 of the UMC Book of Discipline.**

**This meeting will be held on:
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 (we are meeting the required 10 day notice)
Time of meeting: 6:00 PM
Conducted by Associate Conference Supt George Purnell**



Prayer Requests: Our World, Our church, Brick Briscoe, Joan Reed, Cheryl Miller (our custodian) Mary Moore, Jim Smith, Sara Dixon, David Elkins (friend of Pastor 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 Louisant, MCCutchanville Firefighters,

Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the Messenger?

Call the church office at 812-867-5735



Mother's Day

**May 9, 2022
Celebrate the special
women in your life!**

**Join us for morning worship at
10:30 A.M.**



MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 30, 2022



class of **2022**

Senior Sunday at MCC

We will celebrate our 2022 graduates from MCC on Sunday, May 22, 2022. If you have a high school graduate, we would like to honor you on this special Sunday. Please provide us with 25-30 photos of growing up to this time in your life and we will use this as part of our service. Congratulations Grads!



MCC will be honoring and thanking our God's Kids Staff and Teachers with a meal for their entire family.

This will take place on Sunday, May 15th at 5:00PM.

We will be catering a meal from IGA with our normal fare - and hopefully serve

strawberry shortcake with ice cream.

Any monetary donations or assistance would be greatly appreciated

God's Kids
Spring Program for 3YO
May 19th at 6:30
Graduation for Pre-K
May 20th at 6:30

God's Kids will take a much needed break and will be closed Beginning May 25 Summer Session will begin on June 6.



I hear the train a comin' - It's rolling round the bend.....

This VBS train is bound for glory!!!!

Well it's been almost 3 long years since we had this train on the track but we are very excited to see it pulling into the McCutchanville station so we can all jump on and have a week of Jesus, Singing, Games and Fun!

The train will come rolling in here on Monday June 20-24 from 10-11:30am. We will be learning exciting Bible Points like: JESUS' POWER HELPS US DO HARD THINGS and JESUS' POWER GIVES US HOPE!!

McCutchanville Community Church's VBS is open to all children from age 4 through 5th Grade.

Registration forms will be available outside the church office. We also have a signup sheet for teen and adult volunteers that will definitely needed so we can have a successful week. For more information, be sure to reach out to Ashley Tapp, Natalie Decker or Teresa Davis.





MAY

Karen Skinner	1
Larry Williams	1
Kurt Georgesen	4
Ed Schiffer	6
Linda Proctor	8
Thor Georgesen	11
Julie Morgan	14
Karen Swope	17
John Swope	21
Kelsey Georgesen	22
Steve Seitz	24
Devin Burris	24
Gary Hansen	25
Vera McCutchan	29



MAY

Ron & Marla Gross	10
Elisabeth & Adam Sponseller	17
Pastor Greg & Teresa Davis	23

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

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.

April "STREET Talk" can be found at the end of this Messenger.



MCC Food Trailer Back in Action!
Did you realize that our community has not been able to purchase crab Rangoon, eggrolls, chicken fried rice, or strawberry shortcake with ice cream from us since October 2019!? It's been that long. And we could see that the demand was there as we had a very, very good weekend serving at the Henderson Tri-Fest from April 22-24. The trailer brought in a profit of approximately \$3,500.00!

We owe a huge thank you to Martha Lease – she plans our needs, stocks our trailer, keeps it stocked through the weekend, lines up the workers, deposits the proceeds, and is there every minute we are open. Also, thank you to John Swope and John Rea who set up and tear down. And to all the willing workers – thank you for your time in serving. It is joy to work together.

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 begin the application process.



Patchwork Central
Creating Community

bring your donations and put in the basket. EVERYTHING is appreciated!

May is anything goes! As you walk around the grocery store and see items on sale, pick some things up for Patchwork Central. Please



Food Pantry Donations Needed



Friends,

It's already April! Summer will be here before long and I'm sure it's something we're all looking forward to!

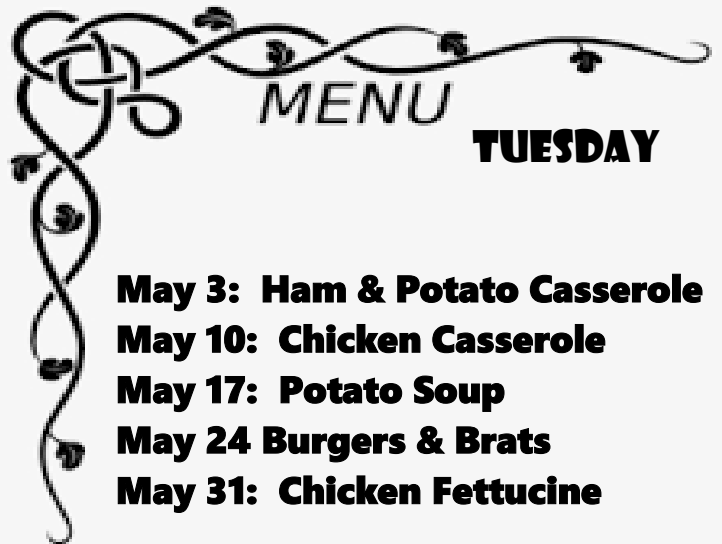
Things are going well at the UMMM. God continues to bless us daily. We were blessed with a fantastic truck last month, and this month we are getting a brand new baler to replace our aging one. Thanks to all you do and give, and God's guidance, we have never been more efficient and we've been able to help more people than ever before.

I've attached the newsletter and urgent needs list for May. If you have any questions, comments, or need anything, please let me know:

andy.mitchell@methodistmountainmission.org, or call at 606-666-7795.

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[Urgent Needs List](#)



April 2022 Attendance and Giving

	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Samaritan Purse	Tue Meals	Missions (Haiti)	Lent Boxes	Total Checking Deposit
April 3	67	\$1,660.00	\$2,593.00			\$150.00	\$6.00	\$9.10	\$4,418.00
April 10	54	\$60.00	\$1,187.00	\$310.00	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$6.00	\$60.00	\$2,013.00
April 17	66	\$10,000.00	\$792.00				\$1.00	\$29.00	\$10,822.89
April 24	69	\$420.00	\$4,504.00			\$135.00	\$1.00	\$13.00	\$5,473.00



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 1 Communion Sunday 1:00 Church Reserved Piano Recital	2 Gym reserved 1:30 -3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	3 11:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved 6:00 Charge Conference	4 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	5 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 	6	7 8-10 Gym Re- served Fellowship Hall 9:00-12:00
8 	9 1:30 Gym Re- served Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	10 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved Girl Scouts	11 1:30 Gym Re- served 6:00 Gym Re- served	12 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	13 6:00 Gym Re- served BG	14
15 5:00 p.m. God's Kids din- ner	16 Gym reserved 1:30 -3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	17 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa 1:30 Gym Reserved	18 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	19 Gym Re- served 6:00-8:00	20	21
22	23 Gym reserved 1:30 -3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	24 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa Last Day of God's Kids for Spring	25 Last day of School EVSC 1:00 Woman's Meeting Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	26	27	28
29	30 Gym reserved 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	31 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa 1:30 Gym Reserved	June 1 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 6:00 Gym Re- served	June 2 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	June 3	June 4 8-10 Gym Re- served
June 5	June 6 Gym reserved 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 God's Kids Re- sumes	June 7 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa :30 Gym Reserved	June 8 Gym reserved 1:30	June 9 Gym reserved 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	June 10	June 11

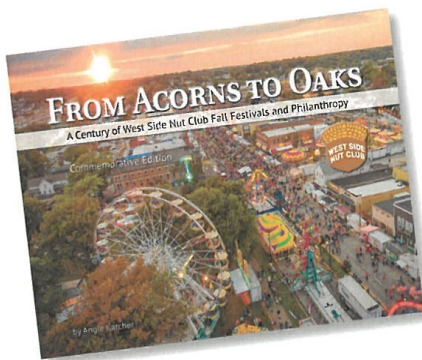


Are you a writer? Creative?
Here is your opportunity to be published!
Share the McCutchanville Community
Church history .
But write NOW! The Deadline is June 22, 2022



FROM ACORNS TO OAKS

A Century of West Side Nut Club Fall Festivals and Philanthropy



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West Side Nut Club
2201 W. Franklin St. #2
Evansville, IN 47712

AN INVITATION TO BE APART OF OUR BOOK

The West Side Nut Club is working with M.T. Publishing Company in Evansville to produce a centennial historical/pictorial history book to document this 2022 anniversary for the public to enjoy. Along with the historical/pictorial history

sections, this new volume will also contain a section for those organizations that have booths on Franklin Street during the Fall Festival. The book is schedule for release in the fall of 2022.

As a non-profit organization that participates in the fall festival each year we would like for the public to know about your organization within our community. Help support this historical book by writing up a brief 500 word story about your organization or church for the public to read. All fall festival organizations are invited to submit their written history **free of charge** for prominent display in the professionally designed section.

With a minimum of 208 pages for this historical book, this 11" x 8-1/2" historical/pictorial history book will be a hardbound, coffee-table style book with a 4/color lithograph cover and a color dust jacket. High quality 80 lb. gloss paper is being used for excellent photo reproduction.

When writing your organization or church 500 word story, include any information you feel pertinent like the date your organization was established, location(s), who founded the organization, growth, how the fall festival helps your organization and the community etc. You are also welcome to provide your organization's logo for including with the story. Please provide your 500 word article to M.T. Publishing, proofed, edited and ready for design into the book's pages. Please make sure your logo is at least 300 dpi. Low resolution images like photo copies or an image taken off of the internet cannot be used for reproduction. Please contact M.T. Publishing if you have any questions regarding photo resolution. Finished articles and logos can be submitted through e-mail to info@mtpublishing.com.

Your 500 word article for this anniversary book is again at no-charge. However, since the book is being published for the West Side Nut Club without any cost we encourage you to spread the word to your members about the new book. A portion from each book sale goes to the West Side Nut Club as a fund raiser. Please contact M.T. Publishing at (812) 468-8022 or info@mtpublishing.com with any questions about submitting your story. We are open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Please submit your article for the book project by **June 15, 2022**.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Thompson, President
M.T. Publishing Company, Inc.

Sincerely,

Mark Schoenbaum, President
West Side Nut Club

STREET TALK

Unto the Least of These Ministry to

Homeless in Evansville

4.2.22

Hello everyone!

Always good to have contact with you! ALL of you are VERY MUCH appreciated! Thank you!!

Again, we were very busy this week. Had one slow day on Thursday of this week but will explain that shortly.

On Monday of this past week, we were again VERY busy at the Salvation Army! Several of the people we see there live in low income housing in that area, BUT we are now seeing MORE and MORE people who have nowhere else to sleep other than on the streets, in abandoned houses and garages, sheds, porches, down by the river AND Pidgeon Creek OR out in the woods in a tent or on the ground! Thankfully, the weather will be warming up shortly, so this will be helpful. However, we don't want ANYONE to have to sleep under these circumstances! One of the key questions I ask of everyone is "Where did you sleep last night?" One middle-age woman I saw had a GREAT need! She had been walking so much, she desperately needed a different pair of shoes. The ones she had on were virtually shredded, with no shoelaces! She asked me if we had a pair of shoes she could have, in size 6 and 1/2. I asked my partners who were working in the back of the van where we keep clothing, shoes, etc. Well, what do you know!! Bert very quickly told me that she had one pair of women's tennis shoes in good condition back there AND they were a size 6 and 1/2!!! THIS was EXACTLY what this woman needed!! She immediately burst into tears! Thank You, Dear Jesus for an immediate answer to her prayer! There have been so many times we have had the EXACT item and size that a particular person needed-THIS WAS A DIRECT ANSWER TO PRAYER!

After assisting people at the Salvation Army, the next site we go to is the Mets Bus Station downtown to deliver the box lunches which the S.A. gives us to take to people we see there. I always hop out of the van and walk up and down in that area and explain to people that we have food available. All they have to do is GO GET IT from my partners who are distributing them there on the street. Well, one man came up to me and pointed out a man who was standing alone inside the bus terminal area and was VERY MUCH in need of food. The man who told me this very much sensed the need this individual had. He had been there for a long time with nothing to eat plus NO water. I went over to this man and explained as well as I could that food and water were available out in the gray van on the street. I continued talking with other people who were nearby in that area, too. THEN, the first man who had told me of the need promptly took this gentleman over to the van and helped him get some food and water. He was MOST appreciative! He smiled at me and was able to say "thank you" in English. The gentleman who took him over there was indeed the angel in this situation while I was talking with other people. I expressed to him our sincere appreciation for being an Angel as he indeed was, taking this man over to the van, AND for helping us with our ministry. To me, he was an Angel in disguise! Thank You, Dear Father!

When we were done at the bus station, we went on down to the United Caring Shelter. We ALWAYS see a lot of people there. Of course, we know many of them from previous visits. I saw Kiely, the young pregnant woman (age 21), sitting there in a large group of people in the parking area. We got to talking and I discovered that she has two other children-little girls who are ages 2 and 3, who are living with her grandmother. (Maybe you recall Kiely's situation last year-January of 2021. She was pregnant with twins. She got into a physical fight with the "father" of those babies and he beat her up so badly that he killed them in utero. Kiely was in the hospital for 2-3 days over this incident). Just thinking of this all over again makes me sick to my stomach! I TRULY fear for her life and the lives of her two toddlers AND this unborn child. I plan to talk with some of the area authorities who work with the homeless and see what they can do for Kiely and her little family.

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Tuesday afternoon of this past week, I took two LARGE bags of clothing items downtown to Hope Hall, which, as I mentioned to you before, is operated by the Volunteers of America. They are presently housing over 100 recently incarcerated individuals. Roughly 1/3 of them are on house-arrest out in the Evansville area. Also, just as an FYI, many of them have a history of being homeless in the past as well as suffering from drug and alcohol abuse. I plan to continue working with them just as we are with the present homeless out on our streets.

On Wednesday afternoon of this past week, I took a large number of nice flannel shirts downtown to the United Caring Shelter. I distributed them to those individuals sitting in the area in back of the shelter. All of the shirts were gone IMMEDIATELY! Thank you HEAPS for donating them for our people.

We usually go out on the streets in our church van on Thursday, too, as well as making a stop at Patchwork Central downtown. HOWEVER, this Thursday, several local agencies conducted what is called "Homeless Connect" at the ONB Events Center as an all-day event for the homeless and underserved of our area. This event was not conducted the last 3 years primarily because of Covid, but they did proceed with it today. I have helped with this in the past. All kinds of free services are available to those in need-from providing clothing, health care, feet washing, haircuts, a noon meal, etc.

One last thing I wanted to mention to you is that our ministry will be conducting a Good Friday Communion Service (April 15th, at 1 p.m.) for ANYONE who chooses to participate over at the United Caring Services parking area in back of the building on the corner of 6th Street and Ingle downtown. There will be two pastors there-Pastor Jim Clark (my pastor) and Pastor Randy Moore (UMC in Warrick County, as well as a local TV news anchor). After the service, we will have our ministry's van available at the shelter to be of assistance to anyone in need. We would like to invite any of you to come to this service if you would like to. Many of you I personally know, but I would like to meet more of you if possible. The service should last approximately 30 minutes.

Again, we can't thank all of you enough for your prayers, your encouragement, and for ALL that you physically do for this ministry to the homeless in our area. Someone just gave me the following few comments that were written by Mother Teresa: "Be the living expression of God's kindness. Kindness in your face. Kindness in your eyes. Kindness in your smile". So be it, Dear Father.

Jennie Hiam

STREET TALK

4.8.22

Hello everyone!

This afternoon, I made my rounds of the city distributing our especially made invitations to the Communion Service for the homeless of Evansville we will be having at 1 p.m. next Friday, April 15th, in the parking lot of the United Caring Shelter. This is located on the corner of Ingle and NW 6th Street. Pastor Jim Clark and Pastor Randy Moore will be conducting the service. Everyone is invited to attend. At the conclusion of this service (probably 30 minutes), our church van (AUMC) will be there to further assist anyone who is in special need of clothing, shoes, hygiene products, Bibles, etc.

This last Sunday afternoon, I took several items downtown to Ruth's House on Walnut Street. As you know, this facility provides housing for women in need-eg.homelessness, in drug/alcohol recovery, physical and mental abuse by history, mental health issues, etc. When I arrived, the director told me that an "unplanned event" had just happened, so I wouldn't be able to see any of the women. She did permit me to take the items I had brought to their garage and place them there for storage. I have to admit that my first concern was Kiely, the young pregnant woman I have told you about, who has stayed in this facility on occasion, in between short periods of time in jail recently. One word of comfort for me since then has been that I have seen Kiely a couple of times this week, one of them being just this afternoon. We hugged each other and I told her (as always) how much I love her and her dear baby AND how much Jesus loves them both. I'll give you an updated report about her situation as it becomes available. (We are still trying to find Zoey, another young woman who is homeless and pregnant. We have seen her once but no more since then.) Please help us, Dear Jesus!

As I was getting into my car after visiting Ruth's House last Sunday, one of our homeless men stopped me on the street and asked me if I had any socks he could have. He had none on, that I could see! Thankfully, I did have some with me, so I was able to help him. He was very appreciative.

I went ahead and stopped over at the UCS that afternoon and was definitely encouraged because some of the men told me that they had attended the church service at "The Gathering" that morning and that there was a "wall to wall" crowd there! This church is located on the corner of 2nd St. and Chestnut downtown. As I understand it, the pastor is a recovering drug addict and has been having a very positive effect on the community he serves. Thank You, Jesus!

Bert, DWayne, and I didn't go out on the streets this last Monday because of the rain. However, some other things I found out at this point in our ministry are as follows-I am meeting more and more homeless who served in the military at one time and have since found themselves out on the street. I am sure alcohol and drug abuse are big factors in this situation. In addition, there is a lot of property theft that goes on among our people. Especially at the UCS. Because of that, there are frequent fights. More than once I have had to call for assistance from someone inside at the desk to come and handle the situation. However, even though the people we serve can be a "rough crowd" at times, they ALL are very appreciative of what all of you and our team does for them. For that, we are MOST grateful! Thank You, Dear Jesus!

Just a couple of comments about some individuals we saw or have seen at the Salvation Army in the recent past. Willard, a young black man in his early 20's. We haven't seen him for several weeks so we have been wondering as to his whereabouts. I think he sees both Terri and I as mother figures. We are honored by this, however. This past Thursday, I found out that he has been in jail for alcohol abuse and related charges. Our hearts ache for him. When we see him again, we both will give him a BIG hug! From his history, he has had some Christian training in his family. Please help Willard, dear Jesus. And let us see him again, please.....

The other person at the S.A. I wanted to mention to you was a middle-aged man who came up to us wearing shoes that were "tattered" almost beyond description. He definitely needed another pair. WELL!! Elzie checked this out for us from our supplies in the back of the van AND he found ONE pair left AND it was the exact size this man needed! It is absolutely AMAZING at how God meets the needs of some of our people to the point of our having the EXACT item they need! Thank You, Dear Father!

Just a couple more things of import!!!.....Dear friends of this ministry continue to supply us with material things that we need AS WELL AS cash! Our Bible supply for distribution has been running low so a friend gave us a substantial sum of money to make the needed purchase of more Bibles! Thank You, Jesus! ALSO, I received a phone call this week from Berry Plastics telling me that they had a large number of T-shirts to give us to distribute to our people. Well!! They sure did! I counted the number in the box and the total was 77!!!!!!! Plus a very nice jacket! I ALWAYS am in absolute awe at how God is working through all of you, our team members, helping us to meet the needs of some of the VERY people Jesus would be visiting Himself if He were here on earth right now! Well, from what the Bible tells me, HE IS HERE AND is working through ALL of us as His team members! Thank You, Dear Jesus! We believe AND are VERY GRATEFUL! Our thanks to everyone!

Jennie Hiam

STREE TALK

4.16.2022

Hello everyone!

I hope all of you are having a Joyous Easter Weekend with your family! If I may, I have some interesting things to share with you. We have definitely felt the Presence of God in this ministry during this entire Easter week.....

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Our Communion service with some of the homeless of Evansville that we held downtown in the parking lot of the United Caring Shelter yesterday afternoon was WONDERFUL! Pastor Jim Clark (AUMC) and Pastor Randy Moore (Baker's Chapel) offered the Sacraments to us for this service. There were approximately 15-20 of our homeless people who participated, along with several church members from a couple of our local churches. During the week before the service, I made several stops around town where I distributed invitations to many of our people. Let me tell you about a few of these stops:

Last Sunday, I went to the Rescue Mission where I saw a small group of people sitting in the parking area just outside of the main building. One man (that I had never seen before) came up to me and expressed an interest in attending this service. While we were talking, he showed me his hands. ALL of the tips of his fingers (from the first distal joint to the end of his nails) were as black as could be AND were very swollen! I asked him about this situation and he told me they had become frozen in recent weeks! He had been elsewhere in the country. By the time he had arrived in town (I have no idea how he got here. Probably by hitch-hiking or by bus), he "knew" he had to seek medical help for this situation. Well, thankfully he did that AND told me that he has to have ALL of his fingers amputated! This was going to be done within the next couple of weeks. My heart goes out to this dear soul. I literally ache for him.....if I see him again, I will update you on the progress of his physical health. As with ALL of us, he needs Jesus in his life, too. Oh my! I am still in shock over his situation.....

While there at the Rescue Mission, three women came up to talk with me. One of them was Kiely, the young woman I have been telling you about who is 8 months or so pregnant. She is constantly in and out of jail for various charges. She was at the shelter yesterday and was able to take Communion, so I was glad about that. I assured her again that we would get some baby clothing for her from Birthright over on Read Street. Oh, Dear Jesus! Please protect Kiely, her unborn child, and her two other toddlers who are presently living with her grandmother. Please give us Divine Wisdom as to what we should do and say to help this dear young woman and her little family.....

While talking with the above mentioned women at the Rescue Mission last Sunday, I invited them to our Communion service which we would be having over at the shelter. One woman immediately told me that she was "too bad of a person" to take Communion. She "wasn't worthy". I comforted her as much as I could AND assured her that ANYONE could partake of this Sacrament. We really would like for her to come on Good Friday. Right then and there, I felt the need to pray with these dear women. They welcomed our doing this! So, we all put our arms around each other and talked with Jesus about our lives and our needs. When we finished, this woman expressed her sincere appreciation for our caring about her and loving her. I assured her that Jesus loved her NO MATTER what!

Well, this dear soul DID show up for Communion on Friday. She didn't physically partake of the Sacrament but she did sit off to the side very quietly and I believe she was touched by the Master's Hand as our pastors served Communion. Wow! All of the above has REALLY touched my heart AND my life! Thank You for being in our presence, Dear Jesus.

While there at the shelter, I saw the young man that I had spoken with a couple of days before. He was sitting by himself and had his head laying in his hands. He appeared to be in "deep anguish" over something. When I first saw him, I tried to quietly speak with him and ask if I could be of help. He didn't really respond to me at the time. Well, yesterday, when we were there serving Communion, I saw him again and asked if he would like to join us in taking this Sacrament. To my surprise, he raised his head, smiled at me and replied, "Yes, I would like to." I really believe the Touch of the Master's Hand is on his life. He DID take Communion with us. Thank You, Dear Father! I will stay in touch with this young man and keep you posted on how things progress.....

Two other very positive things to report to you.....one of these involves a young man who has Down's Syndrome (along with what appears to be other physical and mental problems). He came up to me this week, using a walker for ambulation. He seemed very excited! AND he certainly has a right to be thrilled! He had just been told that he has been given an apartment through one of our local homeless agencies which means he will be OFF the street! He saw me and told me this because he was SO VERY HAPPY! Well! I am, too!! I am so very grateful for the good work our local agencies are doing for our people! Thank You, Dear Jesus!

One more sign of progress with our people! I have told you before about Charles, a young man I have seen for 3-4 years when he eats his meals at the United Caring Shelter. I have tried to make verbal contact with him at different times, but he makes no attempt to respond. From my nursing background, I have a feeling he is probably autistic. Well! I have seen him twice over the past 10 days or so, AND he is now starting to speak with me and even giving me a faint smile! I call that "progress"! I have been told he is living out on the streets wherever he can find a place, so we must continue to pray for this young man and his life. He is very vulnerable to danger perpetrated by other individuals.

Just as an update for our ministry-we are continuing to receive cash donations as well as tangible items for which we are very thankful. A few things we are particularly in need of at the moment are blankets, sleeping bags, T-shirts, shorts for men and women, and hand lotion. The latter may seem strange but is it a very real need! Many of our people have very rough, dry skin from being exposed to the elements as much as they are. If we could start collecting toiletries again (which includes the above), this would be wonderful! In conclusion (!!!), I would like to thank the mission room team of our church who diligently keeps things so well organized in there that I am simply overwhelmed whenever I go in there! Pat Marienau is the "Chief" in that department, but she has some GREAT helpers! Karen Frazer, Linda and Ron Burhardt, Elbert Moody, Elzie McBride, and others. A SUPER thank you to everyone! Most importantly, I want to thank the God of the Universe for being so attentive to our people's needs and to our prayers. Every week, I continue to be in awe as to how our needs are met-many times on the VERY SAME day they present themselves. AND THANK YOU for caring for our people and for what is happening in their lives. All of you are a BLESSING to this Ministry. Thank you!
Jennie Hiam

STREE TALK

Unto the Least of These Ministry to Homeless in Evansville

April 23, 2022

Hello all!

Is always good to have contact with you! The following is some news I want to share with you. We have had a busy week. We are seeing more and more people out on the streets and in the specific locations where we stop. Their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs are GREAT!

We have been giving a lot of thought and prayer to the possibility of further ministry at Ruth's House and at the other sites which house particularly women and children. Some of these sites are the House of Bread and Peace, Ozanom shelter, the YWCA, and Stepping Forward. Just as an FYI, the Life Choices Maternity Home on West Indiana St. has closed. I had stopped by there a few times myself in the past few weeks to see what we could do to help their young women and babies. Over the past month, I have been told they are no longer open for anyone in need. I have no further info regarding that facility so if any of you know anything, please let me know.

Regarding Ruth's House on Walnut St downtown-they always have their quota of 22 women there for housing. This facility is run by the United Caring Shelter. I have said this before but I continue to be distressed by the fact that all of these women are asked to leave the R. H. shelter by 7 a.m. each day during the week and then can return by 7 p.m. They can be there 24 hours each day of the weekend. But that's it. They are literally out on the streets or over at the UCS otherwise. This week, I received word that one of the women is pregnant (she is in her mid forties). I understand that she is one of those who lives at R. H. I talked with her this week over at the UCS. She was crying and very distraught. I spent some time with her and also referred her to ECHO Clinic for further eval and care. Also, to Aurora for care as need-

I saw another young woman at the UCS who came up to me this week and was quite teary. She had just become homeless within the past month and was living at Ruth's House. I gave her the social service information that we have available as well as encouraging her to talk with the social worker who comes to the UCS to provide information and care. This young woman had never been out on the streets so obviously she was quite distraught. Will give you any followup that I receive about her situation. Let's all continue to pray for our dear people who are facing new, frightening situations in their lives. Honestly, I can't even imagine what all they are going through! Oh, Dear Jesus, please help these dear souls AND give us Divine Wisdom as to what we should say and do for them.

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I need to mention here that several of the women from Ruth's House participated in Communion with us over at the UCS on Good Friday. All of the above mentioned women were there. Thank You, Jesus. "Chief" Pat Marienau and her AUMC Mission Room team set aside a large number of good sets of loungewear for women that we took over to Stepping Forward this past week for use by the women at that site. They were VERY appreciative of these gifts. As I have mentioned before, all of the women residing at this facility are recovering drug/alcohol addicts, are homeless, and/or are pregnant. We will continue to care for these women as much as we can. We also provide Bibles, "Our Daily Bread" devotional booklets, and other spiritual/inspirational sources of reading for them just as we do for all of the other sites we visit.

I also want to update you regarding the man with frozen fingers we saw when serving Communion last week. I have heard from a very reliable source that he has had all of his fingers amputated in between the first and second digit of each finger. He was having HORRIBLE pain with this condition. He was "very glad to have this procedure done". Please be praying with me regarding his physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing. This is why we must continue providing this ministry to our people in the Evansville area. Perhaps sometime we can expand this ministry to our adjacent counties. Over the years, I have had the opportunity of providing health care to many individuals on the streets, in shelters, and in jails around SW Indiana. Let me just say here that "the needs are GREAT"!!!

Pat Roberts (AUMC) and I were very busy with our ministry this last Thursday-just as Bert and Dwayne Deutsch (Blue Grass Church) were likewise very busy on Monday. While at the UCS, Pat and I saw a man who was in tears because of his alcohol problem. He is of Norwegian descent (Mom). Came to the States as a young man. Is very MUCH addicted to alcohol. I felt the need to pray with him. He VERY MUCH wanted us to do that. So, we held hands and talked with the God of the Universe! What an HONOR!! We all profited from that experience. We referred him for further care-emotional, spiritual, and physical. Was quite an experience! Thank You, Dear Jesus!

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On Thursday, we talked with a homeless man at the UCS who, per his statement, had gotten his wife pregnant in recent weeks. She is likewise out on the streets. He has no idea where she is now. He told me he loves her, but fears for her health and safety as well as that of their unborn child. He is attempting to find her and wanted to take some nice things to her to "show her that I love her". So, we gave them some things we thought she would like AND ALSO gave him information as to where she could receive health care. In this ministry, we make a LOT of referrals for health care-physical, emotional, and spiritual. This is the REASON why we have this ministry in place and out in the community. AND I can tell you that Jesus is DEFINITELY with us! Thank You, Dear Father!

We are continuing to have as our main focus for this ministry that of delivering spiritual care, as well as physical and emotional care to our people, just as Jesus did when He was alive on earth. The women's Bible Study group from Bethel Church have again provided us many Bibles for distribution to our people. For this, we are MOST grateful! We definitely sense the Presence of God every time we are out on the streets. And I, personally, want to tell you that engaging in this ministry strengthens me in every way-spiritually, emotionally, and physically! What an honor and a blessing, dear Father! Thank You!

Jennie Hiam (1-812-204-1190) Please call me with any questions about this ministry, donations, etc.

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