

Messenger

December 2018



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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A Blessed Christmas Greeting to All!

It's beginning to look (and sound) a lot like Christmas! Advent and Christmas festivities are in full swing. People are heading to the shops and stores looking for that perfect gift for those they love. Neighbors are donning their homes with lights and colorful Christmas characters. The sights and sounds remind us that the Christmas (Advent) season is upon us.

Christmas preparations fill our time with decorating, purchasing, wrapping, traveling, and celebrating. Christmas parties, special events, and gatherings help us experience the joy and good cheer of the season, but also make a full schedule even fuller. Sometimes we might wonder if we will have the time to get everything done before December 25th. We may even start looking past Christmas, yearning for Christmas to be over so we can finally rest and relax.

Those of us who follow Jesus want to make sure that all the Christmas celebrations and preparations don't crowd out the true reason we celebrate this special time of year. In our pursuit to celebrate Christmas, Jesus sometimes gets left out.

With all the hustle and bustle, we have to be intentional to keep Jesus at the center of our celebration. If we don't pay attention, Jesus can slip out of focus and we might not even notice. There were many who looked past Jesus the faithful morning of his birth. People were busy going about their day and living their lives. They weren't concerned about Christmas trees or making Eggnog, but they had other tasks keeping them busy.

Only a few discovered what God was doing in that feeding trough in Bethlehem. The shepherds heard the Good News of Jesus' birth from angels and went to see God's gift of love, then went back praising God and sharing the Good News of great joy with all. The Magi were far away following a star when Jesus was born. They were actively seeking the true King, but would arrive about as long as two years after Jesus' birth.

Those who encountered Jesus would never be the same. The world would never be the same. God loved the world so much that he gave...he gave his one and only Son. While celebrating the miracle of Jesus' birth may we not miss the reality of his life.

May you keep Jesus at the center of your celebration and may he bring you hope, love, joy, and peace.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Greg





Ruth Postal	2
James Meador	3
Michelle Kingsbury	9
John Rea	10
Lanny Taylor	11
Gordon Venema	13
Gerald "Jerry" Bennett	15
Elvin Reed	17
Tim Russell	19
Martha Kohler	23
Abigail Shoptaugh	25
Carroll Feistel	28
Brendon Shoptaugh	30
Kristy Georgesen	31



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Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Anniversary Celebrations

Norman & Martha Kohler	14
Lanny & Jenny Taylor	26



Prayer Requests: Lanny Taylor, Jim Smith, Gary Sprinkle, Stella Hettenbach, Victor Doty, Kathlene Carter, 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?
Please contact the church office.*



December 9th!

The men will be serving breakfast on Sunday, December 9th, 8:30 am-10:00 am.

for a free will offering.

The annual Christmas Cantata will be at 10:30 am. Invite your family and friends to breakfast and to enjoy the sounds of Christmas.



"The Caring Ministry, which gives afghans to those of our congregation who have a long-term illness or need to go into a nursing home, is getting quite low on the afghans. Also, money which which to buy yarn is quite low. Would you like to help with the cost? Any amount, no matter how small, will help. Questions? Ask Josette Higgins. She will also take the money and buy the yarn. Thanks for your help."



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Be sure to check out our website!
Mccutchanvillecc.org



Mountain Mission News!

Most people nowadays shop online. Amazon is

one of the most popular place to order! There is a way to donate to MMM AND order things from Amazon, without costing any extra money!

1. Go to smile.amazon.com (or search for "smile amazon" on google)
2. Search for United Methodist Mountain Missions
3. Select MMM
4. That's it!

From now on, when logged into your Amazon account, MMM will receive 0.5% of the price of every purchase you make. **THIS COSTS YOU NOTHING EXTRA!** It's a quick and free way of supporting the MMM, all whilst ordering items you were ordering anyway!



UMC Habitat Build Underway

The fundraising goal (\$80,000) for the 2018-19 United Methodist Habitat

Build has been met. Work on the house at 309 S. Bedford Ave. for Amanda P. and her family began November 17. Dates to work on the house (including Dec. 1, 4 & 5) will continue into at least early February. (Obviously, weather could mean some work dates will be postponed.) To volunteer go on evansvillehabitat.org, click the blue "Volunteer" circle or tab, click the "Sign Up Here 2018 Liability Waiver", complete the waiver form and submit it. You will then see dates for the Methodist Build in dark purple on the monthly calendar sheets and can select dates to work. You will also be sent an email with a link to get back to your volunteer page, from which you can again look at the calendar and volunteer for the dates you want to work.



Dec 2 First Sunday of Advent
The Long Road to Christmas-HOPE has Come

Dec 9 8:00 –10:00 am Breakfast Served by the men
Second Sunday of Advent
10:30 am Cantata: "Peace Has Come" by
Dennis and Nan Allen Performed by the
choir

Dec 16 10:30 am
Messenger and Guide

Dec 23 10:30 am
We were amazed! A monologue by
Greg & Teresa as the Innkeepers
Wear your favorite Christmas Attire to church!

Dec 24 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 25 Merry Christmas

Dec 30 The Sunday After Christmas
Holy Communion rather than the first Sunday in
January



Habitat 500 Voice Choir for Dec. 9 U.E. Game

Everyone is invited to sing in "500 Voices for 500 Homes" in celebration of Habitat's completing 500 homes. . . a milestone only 25 other, much larger, cities in the country have achieved. The choir will perform during half-time of the University of Evansville vs. Ball State men's basketball game, Sunday, December 9, 2 p.m. CST, at the Ford Center. "Build Your Dreams," an original song composed by Tami Tenbarge, and "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays" will be sung. Free admission and free commemorative t-shirt for all participants. Attend "Sing for Success," a rehearsal with Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Tuesday, November 27, 6 p.m., Shanklin Theater on the campus of the University of Evansville and pick up your ticket and shirt. Register at etfcu.org/

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**UNITED METHODIST
YOUTH HOME**

As the seasons change and cold weather sets in, the UMYH is in need of different items to help keep the kids warm and cozy. Below is a list of items to consider adding to your Christmas Shopping list. When shopping, please keep in mind that the youth are young at heart but are also regular teenagers who appreciate name brands and wear adult sized clothing.



Young Ladies:

House Slippers (adult sizes), Fuzzy socks, PJ Sets (M-XXL), Sweatshirts & Hoodies, Body Wash, Lotions & Body Sprays.

Young Men:

Men's tall black socks, House Slippers (adult sizes), Flannel PJ Bottoms or Sweatpants (M-XXL), Athletic Hoodies (M-XXL), Men's Body Sprays (like Axe).

General:

Headphones (over the ear), Sketh pads, Acrylic Paits, Canvases, Watches (Men & Women), Gift Cards (Hobby Lobby, Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon, Shoe Carnival,



It is time to place orders for Holiday Poinsettias. The Poinsettias are \$10.00 each this year and are available in either red or white. Please complete the order form and submit with your payment to the church office

_____ Red _____ White _____ Pink

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by _____

_____ Red _____ White _____ Pink

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by _____

Total: _____

Orders must be received by Dec 3, 2018



Our mitten tree is up!. AS you are shopping during this season, pick up a pair of mittens, gloves, or a scarf to hang on our mitten tree for the needy area families.

November 2018 Attendance and

	Att.	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Gym & Fellowship Hall Rent	Mission (UMCOR)	Food Pantry	Missions Haiti	Total Checking Deposit
November 4	70	\$1,315.00	\$2480.00	\$100.00	\$470.00	\$200.00	\$2500	\$165.00	\$4755.00
November 11	73	\$985.00	\$1576.00	\$390.00	\$125.00				\$3076.00
November 18	71	\$690.00	\$1820.00	\$100.00	205.00				\$2715.00
November 25	80	\$155.00	\$2140.00	\$100.00					\$2395.00


GOD'S KIDS reporting



Happy December

We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to our December Birthday children: Asher (8), Arabella (13), Trenton (14), Kason (19), and Jewel (23).



Our Christmas Programs are coming up in December. We have worked hard on our songs and we invite the members of MCC to come watch. 

December 4-12:30pm-2 Year Old Program
December 7-6:00pm-3 Year Old Program
December 14-Pre-K Christmas Program

God's Kids will be closed beginning December 21 and will remain closed until January 3, 2019.



Have a safe and Happy New Year!!



PROFILE OF THE MONTH: Teacher Natalie Decker



Miss Natalie was "caught" making an Angelfish picture for Jonah's Fish Fry!!

My name is Mrs. Natalie. I am the teacher in the Angelfish Class, which is one of the 2 year old classes. My husband Kurt and I have a son, Cameron, who is in the fourth grade at McCutchanville Elementary School. He started out as a student of God's Kids. When Cameron went to kindergarten, I would sub occasionally for God's Kids. I enjoyed substituting so much that I accepted a permanent position with God's Kids. This is my second year working with two year olds.

In our spare time, my family loves to go to IU football games! I coach the Rowdy Ropers Jumprope team and I have been jumping rope for 31 years.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November 25 Hanging of the Greens Soup & Sandwich Lunch Gym Reserved	November 26 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:30-8:00 pm Gym Reserved 5:30-7:00	November 27 10:00 Greg & Teresa with God's Kids	November 28 6:30 Choir 6:00-7:30 pm Gym reserved	November 29 6:30 pm fellowship Hall Reserved 3:00-8:00 Gym Reserved	November 30 6:30 pm gym reserved	December 1 Gym reserved 2:00-6:00pm GS cookie kick-off
2 Communion Sunday 2:30-5:00 GS in Gym	3 11:30 UMW at Carousal 5:30-7:00PM Gym Reserved 6:00- GS in 203 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:30-	4 10:00 Greg & Teresa with God's Kids 12:30-2 YO Christmas Program 6:00pm HOA Fellowship Hall	5 3:30 pm Girl Scout Room 206 6:00-7:30 pm Gym reserved 6:30 Choir	6 6:00 pm Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm fellowship Hall Reserved 3:00-8:00 Gym Reserved	7 6:00 pm God's Kids 3 year old Christmas Program	8 11:00 am Fellowship Hall Reserved
9 8:00-10:00 Breakfast 10:30 Christmas Cantata 4:00 Fellowship Hall Res	10 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:30-8:00 pm 6:00pm Room 203 Girl Scouts Gym Reserved 5:30-7:00	11 10:00 Greg & Teresa with God's Kids	12 6:00-7:30 pm Gym reserved 6:30 Choir 3:30-5:00 Girl Scout Meeting Room 203	13 6:00 pm Ad/ Finance Meeting 6:30 pm fellowship Hall Reserved 3:00-8:00 Gym Reserved	14 6:00 pm God's Kids Pre K Christmas Program	15
16 2:30 GS in Gym	17 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:30 pm 6:00 Room 203 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:00 5:30 Gym Reserve	18 10:00 Greg & Teresa with God's Kids 2:30-5:00 Girl Scouts Gym	19 6:30 Choir Room 203 GS 3:30-5:30 6:00-7:30 pm Gym reserved	20 6:30 pm fellowship Hall Reserved 3:00-8:00 Gym Reserved Gym Closed No School	21 2:30-5 Girl Scout in Gym Gym Closed No School	22 Gym Closed
23 Gym Closed	24 Girl Scouts Room 203 6:30-8:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00- Gym Closed No School	25 Gym Closed No School	26 6:30 Choir Room 203 GS 3:30 Gym Closed No Schol	27 6:30 pm fellowship Hall Reserved Gym Closed No School	28 No School	29 Gym Closed
30 Gym Closed	December 31 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:30-8:00 pm Girl Scouts Room 203 5:30- No school0Gym	January 1 Gym Closed No School	January 2 6:30 Choir Gym Closed No School	January 3 6:30 pm fellowship Hall Reserved 3:00-8:00 Gym Reserved School Resumes	January 4	January 5