



# The Messenger

September 2020



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## Mission Statement

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

*From the  
Pastor*



Greetings MCC Family,

Have you ever said: "Absence makes the heart grow fonder?" Maybe? Maybe not?

We are living in the absence category of life right now. But just think we have gotten by since mid-March living under pandemic restrictions – just maybe we can make it through this. And just maybe we will be a bit "fonder" or appreciate more our time together as part of our dear McCutchanville Community Church.

Just Remember:

**Joseph** was separated from his father, Jacob, and his eleven brothers (weren't they the best group), and God reconciled them, using Joseph's foreign land in Egypt to save his family from famine.

**Moses** went on a hiatus for 40 years to escape Egypt with his life. God called him back to perform the Exodus.

**Hannah** was without a child for so long and pleaded with God for a child. She asked God for a son and in return she vowed to give the son back to God for the service of God. This son was Samuel who became a very important person in transition from the Judges to the Kings of Israel. Hannah waited and God provided.

**Samuel** would eventually go to Jesse's house to choose the next king of Israel after King Saul's failure as the first king. David would accept this but was reluctant to overtake Saul and become king. He waited, seemingly almost too long. Finally. Saul's life ended and David began his reign, and more importantly "the man after God's own heart."

**In the New Testament Zechariah and Elizabeth** would wait and wait for a child, to the point that it would take a miracle for her to bear a child at her age. Again, God provided the miracle and John the Baptist was born.

**Jesus** himself waited for 30 years for his earthly ministry to begin. Then the world waited for 3 days while Jesus was in the tomb.

Today we wait for Jesus' return and proclaim in the Great Thanksgiving before Holy Communion:

**Christ will come again.**

As we wait for effective medications and vaccinations for COVID-19. As we wait for our racial divide to be brought together through conversations, reasoning, and solutions, so that we can put an end to the endless and needless suffering and violence. As we wait for two political parties to state their best case and not leave us wanting more. As we wait for our economy to regain momentum and offer opportunities to succeed for all persons. As we wait...

Psalm 145:18: *The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.* Do not lose hope. Do not give up. In your best of times, call on Him. In your average times, call on Him. In your worst of times, call on Him.

Psalm 27:14: *Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.* So after we call on Him, we wait for Him. We wait for God to bring us through and show us the way the truth and the life, especially during the year 2020.

We come back to worship and Holy Communion on September 6<sup>th</sup>. This part of our waiting is over, and we look forward to what God has in store for us as we go forward together.

Take heart and wait for the Lord,

*Pastor Greg*



## Church Conference on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 AM

At the August 11, 2020 McCutchanville Ad Council Meeting the council voted to sell our main parsonage. We have rented it since our last full-time pastor in 2012, and it was recently vacated. Currently we are making some much needed improvements to the home, which is located at 8631 Clifton Drive about 2-3 miles from the church. The parsonage is paid for and a realtor gave an estimated value of \$190,000 after we are done with the improvements, such as a new heating/cooling system, flooring, kitchen counter-top, and painting. Much of the work has now been completed and was done by volunteers. We have budgeted \$15,000-25,000 for the improvements. Funding for this project is coming from the proceeds of our food trailer.

We have our original parsonage located across Kansas Road from the church that we are presently renovating. It had also been rented until we decided to do a full remodel beginning in early 2019. With the complete remodeling, this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home with detached 2 car garage will once again meet the standards for a parsonage. There remains an estimated \$50,000+ in cost to finish this work.

The intention of the Administrative Council is to take the proceeds from the sale of the Clifton Drive parsonage and apply to our church mortgage, which today has \$197,000 remaining, thus practically wiping out the balance owed, getting us out of debt. (We pay \$4000/month on our mortgage payment)

UMC Conference Assistant Superintendent Randy Anderson will conduct the Church Conference following worship on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the formal vote to approve/disapprove the sale. Only members of MCC are allowed to vote, which will be done by paper ballot. And there are no absentee ballots, you must be present. The conference room will be provided for those who are unable to wear a mask for any length of time.



### Worship & COVID-19

We are coming back to in-person worship on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. We will follow required government guidelines of wearing masks and social distancing. However, we will provide the conference room as a place for those who are unable to wear a mask for any length of time. The room is equipped with sound and video. We do ask that masks be worn upon entering, in hallways, and exiting the building. Social distancing should also be followed in the conference room as in the sanctuary. Masks and hand sanitizer are readily available upon entering the church.



### Showing Kindness

We plan to continue the Tuesday evening meals. They have been so well received. Each week 70-80 meals are being sent out of the kitchen to your homes. If you haven't tried this meal, you are urged to give it a try. You might be wondering how this is being covered financially – the answer is easy – it is being covered through faithful donations by many. Some of the donations have come from outside the church by persons who have heard about and seen this kindness and ministry in action.

The second act of kindness is in feeding the youth at the UMC Youth Home. The Friendship Sunday School Class has fed these teenagers on three different occasions and plan to do this again in the near future. The reception that we receive is truly genuine and appreciative – typically pizza is brought in for the kids; however, we have taken meals and they love it!

### Church Leadership

During the fall we are required to put together our Leadership Committee assignments for the next year before our annual charge conference which has been set for November 8<sup>th</sup>. During 2020 because of the virus, we have held very few meetings. Therefore, I would like to ask all persons to carry over their positions into 2021. If you are unable to do this, please let me know.

~ Pastor Greg

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



## SEPTEMBER

Ron Gross	6
Maren Hubble	7
Barb Siegert	13
Don Skelton	13
Sidney Cagle	15
Nancy Glackman	17
Teresa Davis	24
Joy Roettger	24
Alice Campbell	25
David Dixon	25
Cory Mills	27
Jane Bennett	27
Mary Moore	28

*We Believe In The Power Of Prayer*



## prayer requests

**Prayer Requests:** Jim Smith (he is at home with pneumonia and continue having difficulty walking, Mary Lou Ellis (has been at St Vincent's), Debby Phares is now rehabbing in Owensville Convalescent Center, Kemper Lease who is recuperating at home, all area schools and universities, God's Kids (92 enrolled), Karen Kramer's grandson Austin who tore a ligament in his shoulder, Howard Briscoe (Teresa's father), Josette Higgins, Austin Smith, (firefighter), Amy Dubber, Joy Roettger, David and Sara Dixon, Those recovering from the hurricanes. Karen Kramers grandson Mike and his crew have been in Texas to help with the clean up, our Nation as we prepare to cast our ballots, Shiloh and Jonathan Abner as they transition into their new life in Nashville, TN, Our Haitian children: Daphnica Noel and Richecarde Charitable Louissant, MCCutchanville Firefighters, The homeless population.

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

**Call the church office at  
812-867-5735**

# Happy Anniversary

## SEPTEMBER

Kemper & Martha Lease	10
Roger & Alice Campbell	13
Don & Sue Harris	15



It is so difficult to believe that it is September already. Stores have Halloween and even Christmas decorations out. Back to school sales are going on and it is a great time to pick up sale items for Operation Christmas Child boxes.

MCC is planning on collecting filled Christmas boxes again this year. Generally the boxes need to be filled and at the church for pick up by early November.

Please consider filling a shoebox this year. We have empty boxes to be picked up if you are interested in this mission.



Patchwork Central contacted us this week. Due to Covid, the Food Pantry at Patchwork



has been open only 2 days a week. However, Beginning September 8th, the Food Pantry will be open on their regular schedule. Food is in short supply and they thank MCC for being loyal supporters. Crackers are very much needed as well as many staples for needy families. As we begin to gather for Sunday Worship, please remember to bring canned goods, Mac & Chees, soups and crackers for Patchwork Central's Food Pantry. At the end on this



Newsletter is a letter from the Salvation Army who is also facing difficult times.

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UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME

We are so excited to announce Azzip's Pot of Dough Fundraiser!

Need lunch or dinner plans? Starting tomorrow, anytime you use our unique code at checkout from September to November, UMYH will receive 5% back. In addition, every dollar you spend will get us an entry for a chance to win \$10,000 from the Pot of Dough drawing at the end of November. Let's raise some dough!



[Link to Code](#)



**The Unity Class will be selling ONLY Pecan Halves and Pecan Pcs. this year. The price is the same as last year, \$12.00 (16 oz. bag). We will not do the snacks as we can't get the leaflet to everybody and chances are the prices may have changed. Please consider buying for Holiday Baking. Contact Joan Reed (812-867-2865) or Vera McCutchan (812-746-7049). We will be taking orders during September and the first part of October with the delivery during the first week of November. Hopefully by next year we can order as usual. Thank you for supporting the Unity Class.**

## July & August 2020 Attendance and Giving

	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Food Pantry	Friendship Class	Memorials Nancy Glackman & Gary Sprinkle	Total Checking Deposit
July 23		\$233.00	\$545.00	\$100.00			\$25.00	\$918.00
July 30		\$1,225.00	\$1,345.00	\$100.00			\$175.00	\$2,845.00
August 10		\$600.00	\$755.00	\$100.00			\$170.00	\$1,625.00
August 20		\$125.00	\$645.00	\$100.00		\$60.00	\$185.00	\$1,115.00
August 27		\$305.00	\$1,237.00	\$100.00		\$170.00	\$200.00	\$2,012.00



# GOD'S KIDS ... Reporting



## God's Kids:

We started back to school on August 5th with a full house! 97 students are enrolled this year. An additional 2 year old class has been added.

Things are a bit different with the threat of Covid. The staff and teachers are doing an exceptional job of teaching, loving, playing, instructing, and some days, just getting through it, as you can well imagine. Here is what we are doing:

Teachers and staff continue to wear masks.

Children are being dropped at the door by the parents. Someone meets the child at the door.

Children wash their hands as they arrive for the first of many times during the day.

Children stay together in their classroom group and do not intermingle with other groups very often.

Chapel time with Pastor Greg and Teresa will resume on September 2nd. We have missed Chapel time and this is just one way we are returning to normalcy.

Children are once again eating in the lunchroom rather than their classrooms.

There is often just one group of children in the hallway.

Continue to pray for the students, staff and teachers.  
Thank you.

Due to Covid-19, all graduations were cancelled. We have scheduled a drive through graduation for our children who have left Pre-School and have gone one to Kindergarten

Graduation Drive Through will be September 3rd. Children will receive a Graduation Certificate and a Bible from the church. All of the material that they left when school closed in March will also be given to them. We miss the students but wish them the best as they go on to Kindergarten.



Due to Covid-19, we will not be taking field trips for a while. Fun days are being planned inside the classrooms, however. Our primary concern is that the children feel safe and are learning and playing together.



# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 30	August 31 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00  Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	September 1 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa  1:30 Gym Reserved	September 2 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	3  Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	4	5
<b>6</b> Communion Sunday Charge Conference 11:30	<b>7 Labor Day</b> <b>No School</b> Gym reserved 1:30-3:00  Gym Reserved	8 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved Girl Scouts	9 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	10 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	11	12
<b>13</b>	14 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00  Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	15 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa  1:30 Gym Reserved	16 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	17 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	18	19
<b>20</b>	21 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00  Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	22 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved Girl Scouts	23 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	24 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	25	26
27	28 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00  Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	29 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa  1:30 Gym Reserved	30 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	October 1  Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	2	3
4 Communion Sunday	5 1:30 Gym Reserved Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	6 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa  1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved Girl Scouts	7 1:30 Gym Reserved	8 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	9	10



## DOING THE MOST GOOD

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August 26, 2020

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The Salvation Army has been busy assisting families in need because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. This has impacted all our lives in many unexpected ways. For many their job has been eliminated through company's shut down. For others there has been hours cut back. We have received \$150,000 in Emergency Response COVID-19 funds. To date we have assisted with \$217,402.04 as of August 10, 2020 to 541 families. We have received a matching grant from Lilly Foundation. We have now almost exhausted those matching monies. We have applied for additional funds but have not had a response to date.

**My reason for writing is that fund raising has become more and more difficult for critical support programs.** It appears that we may not be able to ring Christmas bells at some locations due to the store's policy on Covid-19 Social Distancing. We have received approval from Rural King and Hobby Lobby so far. Our bell-ringing activities in the past has been the support mechanism for these two programs.

Would you consider a monetary gift to help with our Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen programs? Maybe you would like to sponsor a day in the soup kitchen? (For instance, A single hot meal has an average cost of \$1.41 and an average day we would expect 300 participants - a sponsored day would be \$423.00)

**We need of your help.**

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Turner, Major

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