

# The Messenger

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## 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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It's been a year – one long year. From March 2020 to March 2021 we have dealt with a virus that we didn't see coming. This virus affected nearly all aspects of our lives, including our coming together for weekly worship. But you know all those details and I don't have to repeat them. Yet the one thing that hurt the most last year was not coming together on Easter Sunday for the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection! And I believe we can do that safely and with great enthusiasm this year.

Now that it has been a year since this crisis/tragedy began, what have we learned?

1. We don't have all the answers. It came down to three simple rules: wash your hands, wear a mask, and keep a safe distance from one another. I'm sure these measures have been beneficial, but they did not solve the problem. Finally, we have a vaccination which is seemingly bringing some containment. Yet even though we were all caught off guard with more questions than answers, God was not caught off guard. Scripture tells us repeatedly to "Fear Not" and that God has not and will not abandon us.
2. We all have needs. The government has provided financial relief through three stimulus payments and extended unemployment benefits. Our church has reached out through Tuesday meals, a monthly youth home meal, increased food donations to Patchwork Central, and more recently collecting for the children's ministry in Haiti. Philippians 4:19: *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.* Yes, we have been stretched, but not broken, and we will come through this all to God's glory.
3. We need to show gratitude – now why do I add this one in the mix? As we begin each service, with the words: God is faithful, all the time! We should actually live this by meaning what we say. Showing gratitude puts the focus back on God's goodness in the little things and the big things.
4. We need one another – I have heard so many stories about loneliness in isolation and not just from those in hospitals or nursing homes. People need contact and encouragement. Without this one can become stagnant and depressed. Jesus becoming human shows his desire to draw close to those he loves by being in a relationship with us.
5. We still need grace – within a pandemic there is much uncertainty and desperation – which can pull us away from God and lead us to sin. Where do we turn? Where/how do we find peace? It starts and ends with Jesus. His grace, forgiveness, restoration is what we can't live without.
6. We still need Jesus!

This brings me back to where I began. Yes, it has been a tough year. Yes, COVID has not gone away. But neither has Jesus, and he was here before any earthly virus and he will always be with us. And EASTER is a celebration of his redemptive love. Friends, he died for all of us!

He Is Risen,

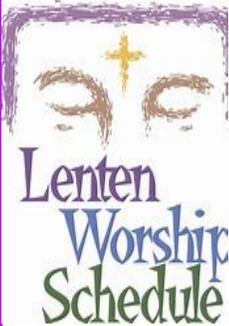
*Pastor Greg*



Due to the COVID pandemic, Cory and the Haiti team were not able to travel to Haiti last year. It has been two years since anyone has made the trip to the Haiti mission field. Cory Mills will be leaving Monday, April 5, to travel with the team to visit the children that MCC sponsors as well as the children that individual members sponsor. This year, Cory will visit each household to see exactly what supplies are needed. Rather than taking donated items, the team will take cash and purchase the needed household supplies and food as the individual households indicate their specific needs. Cash donations are needed and gratefully accepted.

Please keep Cory, the team and the Haiti residents in your prayers.

### Lent Schedule



**April 1<sup>st</sup>: Maundy Thursday Service**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>: Easter Celebration!**

**8:00 AM—Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall**

**9:00 AM— Easter Morning Worship Celebration**

**MENU  
FOR TUESDAY EVENING  
CARRY OUT**

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| <b>April 6th:</b>  | <b>Turkey<br/>Casserole</b>   |
| <b>April 13th:</b> | <b>Potato Soup</b>            |
| <b>April 20th:</b> | <b>Pulled Pork</b>            |
| <b>April 27th:</b> | <b>Vegetable<br/>Soup</b>     |
| <b>May 4:</b>      | <b>Chicken<br/>Fettuchine</b> |

### COFFEE TIME

Coffee is now available on Sunday mornings. At our coffee bar.

Grab a cup of coffee and a friend and enjoy some much needed fellowship! With coffee available now, will donuts and cookies be far behind?



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](http://mccutchanvillecc.org) to check the availability of the facility.



United  
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Women  
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The MCC ladies have decided to break away from the official United Methodist Women (UMW). We will continue to meet monthly for fun and fellowship. We invite all women to join us on Wednesday, April 28th at 1:00 in the conference room. We would like to get better acquainted with all of the ladies in our church.

Our first task will be to decide what we are going to name our group! Come with names in mind and all of your ideas for fellowshiping!  
~ Karen Skinner

### Children's Church



If you have been hesitant to bring your children due to not having children's church, we will also begin children's church during the worship hour. So when you are comfortable joining in morning worship, we hope to see you!

Greetings,



UNITED METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION



I hope all is well with everyone. February and March (so far) have certainly been a rough time for our communities. Ice storms, devastating flooding, and then a forest fire...it's been a wild ride to say the least! (At this point, I'm thinking about getting volcano insurance!) We have worked with local groups to help those that were affected by the flooding. UMCOR sent over 2,000 flood buckets to our warehouse, which we were able to deliver to several communities, including our own. Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 23, we are opening our Jackson Opportunity Store for the flood victims only. Those affected by the flood will be able to get \$30 dollars worth (each) of items they need, along with food and flood buckets.

It's been a hectic and devastating time. But God is healing this area exceedingly quickly! The Red Cross, along with several other organizations are still here working and helping those recover from the flooding.

The Urgent Needs List and Messenger are attached (now on the bulletin board at MCC) . If you'd like to contribute to the flood victims and help, send your donations to P.O. Box 888, Jackson, KY 41339.

Thank you for your prayers and your donations. We love you all!

Prayers and Blessings,  
Andy



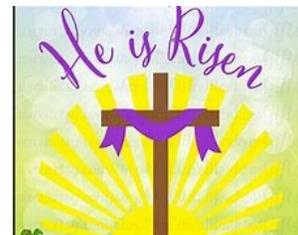
### Sunday School is Back!

Frank Miller has graciously agreed to lead our Sunday School class at 9:00 each Sunday morning.

We began the session on March 7th but it certainly is NOT to late to join us. We will continue to use The Gospel Project material. We have that material which has coincided with Lent and will continue after Easter with JESUS THE MESSIAH.

So far, the class is averaging about 20 adults! We invite each of you to grab a cup of coffee and your Bible and join us as we continue our fellowship and study.

We will not be meeting Easter Sunday but come at 8:00 and have Easter Morning Breakfast before the 9:00 AM worship celebration!





| APRIL            |    |
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| Vanessa Hayes    | 9  |
| Josette Higgins  | 10 |
| Kent Burress     | 15 |
| Kendra Georgesen | 19 |

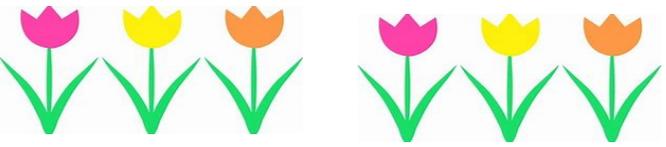


## Prayer Requests

**Prayer Requests:** Jim and Margie Smith, Jane & Jerry Bennett and family, Don Taylor (Donna Taylor's dad), Cherly Miller's mother (our custodian) Cheryl Rothemeier, Debby Phares, Mary Moore, Norm Koehler-surgery scheduled April 9, Josette Higgins And Ed Schiffer (cancer treatments), Cory Mills & Haiti team, Joshua Pearson (Doty's grandson in Marines), Karen Skinner, Jenny Taylor, all area schools and universities, God's Kids , Austin Smith, (firefighter) , Amy Dubber, Joy Roettger, Sara Dixon, 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?*



| APRIL                  |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Daniel & Vanessa Hayes | 14 |
| Jon & Angie Shoptaugh  | 26 |
| Cory & Annelle Mills   | 27 |



The Food Pantry at Patchwork Central sent a "Thank You" to MCC. Over 500 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected and donated to The Food Pantry last month! Our trusted servants, Frank and Betty Gentry, gather the food items and deliver them to Patchwork each month. The many clients are so very appreciative of everything that MCC collects and donates.

April is again, "ANYTHING GOES" month. Please bring any non-perishable item and place it in the basket in the hallway. Any and every little bit helps.



## March 2021 Attendance and Giving

|          | Att | Building Fund | General Fund | Special Projects | Internet Giving | Lily & Tulip Memorial Flowers | Youth Home Meals | Karen Kramer & Martha Kohler Memorial | Lent Boxes | Total Checking Deposit |
|----------|-----|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| March 7  | 47  | \$1,735.00    | \$2,475.00   | \$11,000.00      | \$100.00        | \$100.00                      |                  | \$455.00                              | \$105.00   | 15,970.00              |
| March 14 | 51  | \$70.00       | \$810.00     | \$200.00         | \$100.00        | \$100.00                      |                  | \$40.00                               | \$68.50    | \$1,288.50             |
| March 21 | 46  | \$355.00      | \$1499.00    |                  | \$100.00        |                               | \$220.00         |                                       | \$16.50    | \$2,190.00             |
| March 28 | 51  | \$275.00      | \$895.00     |                  | \$100.00        |                               |                  | \$50.00                               | \$139.50   | \$1,459.50             |

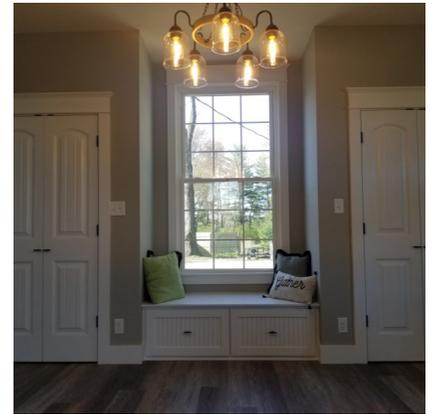
# The Parsonage IS almost move-in ready!



The parsonage is nearing completion!  
An open house is being planned soon—a time when the congregation can actually go in and look around before the house is rented. The pictures truly do not do the updated house justice. Everything is top of the line and simply beautiful!



Hopefully we will have renters by May but if you have time in the next few weeks, stop by and take a look around at the Old Parsonage that is like new!



# GOD'S KIDS



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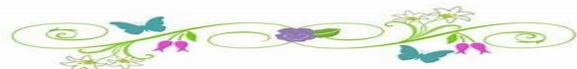
**OOOPS:** I listed our April birthday children last month . Happy BELATED birthday to our MARCH children: Layla (3), Sylvie (3), Theo (5), Bentley (5), Kyndal (13), Ryiah (19), Marshall (28), and Gavin (28).

And a happy birthday to our April children: Margaret (4), Ethan (6), Deacon (19), Ivy (27), and Oakley (30)!

We still are not allowed to go on outings or field trips but we continue to have fun at God's Kids. We just found out that our Pre-K will be having graduation ceremonies this spring. The two Pre-K classes had pictures taken this past week in their graduation cap and gowns. They looked so grown-up. It is difficult to believe that they will soon be leaving us and heading to Kindergarten.

As the Pre-K leave, a new group of children will be joining us! Miss Terri has said that enrollment for the fall has gone very well and there are very few openings left. That means we will be making more new friends!

Spring has arrived and we are enjoying the nice weather. We are all hoping that by summer we can begin taking field trips again.



We had a teacher resign at the end of December and are continuing our search for a suitable teacher who would enjoy working in a Christian, lovable, clean environment.

Do you know someone who is wonderful with children and who are looking for a part-time position working with and teaching children? God's Kids has an opening for a teacher in the 3 year old classroom.



We follow EVSC calendar during the school year but do have a summer session from May through August as well. Please have all interested persons contact Terri Schuetter, Director of God's Kids at 812-867-5735 or at [terri@mccutchanvillecc.org](mailto:terri@mccutchanvillecc.org). Resumes should be submitted at that email address. Thank you for your help and



for spreading the word!!

We are also looking for a cook for God's Kids. The hours are from 10:00-1:00 Monday through Friday. If you know of someone who would like to cook lunches for the children, please have them call Terri!



| Sun                              | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri | Sat   |
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| March 28                         | March 29<br>Gym reserved 1:30-3:00<br><br>Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 | <b>30</b> God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa<br>1:30 Gym Reserved                                       | 31<br>Gym reserved 1:30-3:00                                      | April 1<br>6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service<br><br>Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 | 2   | 3     |
| <b>4</b> Easter Communion Sunday | 5<br>1:30 Gym Reserved<br>Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00                 | 6 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa<br>1:30 Gym Reserved<br>6:00 Gym Reserved<br>Girl Scouts     | 7<br>1:30 Gym Reserved  | 8<br>Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00  | 9   | 10    |
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| 25                               | 26<br>Gym reserved 1:30-3:00<br>Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00           | 27 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa<br>1:30 Gym Reserved<br>6:00 Gym Reserved                   | 28 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00<br><br>1:00 PM Women's Group Confernece | 29<br>Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00   | 30  | May 1 |
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