

The

Messenger



Greg Davis,

August 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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Greetings,

Hope you have had a great summer – and yeah it has been hot! Thought I would use this month's article for miscellaneous topics – keeping things simple in the “Dog Days”:

- The Tuesday meals have been around since the beginning of the pandemic. The purpose initially was to keep us connected (through a meal) when we were not meeting for in person worship. And off the bat, the meal program was a success! We started off serving about 30-40 meals per week, with a very limited menu. Then the numbers began to rise, gradually at first, but then to weekly numbers of about 100/week. With that increase the team became more creative and put more variety in place on the menu. Did you know that weekly we serve about as many people outside the church as within the church? 1 Peter 4:10: *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.* Serving others is a gift that is being shared throughout.
- Habitat for Humanity of Evansville is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Area UMC churches have another home that was dedicated on July 27th and is located at 304 E. Virginia Street. We have faithfully given to support our local builds. We are currently collecting for Habitat – please place donations in the offering basket at church. In this way we live out Philipians 2:4: *not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*
- God's Kids ended their very successful summer session on July 29th. Our entire staff is exceptional! The recent ruling by the Supreme Court that begins to place limitations on ending unborn life (and that is what it is) through abortion, indicates to me that children matter and we as a church must make sure that we are there for children. This includes continuing our vital support of pre-school, the Youth Home, and our children in Haiti. And moving forward, we will need to encourage and support Foster Care. Jeremiah 1:5: *“I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”*
- There is nothing new on our church disaffiliation from the UMC. We still continue to plan upon leaving the UMC on January 1, 2023. Might we subscribe to Isaiah 40:31 in moving forward? *but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*
- The current sermon series is from the book of Colossians. My prayer for you from Colossians 1:9: *So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.*

In Christ,
Pastor Greg

Church News



General Conference Informational Event

Dear Pastors, Lay Leaders, and Administrative Council Chairs:

You are invited to attend an in-person meeting at Aldersgate UMC on August 14th at 2pm CT/3pm ET for a General Conference Information Event hosted by Aldersgate UMC.

Rev. Greg Pimlott is the lead pastor of Boonville Main Street UMC and a clergy alternate for the Indiana General Conference Delegation. He has first-hand knowledge about recent General Conference decisions and Indiana delegation discussions. During this event, he will help us better understand what has and continues to happen with General Conference, and to answer questions as best he can.

This is another step in our effort to help you, and other area United Methodists, to be informed in this time of unhealthy rumors, assumptions, and fears.. We hope you will make plans to attend this event. It will be an afternoon of worship, prayer, and learning.

We are better together!
-Pastor Jim Clark, Aldersgate UMC



Staff Parish

There will be a **Staff Parish meeting on Tuesday, August 23rd, at 6:00 PM** in the Conference Room. Members of the 2022-23 Staff Parish are: Barb Doty, Judy Moll, Martha Lease, Larry Williams, Doug Walton, Kena Campbell, Maren Hubble, Mardee Rea, Don Skelton, Cherissa Williams and Pastor Greg.

Please mark your calendar to attend this meeting.



THE ANNUAL SUMMER LUNCHEON OF THE MCCCC WOMEN WAS ATTENDED BY ELEVEN WOMEN AND PASTOR GREG. THE MENU INCLUDED FRIED CHICKEN AND DELICIOUS SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS PROVIDED BY THOSE IN ATTENDANCE .

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MCCCC WOMEN IN THE WORD MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24TH AT 1:00 PM. THE PROGRAM WILL BE A VIDEO BY CHONDA PIERCE, CHRISTIAN SPEAKER AND COMEDIAN. WOMEN OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.



We want to say thank you to the Praise Team (Teresa, Roxie, Barb, Julie, Frank, Keith, and Larry) and to our pianists Roxie and Marla who have been leading the singing . Cory and Annelle have been traveling for a much needed and deserved vacation.
Safe travels Cory and Annelle!





Prayer Requests:

Gary Hansen's mother, Dorothy, Kristy Georgeson, Joe Haseman, Doug Pearson's family, Brick Briscoe, Joan Reed, Mary Moore, Jim Smith, Sara Dixon, David Elkins (friend of Pastor Greg), Silas (Jerry and Jane Bennet's great grandson), Barbara Ballard's mother, Jenny Taylor, Debby Phares, Norm Koehler, Josette Higgins, Mary Lou Ellis, Ed Schiffer (cancer treatments), Dorothy Hansen Our World, Our church, all area schools and universities, God's Kids, Amy Dubber, Our Haitian children: Daphnica Noel and Richecarde Charitable Louissant, MCCutchanville Firefighters, *Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the Messenger?* Call the church office at 812-867-5735



McCutchanville Fire Department would like to invite you to our annual Open House event.

This day will be full of fun including:

- * Bounce House
- * Smoke Room
- * Ladder Rides
- * Fire Truck Rides
- * Bucket Rides
- * Kids Agility Course
- * Special Guests from other area local responders:
 - * Vanderburgh County Sheriffs Office
 - * American Medical Response
 - * Evansville Thunderbolts
 - * Autism Evansville
 - * Alzheimer's Association
- * Lunch will be provided with dessert
- * Snow cones
- * Cotton Candy (MCC provides this and can use anyone who wants to help out)
- * Popcorn
- * Other events planned throughout the day. We look forward to celebrating our Open House with the wonderful community we serve!



MENU TUESDAY

August 2: Baked Spaghetti

August 9: Baked Potato & BBQ

August 16: Pork Chops

August 23: Chicken Salad & Fruit

August 30: Coney Dog

September 6: Potato & Ham Casserole





Methodist Mountain Mission



This past month has been a tough one, as we lost one of our dear friends and board members, David Hubbard. He went to be with the Lord on June 27. He will be missed greatly not only by us but by the community. I've written more about it in this month's newsletter.

I've attached the Urgent Needs List and Messenger. Please contact me anytime if you need anything. Thank you all!

Blessings,
Andy

Below are the to the newsletter and Urgent Needs list.

[Urgent Needs List](#)

[Messenger](#)



AUGUST

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|------------------|----|
| Larry Ellerbrook | 3 |
| Hayden Tapp | 5 |
| David Georgesen | 7 |
| Mary Getz | 11 |
| Victoria Hayes | 14 |
| Joan Reed | 16 |
| Megan Davis | 18 |
| Sandy Haseman | 22 |
| Linda Holder | 23 |
| Bill Roettger | 23 |
| Eddie Moll | 30 |

**UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE –
MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS IN EVANSVILLE**

Most importantly, prayer for the health of our team members AND the people we minister to.

I would like to make a request regarding the items we need for distribution to the homeless and others in need in our area. We DEFINITELY need the following:

- Used and clean Blankets
- Backpacks
- Sleeping bags
- Towels
- Washcloths
- T-shirts in adult sizes
- Women’s shorts
- Hygiene items: deodorant, menstrual items, toilet paper
- Clean bras, panties and briefs
- Men and women’s shoes
- Soap
- Dental supplies
- Kleenex

I hope the above information is helpful to you. This ministry is touching many lives in our area, INCLUDING MINE!! If any of you would like to go out on the streets with us sometime, please let me know. AND thank You, Dear Jesus, for being with us each step of the way. We can't do this without You!

Jennie Hiam 1-812-204-1190

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

Ministry to the homeless and anyone else in need
Aldersgate UMC 1-812-477-7816
5130 Lincoln Ave.



AUGUST

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| Sandy & Joe Haseman | 7 |
| Dean & Maren Hubble | 19 |
| Larry & Kathy Ellerbrook | 20 |
| Larry & Cherissa Williams | 28 |

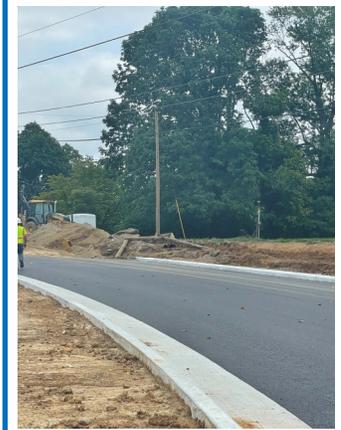
There are EXTRA pecans available for purchase at \$9.95 a bag. These are the pecans that we enjoyed at Christmas time. If you are interested in purchasing additional pecans, please see Joan Reed.





Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation heads back to school on August 8th. Prayers for our children, teachers, administration, staff, bus drivers. We pray for strength, learning, and protection.

God's Kids will be closed from July 30th-August 9th. August 9th will be a planning day for teachers and children will come back on August 10th.



The wait is almost over!

When I arrived at the church today, there is much evidence of a new road!



August is anything goes! As you walk around the grocery store and see items on sale, pick some things up for Patchwork Central. Please bring your donations and put in the basket. **EVERYTHING** is appreciated!

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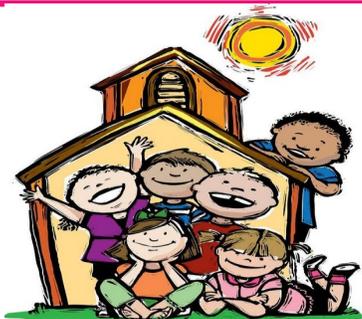
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Pastor Greg and Teresa continue to take a meal to the UNYH each month. The teenagers and staff are much appreciative. The UMYH Newsletter is posted on the bulleting board as you enter the church. Take a minute to read all of the exciting things happening at the youth home.

July 2022 Attendance and Giving

| | Att | Building Fund | General Fund | Inter-net Giving | Tue Meals | Missions (Habitat) | Missions (Haiti) | Memorials Jan Kinney | UMYH Meals | Total Checking Deposit |
|---------|-----|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------------|
| July 3 | 47 | \$1,555.00 | \$3,892.00 | | \$150.00 | \$3.00 | | | | \$5,600.00 |
| July 10 | | \$430.00 | \$1,657.00 | \$620.00 | | \$1.00 | | \$23.00 | | \$2,731.00 |
| July 17 | 62 | \$200.00 | \$1167.00 | | | \$291.00 | \$100.00 | \$50.00 | | |
| July 24 | 58 | \$5020.00 | \$2,753.00 | | | | | | \$35.00 | |
| July 31 | 58 | \$60.00 | \$1,142.00 | | \$50.00 | \$61.00 | | | | \$1,313.00 |



GOD'S KIDS reporting.....

God's Kids were able to take some field trips this summer AND were able to enjoy fun days in the water! Trips to Eastland Mall included making pretzels at Auntie Emm's and riding the carousel



A trip to the Evansville Museum was wonderful fun and so much information!



We even had a visitor- Dog Days of Summer!



August



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| July 31 | August 1 God's Kids Closed Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 | August 2 God's Kids Closed 1:30 Gym Reserved | August 3 God's Kids Closed Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00 Gym Re- | August 4 God's Kids Closed Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 | August 5 God's Kids Closed 1:30 Gym Reserved | August 6 |
| 7 Communion Sunday | 8 God's Kids Re-opens Teacher work day 1:30 Gym Reserved | 9 10 God's Kids children return 1:30 Gym Reserved | 1:30 Gym Reserved 3:00 Gym Reserved | 11 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 | 12 1:30 Gym Reserved | 13 |
| 14 2:00 Meeting at Aldersgate General Conference Informational | 15 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 | 16 1:30 Gym Reserved | 17 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 3:00 Gym Reserved | 18 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 | 19 1:30 Gym Reserved | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 | 23 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00 PM Staff Parish Meeting | 24 1:00 Women's Meeting 1Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 | 25 | 26 1:30 Gym Reserved | 27 Gym Reserved 8:00 AM-12:00 PM McCutchanville Fire Dept Open House |
| 28 | 29 Gym reserved 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 | 30 1:30 Gym Reserved | 31 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 3:00 Gym Reserved | September 1 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 | September 2 1:30 Gym Reserved | September 3 |
| September 4 Communion Sunday | September 5 Labor Day God's Kids Closed Gym reserved 1:30 Gym Reserved | September 6 1:30 Gym Reserved | September 7 Gym reserved 1:30 3:00 Gym Reserved | September 8 Gym reserved 1:30 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 | September 9 1:30 Gym Reserved | September 10 |

STREET TALK

Unto the Least of These Ministry to Homeless in Evansville

July 3, 2022

Hello everyone!

I have some REALLY cool news to start with today! When I stopped at the church (AUMC) late last week, Nancy Roberts (Children's Director and VBS director) stopped me and told me they had a surprise for me and for our ministry! She took me down to the church atrium and showed me the healthy treats piled HIGH that the VBS kids had collected for our homeless ministry. There were OVER 5000 individually wrapped treats that the kids had collected for us to take out on the streets and deliver to our people AND anyone in need! All of this was based on the story in Matthew about Jesus feeding the 5000 people who had gathered to hear Him speak. These people very much wanted to hear the Master of the Universe speak with them about their life concerns BUT they were also physically hungry. SO, the disciples gathered what food was available in the crowd and took those items (five loaves and two fishes) and presented them to the Master. He blessed this food and the disciples distributed it to ALL of the people present. EVERYONE had enough to eat after He had blessed the food. Well, Jesus was present in our VBS this week, too, and the kids were able to collect MORE than ENOUGH to feed the multitude of people we see out on the streets over the next coming days and weeks. THANK YOU, DEAR JESUS! AND thank you, kids, for sharing your resources with those in need. Sometimes we are talking with people who have had NO food for a matter of 3-4 days. Of course, we refer them to the various agencies in our community who lend them a helping hand to meet this need. We are SO VERY grateful for these sites.

I believe I told you last week about Pastor Darrell Rice of the "Connection Church" bringing us a minimum of 40 moderately sized heavy-duty plastic bags with straps on them containing nonperishable food items which he had obtained from a pastor friend of his in Madisonville, KY. Two weeks ago, on that Sunday afternoon, I took some of them to the House of Bread and Peace for the women and children at that site. Well, this last Sunday afternoon, a new friend of mine from the McCutchanville Comm. Church (Linda Proctor) went with me and we took the remaining number downtown to Ruth's House. They were THRILLED to receive these! In fact, during this past week, I saw several of these ladies carrying these bags with them for their personal belongings. They VERY MUCH appreciated having something like this that was their OWN property! Thank You, Dear Father for these donations.

Last week, I believe I mentioned to you that there was a young woman dressed in tattered clothing out walking the streets by herself. Many times she would just be sitting by herself on a street curb, not visibly communicating with anyone. I was able to have a little conversation with her this week. Her name is "Cassie". She sleeps on the streets and has very few personal belongings. She eats her meals primarily at the United Caring Shelter. I REALLY fear for her safety. Just as an FYI, we refer "street people" over to the various shelters and to Aurora who are in need of assistance. From what I understand, they are put on a waiting list, which is certainly understandable. Many do eventually receive an apartment or similar housing. Of course, there is always the problem of not having furniture, etc., for their use. I plan to ask Aurora more about this. I understand that some groups/churches here in town donate the supplies and minimal furniture that they need. I am also SO VERY GLAD when people can just get OFF the street. I plan to talk more with Aurora about this. Will keep you posted.

We have mentioned "Willard" to you in the past. He is a young man whom we have seen over at the Salvation Army on several occasions in the past. I understand he is a heavy drinker. In fact, over the past few months, he has been in jail for this problem. This is the young man that Terri has had a lot of contact with during our ministry when out at the S.A. He is the one who wanted to share something of value to him over to us. He gave Terri a globe which he personally had for a long time. Terri spoke about this in church one

Sunday morning. The globe is now sitting on a shelf in front of Diane's desk in the church office. Every time you see it, please say a prayer for this dear young man. He REALLY needs Jesus in his life (as we all do). Pat and I have really been busy when out on the streets. We always enjoy stopping at Patchwork Central to see the people there. We generally see more men there than women but it is certainly a mission field. Every-time I am there, it reminds me of the several years (back in the early 1990's) when I had the opportunity of serving there as a Nurse Practitioner. John Rich has continued to serve there as an RN and as a pastor. We are SO VERY grateful that John Rich and his team are available in that neighborhood for those in need. We had the opportunity of stopping by Safe Haven over on Franklin and 2nd St. last week. The women who are there are MOST appreciative of the clothing items, Bibles, and devotional materials we offer to them. We hope to continue doing this more. We also want to visit some of the other Safe Haven sites around town over the next several weeks.

As we head out to the Salvation Army, we consistently see more homeless in the shelter at the park on the corner of Franklin St. and Fulton Ave. After we visit with our people down at the S.A., we come back by the park and stop at the shelter in order to provide nutritious lunches and fresh water to those in need there. Consequently, we are needing to take more lunches with us from the S.A. so we can do the above. We started out a couple of years ago taking just 10 or so lunches from the S.A. downtown to the Mets Bus Station, but we are up to 18 now. We are MOST APPRECIATIVE of how the Salvation Army is helping us with this ministry.

Maybe some of you have listened to Dr. Charles Stanley on T.V. He said something the other day which really touched my heart. It is as follows-"The more we give ourselves away, the more God gives us in return". I am SO VERY GRATEFUL for the opportunity of serving the people on the streets of Evansville as we all are doing. Likewise, I am ESPECIALLY grateful for ALL OF YOU and your help and prayers in this ministry.

Please stay in touch with me and our team. Let me know of any changes you think would be beneficial to this ministry. Most importantly, PLEASE continue in prayer for all we are doing with God's Help. We CANNOT do this without HIM-the Master of the Universe. Thank You, Jesus!!

Jennie Hiam 1-812-204-1190

July 9, 2022

Hello everyone!

Just wanted to touch base with you regarding our mission activities for this past week. Along with the excessive heat, we have been having some illnesses in our drivers and/or their families so we have not been out on the streets in the van to see our people. I have been driving my car around town on occasion, hoping to see some of them OR at least see some that we had not seen before and give them whatever assistance I could.

This last Thursday, I took several items in my car over to the United Caring Shelter-men's and women's shoes, ankle style socks, healthy treats, and some bottled water. I was surprised to see several homeless individuals who were new to me. I talked with several of them. I honestly am not sure where they all came from. They very well might have been out on the street, down by the river, etc., but came over to the shelter to cool off some. I have a feeling the latter is the case. One of our local public officials made the statement to someone that he feels some of the homeless we see here are "given one-way bus tickets to Evansville from other places in the Midwest, hoping they will stay here!" This indeed may be the case, BUT it is depressing to me. No further comment on this.

When leaving the S.A., again I saw several homeless individuals huddled under the shelter over at the park on the corner of Franklin and Fulton. As you all know, it was VERY HOT outside this week for our people. I very much regret that, for their sake. I was at least able to give them healthy treat bags and bottled water, so I was glad I had enough of those items with me. By the way, I didn't know any of these people either! Where is everybody coming from? What is happening? If anyone can help with this question, please let me know.

One more thing-some of the women from the Grace Baptist Church in Chandler (Warrick CO.) and I will be taking some items they collected over to Ruth's House this Sunday afternoon (tomorrow) for the women who are at that site. That facility remains FULL!! My contact from this church, Linda Noblett, called me the first of June and said that their women's group was collecting all sorts of hygiene items this last month that they wanted to distribute to the residents at Ruth's House! They know that I visit this site every Sunday afternoon if I can, so some of them will be bringing their "collection of love gifts" and will be going downtown to R.H. with me tomorrow. This is SO VERY COOL!! I will be anxious to meet some of these ladies. Will update you next week, after this event. Thank You, Dear Jesus, for these wonderful women who love You AND want to show Your Love for these dear women who would otherwise be out on the streets. We have already given Bibles and Christian literature to several of these women in the past. However, we have a few Bibles left that the women's group at Bethel Church gave us for distribution so we will take those with us, too.

Thank You, Dear Father, for loving ALL of us as You do. Please continue to give us Your Divine Guidance and Direction as to how to continue this ministry. We love you, Dear Father!

Thank you everyone! Jennie Hiam 1-812-479-7490

July 16, 2022

Hello everyone!

I want to start out this edition of "Street Talk" by asking for prayer for a new team member in our group who is facing a major physical illness in her life. Her husband has some major health issues, too, so (as with the rest of us) they stand in need of Divine Intervention. I won't share her name or her situation with you until she gives me permission to do so. I am SO VERY THANKFUL God KNOWS specifically who she is and the needs which have arisen. Thank you, everyone, for praying with me regarding their situation. I did stop out at the Salvation Army and saw a few people sitting out on the sidewalk. I helped them all that I could. The majority of the socks and shoes I took with me are now gone-as well as the healthy treats and bottled water.

Regarding the homeless situation here in Evansville, we are VERY AWARE of what appears to be a major increase in the numbers of homeless and working poor in our community. The shelters are full and I see people lying around on the sidewalks downtown on a regular basis. Please, Dear Father, we ask that you intervene in these situations AND SPECIFICALLY make it clear to us, as Your servants, what we should do and say to help these dear people.

I have mentioned a young woman to you several times in the past by the name of "Kiely". We have followed her in her pregnancy now for several months and have helped her all we could. I hadn't seen her for 3-4 weeks so I have been asking different people on the streets about her situation. This past week, I saw a young woman pushing a baby in a small stroller over on Walnut St. At the time, I was at Ruth's House talking with some of the ladies there. I asked them if that was "Kiely"? They told me it was. So, I immediately ran over to her to talk with her, see the baby, and ask if we could help her and her dear little girl in any way. She seemed glad to see me. She told me she was living with a girl-friend of hers in that neighborhood. This friend has a small apartment. The baby was asleep and appeared to be clean and well-fed. One immediate concern I had at the time was that when I asked Kiely if the baby's father was abusing her in any way, she told me he had been but she had gotten away from him. "He is not around me anymore", she said. I am comforted in knowing that a copy of this "Street Talk" is sent over to Aurora, so I know they are aware of this situation. Some of you will remember when I told you about Kiely in January of last year. She was pregnant with twins and the babies' father abused her horribly and killed the babies in utero in the process. This is so often the case in homeless situations and in people on the streets-there are repeat pregnancies that occur in the same young women and trauma and death follow. These offenders wind up in jail but oftentimes are not there for a long period of time. Please continue to pray for Kiely and her little one. Remember, too, that she has a couple of other young children who are living with her grandmother. This is a repeated cycle in the lives of these dear people.....

On the positive side of things, it appears that our ministry will be able to start a women's Bible study at 1-2 sites around town. This would happen this coming Fall. Two of our team members will be leading this study. I will keep you posted on how this works out. Please continue to pray with us regarding this addition to our ministry.

One afternoon this past week, I saw one of our men sitting alone on a block of cement at the old courthouse downtown. He had on a pair of pants, but no shirt or other top cover. I noticed that his abdomen was grossly distended PLUS he had prominent, dilated blood vessels that were very pronounced in this area. From my past nursing experience, I am convinced this man has very severe alcoholic liver disease. He was probably in his 50's so I imagine he had been a heavy drinker all of his life. I couldn't see his legs or feet, but I would bet they were grossly swollen, too. I can't tell you the depth of the feelings I have for these people-and I know you feel the same. The majority have been abused in every way possible. That, along with mental illness, has dominated their lives. Any productive life they might have had was taken away from them. We MUST continue to show them the Love of Jesus AND do ALL in our power with the Guidance of the Master to help them.

Recently, I had the opportunity of meeting two women who are in recovery from alcohol and drug abuse. They heard about our ministry and want to join us. This is WONDERFUL! One of them has already been out on the streets with me. In fact, I am hoping she can go with me again tomorrow when I am out for a short while. Please pray with me for both of these dear women.

This past week, I had the opportunity of taking a large number of small containers of fresh yogurt downtown to the House of Bread and Peace as a special treat for those women and children. They were MOST appreciative! Often times, we will take some fresh yogurt or fresh fruit out on the streets with us to give to our people. EVERYONE we see who receives one of these is MOST appreciative! We continue to take our healthy treat bags, too, and then distribute them to everyone who wants one. Sometimes, we find people who have not eaten for a length of time, so we give them 2-3 of these treat bags, just so they can have some nutrition. OUR THANKS to ALL of you who donate these items so we can distribute them accordingly. The youth group at my church (AUMC) put these together for us every Wednesday evening, ready for us to distribute out on the streets every time we go. Thank you, guys and gals, for being such a help in this ministry!!

I remember a song we sang at church when I was a "kid" that had this as a title-"Prayer is the KEY to Heaven, but Faith Unlocks the Door". I have never forgotten this. Especially right now in my life, this is VERY meaningful to me personally AND to this ministry, also.

Thank You, Dear Father, that we KNOW beyond ANY shadow of a doubt that You are with us in our lives. Please continue to direct us to the people that you specifically want us to help. We give YOU ALL of the PRAISE! Thank You!

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July 23, 2022

Hello everyone!

Hope all of you are well! The heat, PLUS Covid, has been "sapping" some of the physical strength out of our ministry team members for the moment, but I will relate to you some of the things that have been happening. God is DEFINITELY with us in this ministry!

I have noticed that some of our people have been congregating again down on the corner of 5th Street and Engle-a block from the UCS. For the last few months, I haven't seen anyone there but we are now. The ones we are seeing and talking with are all new to us. Not sure where they came from. Anyway, we try to stop by there whenever we can and help them as needed.

Last Sunday afternoon, I took the two large boxes of mainly hygiene items downtown to Ruth's House that the women's group from the Eastern Baptist Church in the Chandler area had collected for them. I can't ever go inside the House (per their rules) but some of the women always come out to see me and talk with me. They are ALL MOST appreciative of what the members of our ministry are doing for them. On Mondays thru Friday, I see several of these women out on the streets and/or over at the United Caring Shelter. Occasionally, even over at the Salvation Army. The latter is quite a walk for them. Of course, we do have some bus tokens we distribute so this is helpful. We purchase these at the downtown Mets office on John St.

On Monday of this past week, because of team member illness, Jesus and I went alone over to the Salvation Army in my car and requested 20 box lunches that we then delivered to people out on the streets and at the Mets Bus Station downtown. There were 5 of our people lying on the ground and/or on the tables at the park shelter on the corner of Franklin and Fulton streets. They were MOST appreciative of these items being brought to them. Of course, we give everyone bottles of water, too. I finally caught up with Michelle that day (remember her?)-she was one of these five individuals. I hadn't seen her in some time so I was glad to see her that day. One never knows just what mood she will be in. Combative or not???? I think I have gained enough of her trust that she refrains from being combative with me anymore. Thank You, Dear Jesus!

I mentioned to you about one of our new team members who is in the process of having some detailed diagnostic procedures done which will guide her physicians in providing the care she needs. Another one of our team members and I will be going over to her home to pray with her probably this coming week. Will keep you posted. She is facing a serious illness for which she and her dear family need AND request that all of us go before the throne of God on her behalf. Please, dear Father! We pray for healing on her behalf. We also pray for her husband who has health issues AND her family as they are facing all of this together.

Pat and I took the van and made our usual rounds this last Thursday. We were quite busy everywhere we went. At the Salvation Army, I met up again with the dear woman that I have mentioned to you before. She is now a Christian and is a member of a small church in that area. She has her own small apartment now. She ALWAYS is SO excited to tell me that she is able to tithe her small income and is continuing to be able to do so. She told me a little more about herself this last Thursday. She is in her mid-50's and is in a recovery program for drug addiction (particularly meth). She ALWAYS comes right up to the van door to give me a REPORT on how things are going for her-smiling all the time! Thank You, Dear Father!

I saw Kiely (the young Mom I have told you about before). She was sitting on a cement slab downtown in the heat of the day, holding her new dear little daughter. The little one was asleep. Seeing her this close, I am not sure she is gaining weight as she should be. Of course, her Mommy (Kiely) smokes tobacco right over her.....All of this just makes me sick! Just as an FYI, I'm going to follow up on this with the social worker at ECHO Clinic. Will keep you posted as I can.....(Thankfully, the baby's father is NOT in the picture, per Kiely's answer to that specific question I asked her-he is an abuser by history).

I have just one more young man I wanted to tell you about. He is 27 y.o. We saw him at the Mets Bus Station. He came up to me and asked if we knew where he could get \$130. He said he needed the money to get a bus to London, KY., so he could "get his baby (7 months) old" from his brother. I asked him about the little one's mother and he said she was "dead". With further questioning, he told me she had died of a heart problem just recently. Of course, ALL of this sounded very suspicious to me. I referred him over to Aurora but he told me that he had already talked with them and that they couldn't help him for 3 weeks. Obviously, we could NOT help him AND, to tell you the truth, I didn't know but what this was a drug-related event he was perpetrating. Since he said he had talked with Aurora already (??), I pointed him in the direction of the ECHO Health Clinic and suggested that he walk down there to see if they could help him in some way. You know, I am thinking we need a social worker helping us out in the ministry. If anyone has any ideas, please don't hesitate to let me know. I have already checked with USI regarding this request, but to no avail. Should I contact UE? I will act upon any viable suggestions you may have. Thanks, everyone!

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Love all of you!
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Hello everyone!

Hope all of you are well! The following is some information regarding our homeless ministry from this past week.

First of all, I want to update you on the health situation of one of our new team members. She has told me that I could relay the following info to you. Her name is Linda and she has been diagnosed with Stage 3 pancreatic cancer. She has elected NOT to follow up with any advanced therapy for her illness. I just want to urge ALL of you to hold her and her dear family up in prayer to the God of the Universe. We VERY MUCH want them to be AWARE of His Presence and Guidance as they progress during this time of concern in their family lives. Thank you, Dear Father, that You love us and care VERY DEEPLY about ALL that is happening in the lives of YOUR children.

Our homeless ministry has been VERY busy this past week. Thankfully, our driver with Covid has now recovered from that illness. She was with me out on the streets just this last Monday

We are SO VERY thankful for our NP (Jane Kratochvill) who makes rounds with us on Thursdays. She works with John Rich (RN) at Patchwork Central regarding the healthcare of those who come to his clinic. She also does extensive foot exams, bathes our people's feet, and gives health care advice as needed. Needless to say, because our people walk so much everywhere, their feet REALLY need watchful care and attention. Some of them walk, not only around town, BUT also from the woods outside of our area where they have tents set up for themselves, etc. That's where they LIVE!! Jane then goes with Pat and I on Thursdays to all the other sites we visit. My dear Jane, YOU are VERY MUCH appreciated!!

We have been VERY busy at the United Caring Shelter! If our people can't get a bed there, many will sleep out in the surrounding parking areas, close to some of the downtown churches, etc.

We are always quite busy over at the Salvation Army, too. When we were there this week, we found out that Starbucks provided a noon meal for all of our people who were there for lunch. This was VERY MUCH appreciated. The S.B. staff sent some iced tea out to van for us, so that was very much appreciated! I believe I have told you about the 15 y.o. boy with autism who comes with his mother over to the Salvation Army for meals each day. On Monday of this past week, he saw the patriotic T-shirt I was wearing AND he wanted one! I promised him I would bring one to him. Well, I had one here at home that I have worn only once! It was navy blue with a large American flag on it and "U.S.A." written under the flag. As we pulled

up to the S.A. on Thursday, this young man came running over to the van to "get his T-shirt"! I had promised him that shirt AND he trusted me to bring it to him! Needless to say, he was THRILLED to receive it! I was so very thankful I had that one shirt there at home waiting for him! Dear Father, we pray for this young man and his Mom. Watch over them, protect them, AND continue to provide for them. THANK YOU!!

At the Salvation Army, a 50'ish year old man came up to us and told us he was a "prayer warrior". God had spared him from a prolonged life of alcohol and drug abuse, for which he was very grateful. He told us he goes around praying for people now-that's HIS LIFE! Jane was there with me right when he came up so we held out our hands to him and asked him to pray for us, this ministry, and the people we serve. WELL!! I can only say here that this man, in his prayer with us on Thursday, TOUCHED the Throne of God for ALL of us! For us as ministers AND for ALL of the people we serve! Wow!! I will NEVER forget that moment! Thank You, Dear Father!

I want to mention one of our dear men to you-his name is "David". (He's a retired veteran, 75 years old, has a long white beard, AND has to be one of the most friendly individuals that we come in contact with. Is thin and short in stature. I see him mainly downtown on the streets and occasionally over at the UCS. Well, someone told me this past week that he was in a fight with some other "guy" who was attacking a woman out on the street. David did his best to defend this woman! I can safely say here that David is a MAN!!! What he saw was WRONG! AND he came to her aid! David's face is now pretty beat up! Anyway, he was having chest pain so he was taken to the Emergency Room. The staff there discovered that he has a coronary artery obstruction which will require a stent for repair. He declined any surgical intervention at the time and is now back out on the street. I haven't seen him since this happened but we will keep looking. AND I KNOW that the ECHO Outreach team as well as Aurora staff members will be on the lookout for him. Please be with David, Dear Father in Heaven! We pray that he will be willing to receive the proper care and treatment that he needs AND deserves! Thank You!!

Pat Roberts, my co-worker on Thursdays, contacted the Mayor's office regarding the Evansville Homeless Commission so we would have more insight as to how we can work with them to improve the condition of the homeless in this locale. This Commission is already doing a lot to help our people. Our ministry wants to help in this endeavor all we can. The Mayor's office invited us to attend the next meeting of this Commission which will be held on August 11th. We will be presenting some information regarding our ministry and see how we can collaborate even more with the City. We will report back to you the information we are given.

There are more things from this past week that we could share with you but I think I have said enough for now. I do want to mention here that we are VERY appreciative of the ECHO outreach team and of our collaboration with them which is increasing all the time. We have had several contacts with him just this week alone. We will fill you in on more details next week.

I really enjoy listening to Dr. David Jeremiah, a pastor on TBN. He made the following statement this past week which really struck a cord with me: "If you (as a ministry) are doing what God is telling you to do, HE WILL show up in the situation!" I can most certainly say that God shows up every time we are out on the streets with our people! This is DEFINITELY a missionary endeavor! Thank You, Dear Father! AND our thanks to ALL OF YOU for your caring for our people, your donations, and your prayers.

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