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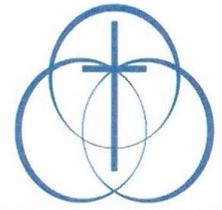
Messenger

Greg Davis, Pastor

Mission Statement

December 2022

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
who worship passionately, love extravagantly,
and witness boldly.



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Isn't there something special about Christmas? The other day, Teresa and I were out shopping and saw a children's book entitled, "*Pete The Cat Saves Christmas.*" Now I know this is a children's book, yet isn't it kind of ironic, that we can mention that Christmas was saved when the purpose of Christmas is truly Christ coming to save us? The Wonder of Christmas is that Jesus, Immanuel, God with us, was born to save us from our sins. He broke into our "messy" lives offering hope, joy, love, and peace through His saving grace.

If we choose to put our messy lives into His Holy hands, we can have confidence based on all that is written about Jesus in the Bible that He specializes in dealing with our mess in such a way that He knows how to make something new beautiful, and clean. Jesus is all about giving people a fresh start in life when they trust Him.

Perhaps this Christmas, you just need a fresh start with Jesus. Maybe you need to go back to where it began in the Christmas story and remember that innocence in the form of a baby stepped into a mess to save us from the mess of our lives in this world.

Read that part about the messy shepherds being invited into that messy little manger to worship divinity in human flesh once more. Luke 2:16-19 reminds us of this truth concerning the shepherds:
"And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart." Luke 2:16-19

What a delivery; what a special delivery! Mary delivered the Savior of the world, who would in turn, deliver us from our sins in time. Jesus would rescue us from the mess we made of things and the mess we made of our lives. Mary had a special delivery of the Son of God who would grow up to make way for a special delivery from the sin of the world that separates people from God, and the eternal mess all of humanity was headed toward before He arrived.

In time Jesus would grow into a mature man and teach His disciples how to pray. At the end of that prayer that has come to be known as "The Lord's Prayer, Jesus prays, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil..."

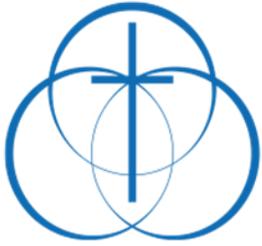
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Matthew 6:13 Jesus is helping us know how to pray when trying to navigate the mess around our lives.

Deliver us from our mess, Lord Jesus. That is what the special delivery of the Messiah in the manger would lead to in time. Yes, the wonder of Christmas is about the special delivery that would one day lead to our special delivery when Jesus would grow up from the baby born in Bethlehem into a man who lived a perfect life and went all the way from the manger to the cross to deliver us from the mess of our sin.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

Pastor Greg & Teresa



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

As of December 1, 2022, we are now officially members of the Global Methodist Church. We are not leaving behind our belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We are not abandoning our rich Wesleyan Heritage. We must always be grounded in the truth and fullness of the Holy Scriptures which contain all things necessary for salvation. We seek to do what Jesus told us to do, to love Him, love one another, and be willing to share that with others in making disciples of Jesus Christ, not of the local church.

You might ask what the logo above represents – here is the explanation: The Global Methodist Church's logo brings together in its three circles the one God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – who alone we worship. The circles intersect at the center of the cross of Jesus Christ, the symbol of our deliverance from our slavery to sin and fear of death. The outer circumference of the rings represents the globe. As a whole, the logo communicates God's sending of the church into the world. The sky blue color reminds us that even though Global Methodists live all around the world, they are all united together in God's great creation.

You can find more about the Global Methodist Church at globalmethodist.org.

Our mission is: Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

We are learning, the new denomination is growing, and we have a hope and a future.



The choir has been blessing us each Sunday with Christmas music.

The Choir will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 P.M. and continue practicing music for Christmas.

If you are wanting to get into the Christmas spirit and enjoy fun times with members of the congregation, plan to attend Wednesday evening and enjoy the warm welcome!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 11/27: The Wonder of Christmas – HIS HOPE – Hanging of the Greens
Wednesday, 11/30: Women’s Lunch Outing to The Carriage Inn at noon.
Sunday, 12/4: The Wonder of Christmas – HIS JOY
Sunday, 12/11: The Wonder of Christmas – HIS LOVE – Wear your favorite Christmas attire, whether ugly or not
Sunday, 12/11: Friendship Class Christmas Party at the Villas of River Park Clubhouse at 3:00PM
Friday, 12/16: God’s Kids Christmas Program at 6:00PM
Sunday 12/18: The Wonder of Christmas – HIS PEACE
Saturday, 12/24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service in main sanctuary at 4:30PM
Sunday, 12/25: The Wonder of Christmas – HIS BIRTH – Worship will be at 9:00AM on this Sunday

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be in the Main Sanctuary at 4:30 PM. This is always a very special service. MCC choir will sing and Pastor Greg will deliver a short Christmas Eve Service. The evening will end with a candlelight circle while we sing “Silent Night”. You, your family members and the public are invited to attend.

The First Sunday of Advent HOPE

Pastor Greg invited the children to the front Sunday to record items they ‘hope’ for this Christmas. Eli read the scripture and Kai and Pastor Greg lit the first candle, the HOPE candle of Advent.





We all have felt the crunch of higher food costs. Patchwork Central's food bank is running low on supplies. Pastor

Greg has challenged us to bring at least one canned good each Sunday during October and November. Let's help restock the food bank! 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!



We are currently collecting funds to support the Methodist build for Habit – any donations may be placed in the basket on the entry table. We have been asked to give \$1000 toward the current build.

Spirit of Giving

We are a GIVING Congregation!



Marla picked up 67 filled shoeboxes and delivered them to the drop-off location on Tuesday, November 15th!



Frank and Beety Gentry picked up 88 cake mixes and delivered them to the Mission for the Google Gathering!



Frank and Betty deliver non-perishable foods to Patchwork Central each week. During this Holiday Season, please bring a 'little extra' to help those in need.

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

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:

Items needed-USED blankets, bath towels, wash cloths, sleeping bags, winter coats, warm hats and gloves, warm scarves, all hygiene items, menstrual pads, blue jeans for both men and women, NEW men's and New women's cotton underwear (latter size 7 and or 9).

Amazon address- <https://a.co/bBRUAMg>

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.



I want to thank all for your prayers, thoughts, cards, food and personal visits at Elvin's service.

*It was very much appreciated.
Joan and Family*

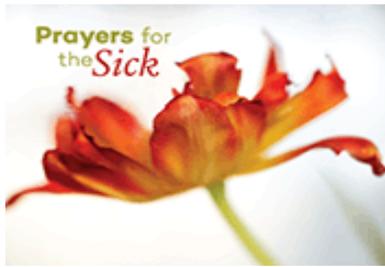


Envelopes for your 2023 Tithes and Offerings are now available on the table in the Fellowship area. Please pick yours up and prepare for the new year.

You're Invited

Salem Church of Darmstadt
14134 Darmstadt Road
Evansville, IN 47725-9135

The Woman's Guild cordially invites the Ladies and Minister of our Church to their Annual Christmas Program and Buffet on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



Prayer Requests: Kristy Georgesen, Mary Moore, Jim Smith, Sara Dixon, Silas (Jerry and Jane Bennet's great grandson), Jean Woods (Jand and Jerry's friend) Jane Bennet's parents, Jenny Taylor, Debby Phares, Judy Moll, Barb Seitz, Josette Higgins, Mary Lou Ellis, 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? 812-867-5735



DECEMBER

Joe Haseman	1
Ruth Postal	2
James Meador	3
Tiffany Hart	6
Michelle Kingsbury	9
John Rea	10
Roger Campbell	13
Gerald "Jerry" Bennett	15
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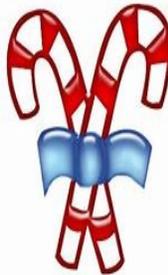


MENU

TUESDAY EVENING

Our Tuesday meal is available on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

December 6: Vegetable Soup
December 20: BBQ & Baked Pot



DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT

GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE!

Encountering Christ in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*

Advent Devotional Books are now available on the table in the foyer. "God Bless Us, Everyone!" is based on the 1843 *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. These reflections for each of the days in Advent will help to lift up the Child who was not ashamed to take it upon himself the poverty of our being and makes us all new. Be sure to pick up your copy!



Ladies from MCC gathered at the Youth Home and donated time to help stuff over 2000 pieces of mail for the annual fund drive. MCC continues to supply a meal each month to the residents of the Youth

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UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME



REJOICE Christ Is Born

The "My Advent Gift" boxes are located around the church for your advent offering. The Advent Offering this year will be used to support the Haiti Mission.





Issac Bultitude, Ashley Tapp's oldest son, will be headed to join the U.S. Navy soon. You may remember Isaac jumping around on the stage, leading VBS songs. Isaac has grown up in this church and we wish him well on his next endeavors. Pastor Greg will have a prayer service for Isaac this Sunday, December 4, 2022.



Good Luck, Isaac!



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.



It is time to place orders for Holiday Poinsettias. The Poinsettias are \$14.00 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. Orders are due on or before December 12.

___ Red ___ White ___ Pink

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by

___ Red ___ White ___ Pink

In Memory of: _____

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Total: _____

Orders must be received by Dec 12,2022



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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, etc).

November 2022 Attendance and Giving

	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Tue Meals	Missions (Habitat)	Special Projects	Memorials Elvin Reed	Operation Christmas Child	Total Checking Deposit
6	61	\$1,485.00	\$3,277.00	\$100.00	\$22.00	\$12,000.39	\$275.00	\$140.00	\$17,299.39
13	65	\$145.00	\$1441.00		\$20.00		\$100.00		\$1,706.00
20	62	\$35.00	\$1019.00		\$20.00				\$1074.00
27	63	\$35.00	\$1,019.00		\$20.00				\$1,074.00



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November 27	November 28 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00-8:00	November 29 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa 1:30 Gym Reserved Tuesday Meal: Chicken Noodle Soup	November 30 Choir 6:00 pm Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 6:00 Gym Reserved	December 1 1:30 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-8:00	December 2	December 3
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18 Gym reserved 4:00-6:00	19 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00-8:00 God's Kids Closed	20 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa 1:30 Gym Reserved God's Kids Closed	21 Choir 6:00 pm 1 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 God's Kids Closed	22 God's Kids Closed Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-8:00	23 God's Kids Closed	24
25 Hanging of the greens Soup and sandwich after worship Gym reserved 4:00-6:00	26 Gym reserved 1:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00-8:00 God's Kids Closed	27 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa God's Kids Closed 1:30 Gym Reserved	28 Choir 6:00 pm Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 God's Kids Closed 12:00 Women Meeting Carriage House	29 1:30 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-8:00 God's Kids Closed	30 God's Kids Closed	31

STREET TALK

Unto the Least of These Ministry to Homeless in Evansville

November 5, 2022
Hello everyone!

I want to start out my "editorial" by saying that I REALLY see the Hand of God in this homeless ministry! First of all, I must say that I am SO VERY APPRECIATIVE of all of the agencies, community, and church groups who are doing everything they can to contribute to a positive change in the lives and welfare of the homeless and the poor in our community! On behalf of our people, I want to say a "BIG THANK YOU" to all of you!

Secondly, I am SO VERY GRATEFUL when I see the Hand of God touching ALL of these endeavors. One that just happened to our ministry was that a couple of days ago I received (at home!) a LARGE box of devotional booklets (150 of "Our Daily Bread", current up through Feb.), which I had NOT requested as of yet! AND would you believe it, I had this very publishing company (in Michigan) on my list of contacts to make this very week! Our people DEARLY love to read this devotional. They are always asking for it OR picking it up IN AN INSTANT when they see the box of them right at the door of the van whenever AND wherever we stop! ALSO, the box of Bibles that we keep right next to this devotional are flying out the door at the same time! Everything our community is doing for the homeless and the poor in Evansville is WONDERFUL! As a ministry, we are so very grateful that we can contribute to this outreach by introducing our people to Jesus, the God of the Universe. Thank You, Dear Father, for these opportunities!

Our first stop this last Monday was at "Stepping Forward", a facility owned and operated by the Southwestern Indiana Behavioral Health, which houses and cares for women who have addiction problems, are homeless, have had domestic problems in the past, etc. We make regular stops there monthly to provide clothing, blankets, baby items if needed, etc. We provide Bibles and Christian literature at all of our stops if they would like to have them. This facility was MOST appreciative of all we gave them.

Then, we went downtown to the housing facility where the 75 men were housed who lived in Hope Hall which was destroyed by fire recently. We found out that many of these individuals were released from custody at this site. They still had 28 individuals housed at the new location. A few of the original group were sent back to jail. Once this facility is reorganized and ready for housing of these and similar individuals, we will continue to go back there once a month or so to provide assistance.

On that Monday, a few other stops were made but rain intervened and prevented us from continuing our usual route. On Tuesday, I had a personal delight! My sister-in-law, Debbie, who is in charge of our "Cincinnati Connection" for this ministry, came to town for a visit and brought MANY of the items they make for our ministry-eg. blankets for adults and infants, baby hats, and other items. All of their gifts to us are wonderful to receive! In fact, Breann and I went out on Friday of this past week in my car and distributed the majority of these items to the YWCA, the House of Bread and Peace, and the Ozanam Shelter. They were VERY WELL received! Thank you, dear Debbie, for all you do for the homeless and poor of Evansville. Love you HEAPS!

It seems like to us that we are seeing more and more homeless individuals on our streets than ever before! This last Thursday, we made a stop at one of the "Sober Living" facilities for men on 8th Street. We discovered that there are two sites adjacent to each other for men with addiction problems as well as being homeless, etc. "Joey" is in charge of both of these facilities. There were 14 men at the one where we stopped this week. Joey told us that there are some more of these shelters over on the West side of town-especially for women. We plan to visit at least one of them this coming week. All of the individuals we talked with were MOST appreciative of our gifts and our kindness to them. I want to say here, too, that we pray with anyone we see at any location OR just out on the streets somewhere if they request it. One of our regular team members, Kristin, is in charge of our "prayer team". While we are distributing physical items to our people, she is talking with the God of the Universe regarding any concern(s) they may have. Thank you, dear Kristin, for your faithfulness!

I personally want to add a note here-I am VERY thankful for ALL of our 75+ team members who help us in MANY ways with this ministry. We CANNOT do this alone!

"Unto the Least of These", Matthew 21:40 (Jesus speaking)
Ministry to the homeless and poor of Evansville
Aldersgate UMC 1-812-477-7816

We stopped at the United Caring Shelter which is one of our regular sites to see if we can help anyone. This past week, there weren't as many individuals at UCS as there usually are. Many of our people will go out and walk the streets after they eat a meal. Or they are inside the shelter taking a nap, laying their head on a table. One person we did see, however, (Michelle) appeared as though she was under the influence of "something". She acted very angrily toward us and immediately walked away at a pretty good clip! I have to be honest with you and tell you that whenever this type of situation arises with one of our people, we "remove" ourselves from the situation as fast as we can. Occasionally, I will call for assistance from staff people on the spot. Also, I have no problem calling "911" if the need arises.....Thankfully, I have NOT had to do the latter.....

The Salvation Army is our next stop. We are generally pretty busy there. We have our "regulars" that we see every time. They are dear people. I am SO VERY THANKFUL for the Salvation Army and all they do for people on the streets and in our community. We are so appreciative of the 20 box lunches that their "Soup Kitchen" team prepares for us to distribute further on our route. Thank you, Major Josh, Alex, and the rest of your team!

I just want to add a note here about the women's Bible Study which Sue Moore and Sue Kincaid are conducting every Thursday at the Salvation Army from 12:30-1:30 p.m. This is going very well. We are so appreciative of both "Sue's" and other helpers that aid them in this ministry.

When leaving the S.A., we always look for people and families heading South on Fulton. If we see any people sitting at the shelter in Fulton Park, we always stop and give them one of these lunches provided for us. It appears to us that there are often people sitting there who are inebriated and/or under the influence of "something". We heard that there was some illegal activity there recently and the cops had to intervene. This is not uncommon. Oh, Dear Father, help these dear souls!

Then, on to the Mets Bus Station. As I have said a hundred times before, this IS A MISSION FIELD!! We want to help the people we see there all we can. I must add here, however, that we are always glad when we see a cop sitting there in his car. We have had NO problem there with anyone, thankfully. They MOST appreciate the food we bring from the S.A. and the kindness and help we give to them. One young man we saw at this site just this last Thursday was a recently released prisoner from Wabash Valley "Prison" up North. These individuals get to Evansville by any route they can-one of the main ones is simply "walking" South on Rd. #41. Another way is by bus if they have any cash for a bus ticket. I remember one evening 3-4 years ago when we were serving meals at the UCS on a cold winter night, a young man, just released from the prison, came in and asked if he could have some food. He had NO heavy clothing to wear in the cold. I asked him how he got to E'ville and he told me he had walked and followed the railroad tract from the prison all the way to Evansville. Someone told him about the shelter so he made it over to where we were for a hot meal. By the way, we "coincidentally" had an extra-warm, heavy hooded sweatshirt in our possession, so we gave that to him. THAT was of GOD!! Thank You, Father!

It seems like we are always finding new locations for service. One of these this past week was the Line Street Park. We just "happened" to drive by. (NOT a coincidence!). There is a small shelter available at this site. We saw a young man (30'ish) sitting there by himself. He had a lot of what appeared to be personal belongings piled around him. We supplied him with healthy treat bags and bottled water. He appeared to be under the influence of "something". Have no idea just what. We provided all of the help we could for him. We VERY DEFINITELY will continue to stop at that site.

We are SO VERY THANKFUL for the family shelters that are available here locally. The YWCA presently has 40 (FORTY) women at their location, along with some children. The House of Bread and Peace has 25 adults at their site with some children. The Ozanam Shelter has generally around 40+ adults with children at their site. We provided necessary items to all of these sites as much as we could.

I did want to mention one family situation at the Ozanam Shelter. Mom and Dad were both living at the shelter along with their two children. Both parents had lost their jobs. THANKFULLY, they had a safe place to stay at this site. PLUS BOTH parents had just been hired in decent, productive jobs which they were to start this coming week! AND the children are doing WELL! (Ages 5 and 14). Their 14 y.o. son IS EXCELLING in school AND in athletics! We had a regular "prayer meeting of thanksgiving" with this family right there on the spot! We all held hands and thanked THE God of the Universe for being with this dear family! I honestly don't know what else to say here! We were just SO VERY THANKFUL to find a POSITIVE situation such as this in a family at a shelter here in town. We will continue to keep all of you posted on what is happening in this ministry-on how God is working through ALL of our team members (including you) to help our people on the streets of Evansville.

Just as an FYI-we have added several choices to our list which are available from Amazon. One big expense that we have involves hygiene items. If any of you are interested in making any purchases along this line, please do so by using the following Amazon address:

<https://a.co/bBRUAMg>

You can have purchased articles sent directly to the church if you like. The address is below.

I can't say "THANK YOU" enough for all of your prayers and support. The homeless and poor of Evansville likewise "THANK YOU". The Peace of God be with you.....

Jennie Hiam 1-812-204-1190

November 12, 2022

Hello everyone!

As you know, yesterday was "Veterans Day", as celebrated here in the USA. I noticed a statistic that was stated several times on the newscast I was watching. There are approximately 36,000 veterans in our country who are HOMELESS! And I can certainly vouch for several of them right here in our area! We are trying to identify as many of them as possible so we can reach out and touch their lives all we can! I think I told you about "Jim", an 80 y.o. veteran, that we met over a year ago. He was living down by the river under the bridge. Over a matter of several months, he had "moved" himself "inland" a little bit and had since been living in an empty garage over by the Salvation Army. We haven't seen him for a while now BUT have since discovered that he now has his own apartment! We are SO VERY THANKFUL for this positive change in his life AND for all of those who helped him make it!

This brings up another point I wanted to mention to you. We are discovering that MORE and MORE of our homeless friends have NOW been provided with more satisfactory housing such as apartments, many of which have been provided by our local government and social work agencies! We are SO VERY GRATEFUL for that and for the continued work of other groups here in town who are providing decent housing for our people. AND many now have jobs whereby they can earn a decent living. This is definitely an answer to prayer. Thank You, Dear Heavenly Father! On Monday of this past week, we made our first stop over at the "Safe Haven" for women on Franklin Street. We were able to provide many items of clothing and hygiene products that they needed, so this was a blessing. All of these women were MOST appreciative of these donations. While we were serving these individuals, I looked up and saw Matthew, a friend of our ministry from several years back which started when we were serving Saturday evening meals over at the United Caring Shelter. Matthew and I have been buddies for a LONG time. If I don't see him at least once a month, I get rather concerned about him. Well, all of a sudden, there was Matthew standing on the sidewalk smiling at us! We greeted each other with a hug and had a pleasant conversation. He lives out in the woods and has done so for several years. He was walking down Franklin St. and saw the van parked over by this women's shelter. I was SO VERY HAPPY to be able to talk with him AND to remind him that I loved him AND that Jesus loves him! Matthew has a history of practicing pedophilia from several years back. He assures me he is NOT active in this kind of behavior anymore AND has stayed away from any "enticements" to do so. I trust this is the case. I personally think his living in the woods by himself is a means he has to avoid further problems in this area. Oh, Dear Father! Please continue to watch over Matthew and his life.

On Thursday, we made our bi-weekly stop at Patchwork Central. We SO APPRECIATE the opportunity to stop at this site. John Rich and his staff are doing GREAT work for the people who are in and out of their facility. While there this week, I met a man, Jeffery Walker, who is very musically talented! He can play a "mean piano" and has a beautiful voice! Well, I can play a "mean piano", too! So, he and I went back into the building and proceeded to do the above!! Everyone seemed to appreciate our "musical" renditions!! You know, I really WONDER if he could sing in the Evansville Philharmonic Chorus?? I don't have any idea what brought him into the "ranks" of the homeless, but he is a VERY talented man! I have probably told you this before, but there is a large church up in Indianapolis that has a "homeless men's choir" that sings at some of their services. Hmm.....

I did ask the choir director at my church one time if he has a portable keyboard he would be willing to take to 1-2 of our homeless sites and see what kind of music could be "pulled" out of some of our people. Well, Joe DOES have one! And he said he would be willing to do that!! SO, I'm going to check on this as a talent outreach for our people! I'll get back with you about this!! Stay TUNED!!!

By the way, one of the other men at Patchwork Central has a parrot with him that has been his pet x 12 years! The parrot does some limited talking with you if you choose to go that route with him. Honestly, I can't imagine what all he might say-good, back, or indifferent!! I decided I would back off for the moment! Ha!

At the Mets Bus Station downtown, we talked with another prisoner who had been released from a KY. prison just that morning. He was locked up x 17 months. For ? offense. Was heading back to his home in the KY. area. I asked him about his family-he has 3 small children at home being cared for by his wife. My heart goes out to him and his dear family. Janet and I prayed with him. He seemed to appreciate it very much. We will keep doing this for others likewise.....

We are starting to find more city parks for us to visit to see if some of our people are just sitting there doing nothing. And yes, we are finding them. The park on the corner of Liberty and 6th St., the Line Street Park (corner of Line and Bellmeade), and Garvin Park (North Main). We really need to investigate the South and West sides of town. Will keep you posted on what we find out about those areas.

One final thing-we are finding that we are running out of the following hygiene and personal items for us to distribute to our people out of our van: deoderant, new razors, small kleenex packages, used, clean bath towels and wash cloths, NEW women's cotton underwear sizes 7 and 9, shampoo, bars of bath soap, NEW toothbrushes and tooth paste, combs, and toilet paper. You can order these items off of Amazon: <https://a.co/bBRUAMg> and have them sent to the Church address below.

Any time any of you would like to go around town with us in our church van to help our people, please let me know. This is a responsibility that ALL of us have as citizens of this area. Definite positive changes ARE happening to help our people on the street. We are SO VERY APPRECIATIVE of everyone who is helping-with your physical and monetary donations, your prayers, and your thoughts and concerns. Thank you EVERYONE!

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Hello everyone!

Hope all of you are well AND are keeping warm! Not all of our people are well OR are keeping warm, so that is why we share this newsletter with you every week. Things certainly change from one day to the next! T
The following are some items of interest we thought you would want to hear about.

One day this past week, I made a trip downtown in my car to the Salvation Army to see if I could provide some shoes and other items in need to some of the people sitting around the S.A. building. I immediately saw one young man (probably in his 30's) whom we see on a regular basis on the streets around town. It was very obvious to me that he was hallucinating (secondary to some drug/s and or some mental health condition). I have attempted to talk with him on different occasions in the past, but I am discovering that is it safer for us if we just lay some food and clothing he may need some distance from him and then let him pick them up. I see this young man all over town. Oh, Dear Father, please watch over him. Rebuke satan in his life. And team members, please join me in praying for him.....I don't know his name, BUT God does!!

At the United Caring Shelter, we talked with a young woman who had NO SHOES! (Hers had been stolen! This happens a lot in the population we serve). She just had a pair of socks on. PLUS, it was one of those COLD days outside! She had been unable to get any help from the desk inside the UCS. Maybe they were busy elsewhere-I don't know. Anyway, Terri was able to find her a pair of shoes in the back of the van which seemed to work well for her. We also gave her several pair of warm socks. We tried to get her some social service help that day but couldn't reach anyone. I know they are very busy so occasionally this happens. We gave her the necessary information as to how to get the help she needed. Our prayers continue for this young woman.....

The situation at Ruth's House disturbs us a lot! All of the women who are there (it is generally full-22 in number), have to leave the House at 7 a.m. in the morning and are not allowed to return until 7 p.m. that evening. This situation occurs EVERY DAY! This last week they were out in the cold the entire week PLUS having to walk in the snow the one day we had some. Up until recent months, I would generally drive my car down to this women's shelter on a Sunday afternoon and provide some clothing and personal items to them depending on their needs. Now, from what I have been told AND from what I see, Ruth's House is empty during the day x 12 hours, EVERY day of the week. From 7 a.m.-7 p.m.) This is VERY distressing to those of us in this ministry. Some of these women are staying at this location ECAUSE an abuser is chasing them! BUT, there they are! With NO protection AND are out on the street! Many times I see several of them over at the United Caring Shelter. Usually it's the same 5-6 women who are there (at the UCS). AND, I know for a fact that some of the men who stay at the UCS can NOT be trusted around women! I know this from the past number of years that I have worked with people on the street. This can be frightening for these women, as you can only imagine.....(The other 15-16 women from Ruth's House are somewhere out on the streets, hopefully at the Rescue Mission, or in some other place of safety).....

This week, we saw many people at the Salvation Army. One couple I wanted to mention to you was a young man, Brandon (age 21), and his pregnant girlfriend. She is the same age, I believe. She has 2 other children living elsewhere, AS DOES he! Brandon is from a large family-13 children PLUS an abusive father! He ran away from home when he was 16 and has been out on the streets ever since. His girlfriend was very quiet so I don't know much about her. They appeared very loving toward each other. I trust this is a safe relationship. They are sleeping in a garage. Please, Dear FATHER, help them and their unborn child! I gave them a baby blanket and hat which were handmade by our "Cincinnati Connection" team. This young couple was THRILLED! I also questioned them as to whether they have seen a Dr. about this pregnancy yet and they told me they have an appointment coming up (????-I sure hope so!) When we left the S.A., we passed them sitting on the street corner in a very "loving embrace". (?????) Oh, Dear Jesus! Please be with this young couple AND their unborn baby! We will keep track of them as much as we can. Brandon knows Terri and I from several months back so I hope he will stay in contact with us.....

While at the Salvation Army, we saw a man (living on the streets, age 50 or thereabouts), who is VERY ILL. He is in chronic alcohol failure and is scheduled for a liver transplant up in Indianapolis at the I.U. Medical Center. He also has a HUGE umbilical hernia about the size of a small melon! I am sure all of this can be attributed back to his enlarged liver which results in retained fluid in the abdominal cavity pushing the "belly button/umbilicus" to the outside. All I can say here is that his health future is VERY MUCH in peril. You know, I really believe an entire medical textbook could be written just from the innumerable health situations which the homeless encounter.

I have mentioned "Kiely" to you on occasion in the past. She is in her mid-twenties. She has 3 young children that I know of. This is the young woman who was pregnant almost 2 years ago with twins, got in a fight with the babies' father, and he wound up injuring her BUT also killed the unborn twins. To my knowledge, he is still in jail because of this. The two living children she has are now in the custody of her grandmother. I worry sometimes that this is not a safe situation for them from what she tells me. Well, we saw Kiely at the United Caring Shelter this past week. She is now facing a "felony charge" for some reason. I have no knowledge as to what this is about. Kiely does have a small apartment, so I hope she is able to get a job of some sort and get her life back on track. I hugged her and told her that we loved her AND always will. We also love her two young children and pray for their safety. Please, Dear Father, intervene in this situation with Kiely and her dear family. Because she does have an apartment now, I am comforted in knowing that some of our local social service agencies are keeping track of her and her life situation.

While at the Mets Bus Station this week, I saw a young woman standing alone on the sidewalk. She appeared fearful. I talked with her for a few minutes and asked if we could help. She told me that an abuser is "chasing her" and she was trying to get to the Albion Fellows Bacon Center for safety. She had very little money AND no bus tokens, so I gave her 4 of the ones we keep in our supply for distribution to our people as needed. WELL, this was definitely an emergency situation! I sent her back inside the bus station to get the necessary information she needed AND to purchase a ticket. We are hoping and praying that she is safe. She told me that her young children are "safe" so I am trusting that this is the case. Please, Dear Father, watch over this young woman and her children.

We were involved with SO MANY people out on the streets this past week, we ran out of clothing items for them AND had to return to the church to gather up some more. We are SO VERY APPRECIATIVE of ALL of the clothing and hygiene items that many of you are donating for this ministry. We cannot thank you enough! If any of you have any questions about the items that are needed, please don't hesitate to contact me OR you can go ahead and make some purchases through Amazon for us. Please see these numbers below. Please have your purchases mailed to the church. The numbers can be found below. Thank you ALL! AND thank You, Dear Father for DEFINITELY being in this ministry! We can't do this without YOU!

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