

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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In this letter to the church, I will attempt to provide information to better inform you about the upcoming General Conference in St. Louis on February 23-26, 2019. First, a few definitions:

The Council of Bishops: All of the active and retired Bishops from across the global United Methodist connection function together as the executive branch for the denomination. The Council of Bishops will regularly respond to national and global issues. Specifically, the General Conference of 2016 asked the Council to lead the church when it came to a stalemate relating to LGBT inclusion. As a body, the bishops do not hold power to make legislative decisions.

General Conference: The quadrennial meeting of The United Methodist Church including clergy and laity from each annual conference. The number of delegates is decided much like the House of Representatives (more people = more representatives). The Indiana Conference is allocated sixteen out of the 864 that will be seated. The General Conference is the ONLY body of the UMC that can change our polity (The Book of Discipline). In essence, they serve as the legislative branch of the UMC.

Annual Conference: The body and annual meeting of churches in a particular state/region/"conference". Our Annual Conference is The Indiana Conference, comprising the entire state. Our annual conference meets in June to assign, commission and ordain leaders to service, set a budget, decide policy, and response to issues that specifically relate to missions and ministry in our conference

The Commission on the Way Forward: A group of 32 United Methodists, commissioned by the Council of Bishops, including 2 bishops, clergy, and laity, charged with creating options for how the UMC might move forward on issues that relate to LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) inclusion, marriage, and ordination. The commission has met various times since the 2016 General Conference and in 2018 submitted a report which included three plans for moving forward.

The Council of Bishops reviewed the recommendations and will allow all three recommendations from the Commission on the Way Forward (COWF) to come to the special called General Conference in 2019, with the bishop's recommendation being for the "One Church Plan." Since that time, a fourth option has been entered into the mix called the "Modified Traditional Plan," which seeks to put more teeth of accountability into the Traditional Plan.

The first option, the "One Church Plan" would delete the exclusionary language currently in The Book of Discipline and allow each local church to make their own decision about how they will respond/include LGBT congregants and requests for marriage. So, Church A might openly advertise that the LGBT community is welcome. Church B might encourage and ask for an openly gay pastor, as well as advertise their support of gay marriage, including in their facilities. Church C might not say anything one way or the other. And Church D might be open in their stance that they do not support lesbian or gay relationships, while still relating to each individual as a child of God.

Also under the plan, each Annual Conference would have more autonomy in setting standards for the ordination of qualified candidates with regard to their orientation.

The second option presented by the Commission on the Way Forward is called the “Connectional Conference Plan.” This choice would form “three overlapping ‘Connectional Conferences’ defined by rules concerning same sex marriage” and would “replace today’s five Jurisdictional Conferences.” These would be three separate legal entities (501c3) yet all part of the UMC. (It is very unlikely that this plan will be given much consideration as it is cumbersome, would take a great deal of study, church legislation, annual conference approval and lengthy time of implementation.)

The third option presented is called the “Traditionalist Plan.” This choice would keep the current policy and practice of the UMC for the whole denomination, while adding more enforcement. For some, this means not much would change. One emphasis that has been seen under this model is that those who are “noncompliant” with current policy (“self-avowed and practicing” clergy, allowing for ordination of gay clergy, or performing weddings for LGBT couples) would be pursued in their defiance and charges would be brought (within the church’s legal system) against those pastors, clergy, and laity. **The Modified Traditional Plan increases accountability placed upon bishops to enforce this policy.**

NOTE: There is talk of a common exit plan to be created to enable a local church to depart from the denomination. However, this remains sketchy. Due to the “Trust Clause” held between the local church and the Conference, all property of each local church is held by the Conference. Therefore, there will be legal and financial constraints placed upon a “graceful exit” from the UMC.

Ultimately, the decision from the Council of Bishops is only a recommendation. It will be the General Conference who will decide which, if any, of these recommendations and, hence, changes to make to The Book of Discipline. As with all decisions relating to our polity, no decision is forever though certainly some of these recommendations have greater policy implications, as well as potential impact for our shared life within the church. Our church laws are subject to change at every General Conference, assuming proper procedure, presentation, and voting on proposed changes.

What does all of this mean for us as a local church? Well, for some it is significant as it is deeply personal and we have much invested in the outcome of these votes. For others, it will likely mean business as usual—attending our ministries and participating in missions—until something more is required of us as a congregation. (It would surprise no one if after discussion and debate, that a NO decision is reached – delaying to the next General Conference in 2020.)

For today, I would encourage you to pray for the United Methodist Church, pray for our Indiana delegation, pray for our church as we seek God’s will to be in ministry to all persons and reflect the love of God in how we live our faith.

I am considering having a session on Sunday, February 10th, at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary to further review these proposals. I will hold this session if enough people come forward and request.

In Christ,

Pastor Greg



McCutchanville Community Church is proud to join with two other Evansville churches - St. Joseph & Resurrection Catholic Churches - in sponsoring children to a Christian School (Kindergarten through 12th grade) in the little village of Plaine-du-Nord, Haiti. MCC sponsors a young boy and a young girl, and has plans to continue to do so throughout their education.



Our own Cory Mills is actively involved in the overseeing of this mission venture, and Cory and his

granddaughter Lola will be traveling again to Haiti the last week of March. While there, Cory plans to visit in

the homes (huts, really) of our two students, to be

sure that we are providing items that they truly need.

Of course we will provide staples (rice, beans, spaghetti, etc.), but we also want to pay



for improvements to their homes which might make them safer, more comfortable, etc.

One of the major concerns in this area is flash flooding, so one task we may be looking at is finishing the floors (concrete over dirt) at a level high enough to keep their food and belongings "high and dry". The two young girls Cory and Annelle's family sponsor had their concrete floors installed this past year

How can we help? In addition to the \$320 per year that each student needs to attend the Christian school in Plaine-du-Nord, we will need funds for projects to improve our students homes, and possibly to buy them some clothes.

Ideally, Cory would like to be able to take \$600-\$800 for each child when he returns to Haiti in a few weeks. There are trusted adults there who can help Cory properly spend our donations in the manner that will best help each family we sponsor. If there are larger construction jobs needed, our cash donations can pay for materials, then when the next team from Evansville heads to Haiti later this year, they can provide the skilled labor needed to complete those





Our Children's Ministry is gearing up for Easter and VBS!

Last year was our most successful Easter Egg Hunt yet! We are so excited to announce this year our hunt will be on Saturday, April 13th from 10AM - 12PM. Be sure to add this date to your calendar! I truly believe our hunt was so successful last year because of the volunteers and support from the congregation. What a blessing each and every one of you is to our Children's Ministry! If you are able to volunteer this year, please let Shiloh know. This year we are handling candy and other donations a little differently. We are asking for bags of candy and small stocking stuffer type toys, to be used for prizes, be dropped off at church from March 22nd through April 7th. The toy items we are asking for would also be similar to the style of toys purchased for the operation Christmas child boxes. Please keep in mind when making selections that our ages of hunters ranges from 1 month to 11 years old. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Shiloh.



February Birthdays



Victor Doty	9
Keith Kinney	12
Kathy Ellerbrook	15
Olivia Burress	15
Jarmon Perkins	23
Ashley Tapp	24



President Day is February 18th! We celebrate Abe Lincoln and George Washington's birthdays.



Prayer Requests: Curtis Kinney, Jim Smith. Gary Sprinkle, Stella Hettenbach, John Vennard (Stella's son), Victor Doty, Terri Schuetter, Kathlene Carter, Amy Dubber, Joy Roettger, David and Sara Dixon, Marie Pickett, Our Haitian children: Daphnica Noel and Richecarde Charitable Louissant, MCCutchanville Firefighters, The homeless population, God's Kids.

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

Believe it or not, VBS is right around the corner! **July 8th through July 13th is the week** we will transform our Church into a magical place for Gods Kids Preschool and neighboring children to come to and learn about Christ. Be on the lookout soon for more details about the theme and informational meetings!



"Thanks for your donations for yarn for the Caring Ministry afghans. I have enough now for several. Do you crochet and would like to make one or more? I'll give you the yarn (and pattern if you like) or you can buy the yarn, give me the receipt and I'll reimburse you for it. Talk to me if you are willing to help. Thanks. Josette Higgins"

Announcements and Upcoming Events



YOUR DONATION COULD BE A GAMECHANGER
TACKLEHUNGER.ORG

Sunday Feb 3
Soup & Sandwich
Fellowship Lunch
Following 10:30
Worship
McCutchanville
Community
Church

All are invited to join us Sunday Feb 3 for lunch in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

Menu includes: Chili, Vegetable Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Potato Soup, as well as Chicken Salad, Pimento Spread and Peanut Butter sandwiches

There will be a variety of desserts
Ice Tea and Lemonade.

A monetary free will offering will go towards the ministry projects of the Friendship Class.

Canned Good donations will be sent to

Save These
DATES

The Men's Lenten Breakfast Schedule.
Please add these dates to your calendar.

2019 Men's Lenten Breakfast Schedule

Breakfast served at 7:15 AM.
Price is \$7.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child under 16 years of age.

March 9, 2019	Trinity United Methodist Church
March 16, 2019	Aldersgate UMC
March 23, 2019	St James UMC
March 30, 2019	Centenary UMC
April 6, 2019	Central UMC
April 13, 2019	Old North UMC



Ushers for the
February 2019

February	Jane & Jerry Bennett Josette Higgins Michael Barnett
March	Betty & Frank Gentry Helen Finke Jennifer Harwood

April	Roger & Alice Campbell Joe Haseman Keith Kinney Kent Bruuress
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March 5

**Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper / Ash
Wednesday Eve Service also on
Tuesday night, March 5, 2019**

On Tuesday night, March 5th we have an opportunity for two special events.

Mardi Gras, literally "Fat Tuesday," has grown in popularity in recent years as a raucous, sometimes hedonistic event. The name Mardi Gras comes from the tradition of slaughtering and feasting upon a fattened calf on the last day of Carnival. The day is also known as Shrove Tuesday (from "to shrive" or hear confessions).

But its roots lie in the Christian calendar as the "last hurrah" before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. That's why the enormous party in New Orleans, for example, ends abruptly at midnight on Tuesday, with battalions of street sweepers pushing the crowds out of the French Quarter towards home.

Pancake Tuesday and fetter Dienstag: The custom of making pancakes comes from the need to use up fat and eggs and dairy before the fasting and abstinence of Lent Begins. So this year we are going to celebrate Fat Tuesday (February 13th) with a pancake supper. All you need to do is come and eat, and eat, and eat. There will be pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee. This year any profit from this event will go to our Vacation Bible School program.

We will be taking a freewill offering for this summer's VBS. The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, milk and juice.



Ground Hog
Day, Feb 2.
I hope he doesn't
see his shadow!

United Methodist Youth Home is celebrating 40 years of service and hopes to continue for another 40 years. We will be proclaiming February 8th, United Methodist Youth Home Day! We invite your congregation, family, and friends to help us celebrate. We will have a small ceremony with Southwest District Superintendent Mitch Gieselman and Mayor Lloyd Winnecke on February 8th at 1pm at UMYH!



Friday February 8th 2019

2521 North Burkhardt Road Evansville, IN

In honor of 40 years of excellence in service, the city of Evansville is Proclaiming Feb 8th as UMYH Day and we want you to help celebrate! Mayor Lloyd Winnecke will join us for this tremendous honor, we'll be showing off our new additions and our appreciation of making 40 years possible for our ministry. You don't want to miss this!



January 2019 Attendance and Giving

	Att.	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Mission (Advent Cans)	Bishop's Fund Christmas Eve	Food Pantry	Missions Haiti	Total Checking Deposit
January 6	68	\$1,535.00	\$1,635.00	\$100.00	\$8.95	\$465.00	\$25.00		\$3,768.95
January 13	65	\$745.00	\$1,220.00	\$390.00					\$3,355.00
January 20	No	Service	Due	To	Weather				
January 27	97	\$7,475.00	\$19,579.26	\$685.80					\$27,740.06



Help Paint Habitat House - February 9

The United Methodist Build Habitat House is ready to paint. We are looking for volunteers to paint on Saturday, February 9 beginning at 7:30. To sign up for painting please go to www.evansvillehabitat.org, click on the volunteer tab or circle, and complete the new 2019 waiver. Once the wavier is complete a calendar will appear please click on Feb 9 Methodist Build - Amanda P. to register for painting.



Mountain Mission News!

Please click on the link for the Newsletter below. [MMM](#) Newsletter.

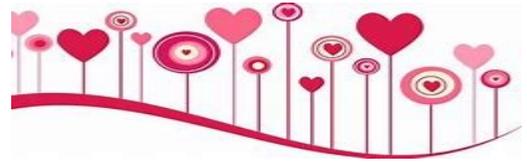
The Urgent Needs list is also available by clicking the link The Mountain Mission truck will be picking up donated items on February 25th.

If you are having difficulty with the above links, the Newsletter and Urgent Needs List are both posted on our bulletin boards.

GOD'S KIDS reporting



Happy Birthday to our February birthday children! Liberty (2), Emma (2), Nora (8), Waylon (12), Kota (16), Kennedy (24), and Sidney (28). What a sweet month to have a birthday!!



In January our children traveled to Schnucks grocery store for a tour of the store!

In February, a trip to Snicker doodle art studio is on the calendar. The children will enjoy a story and also will be able to express their artistic ability through painting.

February is also Dental Awareness month. A Dental Hygienist will come visit with the children and share the importance of brushing and good dental hygiene.

Miss Terri and Miss Rhia are very busy now accepting enrollments for summer and fall terms. God's Kids Pre School seems to be very well liked by the community! Slots are being filled daily.



Take a look at our new mini bus in the hallway by the fellowship hall! The children love being able to move around the building!

This is a wonderful addition to the Equipment for God's Kids.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 27	January 28 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	January 29 6:00 Gym Reserved	January 30 6:30 pm Choir Practice	January 31 3:00 pm Gym Reserved 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	February 1 6:30 pm Gym Reserved	2 6:00 pm Gym Reserved
3 Communion Sunday Souper Bowl of Caring Soup Lunch	74 5:30 pm-Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Rm 206 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	5 10:30 am Pastor Greg&Teresa Chapel with God's Kids 6:00 Gym Reserved	6 6:30 Choir Practice	7 3:00 pm Gym Reserved 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	8 2:00-8:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	9 11:00-3:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved Unity Class Luncheon 11:00 Gym Reserved Birthday Party
10 2:30pm GS Gym Reserved 4:00pm GS Fellowship Hall Reserved	11 5:30 pm-Gym Reserved 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved 7:00 pm-Cemetery Board Conference Room	12 10:30 am Pastor Greg&Teresa Chapel with God's Kids 6:00 Gym Reserved	13 3:30 Rm 206 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Choir	14 3:00 pm Gym Reserved 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00 pm Trustee Meeting	15 6	16 10:00-2:00 pm Gym Reserved Birthday Party
17	18 5:30 pm-Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Rm 206 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	19 10:30 am Pastor Greg&Teresa Chapel with God's Kids 1:00 pm UMW Conference Room 6:00 Gym Reserved	20 6:30 pm Choir	21 3:00 pm Gym Reserved 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	22	23 2:30 Gym Reserved GS
24 2:30 GS Gym Reserved	25 5:30 pm-Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Rm 206 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	26 10:30 am Pastor Greg&Teresa Chapel with God's Kids 6:00 Gym Reserved	27 3:30 Rm 206 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Choir	28 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00 Ad/Fin Council	March 1 2:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved	March 2
March 3 Communion	March 4 5:30 pm-Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Rm 206 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	March 5 10:30 am Pastor Greg&Teresa Chapel with God's Kids Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner & Ash Wed Service	March 6 6:30 pm Choir Ash Wednesday	March 7 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	March 8	March 9 Lenten Breakfast Trinity UMC 7:30 AM