

# The Messenger

Greg Davis, Pastor

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## Mission Statement

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

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And I will say again, Happy New Year!

How are you planning 2023? Think at the end of this year we will be talking about inflation, politics, Russia/Ukraine, too many shootings, natural disasters or will we be discussing the hope, joy, love, and peace that we have given thanks for during Advent? Is it a toss-up? Maybe; however, let's look at some areas of our faith journey that we can look to with great hope in the coming year.

Isaiah 40:31: *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.* Even the strongest people get tired from time to time, but God's power and strength will never diminish. Count on His strength to be your source of strength. When you feel all life crushing you and cannot go another step, remember that you can call upon God to renew your strength.

Romans 8:31: *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?* A good way to look at our life with Christ is to know that He is for each and all of us. On the cross, Jesus knew us and died because we needed Him to die for our sins. Yes, Satan mounts an attack against us each and every day, yet Jesus defeated Satan on our behalf— Yes, God is on your side as you enter 2023.

Believe we should be reminded that humility should never be overlooked by anyone. Micah 6:8: *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, **and to walk humbly with your God?*** People seem to try all sorts of ways to please God, but in this verse, God makes His wishes very clear. Why not spend some time examining these areas of your life on a regular basis. Are you fair in your dealings with one another? Do you show mercy to those who harm you? Are you learning to grow in humility? Job 8:7 tells us: *Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be.* (For you Star Wars fans, kind of sounds like Yoda.) And remember, we as a church are beginning a new journey. We have departed from our historical roots as United Methodists (and before that as Methodists and United Brethren). 2 Corinthians 5:17: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!* The time is here for our fresh start as the McCutchanville Community Church, joined with the Global Methodist Church. We still carry the Great Commandment and Great Commission in our ministry together.

I would suggest that you might go back and read the Ten Commandments – Exodus 20:1-17. Be childlike in your faith – John 1:12: *Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.* You are sons and daughters of the living God – be energized, be joyful.

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Final piece of guidance from Philippians 3:13-14: *Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.* For me I typically land on the book of Philippians. Like Paul, most of us should leave behind and forget our sins of the past. We have all done things we are ashamed of; however, we can let go of the past guilt and look forward to what God will help us become in 2023.

Happy New Year!

*Pastor Greg*



# GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Each month we will look at an aspect of the Global Methodist Church . Let's look at the name and logo:

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, proclaimed, "The world is my parish." Ever since, the people called Methodist have committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with people all around the world.

In that spirit, faithful Methodists have been praying and working to discern God's will for a new church rooted in Scripture and the historic and life giving teachings of the Christian faith. Given that those called to this new denomination are from many countries, speak many languages, and yet share one faith, the name "the Global Methodist Church" seemed fully appropriate.

Methodists in Africa, Europe, Eurasia, the Philippines, and the United States have warmly embraced the name. It simultaneously states who we are and who we aspire to be: faithful Christians in the Methodist tradition dedicated to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with people all around the world.

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.



Methodist Mountain Mission Pick-Up will be February 6, 2023

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[Urgent Needs List](#)

*With* GRATITUDE  
THANKFULNESS  
APPRECIATION

The staff off McCutchanville Community Church would like to thank the congregation for your Christmas gifts. It is a blessing to be part of such a generous and caring congregation.

*Thank You!!  
Pastor Greg & Teresa, Cory & Annelle, Terri, Helen and Cheryl*

**Tax Prep Time!**


Yes, it is THAT time again! If you would like a statement of your 2022 giving to MCC, please contact Martha Lease.



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.



*Integrity Compassion Safety Team Oriented Committed*




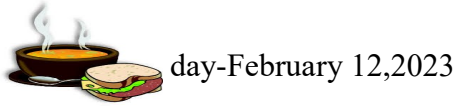
**United Methodist Youth Home**

*Thank You*

Thank you for continuing to support UMH! Our youth look forward to the meal each month.

**Shelby Powell**

MCC continues to collect non-perishable foods for the food bank at Patchwork Central. Baskets are in the sanctuary and in the fellowship area. Thank you for your dona-

Do you have a favorite sweatshirt? A sports, organization, or a theme sweatshirt that you feel extra comfy while wearing it? Wear it to church on SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

**SOUP PITCH-IN LUNCH**

Since this is Pastor Greg's favorite donation Sunday, we are going to celebrate together by having his favorite food—SOUP!! Bring enough of your favorite soup to share or maybe a favorite dessert.

February 12, 2023  
Super BOWL SUNDAY

- wear your favorite sweatshirt
- bring donations for the Food Pantry Baskets to support SOUPER BOWL
- have a bowl of soup!
- Enjoy fellowship with our church family

One of Pastor Greg's favorite donation Sundays is the "Souper Bowl of Caring"

Let's fill up the Food Pantry Baskets on Super Bowl Sun-



"Impressive! You went to church even on Super Bowl sundays."

**MENU**

**TUESDAY EVENING CARRY OUT**

- January 3: Chili**
- January 10: Burgers & Brats**
- January 17: BBQ Pork Sandwich**
- January 24: Ham & Potato Casserole**
- January 31: Sloppy Joe**

**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, 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*

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

**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.



Birthday cupcakes

**JANUARY**

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|-------------------|----|
| Frank Morgan      | 1  |
| Betty Gentry      | 2  |
| Sue Harris        | 3  |
| Jenny Taylor      | 4  |
| Gabe Dzienny      | 9  |
| Alison McDowell   | 11 |
| Liz Miller        | 12 |
| Oliver Sponseller | 13 |
| Sara Dixon        | 17 |

**EVANSVILLE  
THUNDERBOLTS**

Evansville's Professional Hockey Team

Friday, January 27 7:00pm

**Faith Night**

It's time for our annual Faith Night, sponsored by Oakland City University! As always, OCU is offering a chance for one lucky high school Junior or Senior to walk away with a \$12,000 Scholarship! Stick around, after the game, for a post-game, contemporary Christian concert, performed by Hush Harbor, presented by WAY-FM! Church and youth groups can get discounted tickets!

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$12; Children age 2-12: \$10; Children under 2 are free

If you are interested in attending, please let the pastor know no later than Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.



*You're a wonderful couple  
Joined by God above  
May your marriage continue  
In God's love*

**JANUARY**

Frank & Betty Gentry

Our Mitten Tree was full this year! Frank and Betty Gentry will take the hats and gloves to Patchwork Central.



MCC received a thank you note from Habitat.

"Pastor Greg & MCC, Wow! What a wonderful gift! Donations like yours make a tremendous difference in the work Habitat is doing in the community. You are helping our families build a better future! Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Merry Christmas!  
Elspeth Urbina  
Director of Development



December:  
The Magical  
Month

God's Kids's  
Christmas  
Programs . . .



Fellowship and  
games . . .  
Jennie Hiam  
stopped by to  
talk about The  
Homeless  
Ministry that  
MCC supports



Our candlelight Christmas Eve  
service where we join together  
for Holy Communion ,  
candlelight and song.



Christmas  
Eve . . .  
Silent Night  
Awaiting the  
birth of our  
Savior



**December 2022  
Attendance and Giving**

	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Tue Meals	Missions (Habitat)	Internet	Special Projects	Advent Boxes (Haiti)	Elvin Reed Funeral Dinner	Total Checking Deposit
4	61	\$620.00	\$3,926.00		\$2.00			\$5.00		\$4,553.00
11	56	\$20.00	\$2093.00	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$310.00		\$45.00		\$2,628.00
18	64		\$5054.00		\$24.00			\$103.13	\$150.00	\$5,331.13
24	39	\$3,000.00	\$369.78		\$145.00		\$3,000.00	\$23.55		\$6,538.33
25	32	\$55.00	\$406.00		\$324.00					\$785.00



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 1 Communion Sunday 9:00 Small Group 10:30 Worship	2 Gym reserved 1:30 -3:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00- 8:00	3 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa  1:30 Gym Reserved	4 Choir 6:00 pm Gym reserved 1:30-3:00  6:00 Gym Re- served	5 1:30 Gym Reserved  Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-8:00	6 6:00 Gym Re- served	7 Gym Reserved 1:00 DX
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29 9:00 Small Group 10:30 Worship  3:30 Gym Re- served	30 Gym reserved 1:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00- 8:00	31 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa	February 1 Choir 6:00 pm Gym reserved 1:30-3:00  12:00 Women Meeting	February 2 1:30 Gym Reserved  Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-8:00	February 3	February 4

# STREET TALK

## Unto the Least of These Ministry to Homeless in Evansville

December 3, 2022  
Hello everyone!

Hope all of you and your families are well! I'm so very sorry I didn't get my "editorial" out to you last week. My daughter and her family from the Seattle, Wash. area came to visit so you can see that I was pretty busy! Anyway, I was thinking about all of you, our ministry, AND our people!

I have some interesting things to report to you today. First of all, I am THRILLED to tell you that Dr. Melinda Jackson, her staff, and several of her patients are collecting needed items for our people, which they are placing under their huge Christmas tree in their office. They did this last year, too. (This is ALL their idea!) We are SO VERY THANKFUL for this Christian endeavor on their part AND because they definitely see the needs present among the homeless and the working poor in the Evansville area. Our sincere thanks to ALL of those involved in this endeavor. We have already distributed some of these items to our people on the streets of Evansville. Will keep all of our team posted on this.

This past Thursday, Pat and I were HONORED to have Jonathan Boettcher, the Executive Director of the "For Evansville" organization, join us in making our van rounds on the streets as well as making stops at some of our local shelters, etc. We thoroughly enjoyed having Jonathan with us. He is involved with a VERY worthwhile civic organization. You can contact Jonathan at this address:

[jonathanboettcher@forevansville.org](mailto:jonathanboettcher@forevansville.org)  
1-812-781-0004

We have received MANY very nice used OR BRAND NEW clothing items which we want to get to some groups of citizens of our area who are VERY MUCH in need AND/OR need them for work opportunities they may have. One of these is the Community Corrections at the Vanderburgh County Jail. Many of these individuals are sent there by the courts. They are not employed at the moment but hopefully will be a short time after confinement. I have been told by staff members that many of them have no clothes other than what is on their backs. So, we want to help give them a fresh start in life if we can.

Another group of individuals who need clothing are those who were being housed at the Volunteers of America (VOA) administered Hope Hall which was essentially burned down in that huge warehouse fire that occurred in the past couple of months. The VOA is a faith-based organization around the country that endeavors to help people get their lives back on track. Here locally, there are the following 3 locations of this organization:

1. The Work Release Program. Formerly known as Hope Hall-suffered much fire damage lately. There are 21 men in this program now. Up until this fire damage took place there were up to almost 70 in this unit. Several were released and the remainder were sent back to jail.
2. The Veterans Program-60-100 participants in this program. Varies. Many homeless in this program. Are not housed at this site. All men.
3. Fresh Start Women's Program-1351 West Buente Vista Rd. Nine women there currently. These women are ex-prisoners, homeless, drug/alcohol abuse, victims of domestic abuse, etc.

We want to provide services for the above people in need, also. This is where a lot of the NEW clothing items we receive from your donations will be distributed. GREAT OPPORTUNITY for us!

On Tuesday of this past week, I packed some women's items in my car and took them over to the women at the Stepping Forward program on Chestnut St. which is operated by the SWI Behavioral Health program. Nine women there presently. Homeless, drug/alcohol abusers, victims of domestic violence, and/or are pregnant. No pregnant women there at the moment. We will continue to help them all we can.

Our homeless ministry goes to Patchwork Central, 100 W. Wash. St., every other Thursday to provide services as needed. My heart still aches over what had just happened before we got there at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday a.m. of this past week. This is part of the story that was relayed to me by a staff person. A woman (under the influence of "something") police officer was there, too. I am SO VERY THANKFUL this is his job in the EPD! The woman was arrested and the child was placed under the care of the local child protective services. Dear Heavenly Father, please be with this dear

came up the alley pulling a 2 year old child in a wagon. She was NOT his mother. I have no idea where the mother was located. Of course, the P.C. staff called 911 and got help there immediately. Office Josh Brewer, the local homeless liaison child and all of those involved. My heart aches regarding this entire situation. I haven't slept very well since then. Let's all be praying about this AND all other people in similar situations around town.....

I am SO VERY THANKFUL that Patchwork Central is located where it is. In the early 1990's, I worked there as a Nurse Practitioner and saw MANY people from that area who definitely needed health care AND referral right at that time. Since then, that clinic has evolved into the ECHO Health Center which you will find presently at 4 different sites around town. And now, John Rich, his wife, and other staff members DEFINITELY provide needed services of all kinds to this area of Evansville. They provide spiritual, physical, and emotional service OR direct people to sites where they can obtain this assistance. Thank you, John, and your staff.....

I would like to add one comment here about our Nurse Practitioner team member, Jane Kratochvil. Everytime we arrive at Patchwork, we find her BUSY washing the feet of some of the people off of the streets who are there eating breakfast. She does foot exams, too, and is able to make necessary referrals as needed. Obviously, because of the life style most of our people are engaged in, they are out walking the streets constantly. OR they have no shoes on their feet. Thank you, dear Jane! You are VERY much needed with us in this ministry. By the way, after Jane is done at Patchwork, she follows us in her car to the other sites we go to. She can examine our people if there is any potential health problem present. We are VERY grateful to have her with us.

When we arrived at the Salvation Army, we noticed one woman (40'ish) who had NO shoes on her feet! All she had on was a pair of VERY TORN AND RAGGED socks! Thankfully, because of your donations and those of other people in our area, we were able to provide her with several new pair of socks AND Pat found a very nice pair of walking shoes for her in the back of the van. Just as a side note, when we gave her the first pair of socks, she simply just pulled them up over her feet WITH the present socks still on! Then, she put her replacement pair of shoes on AND off she went walking down the street. All we could do was watch her and wonder what all was happening in her life... AND pray for her as she went. Oh, Dear Father! please intervene in this situation.....

A few minutes after the above situation occurred, I looked up and saw two men engaged in a probable drug deal, right there in front of us. I am still in shock over this. They paid no attention to me watching their interaction, BUT I did notify the police dept. about this. Of course, all kinds of illicit abuse like this is NOT uncommon out on the streets ANYWHERE. Between this and also my thinking about the other incidents that occurred that morning, I haven't slept very well. Rather, I have been MUCH in Prayer for our dear people and their families/friends. ALSO, I have a HUGE concern for the safety of our law enforcement officers here locally AND around the country. Please intervene, Dear Father.....

O.K., I'll try to make the following brief!! On Friday of this past week, I took several items downtown to the YWCA for the women and children they have there. Approx. 40 women AND 10 children!! (Two women were pregnant). I had the trunk of my car full of items I knew they would need-lounge wear (which our mission room team sorts out for us to distribute in these locations-thank you, guys!), some blankets, children's clothing, Christmas sweatshirts and other wear, some shoes, etc. ALSO, our "Cincinnati Connection" team had made us some baby blankets, and had knitted some baby hats, so the remainder of those I had left I gave to the women at the YWCA. The staff was MOST grateful! In fact, they were just getting ready to have a Christmas party when Jesus and I arrived, so all of that worked out quite well! All of these items would be distributed at this party. Thank you, EVERYONE!!

One more VERY DEFINITE answer to prayer-on my way home on Friday, I drove by the small park on the corner of Liberty and 6th Streets downtown. Often times, we will find people "hanging out" there OR lying asleep on the ground, etc. Well, I found one young couple (30'ish) just sitting as close to each other on a park bench as they could. I stopped to check on them and found that they were hungry. Anyway, I "happened" to have several of our healthy treat bags in my car and some bottles of water so they eagerly accepted those (Thank You, Dear Father, for your Divine Intervention). We chatted a little longer and also discussed the area possibilities for finding shelter and other food. They appreciated that help very much. They were from this area somewhere but could no longer go back home. They both had children (separately) under the age of 10 who appeared to be in a "fairly" safe place at the moment. It was apparent that they were probably going to have to spend the night there in the park. They had hooded sweatshirts on, so I was glad about that. I had earlier checked my trunk for blankets but had none available. THEN, I remembered that occasionally I'll put a few things in my backseat. So, I looked there again! Well, lo and behold, I found TWO blankets there to give to them! I was THRILLED, as were they! I IMMEDIATELY gave those to this homeless couple. This was DEFINITELY of God!



I thank YOU again, Dear Father, for providing these for this couple. We prayed together before I got back in my car. WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!! I can't thank You enough, Dear Father!!

AND thank You, Dear Jesus, for being with Pat, Jonathan, and I when we were out on the streets this week. We are OVERWHELMED with Your Love and Kindness.....We ask ALL OF YOU to continue in prayer for this ministry AND for all of our local agencies who are working diligently to help our citizens who are less fortunate than we are. Thank you!

Jennie Hiam 1-812-204-1190

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

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December 10, 2022

Hello everyone!

I want to start out my "editorial" today with some news about the jail! I received a return phone call from Lieutenant Dave Guetling, the officer who is in charge of jail operations, regarding my request for some of us to go Christmas caroling at the local jail on Christmas Day afternoon from 3-4 p.m. We have done this numerous times in the past but, of course, were unable to do so the past 3 years because of Covid. He assures me we CAN do this again this year at the above mentioned time. Anyone who is age 16 or greater can participate. Obviously, if you are sick at the time, STAY HOME! If you do come, please dress casual-blue jeans, Christmas sweatshirts, etc. I will be at the jail waiting for you just inside the door of the smaller building next to the Administration Bldg. I believe it's the first bldg. you come to as you turn in the driveway on to the jail property. The officers who will be helping us will be ready AND waiting for us promptly at 3 p.m. DO NOT bring any purses, backpacks, umbrellas, etc. I will have written music ready for us to use. This is ALWAYS quite an experience, FOR US AND FOR the inmates we are worshiping with. All inmates will be locked up in their cell blocks. NO ONE will be out in the day rooms. The only exception is the few inmates we may see who are on kitchen detail-washing dishes, etc. Please plan to attend if you can. Also, please call me if you have any questions-1-812-204-1190.

Now, regarding our activities this past week. We are trying to provide more Christian services for those individuals who are involved in the Volunteers of America (VOA) here locally. They have 3 sections to the services they provide. They are as follows:

1. Work Release Program-this group of individuals (66) had to be moved to another location because of the massive fire that occurred at the site where they were staying. Several of those individuals were released, some were sent back to jail, and the remainder (21-23) are presently being housed in a building over on 501 John Street. We took a large number of different types of clothing to them 3-4 weeks ago. We have been told they have adequate clothing and other resources at the moment.
2. Veterans Program-I am SO VERY GLAD they have this division! Just as an FYI, roughly 40,000 of our veterans nationally are HOMELESS!! On Tuesday of this past week, I stopped by the church and loaded up my car with clothing items of ALL sorts for the individuals who are in this program here locally. THANKS to all of you, we were able to take them a HUGE amount of NEW clothing items to the site where they are presently staying. It was a PRIVILEGE for us to have all of these available for our veterans at this site. Thank You, Dear FATHER!!
3. The Fresh Start Program-this is for women who have been released from prison, suffered abuse of all kinds, are recovering from alcohol and drug abuse, and who are mentally ill. We made a trip out there (Buena Vista Drive) last Monday in the van AND also I took a large number of NEW blankets, hats, etc. that our "Cincinnati Connection" (my sister-in-law and her friends) made for us to distribute. (By the way, our "Cincy Connection" provides the above for us on a regular basis! Thank you, dear ladies! Our people LOVE YOU HEAPS!) Oh yes, they also make baby hats, blankets, etc. Wow!

I do want to tell you one thing in particular that I observed when we were there. I was talking with the young women who live there now and THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, a young woman appeared, quietly walking down the hall toward

me. She had a newborn baby sleeping in her arms wrapped in a warm blanket. She looked at me, smiled, and quickly said "Thank you". I was STUNNED! It dawned on me that I was in the Presence of the Master. This young woman, with long brown hair, was walking toward me AND she had BABY JESUS in her arms. No matter what she had done in her life which necessitated her being confined to this facility, she was being honored by the Master of the Universe by giving her a newborn baby to be responsible for. I experienced the TRUE

MEANING of CHRISTMAS right there on the spot. Even thinking about this experience right now, I am in AWE of the Grace and Mercy of God in our lives. Thank You, Dear Father.....Let's ALL continue to pray for ALL humanity, wherever they are located or confined, and ask God for Divine Intervention and Healing for them. AND let's ALL pray for the above mentioned young woman AND her baby that she is now responsible for. She needs Divine and emotional healing for herself AND for her little one.....

Roger, Kristin, and I went out on the streets on Thursday of this past week and ministered to all those that we could. Roger and I help those we see with tangible items they need such as clothing, hygiene supplies, towels and wash-cloths, shoes, etc. Pat Roberts does the very same thing, as does Terri, Dwayne, Kristin, Elzie, and others! Then, Kristin goes around from person to person and asks if they would like for her to pray with them. The majority of them say "YES"! Kristin has had some life-altering experiences in her past that makes her an excellent candidate to serve as a prayer partner for our people. It seems like we are seeing more and more people with drug problems, many of them having imbibed in "something" right before we see them. I saw one young man at the Salvation Army a couple of weeks ago who was definitely hallucinating right then and there-on the spot. I don't even want to know what he had just consumed. THANKFULLY, we saw him THIS week at the S.A. and he was MUCH MORE CLEAR and ORIENTED than before. I assured him of God's Love for him AND of our love for him. He smiled at me and quietly thanked me.....

At the Salvation Army, we again saw Brandon and his pregnant girlfriend. They are continuing to live out on the streets. On cold nights, they can stay at the United Caring Shelter. I asked this young woman if she had seen the Dr. yet. I knew she had been scheduled for an appt. last week. Well, because of some "clerical" issues, they told her she couldn't be seen there. So, she now has an appt. with someone else (????). I will keep track of this young couple as much as I can. Oh, Dear Jesus, please help them and this unborn child as we speak.....

As we were driving down MLK Blvd., I was telling Roger and Kristin about a young man (Charles) that I have had contact with for 3-4 years at the United Carding Shelter. When seeing him at the shelter for a meal, I would always try to communicate with him but he always said very little, if anything. The past several months, I have seen him on occasion walking down MLKB by himself, carrying ALL of his personal belongings. Well! Right as I was telling my partners about him AND how I wished we could see him, ALL OF A SUDDEN, there he was-walking right there beside the van! We quickly stopped the van, I opened the door, and spoke with him. He had just a very faint smile on his face. I spoke with him for a moment and told him how much we loved him and how much Jesus loves him. I asked him where he was living. He told us he was living down by the river all by himself. And that's all he said. You know, I really believe this young man is autistic. He definitely has some VERY DEFINITE mental health problems. Let's all be praying for Charles and for Divine Intervention in his life. We will keep you posted on this situation.....

We made our usual stop at the Mets Bus Station. It was raining so there weren't many of our people there. Of course, we will continue to stop there every time we are out on the streets.

On our way back to the church, we stopped by the House of Bread and Peace to give them some items. While there, the director told us they presently have 20 adults there and 10 children. That is definitely a LARGE number! They were in dire need of some of our other items-clothing, hygiene supplies, etc. We shared many items with them. Our team was discussing this. We are thinking that we could just go ahead and include that facility as one of our regular stops, perhaps 1-2x per month. Something like we do over at Patchwork Central.

By the way, I am going to check with the Director of the Potter's Wheel Ministry and see if she would have any suggestions as to 1-2 sites we could stop at on the Southside of town. That is a very needy area. We have stopped at the Potter's Wheel Ministry over their lunch hour on Tuesdays before, which worked out very well, but that is not one of our regular days. If anyone has any suggestions regarding the above, please let me know.

We truly want to thank ALL of you for your prayers, donations, and your wisdom in the management of this ministry. There is NO WAY this could be carried out WITHOUT ALL of you participating in one way or the other. Please don't EVER hesitate to let me or other team members know of some suggestions that you may have. Humanity, both worldwide and locally, is VERY MUCH IN NEED of Jesus and His Love. We continue to distribute Bibles, copies of "Our Daily Bread", other Christian pamphlets, AND prayer. Please share with us any other means you know of that we can use to show Jesus to the world. Thank you ever so much!

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December 17, 2022

Hello everyone!

When thinking about Christmas, the group of people that God made His Gift, Jesus, FIRST known to was the shepherds out on the hillside. From what I know about society at that time, shepherds were the "lowest of the low"! In our homeless ministry, "Unto the Least of These" (Matt. 25:41), our goal is to make Jesus known to what our society calls the "lowest" of all-the homeless and the poor, out on the streets of Evansville. We are literally seeing men, women, and families who are known as the "extreme poor". We are seeing people who have come from a background of severe physical and mental abuse as children, people who are heavily into drug use, who suffer from several mental illness because of the above, who are sold into sexual slavery, have an inadequate education and NO home of their own, among other problems. And YES! I am talking about citizens of Evansville, IN.! There is a KNOWN pimp that we can identify who sells some of our women into sexual slavery. He is KNOWN by law enforcement, I can assure you! I have witnessed a lot of the above problems that our people experience based on my own experience as a nurse practitioner for 50 years in this area PLUS in other parts of the State. Recently, I had a conversation with Office Josh Brewer, the local homeless liaison police officer with the Evansville Police Dept. My heart is simply SICK for the people we see. Let me explain some of these situations.....

We have roughly 20 or so sites we visit around town where we have contact with our people. One that I mentioned to you last week was the "Fresh Start Recovery Program" for women, which is operated by the Volunteers of America. Presently, they have roughly 12 women there and two babies-one of them is a newborn. We found out that these women have to provide their own food for their group unless the local Jail brings some trays of food over to them. The latter does happen on occasion, so we are glad about that. Last Sunday evening, Pastor Greg Davis (of the McCutchanville Community Church) called me and asked me if I could join them at their Christmas Party that evening and share with them some of the facts I share with you in my "Street Talk" each week. Of course, I jumped at the chance to do that! When I arrived at the party, I discovered that they had a LOT of gifts under the Christmas Tree for the people we minister to. This was a WONDERFUL surprise! THEN, the next morning, Pastor Greg called me and told me that they had a large ham and some rolls that they would like to share with the women at the above mentioned Recovery Center. I picked those food items up and immediately took them out to these women in need. Needless to say, they were THRILLED and were very THANKFUL!!

In addition to the above, my grandson's place of business had some boxes of fresh fruit so he got me one of those and I was able to take these "treats" to this Recovery Center for these dear women. Jesus WOULD HAVE DONE all of the above in the same manner! So, I want to THANK Pastor Greg's church and my grandson for helping these women in need!

On Monday of this past week, Elzie and I loaded up the van and headed out to the streets again. We were VERY BUSY!! With your help, we were able to touch the lives of many of our people by distributing food, clothing, Bibles, Christian pamphlets, etc. One young woman came up to me and we began a conversation. I discovered that this woman's life history had been SO VERY BAD that she had totally suppressed it in her memory! She could not share any of her past with me. Of course, I DID NOT press the issue. I suggested to her that she get in touch with Aurora to see if she could get some emotional help. The ECHO Health Clinic is VERY good about helping in these situations, too. I am ALWAYS referring our people to them, in addition to other resources around town.

THEN, along came Eddie! He has many similar issues as the above woman does. You know, we REALLY need some social workers with us in this ministry. Perhaps a pastor, too. I really wish we could have some Christian counseling available for our people. However, the UCS does not permit any Christian services inside their building. Perhaps they are thinking that all kinds of faiths would want to be represented-I don't know. My belief in Jesus is what

tops my list of how our people could receive the help they need. Our ministry is SO VERY fortunate to have people of prayer" on our team! Both Kristin and Janet do NOT hesitate at all to offer to pray with our people if they request it. I also pray with our dear friends AT ANY TIME that person OR I sense the need. Do any of you have any thoughts on the above??.....(Of course, both the Salvation Army and the Rescue Mission permit Christian teaching at their sites).....

Tuesday evening of this past week, I was invited to speak at the local Lions' Club Christmas dinner. I was so very grateful for the invitation. As with the other group I already mentioned, they brought many bags and boxes of gift items for us to distribute to our people. Many of them are already gone! Thank you SO VERY MUCH for your interest AND help with our people on our streets.

We have included another site for us to visit perhaps once a month-Matthew 25 AIDS Services. This group has a clinic in Henderson and one here in Evansville. I have had contact with them in years past when I was teaching at USI and had some NP students going there for clinical experience. They do a great service for our neighbors who are afflicted with HIV-AIDS, OR need to be tested or followed up for the same. This past week, Roger, Kristin, and I took 3 large bags of clothing we thought they could use in this clinic. When I was talking with one of the staff members a couple of hours later on the phone, she told me that she had ALREADY distributed some items that we had brought to them to those they serve. We also plan to take them a small laundry basket of hygiene supplies for their clients perhaps yet this week.

Then, on we went to the Salvation Army!! We are ALWAYS seeing people in need there! I am SO VERY THANKFUL that this organization is at this site AND has such a STRONG program there for the people of our area. We continue to have our Bible Study in progress there every Thursday from 12:30-1:30p.m. with Sue Kincaid and Sue Moore in charge. Right now, they have a couple of "regulars" who generally come to these sessions. Our people's lives are often in so much upheaval that it is difficult for them to get there on a regular basis. BUT, God is DEFINITELY in that ministry!!

When seeing our people at the van that day, we encountered a man who had recently had a stroke and was definitely debilitated and walking with a cane. His wife had left him and he had custody of their 6 year old daughter. He SO VERY MUCH wanted some Christmas gifts for this child. We were able to direct him to the right resources to achieve that goal. Mission ACCOMPLISHED!

I have mentioned to you before about the generosity and donation of gifts that Dr. Melinda Jackson's office, staff, patients, AND drug reps. are giving to us for our ministry! They have a HUGE Christmas tree in their waiting room which has LOADS of gifts under it for our people. I have already been there TWICE to pick up some of them and distribute them around town. There are more I will need to pick up this coming week. The homeless and poor of Evansville THANK you, Dr. Jackson, and your staff, your patients, and friends for your kindness in sharing Christmas with them. I simply CANNOT express this strongly enough!! THANK YOU!!

One more thing to mention to all of you again! Don't forget the opportunity to go Christmas caroling with us on Christmas Day from 3-4 p.m. at the Vanderburgh County Jail. If you want to join us, please do so! Ages 16 and over. Blue jeans, casual attire. I already know of some people who will be joining us. I will be waiting for you just inside the front door of the smaller building to the right of the large Administration Bldg. that you will see when you turn into the jail property. I hope some of you can come. Written music will be provided. If we don't see you at that time, we most certainly want to wish all of you a wonderful MERRY CHRISTMAS! We will continue our homeless ministry after Christmas.

Thank you EVERYONE!!

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December 23, 2022

Hello all!

With this winter storm blowing in, I decided I should go ahead and send this week's "editorial" to you right now before we lose power to communicate with each other! I hope that doesn't happen, but here goes anyway!

Regarding our trip to "the local jail" this coming Sunday afternoon to go caroling for the inmates, I received another phone call a couple of days ago from Lieutenant Guetling, who is in charge of jail operations, with the following message-we can most certainly continue with this tradition we started several years ago, but he wants us to "go directly into

Do NOT PASS GO!! Ha! (Do you remember the old game of "Monopoly"?) Anyway, I will be waiting there for you and will have already made contact with jail officers who will be escorting us around to sing for the inmates. Please don't go into any other entrance other than that one. I don't want to lose any of you! I hope several of you can come! Karen Heinicke will be our song leader!! And we will have the music available for us to use. Thank you!

Now for some other news from this past week. I always like to visit shelters, etc. on my own on occasion because I know so many of the people living there. Plus, I always take some needed items to them such as lounge wear, a few blankets, shoes, etc. I also take Bibles and Christian pamphlets in case they would like to have any of these. On Tuesday morning of this week, Pat Roberts called me from Florida (he's one of our regular van drivers who heads South during the winter! I certainly don't blame him for doing that!) Roger Campbell is his replacement until he returns in April! Roger does a GREAT job, too! Anyway Pat does volunteer work out in Newburgh at Mother Theresa's during the Summer and Fall. Pat had talked with the director at that site just that morning AND discovered that they had a LOAD of blankets and coats to give us for our homeless ministry. Other helpers at M.T's loaded all of these items into my car AND then our team member, Roger, met me at the church where the van is parked and carried EVERYTHING into the Mission Room for me. I simply could NOT have done that! THANK YOU HEAPS, brother Roger!

THEN, on Wednesday, I made a trip out to Dr. Melinda Jackson's office in Newburgh (this was my THIRD trip for this purpose) and, with help from one of her staff, we packed a LOT of additional items they had under their office Christmas tree for our ministry into my car for me to take back into the church for placement in our Mission Room. All of the gifts from Dr. Jackson's office were donated by office staff, patients, and drug reps. By the way, some of you know this, but we have an OUTSTANDING volunteer team of church members who place ALL of these donated items on shelves, etc., in our Mission Room. I simply COULD NOT do this myself! ALL of you who help at different sites in this ministry are VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!! I CANNOT say that to you enough! THANK YOU!!

I like to take small laundry baskets of hygiene products to selected shelters who are in need for the individuals who are living there. I took one over to "Stepping Forward" on Wednesday of this week. As you may know, they have 9 women who are there at the moment. All of them are recovering primarily from addiction problems, mental illness, etc. There is one young woman there now who is pregnant. I am SO VERY GLAD we have such sites available for these dear women.

We are in the process of trying to reach other areas of town to help them with their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. I contacted the director of Potter's Wheel a couple of days ago to see if she could direct me to a church or community group on the South side of town that we could include in our van ministry. She gave me some information regarding a possibility for us to pursue so I plan to do that when the weather improves. Will keep you updated regarding this.

I would urge you to come to the jail with us on Christmas Day afternoon from 3-4 p.m. so the inmates will KNOW that someone does care about them. We will be singing about JESUS. I would say here that the majority of the individuals we will see there have NEVER heard about HIM! I KNOW we will see several of our homeless brothers and sisters that we have been seeing out on the streets over the past almost 3 years there this Sunday, BUT they are now inmates. There have been MANY times over the years that individuals would stop me out at one of the shelters or out on the streets and thank me for coming with a group of carolers to the jail on what is such a lonely holiday for them! ALL of you are VERY MUCH APPRECIATED in your support of this vital ministry here in town. On behalf of our ministry team, I wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED NEW YEAR!!

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