

The

Messenger

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Mission Statement

McCutchanville Community Church's mission is to connect our community with God's power and hope through the love of Christ.

Greg Davis, Pastor



Hello McCutchanville Community Church,

It's been a while. I believe the first Sunday that we determined it best to put a halt on in-person worship was March 14th. That was done with a heavy heart, much discussion, prayer, and second guessing myself. Little did we know at the time that it would be three months before we would meet again. During that time away, there was the remainder of Lent, Egg Hunt, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunrise, Easter morning worship, Mother's Day, Graduations, God's Kids end of year programs, Memorial Day, several important birthdays, Communion Sundays, Pentecost and I know the list doesn't end here that we were unable to be together.

We have maintained! Some have called this a period of Lament. The **psalms of communal lament** are a group of Psalms from the Hebrew Bible, classified by their focus on [laments](#) expressing deep sorrow for the travails of a nation and as a group asking for God's blessing or intervention. Psalms of communal laments were more commonly found in printed [Psalters](#) following major [natural disasters](#), plague, or oppression by surrounding nations. Psalms 60, 74, 79, 80, 85, 90. Following is an example from Psalms 60:1-5:

¹ You have rejected us, O God, and broken our defenses. You have been angry with us; now restore us to your favor.

² You have shaken our land and split it open. Seal the cracks, for the land trembles.

³ You have been very hard on us, making us drink wine that sent us reeling.

⁴ But you have raised a banner for those who fear you—a rallying point in the face of attack. Interlude

⁵ Now rescue your beloved people. Answer and save us by your power.

Do you see the point of lament? It is addressed to God, gives a brief description of the occurrences, requests help from God. This Psalm concludes "*with God's help we will do mighty things, for He will trample down our foes.*" I like the idea of lament, as it places one's trust and hope in the one who can truly help us in our time of need.

For not only are we now dealing with the pandemic of the Coronavirus, we are awakened to the sins of our nation that are coming before us through racial injustice committed, not just in Minneapolis, but in so many places at so many times. This too should cause us to lament. Teresa received the following note from Bible Study Fellowship, that I thought appropriate to pass on to you:

As we watch the horrific acts of recent days and as we engage in conversations with one another, we are reminded of the depth of racial injustice and the pain it has caused and continues to cause. As we see all the images of violence, including the rioting and looting, we lament. We cry with Habakkuk:

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“How long, O LORD, will I call for help, and You will not hear? I cry out to You, ‘Violence!’ yet You do not save. Why do You make me see iniquity, and cause me to look on wickedness? Yes, destruction and violence are before me; strife exists and contention arises. Therefore, the law is ignored and justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice comes out perverted.” – Habakkuk 1:1-4

Then we remember the Cross. We remember Jesus. We remember God’s promises. We find hope. The events of recent days remind us that all have sinned – deep, personal sin against others and God. But we are not lost. For if God can reconcile sinners to Himself and can reconcile Jew and Gentile through Jesus Christ, He is certainly able to bring racial reconciliation to our broken world. With Heavy Hearts, Bible Study Fellowship

We need to come back together. We need to cry out to God for His Almighty Hand to heal us and our land from both a pandemic and our sin. And we also need to come back together to continue our praise and thanksgiving. God is merciful. God is forgiving. God is with us, full of grace and mercy.

See you soon!
PASTOR GREG



2020 has been a very unique year so far. Schools closed which forced moms and dads and grandparents into teaching at home. Several graduated (without the pomp and circumstance) from pre-school, kindergarten, middle school, high school and college. Congratulations to you all on your graduation accomplishments!!

Although the last few months have been tumultuous, Mountain Mission trucks are back on the road and will



be in McCutchanville on June 22nd to pick up any items you may have discovered during your Spring cleaning that you no longer have use. Please have your donation at the church no later than June 21.

McCutchanville Community Church

Phase 1: Worship Guidelines in coming back to Worship on June 14, 2020

1. Worship only – NO Sunday School
2. All areas properly cleaned and sanitized prior to worship (Steramine sprayed on everything evening before)
3. No Fellowship time – arrive just before 10:30 AM – no coffee or donuts (you may bring your own coffee)
4. Have greeter to open front door for all, or leave front door propped open
5. Gloves, Masks & Hand Sanitizer will be available at the main entrance
6. No handshaking, hugs or even elbow bumps – we must social distance – No “welcome one another” time
7. **Require face mask to be worn**
Allow congregational singing since masks will be worn; however, will limit the number
8. Please sit with family & social distance from all others, chairs will be spaced apart
9. No Children’s Sermon, Children’s Church or Nursery as we begin
10. Restroom Doors will be left open
11. Drinking Fountains will be covered
12. Offering Plate will be in central location and not be passed; Registration pads will be removed
13. There will not be bulletins handed out (children’s packets available in ziplok packet)
14. Communion will be served differently using pre-sealed cups with wafers
15. At conclusion, please leave quickly (each side dismissed through door on that side) – keeping 6 feet apart

No VBS this year, no meetings, no gatherings, allow funerals & weddings,
and continue with no rental of facilities

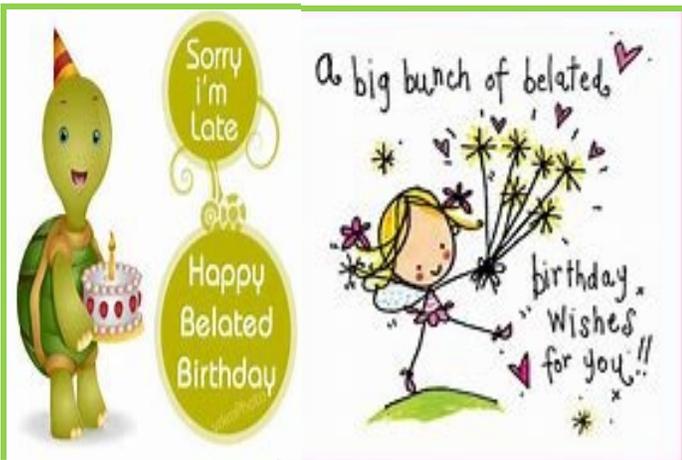
Of course, CDC guidelines recommend people over age 65 and those with other health issues continue to follow the stay-at-home guidelines and worship from home.

Phase 2: Date undetermined but not likely until at least August/All of the above will be in effect with following exceptions:

- Sunday School can begin
- Fellowship time permitted prior to worship without coffee or donuts
- Follow guidelines recommended from CDC on Social Distancing at that time
- Allow Nursery & Children’s Church
- Bulletins will be on a table as people arrive, but not handed out

All Phases: What we will do

- We will Worship the Lord with Joy
- We will be happy to see one another
- We will sing (sometime), laugh, pray and rejoice
- We will clean worship area before and after worship
- We will continue to offer online worship
- Currently, our weekly service is being sent to approximately 100 email addresses as well as provided on our church Facebook page and on our website.



APRIL

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

MAY

Karen Skinner	1
Larry Williams	1
Kurt Georgesen	4
Ed Schiffer	6
Pat Perkins	8
Linda Proctor	8
Thor Georgesen	11
Margie Smith	15
Karen Swope	17
John Swope	21
Kelsey Georgesen	22
Devin Burress	24
Gary Hansen	25
Vera McCutchan	29
Cherri Venema	

JUNE

Brian Tapp	8
Amy Dubber	7
Jennifer Harwood	11
Ashley Burress	14
Janice Kinney	21
Elizabeth Sponseller	27



JULY

Martha Lease	3
Kemper Lease	11
Charles "Chaz" Burress	16
Keagan Smith	24
Kadelyn Smith	24
Dean Hubble	27
John Turner	30
Pastor Greg	31
Jonathan Tapp	31



APRIL

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

MAY

Ron & Marla Gross	10
Elisabeth & Adam Sponseller	17
Pastor Greg & Teresa Davis	23
Paul & Carroll Feistel	24
Jim & Margie Smith	24

JUNE

Heath & Amanda Kline	13
Tim & Trina Russell	16

JULY

Jonathon and Shiloh Abner	9
Keith & Debbie Kinney	10
David & Sara Dixon	22
Richard & Rosie Dixon	23
John & Mardee Rea	23



In true United Methodist fashion, our men not only thought up wonderful menus but also cooked almost every Tuesday! Different carry out lunches and dinners were prepared and cooked by several of the men of the church. Up to 80 families were served and many of the lunches/dinners were delivered to the shut-ins. Several gathered in the fellowship hall to eat soup and enjoy fellowship before the severity of the pandemic was known.

MCC truly is a love and service based congregation. Many sent thank you cards and many called to express thanks during this time that so many couldn't get out to the stores to get groceries.



March 2020 Attendance and Giving

	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Food Pantry	Missions Youth Home	Fat Tuesday Pancake for VBS	Memorials Curtis Kinney	Total Checking Deposit
March 1	75	\$485.00	\$1435.00	\$100.00		\$69.00	\$335.00		\$2,424.00
March 8	64	\$880.00	\$1,309.00	\$320.00			\$278.00	\$50.00	\$2,837.00

April, May, June (Pandemic) 2020 Giving

	Pledges	Building Fund	Internet Giving	Food Pantry	Luncheon Donations during Pandemic	Missions (Lenten Boxes)	Memorials	Total Checking Deposit
March 26	\$1,220.00	\$345.00	\$100.00		\$49.00		\$25.00	\$1,739.00
April 9	\$555.00	\$750.00		\$50.00				\$1,355.00
April 16	\$577.00	\$55.00	\$100.00					\$732.00
April 21	\$1,340.00	\$825.00	\$359.00					\$2,524.00
April 27	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$100.00					\$900.00
May 4	\$1,120.00	\$425.00	\$100.00					\$1,645.00
May 7	\$1,640.00	\$700.00	\$100.00					\$2,440.00
May 11	\$190.00							\$190.00
May 14	\$420.00	\$50.00	\$100.00					\$570.00
May 20	\$975.00	\$500.00				\$9.75		\$1,484.75
May 28	\$1,567.00	\$80.00	\$100.00					\$1,747.00
June 4	\$3,565.00	\$900.00	\$340.00					\$4,805.00

HAPPY 
Father's
Day

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Prayer Requests: Vera McCutchan, Gary Sprinkle, Howard Briscoe (Teresa's father), Nancy Glackman, Linda Proctor, Cherissa Williams, Steve Proctor, Mary Lou Ellis, Josette Higgins, Jim Smith, Austin Smith, (firefighter), 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?

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

This pandemic has surely put a damper on our Kid Min lessons, but it certainly hasn't stopped them. Just as Pastor Greg has been reaching out to our congregation with weekly sermons, the same is true for our congregation youth. Thanks to COVID-19 our Children's Ministry now has its very own YouTube channel and we have been posting videos filled with mini sermons derived from what would have been in person Children's Church lessons. We also wanted to make sure our kiddos knew how much we've missed them so we delivered special treats to them last week. When we begin to meet in person again, we will not be having Children's Church. Instead children will be given quiet activities and worksheets to occupy themselves during Pastor Greg's sermons in the main sanctuary. To continue their growth, the mini sermon videos will continue to be posted on YouTube.

After much prayer and discussion with Pastor Greg and Teresa, we've decided to cancel VBS this year. Our hearts are broken by this decision. Unfortunately, we have to put our kids' safety first and in doing so, it just made sense to reschedule this year's theme for next year.

On a personal note I'd just like to say thank you to all of you! The last 4 years have been filled with so much love and support, I feel like 'thank you' just doesn't begin to express the joy and appreciation that bursts from my heart. It's been an absolute honor to serve this church and the children of this community. While we are so excited for our new chapter in Nashville, we are heartbroken that we don't get to take our amazing church family with us. At the moment we aren't sure exactly when we will be heading to Nashville, but it is looking like the middle to end of July. Until that time, I will continue to serve you and your children.



McCutchanville Community Church will be saying goodbye to Shiloh, Jonathan, Savannah and Kennedy soon. WE will all miss you! Shiloh was instrumental in creating successful programs for our children which included the Pioneer Club, Easter Egg Hunts, Children's Church and many other fun activities. We will certainly miss her involvement with the choir as well as the solos that were provided at Christmas and Easter and other worship services.

Savannah also has provided music for the church. We have watched Kennedy grow, walk and run. We will miss you all.

Please come back and visit us!

~MMC Congregation

GOD'S KIDS



God's Kids:

We are back in session. We started back on June 1st.

Things are a bit different. However, the staff and teachers are doing an exceptional job of teaching, loving, playing, instructing, and somedays, just getting through it, as you can well imagine. Here is what we are doing:

Teachers and staff wear masks.

Children are being dropped at the door by the parents. Someone meets the child at the door.

Children wash their hands as they arrive for the first of many times during the day. Children stay together in their classroom group and do not intermingle with other groups. That means no common playground, no common lunchroom (eating in their rooms), no chapel time, to field trips, no more than one group in the hallway at a time...

However, the children are not struggling with this at all. In fact, they seem to be having as great a time as ever. Our numbers are down a bit as you would expect. But this has been a good preparation for us to be ready to start up in August for the fall semester with a full group.

Continue to pray for the students, staff and teachers.
Thank you.



Congratulations to the Pre-K class that moved up and away from us. Although we didn't get to have the Pre-K graduation this year, we congratulate each of you as you begin your new journey through elementary school..

Due to Covid-19, we will not be taking field trips this summer. Fun days are being planned inside the classrooms, however. AS you pass our doors, you just may see a tent that has been set up in the middle of the classroom!

Ice cream parties, various snacks, and many activities are being planned
To keep everyone busy and happy.

The Last day of Summer Session will be July 31st! God's Kids will be closed for two weeks at that time and will be opening in August (hopefully) when EVSC resumes.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 21 Communion Sunday HAPPY Father's Day <small>© Can Stock Photo</small>	June 22 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00 Mountain Mission Pick Up at MCC	June 23	June 24 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	June 25 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	June 26	June 27
June 28	June 29 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	June 30	July 1 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	July 2 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	July 3	July 4 
July 5 Communion Sunday	July 6 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	July 7	July 8 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	July 9 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	July 10	July 11
July 12	July 13 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	July 14	July 15 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	July 16 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	July 17	July 18
July 19	July 20 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	July 21	July 22 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00	July 23 Gym Reserved 6:00-8:00	July 24	July 25