

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.



Greetings to the church as we begin Lent,

As we begin Lent, I think it best to give a brief description of what this time of year that we call Lent actually means:

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Our special theme for Lent this year is entitled "**Living Lent.**" Each Sunday we will encounter one of the themes shown above, beginning with Ponder (our call to repentance) on Ash Wednesday, proceeding to "Paradise" on Easter Sunday.

We are providing a daily devotional, "**Living Lent as the People of the Resurrection**" to add to your Lenten journey. These daily devotions by Rich Bimler remind us that Lent is a time to ponder and proclaim the fact that after every Good Friday in our lives, there is always an Easter, because Christ has risen. As people of the Resurrection, we already know how it all turns out, so that makes "**Living Lent**" a different experience for us as we retrace Christ's steps to the cross during this holy season, fully aware that Easter has already come to pass.

As a vow of membership in the United Methodist Church we are to **live out our faith** by our **prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness**. Why not refresh your journey this year by being intentional about "**Living**" your faith during Lent by exercising these disciplines. Begin by **praying** for someone who is unchurched to have a vital relationship with Jesus. Be **present** yourself to encourage that person and **give of your time**, not just your financial resources. Read any one of the Gospels and you will find how Jesus always encourages us to **humbly serve one another**. And lastly, be a **sound witness** – sharing what Christ has done and is doing in your life and invite them to worship – Easter celebration is a Sunday when the prevenient grace of God seems to be most attractational to those who are searching.

Live Lent this year in the presence of Christ,
Pastor Greg



LIVING LENT

As People of the Resurrection

A Series of Services for the Seasons of Lent & Easter

PONDER
PURPOSE
PEOPLE
PROCLAIM
PRAISE
PAIN
PALMS
PRAYER
PASSION
PARADISE

[Phil Ressler](#) has written a Lenten Devotional Series. He shares these 20 things that maybe we should consider giving up for Lent rather than the normal ‘chocolate’ sacrifice. After reading through this list, you may decide these are things to give up not just for Lent, but for the rest of your life.



- Guilt – I am loved by Jesus and he has forgiven my sins. Today is a new day and the past is behind.
- Fear – God is on my side. In him I am more than a conqueror. (see Romans 8)
- The need to please everyone – I can’t please everyone anyways. There is only one I need to strive to please.
- Envy – I am blessed. My value is not found in my possessions, but in my relationship with my Heavenly Father.
- Impatience – God’s timing is the perfect timing.
- Sense of entitlement – The world does not owe me anything. God does not owe me anything. I live in humility and grace.
- Bitterness and Resentment – The only person I am hurting by holding on to these is myself.
- Blame – I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.
- Gossip and Negativity – I will put the best construction on everything when it comes to other people. I will also minimize my contact with people who are negative and toxic bringing other people down.
- Comparison – I have my own unique contribution to make and there is no one else like me.
- Fear of failure – You don’t succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fail forward.
- A spirit of poverty – Believe with God that there is always more than enough and never a lack
- Feelings of unworthiness – You are fearfully and wonderfully made by your creator. (see Psalm 139)
- Doubt – Believe God has a plan for you that is beyond anything you could imagine. The future is brighter than you could ever realize.
- Self-pity – God comforts us in our sorrow so that we can comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.
- Retirement – As long as you are still breathing, you are here for a reason. You have a purpose to influence others for Christ. That does not come to an end until the day we die.
- Excuses – A wise man once said, if you need an excuse, any excuse will do.
- Lack of counsel – Wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum.



- Pride – Blessed are the humble.
- Worry – God is in control and worrying will not help.





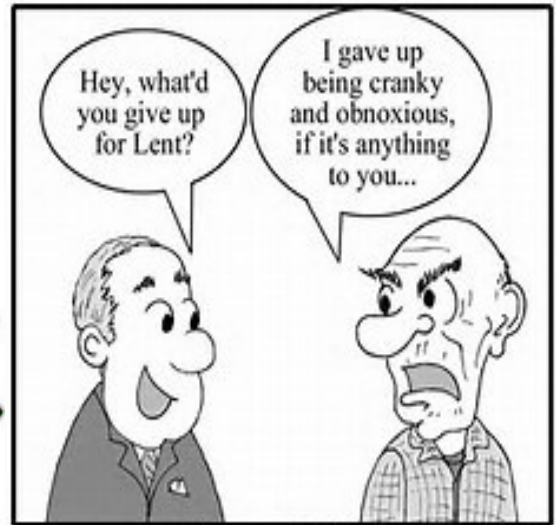
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Lenten/Easter Schedule

Sunday March 5—April 9 Confirmation Class.

- March 5th: Introduction to MCC
- March 12th: Why should I become a member of the church?
- March 19th: Faith, Grace, & Salvation
- March 26th: General Rules of the Church and Policy
- April 2nd: Our Beliefs – The Sacraments of the Church
- April 9th: Joining the church & serving God and one another

- April 8 Easter Egg Hunt
- April 9 Palm Sunday
- April 14 Good Friday
- April 16 Easter Sunday
- 7:00 am Sunrise Service
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 Worship Service

Prayer requests:
 Parker Dubber, Larry Williams, Nancy Glackman, Mary Lou Ellis, Joy Roettger, Ruth Postal, Amy Higgins, Judy Wynn, Kevin Barnett, Cheyrl Roethemeier, David and Sarah Dixon, Peggy Davidson, Marie Pickett, Amy Dubber, The Pioneer Club, The homeless population.



Save your medicine bottles to donate to UMW. They must be amber colored and have the lids on them. Please take the labels off. These can be used at homeless clinics and are also sent around the world. You may collect them over the winter and you will be notified when to bring them to church for our local UMW to get them to the right place. Any questions ask Josette Higgins or Kathy Ellerbrook.,

The Bulletin Board



BREAKFAST

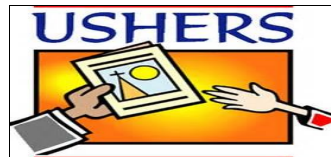
2017 Lenten Breakfast Schedule for the United Methodist Churches of Evansville. All Breakfasts will begin at 7:15 a.m.

March 4	St James West
March 11	Aldersgate
March 18	Centenary
March 25	Central
April 1	Fairlawn
April 8	Old North

Easter AND the Annual EASTER EGG hunt is just around the corner. You can help in several ways:

1. Pick up a bag of eggs (available in the hallway) and stuff each with candy.
2. Donate Eggs
3. Donate Candy
4. Donate cash toward candy and prizes
5. Donate your time on the day of the Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Egg Hunt is April 8th!



March

Jenny and Lanny Taylor
Betty and Frank Gentry

April:

Elvin and Joan Reed
Larry and Cherissa Willaims



"When I gave up cookies for the period of fasting called Lent, I thought it would be an hour, like the period of school called math."

Don't forget to set your clocks before you go to bed on March 10th



February's Attendance and Giving

	Attendance	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Mission & Pioneer Club	Food Pantry	GYM Rental	Total Checking Deposit
February 5	68	\$387.00	\$5765.00	\$1,125.00	\$137.15	\$25.00	\$185.00	\$7,293.76
February 12	78	\$984.00	\$2729.00	\$1,180.00				\$12,805.35
February 19	56	\$379.00	\$1301.00	\$1100.00			\$75.00	\$1,755.00
February 26	66	\$249.00	\$1622.00	\$880.00	\$12.83			\$2983.83



GOD'S KIDS reporting.....

Welcome to Spring....

As I write March's news, it is really spring-like but we are supposed to have dropping temperatures tonight. So, will March come in like a lion or a lamb? Enjoy God's early spring while it last.

Places to go and things to do....

The last of February the children are participating in HOP-N-ING program to support the Evansville Rehabilitation Center. This is a service project that the kids do as well as learn about disabilities and how to understand people who have them. Church members have an opportunity to help with the fun fund- raiser by becoming a sponsor and give a donation. Last year God's Kids raised \$588.00 – that's a lot of hopping!

The God's Kids will tour the Evansville Rehabilitation Center during March and to present their HOP-A-THON proceeds for this year.

In March they will have the opportunity to visit and learn all about the Library. These are two great places to visit.

Check out the Art... Teachers and students are focusing in art and crafts for St. Patrick's Day and events for Easter.

Spring Break. This year's spring break will start on March 27, 2017. A time to relax, go on a trip, help Mom and Dad, visit grandparents and friends and then come back to school refreshed and ready to finish out the school year.




Birthdays.....

Happy Birthdays to Drew who celebrates his birthday on March 14; on the 21st of March, there's A.J., Ryan and Makayla blowing out a lot of candles; three days later on the 27th, Sophia gets to eat her birthday cake and the next day, the 28th, Daniel gets to open birthday presents. Have fun on your special day!

Teacher Profile: Kimberly Schiff

My name is Kimberly Schiff and I am one of the Pre-L teachers at God's Kids. I have been in this field for almost twelve years and have my CDA in Preschool. I love working with children and I enjoy the curriculum of God's Kids. I have three children of my own who are currently in elementary school. Please stoop by my classroom And introduce yourself and say "Hi"!

Lenten

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday service 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 9:30 am 5:30-7:00 gym reserved 6:30 Choir Practice	2 4:00-5:30 gym reserved 6:00-7:00 Gym reserved	3	4 7:00 Men's Lenten Breakfast-St James 11:00-1:00 Gym Reserved 1:00-3:00 gym
5 Communion Sunday	6 6:30 Staff Parish 6:00—Gym reserved 6:30 Room 203 Reserved	7 10:00 Pastor Greg with God's Kids 6:00—7:30 pm Pioneer Club	8 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am 5:30-7:00 gym reserved 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00-8:00 gym reserved	9 12:30 God's Kids Advisory Board 6:00-7:00pm Trustee Meeting 6:00-8:30 gym reserved	10	11 7:00 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at Aldersgate 4:30 Spaghetti Dinner – Fellowship Hall TIME CHANGES 
12	13 6:30 Room 203 Reserved 6:00-7:00 Gym Reserved	14 10:00 Pastor Greg with God's Kids 6:00—7:30 pm Pioneer Club	15 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am 5:30-7:00 gym reserved 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00-8:00 gym reserved	16 6:00-7:30pm-Gym Reserved 6:00-7:00 pm Ad Council	17 	18 7:00 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at Centenary Gym Reserved 11:00-1:00 gym
19	20 10:30-11:00 Hop-N-Ing Preschool 6:30 Room 203 Reserved  6:00 Gym Reserved	21 10:00 Pastor Greg with God's Kids 1:00-3:00 UMW 6:00-7:30 Pioneer Club 6:00-8:30 Gym Reserved	22 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am 5:30-7:00 gym reserved 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00-8:00 gym reserved	23 6:00-7:00 Gym Reserved	24	25 7:00 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at Central 11:00-1:00 Gym reserved 2-3
26	27 6:30 Room 203 Reserved 6:00 Gym Reserved	28 10:00 Pastor Greg with God's Kids 6:00-7:30 Pioneer Club 6:00-8:30 Gym Reserved	29 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am 5:30-7:00 gym reserved 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00-8:00 gym	30	31	32 7:00 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at Fairlawn Gym Reserved 11:00-3:00
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