

# The Messenger

McCutchanville Community Church

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November 2023



May the blessing and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The month of October and carrying through to November has been busy and blessed. I and the whole church thank Kena Campbell for a great job on the Fall Festival. The many who helped and worked extremely hard made it a great success. Ellen and Brett Sprinkle are working to bring about a "Fish Fry" this coming Saturday. The sign-up lists are out, and we are preparing for a wonderful time to share with our community in this work. Many other things are going on, as well as the Fall Festival, hot dogs, popcorn, and candy for trick-and-treaters on October 31. We pray that many will get to know our church better in these times.

The Global Methodist Church has just had its first conference on October 27,28, the new "Great Lakes Conference." It was an awesome two days of worship and fellowship with new churches

from four states moving to serve the Midwest area while sharing Jesus Christ with others. Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship

passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. I am glad to be part of this new church movement, and I know all of us at McCutchanville will be blessed to be intentional about this mission God has set before us.

Isaiah 43:19 Says, "Behold, I will do a new thing." As the people of God, we try, and I stress, "try," to do our best and "do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God." Wesley's three simple rules. As we follow God's lead, let us do our best to love one another as Jesus loved us.

~ Pastor Russell



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# Church News



Pastor Russell was among many clergy who were ordained at the Global Methodist Great Lakes convening conference on October 27-28 in Washington, Illinois.

The large group of new pastors have served in the UMC as local pastors for as much as 40 years.

I am doing a "New Thing" Isaiah 43:19. The theme of the conference brings a newness of Wesley's beliefs and Biblical standards. What was old is now new again, as we follow Jesus Christ.



Our mitten tree will be set up by the end of November. As you are shopping during this season, pick up a pair of mittens, gloves, or a scarf to hang on our mitten tree for the needy area families.

## PRAYER list

Prayer Requests: Norman Koehler, Michelle Duncan, Frank Gentry, Pastor Russell's daughter Carmen and granddaughter Caitlynn, our Church, Cheryl Roethemeier, Mark Morgan, Charles Goldman, Mary Moore, Joe Haseman, Mary Lou Ellis, Josette Higgins, Silas (Jane & Jerry Bennett's grandson), Amy Dubber, the addicted and homeless community, God's Kids, our Haitian children, McCutchanville Firefighters and Law Enforcement.

***Do you have a prayer request that you would like listed in the bulletin? Please contact the church office.***



Week Of	Attendance	Building Fund	Pledges & Plate	Internet Giving	Tuesday Meals	Missions	Memorials	Total Checking
1	49	1000.00	2640.00		20.00	3.09		3663.09
8	61		1945.00	350.00				2303.00
15	54		2027.00					2027.00
22	55		775.00					775.00
29	58	20.00	1312.00			20.00		1352.00
Total								\$10,120.09

# Our Congregational Family



## Birthdays

Kenneth Burress	7
Donovan Morrow	9
Natalie Decker	13
Jim Smith	14
Kennedy Abner	15
Norman Kohler	16
Julie Burris	25
Frank Gentry	25
Allen Stremming	26
Heath Kline	28

### Note from Mary Moore:

As of October 26, 2023, my new address will be:

Mary J Moore

3412 Diamond Point Dr

Flower Mound, TX 75022

Cell phone: 812-499-3430

I will be staying with my son Brian and wife Ashley and family. Not sure how long I will miss the wonderful friends I have met in the years since becoming a member of McCutchanville Church. I have enjoyed the visit from the Ladies Group

## Anniversaries

Kurt & Kristy Georgesen	4
Victor & Barbara Doty	22

## Tuesday Meals

Nov.	7	Baked Spaghetti
Nov.	14	Chicken Noodle Soup
Nov.	21	Chili
Nov.	28	No Meal*

## Sunday, November 26th

*Help Us "Spruce" up the Church!*

Immediately following morning worship, enjoy a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall then we will gather in the Sanctuary to decorate the Church for Christmas. Start a wonderful family tradition as we prepare our hearts and Church for the coming of the Christ child.



# Our Missions



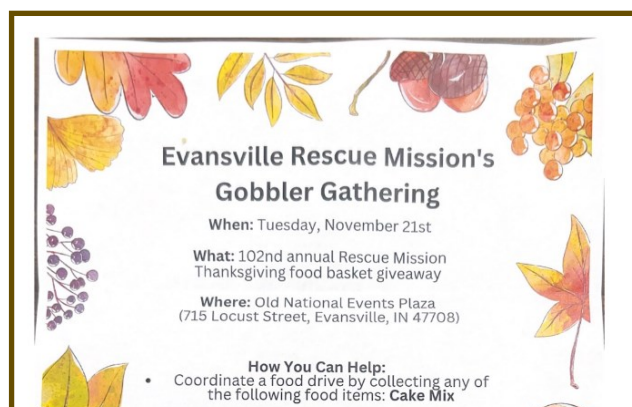
The nuts that were ordered from the Unity Class will arrive this month. An announcement will be about pick-up.

Thank you!



**Veteran's Day is  
November 11**

**Thank you to all  
who have served  
our country!**



**We collecting donations of Cake Mix for the  
Evansville Rescue Mission's Gobbler Gathering.**

**Bring in a box between today and Sunday,  
November 12**



As the seasons change and cold weather sets in, the UMYH is in need of different items to help keep the kids warm and cozy.

Below is a list of items to consider adding to your Christmas Shopping list. When shopping, please keep in mind that the youth are young at heart but are also regular teenagers who appreciate name brands and wear adult sized clothing.

**Young Ladies:** House Slippers (adult sizes), Fuzzy socks, PJ Sets (M-XXL), Sweatshirts & Hoodies, Body Wash, Lotions & Body Sprays.

**Young Men:** Men's tall black socks, House Slippers (adult sizes), Flannel PJ Bottoms or Sweatpants (M-XXL), Athletic Hoodies (M-XXL), Men's Body Sprays (like Axe).

**General:** Headphones (over the ear), Sketch pads, Acrylic Paints, Canvases, Watches (Men & Women), Gift Cards (Hobby Lobby, Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon, Shoe Carnival, etc).

[Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)



The Mountain Mission  
Truck Urgent Needs:  
New and used/good toys  
for Christmas.



Patchwork welcomes a variety of items our current wish list includes:

- Travel sized shampoo, deodorant, and razors (at least double blade) for showers
- Sugar and creamer for coffee service
- Dog & cat food
- Adult bikes (24" tires or larger) in good condition (no "parts bikes," please)
- A meal for our Arts & Smarts Christmas Party in November or for our Year End Celebration in April



1-812-499-4172 or 1-812-479-7490

Ministry to the homeless and the working poor

Aldersgate UMC 1-812-477-7816

5130 Lincoln Ave. 47715



"Unto the Least of These"-Matthew 25:40

(Jesus speaking)

Hello everyone!

This was indeed a busy week for all of us! I hope you were able to read the E-mail I sent to all of you from EPD Officer Josh Brewer, the head of the homeless division for that dept. of the city administration. In it, he stated the fact that Evansville has more and more homeless individuals now than in the past, which is certainly causing some problems around town, particularly to other citizens' property. I'll tell you about some situations we encountered this week that would lead us to believe that.

Dewayne, Bert, and I started the week by going downtown to the Line Street Park. One other police officer in the past had told us that a lot of our homeless population congregates there, especially during the evening. When we arrived at this site, there were 5 of our people already there. There was one young woman sitting at the bottom of the children's slide doing absolutely nothing other than just staring into space. She looked very depressed. We offered to help her all we could. I have seen her on occasion at other sites around town where some of our homeless reside. She told us that she generally sleeps on one of the children's toys in this park. This is SO VERY frightening to us because she is absolutely NOT safe there, especially by herself. One police officer told me a few weeks ago that their dept. is quite aware of the fact that this is a dangerous area for individuals to be there alone, especially a female. So, they make frequent visits there to check things out. While we were talking with someone else in the park, this young woman left the area. We have no idea where she went. We hope and pray she is safe.

We drove past the park in back of the church on 6th Street. This, too, is an area frequented by our people. There was one young man sitting there that we were able to help, as well as another man and woman (who had a dog). The woman was lying on a blanket on the cement sidewalk. This couple was not together they told us. They had just been sleeping in that area the night before. We helped them all we could by providing them with some of our healthy treats and bottled water which we always have a supply of. One of our team members has been preparing some small bags of dry dog food which we carry with us and distribute to individuals who have an animal "in tow" with them as they make their rounds of the area. Also, we have some small bags of dry cat food available. I personally have been amazed at the number of stray animals around town. I am an animal lover so all of the above

really distresses me.

After leaving the two parks we had just visited, our team drove down the street in back of the Central Library. There was a man and a woman sitting on a blanket there on the sidewalk. We provided them with some items they needed. Another woman came up and joined them. All three of them told us that they had slept on the cement area in FRONT of the Central Library the night before. What they reported to us I sent as an E-mail with that information to Office Josh Brewer, who is the head of the Homeless Division of the EPD. All 3 of these individuals told us that they had slept in FRONT of the Central Library the night before, along with approximately 20 other people. Based on past information I knew from the EPD, NO ONE was permitted to sleep ANY MORE at that location per city regulations (2021). The one woman who was talking with us by herself told us that she had been sexually assaulted the night before at the above location by another man who was at the same site. AND some other women have had this happen to them also. From what people are telling us, all of the shelters are full. However, I have been told that there are beds available at the Rescue Mission as well as the United Caring Shelter, but primarily for men. One observation we have made is that shelter space for homeless women in our area is very limited. Office Brewer mentioned that same problem to me. Somebody needs to be working on this, in our opinion!

After all of the above, we decided not to go over to UCS that particular morning because we had been so busy up to that point. We made the decision to go on over to the Salvation Army.

As usual, we were quite busy at the Salvation Army. One thing we have noticed is that we are seeing more immigrants in our area. Several of them go to the S.A. to eat their lunch. Plus, there are other services available there which helps to meet some of their needs. We have particularly noticed several more individuals from the Marshall Islands. This includes children. Someone donated some stuffed toys and beanie babies to us so this is a delight for us to give some of these to the children who show up with their families. They are THRILLED!!

Per usual, the Salvation Army gave us 25 box lunches to take downtown with us to the Mets Bus Station. We have been seeing more and more people there, many of whom have NOT had a meal for a number of hours or days. These meals are usually gone pretty



quickly, especially as the buses arrive and then leave.

I particularly noticed one young man (in his 30's) at the bus station this last week who was definitely under the

influence of some drug. We have seen him at other sites around town. He was hallucinating and was definitely uncommunicative. Seeing someone in this situation is VERY distressing to us. One of our team members mentioned to me one time that perhaps we should be "trained" in the use of Narcan. This could certainly be helpful for use in appropriate situations. Do any of you have any comments or opinions about this? If so, please let me know. Thanks!

We have had quite a supply of good raincoats donated to us so on that really rainy day this week (I think it was Thursday), Terri helped me load many of those in my car and I took them out to a couple of sites to make them available to our people. The first site I went to was the Salvation Army. All of our people at that site were in AND out of the rain after they ate their lunch. I got out of my car, raised up one of the above and said-"Anyone need a raincoat"? Wow! I had EVERYONE running over to my car to get one! Many were immediately taken. One young man didn't have a coat OF ANY KIND!! He was MOST appreciative! THEN, I headed back to the church and was able to get the rest of the raincoats in my car by myself. I took them over to the House of Bread and Peace. They, likewise, were MOST appreciative! Thank You, Dear Jesus, for that GREAT supply of raincoats that had been donated to us! WOW!

We have had a large number of sweatshirts donated to us for this ministry so I thought perhaps we should start getting those out to people on the streets-but, again, I needed help getting those loaded into my car. Terri and I were able to get 3 large bags of sweatshirts packed into my trunk and the backseat of my car. So, on Friday, I headed out to the streets with a LOT of sweatshirts. On the corner of Covert and Green River Road, I saw a veteran standing there asking for help. He had some clothing on which made me think he was a veteran. I pulled over and gave him some of our healthy treats as well as a very nice sweatshirt. I'll say this-he was MOST appreciative at receiving these gifts. (Just an FYI-approx. 40,000 veterans are homeless!!)

It dawned on me that perhaps Jesus and I should head out to the Fresh Start Recovery Center on Kratzville Road (operated by the Volunteers of America) which houses women and children. We have been there before. These women are there following recent incarceration for various reasons. They were MOST APPRECIATIVE at receiving

sweatshirts (2 for each of them). They need other supplies, too-

specially hygiene items. So, we will head out that way next Thursday, October 12th, with the van and help them all we can. By the way, there are two women at this site who are pregnant-one of them with twins. Thankfully, they are both receiving prenatal care. I think I will take some fresh fruit to this shelter during this upcoming week. I have been told they don't have this very often.

We are ALL God's children! No matter what we may OR may NOT have done in our lives. As a team, let's continue to help our dear people on the streets of Evansville. I am SO VERY THANKFUL all of you are working with us to be of help ALL WE CAN! But for the Grace of God, there go I.....!!!

Hello everyone!

So very good to touch base with you again! We have been having some trouble with our van regarding transportation, so we are moving around town in my car AND as Joe Peterson from AUMC has been able to do some repairs in the van. We VERY MUCH appreciate ALL he is doing to keep the van up and runnin' now so we can be out there seeing our people! In this "Street Talk", I will try to get you updated on what is happening in this ministry out on the streets.

Just by driving around town in my car, Jesus and I have been seeing several of our people either walking or sitting on the sidewalks downtown. We stop every time so we can offer assistance to them as needed. We did pass up to 12 men at the Safe Haven shelter on 8th street last week and were able to help them with several items they really needed. They were MOST appreciative!

One of the days we were out in my car visiting our people week before last, we stopped at one location to see how we could be of help. Just as we were parking there, the paramedics pulled up, jumped out of their vehicles, and ran inside the building. One individual standing close to me told me that there was a baby not breathing inside that particular location. As the paramedics rushed by me, I told them we would be praying for them, the little one, and others involved in this situation. THEN, we QUICKLY drove away so they would be able to continue their life-saving work. I have no further information regarding that situation. I am just hoping that the little one survived. Please, Jesus!

On Thursday of that week, I received a phone call from a woman at the Bethel UCC on Green River Road. She told me that their women's group wanted to have a donation of hygiene items at their church for our ministry-"Unto the Least of These"! She was SO VERY EXCITED about their group being able to do this for the homeless in our area. Of course, I was THRILLED!! I will be in contact with her as time goes along. This will probably tie in very well with the hygiene items drive we are planning for this ministry at AUMC as we speak. Thank You, Dear Father!

Last Sunday, Jesus and I took a car TRUNK full of women's and children's clothing over to the House of Bread and Peace. There are 30 people housed there currently-26 women and 4 young chil-



dren. They very much appreciated ALL that we brought to them. My trunk was EMPTY when we got ready to leave! AND one little 2 y.o. boy came up to me and wanted to give me a kiss. I was honored to have him do this. By

the way, he has a 2 month old sibling living there with him and his Mom. In this ministry, we are HONORED to be able to help such families and individuals in need. Thank You, Dear Father!

This last Monday, Dwayne and Bert went with Jesus and me on our rounds in the area. We stopped first at the United Caring Shelter. Were VERY busy there! Saw one young woman there who was currently pregnant. I remember her from the past. She has two other young children who are currently in child custody elsewhere. This young woman is presently sleeping out on the streets. I gave her the names of some resources she could tap into for assistance but she wasn't that interested. She just turned and walked away. Oh dear Father-please watch over her and her unborn child AND the other two who are elsewhere. All of this makes me feel VERY ill!! I am hoping she will get aid from some of the resources I gave to her.....

Our next stop was over at the Salvation Army on North Fulton Street. There is always a large number of people there when we arrive because the S.A. is serving lunch at the time. Many of the people we see there know us from the past. Several asked us to pray with them. What an HONOR!!

I must add a note here regarding the large number of dogs who are accompanying the people we see particularly at this site. One of our team members, Karen, keeps us supplied with small packages of dry dog food which we distribute as needed. Our people AND their "pets" very much appreciate these donations. And Karen, thank YOU for caring so very much about other "living beings" that likewise are in need. Many of these dogs are just little pups who were found out on the streets simply as "strays". Karen has also prepared small bags of dry cat food for us to distribute to our people with cats/kittens in tow. I REALLY believe Jesus would do the same for all living creatures. Sometimes having a pet is what helps to keep a human being alive. Amen!!

We are ALWAYS busy distributing box lunches from the Salvation Army to our people who are sitting at the Mets Bus Station. I am SO VERY thankful for the missionaries from various churches around town who make every effort to help our people at the Mets Bus Station. Crossroads Christian Church and several of the local Baptist churches are ALWAYS there, assisting our people as they can. They share Christian literature with them, pray with them, and give them guidance as needed. We are gaining some new friends just with the encounters we have with the above individuals at that site. Thank You, Dear Father, for those opportunities.

On Wednesday of this past week, Jesus and I went out on the streets in my car. At the church, we loaded up a LARGE number of sweatshirts and took them out to the VOA women's shelter on

Kratzville Road. I had had contact with them in recent days and I knew these were needed at that site. ALSO, they have 4 small babies and are in need of infant wear for them. Hats, blankets, coats, etc. If any of you have any of these available, we can certainly use them. Just get them into the church and we will see that they get to this site. Thank you HEAPS!

Our next stop was at Hope Hall out on East Franklin St. Jesus and I took them a large number of T-shirts which they needed. As we have mentioned before, there are 30 men at this site and an additional 38 out in the community on house arrest. The management there is THRILLED when we stop by there to assist their people.

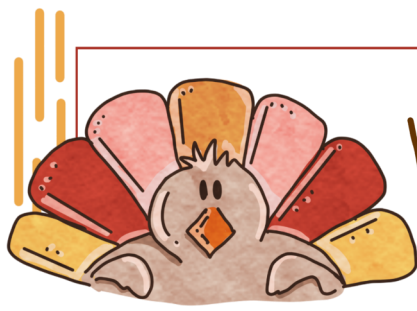
I drove through the downtown area of Evansville on my way home AND was simply amazed at the LARGE number of homeless individuals simply walking the streets, pushing grocery carts, etc. I saw 5 of our people laying under one of the overpasses at one point. We pray, Dear Father, for Wisdom, Divine Love, Resources, and your Guidance as we continue our ministry out on the streets of Evansville.

On Thursday of this past week, Sue and Jeff Moore went with me out on the streets in the van to serve our people. We stopped by the Line Street Park which I have mentioned to you before and was able to share encouragement and a few tangible items with one man who was just sitting there alone. He was very appreciative. Then, we went on over to the United Caring Shelter. We were able to help many men at that site as well as a few women. One young man played a song on his guitar for us. (I hope he can hold on to his instrument! Such personal items are stolen VERY quickly by drug users and then the cash is used to purchase drugs. Oh Father, please intervene in this situation!)

Then, we headed over to the Salvation Army and were able to distribute MANY of our large supply of sweatshirts to the people we encountered there. In fact, we had none left in the van when we returned to the church.

One piece of GREAT news (in our opinion) is that the Rescue Mission is going to build a Women and Children's Shelter which will be under their management. We are seeing more and more women out on the streets with very few housing opportunities available for them AND for children in need. In our opinion, we are hoping there will be some what appears to be management changes made at Ruth's House so this can be used more efficiently for the care of our homeless and abused women in need.

Being involved in this ministry to the homeless and working poor of Evansville is a delight beyond measure. We feel that we are right in the Center of the Will of God. If anyone of you would like additional information regarding this ministry, please contact us at the phone numbers below. And thank YOU, DEAR JESUS, for being right there in the streets with us. We sense Your Presence ALL THE TIME! What an HONOR! Thank YOU!



# HELLO

# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	2 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	3	4 Come Join Us! 
  Communion Sunday 4:30 pm Gym Reserved	6 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall Shoe Boxes due	7 1:30 pm Gym Reserved	8 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	9 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	10	11 
12 4:30 pm Gym Reserved Cake mix boxes due for Evansville Rescue	13 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	14 1:30 pm Gym Reserved	15 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	16 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	17	18
19 4:30 pm Gym Reserved	20 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	21 1:30 pm Gym Reserved	22 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	23 <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> 	24 Office Closed	25
26 <i>Decorate Church for Christmas</i> 4:30 pm Gym Reserved	27 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall	28 1:30 pm Gym Reserved	29 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	30 1:30 pm Gym Reserved 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall		