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**Mantua Center Christian Church**  
*Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms*

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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

- **Please note that our status of “mask optional” has been temporarily changed.** We are asking everyone to wear masks before and after the worship service for the time being, while we meet and greet each other. Once the service begins and our visiting subsides, you may remove your masks, if you prefer, or leave them on. After the service as we continue to meet and chat, please put the masks on until you are outside and moving to your vehicles. This is a temporary step back until the infection rate in our county falls again. **Thank you for protecting yourself and those around you!**
- This worship service is being live streamed. If you have any concern about you or your child being live on YouTube, please stay behind the 5<sup>th</sup> row of pews.
- The nursery has been cleaned and sanitized if needed for your children.
- There are baskets at the entrance/exit of the sanctuary space to place your offering. (You may also Give Online at [mantuacentercc.org](http://mantuacentercc.org)).

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

**Jan Green**

*By Peter Benjamin*

**WELCOME**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**OPENING SCRIPTURE**

**James 1:2-4**

**\*RESPONSE**

**“Weave”**

*Weave, weave, weave us together;  
Weave us together in unity and love.  
Weave, weave, weave us together,  
Weave us together, together in love*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Drema Herron**

ONE: O Lord our God, we joyfully come to worship and praise you for all your blessings.

**ALL: We come, because we cannot stop thanking God for answering all our prayers.**

ONE: We come to sing God’s praises: and we delight in celebrating all God’s goodness.

**ALL: We come, because we cannot stop praising God for listening to our cries for help.**

ONE: We come to praise and revere God’s holy presence here with us; and to give our thanks to our responsive and responding God; and for all God’s gracious mercies.

**ALL: We come, because we cannot stop celebrating God’s holy presence here with us, and we give our thanks for the blessed heritage of our faith in our Listening God. Amen.**

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**\*OPENING HYMN**

**“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

**#91**

1 All hail the power of Jesus’ name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.

**\*OFFERING OF PRAISE**

**Drema Herron**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**Ally Bozeka**

**COMMUNION**

Meditation

**Communion Hymn**

**Ruth Anne Ruehr**

**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

**#195**

**V. 1 & 4**

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Distribution

**Ruth Anne Ruehr  
Rev. Chad Delaney**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 30**

**SERMON**

**“Holy Reversals”**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“Amazing Grace!”**

**#546**

**1** Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost,  
but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

**DEPARTING MUSIC**

**“Lead On, O King Eternal”**

**Jan Green**

*By Gregg Sewell (tune: LANCASHIRE)*

***Thank you for joining us at  
Mantua Center Christian Church!***



## Future events at MCCC and our community!

**Please remember we have three ways in which we can worship at MCCC:**

- 1) **Worship inside church,**
- 2) **Worship outside on the lawn, or**
- 3) **Worship via YouTube Live**

Please feel free to choose which ever option is **most comfortable for you**, while knowing that God's message will be offered just the same!

- Thanks to all who donated August's food needs for the 4C's. **Our next "4<sup>th</sup> for the 4C's" is September 26<sup>th</sup>.** Remember that any items may be placed in the bin outside at the lower level entrance of the church at any time during the month. **The food items needed for September are: Baked Beans, Instant Coffee & Sloppy Joe Sauce.** Also, if you are interested in getting involved in this wonderful community group, **they are looking for volunteers!** Call 330-274-3310 if you can help! Thanks to all who help support our community in need!
- **It is already that time again where those who are going into higher education can receive a scholarship from the Mantua Center Christian Church. It is called the Mary Cann, Perlea Converse, and Lucius Converse Memorial Scholarship. The deadline for turning in this application is TOMORROW, August 30, 2021.**

To be eligible for consideration for scholarship, it is only necessary that **1)** A person be a member of the Mantua Center Christian Church (member of MCCC for scholarship purposes is defined as: one who has been baptized at MCCC or has officially transferred his or her membership to MCCC) and **2)** Be admitted to any accredited college, university or technical or trade school offering post-secondary education or training. Attached to this email, you will find a copy of the scholarship and information sheet. Please contact Ruth Anne Ruehr at [rruehr@kent.edu](mailto:rruehr@kent.edu) if you need an application. (We will also have several copies at the entrance/exit of the church.) You may also obtain an application from Jon Secaur at [jsecaur@kent.edu](mailto:jsecaur@kent.edu) and MaryEllen Hamlin at [mhamlin622@gmail.com](mailto:mhamlin622@gmail.com)

## Community Events

- **The Smile Team is overwhelmed by the supply of school supply donations to help out teachers and kids in our community!** There are only a few more days left to turn your donations in. Look for the bins at the following locations to drop off your school supplies: **Jake's Restaurant, Jake's Market; J & J Sales; Advanced Rehab; Crooked River Flowers, Mama Light's Eats; Bilbury & Co; Forage & Feather; and R44 Coffee Co.** Items needed are: **24 Pack Crayons, pencils, highlighters, glue sticks, black dry erase markers & eraser, scissors, pink erasers, wide ruled spiral notebooks, wide ruled loose leaf notebook paper, 1" & 2" 3-ring binders, 2 pocket folders, index cards, composition notebook, supply box, paper towels, clorox wipes, and kleenex.**



Please pass the word to family and friends who might like to help us with this community event!! Questions for the Smile Team? Contact Becky Tipton at [rebecca\\_tipton@hotmail.com](mailto:rebecca_tipton@hotmail.com), or call/text at (216) 870-7039.

**THE DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>!**

## ***It's FAIR TIME FOR YOUNG & OLD!***

- **BACK TO FUN IN 2021! The 163<sup>rd</sup> Portage County Randolph Fair will be held August 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.** General admission is \$6/person, Children under 10 FREE. On Friday, 8/27, Senior Citizens (60+) and Veterans are FREE! The fairgrounds are located at 4215 Fairground Rd., Atwater, Oh 44201. For more information or a schedule of events, please see their website at: [randolphfair.com](http://randolphfair.com). It's sure to be a fun time for all ages!
- **The Geauga County Fair is celebrating its 199<sup>th</sup> year and is Ohio's oldest fair! The fair will be held on Labor Day Weekend, running from Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.** General Admission is \$10/person, and children under 6 are FREE each day. On Friday, Seniors (65+) and Veterans are FREE. Monday is "Family Day", and all-day ride bracelets are \$10. The fair is located at 14373 N. Cheshire St., Burton, Oh 44021. For more information, please see their website at: [geaugafair.com](http://geaugafair.com). What a great
- **The Mantua Potato Festival will be held at Buchert Memorial Park September 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.** After a year hiatus, everyone is thrilled to see its return! It will begin on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> (6pm-11pm), Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> (10am-11pm), and finish up on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> (12-7pm).



This is a family fun event with live music, rides, games, contests, a parade, food and much more! There is a parking fee of \$4/car. However, if you bring your Crestwood Red Devil football admission ticket on Friday, you will receive FREE parking! (Friday only). For more information check their website: [www.mantuapotatofestival.org](http://www.mantuapotatofestival.org). Thanks to the many workers who keep this Mantua tradition going!



Winner! Winner!  
Chicken Dinner!!

**The 2021 Annual Chicken Dinner fundraiser at Hilltop Christian Church (4572 West Prospect St., Mantua, Oh 44255) will be held on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 12-5pm.** You may dine at the church, or take-out will be provided. **Orders must be provided online at the church website : [HilltopChristianChurch.org](http://HilltopChristianChurch.org).** \$12/adult and \$5 for kids 5-9yrs.

## **Mantua's Christmas Craft Fairs are scheduled!**

- Mark your calendars for the **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Boutique to be held on Sunday, November 7, 2021, in Hughes Hall at St. Joseph's Church.** This event will run from 9:30am – 3:30pm. They will have a variety of hand-crafted items, baked goods, raffles, door prizes and breakfast, lunch, snack and dessert items. For more information visit the website at: <https://stjosephmantua.com/christmas-boutique>. Tables are still available for crafters - \$30 for an 8ft. table (2<sup>nd</sup> table is \$25). To reserve a table contact Nikki Fathauer (937) 726-6470, or [nmpoppe1@gmail.com](mailto:nmpoppe1@gmail.com). Reservations are on a first come basis.
- Our Ohio Women's Ministries group (OWM) at MCCC is also looking ahead to Christmas and planning our **MCCC Craft Bazaar! It will be held on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 4pm at the old Mantua Center School** (11741 Mantua Center Rd., Mantua, Oh 44255). There will be a variety of crafters, a 50/50 Raffle, food, baked goods, music and free parking. Mark your calendar so you don't miss this annual event! It is always a great time had by crafters and patrons alike! Questions? Contact Carolin Newell at 330-606-7125.

Please send any announcements/events for our weekly calendar to Sandi Kossick at:  
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