

# Mantua Center Christian Church



## 2021 Annual Report

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## **MCCC Annual Report - Pastor's Report 2021**

**Rev. Chad Delaney**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

January 2021 began our 194th year of a congregation and we are still doing ministry in the name of Jesus Christ at the corner of Mantua Center Rd and State Route 82. The year has brought its share of challenges and blessings as we face another year with the COVID-19 virus. The year began with the church closed and yet we continued to worship and serve in the ways that were safe to do so.

We worshiped in-person for Easter Sunrise Service at Derthick's Farm and felt safe doing so with social distancing and masks. In the Spring, with covid-19 cases dropping and the mass availability of the vaccine gaining traction, we began to have conversations about re-entry into the building. Our Gathering Team, led by Jon Secaur, took a lot of time to discuss this possibility and it was ultimately decided that the church building could be safely opened again for worship in July. The Trustees led by Paul Meeker and Pat Hoskin did an extraordinary job of getting the church cleaned and ready to receive people in-house again. Meanwhile, Carol Magyarics, Jon Secaur, and Brian Summerlin were spending a great deal of time figuring out how to make our services live-streamed on YouTube. This took a lot of time, thought, and church resources to accomplish. We are indebted greatly to all who helped make this happen. Since then, we have a hybrid offering of in-person and online worship and have maintained around 100 people in worship (combined). The church has found a way to keep going and we will continue to make the necessary adjustments going forward.

The year was filled with more in-person gatherings for fellowship, weddings, and funerals. We began some after-church gatherings for Sunday School. We had two powerful weekly Zoom studies with a book study on Julian of Norwich and a video study with Rabbi David Zaslow. I had a wonderful time meeting with people (one-on-one or with couples) for Get Centered Sessions where people could do some spiritual discernment. I was particularly moved by our Advent Theme this year called "Close to Home" by an organization called Sanctified Art.

I also want to give thanks for our wonderful staff and all the hard work they put in. Every week we are blessed with the wonderful updates, announcements, calendar, and thoughts of our fantastic secretary, Sandi Kossick. We are so blessed as a congregation with her presence and leadership. Once again our fabulous Treasurer Liz Meeker has kept our congregation fiscally sound and continues working so hard behind the scenes to keep our financial house in order. Many, many thanks to Ally Hurd for her awesome Children's Moments and don't forget too about the wonderful contributions of our Student Pastor Sarah Smith, who left us for a new job in July. We are also GREATLY indebted to our organist, Jan Green who has filled in wonderfully for Adam Petrosino after he resigned. We have a fantastic, faithful, and hard-working group of people on staff at Mantua Center Christian Church. I'm also so

thankful for the superb leadership of Pam Auble (Worship Team), Cathy Ausperk (MCCC Board), Katie Baird and Liz Meeker (Elders) Carol Magyarics and Rick Painley (Tech), Paul Meeker and the MCCC Trustees, and Dave Auble (Stewardship and Finance). We have also been blessed by the inspiring contributions of Day of Kindness and Smile Team, the Care Team, the Kids Weekend Meals crew, the Loaves and Fishes team, and all the other ways we have served. Please see their reports to understand their extraordinary impact on our church and community.

This last year as your pastor I have represented you in a number of ways in our community:

- Counselor at Camp Christian
- Invited to be faculty at Advance Conference, Camp Christian
- Board Member of the Portage County Board of Health
- Help organize and lead our Chi-Rho United Ministry
- White Co-Conspirators Summit (Anti-Racism seminar)
- Memorial Day Prayers for area villages and townships
- New Church Ministry Coaching
- Writing spiritual columns for the Record Courier
- Radio interviews with Jon Bozeka

I am so proud to represent you in the community and hope I make you proud as I continue.

It is one of the great joys and blessings of my life to serve this wonderful congregation. 2021 was a great year and I look forward to all that 2022 will bring. May God's Holy Spirit continue to lead, guide, and direct our words and deeds so that we might re-present Christ in the world and share broadly the Good News of God's unconditional love.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Chad Delaney  
February 2, 2022



**Worship at the Windows for Lent 2021**



**Easter Banner made by Joy Wyatt**



**Easter Banner made by Jody Thompson  
(daughter of Brian & Dottie Summerlin)**



May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Still masked but worshipping outside together



Baptism of Milo Russo



**Christmas Eve 2021 - After 2 years, we are still masked but finally back INSIDE the church!**



**Christmas 2021 – Children’s Program speakers are Leighton & Everett Baynes**



**Christmas Season Candle Lighters are Calvin and Evie Brant**



**Christmas Eve 7pm Candlelight Service - 2022**

## **2021 MCCC Board Report**

While we had expected, hoped, and prayed that 2021 would be a better year with the pandemic behind us, it was not to be. Throughout 2021, we continued to struggle with providing a safe and yet supportive environment for worship and fellowship and, in true MCCC fashion, many hands came together to make that happen! The full roster of 2021 Board Members is attached to this report but suffice to say it took all of them and plenty more to keep our church a safe and welcoming place! Here are some of the highlights of the Board's year:

- Unfortunately, and largely because of Covid, MCCC's involvement with the Xplor program came to a stop. The board unanimously congratulated and thanked Linda Idoine for all she did to make this program a uniquely wonderful experience for many.
- Our MCCC building received a lot of tender and much needed care in 2021, thanks to an active Facilities Trustee group. A new roof, painting, and furnace were just some of the improvements we enjoyed.
- Our video and audio equipment was greatly improved thanks to the expertise and efforts of many people, including Jon Secaur and Carol Magyarics. Because of this, we were able to share our worship services in-person and virtually (and, later, even in the lower Fellowship Hall in order to further social distance!)
- In July, Board members enjoyed a special, sunny day at Tanglewood Lake where we gathered for a wonderful picnic and afternoon of fellowship. There are truly no words to adequately thank everyone who has given of their time and talents over the past two years to support the church, the board, and me during my leadership tenure. I'm humbled by the opportunity to serve with such a committed group of Disciples.

Here's to an even greater – and healthier – 2022 for us all!

Catherine Hakala-Ausperk, MCCC Board Chair



# Board Picnic at Tanglewood Lake – July 18, 2021



## Mantua Center Christian Church Ministries and Leaders for 2021

In arbitrary order, not in order of importance

	Leader	Ministry
1	Cathy Hakala-Ausperk	Chair
2	Jon Secaur	Vice-Chair
3	Steve Hurd	Historian
4	Liz Meeker	Treasurer
5	Sarah Smith	Student Pastor and Video Editor
6	Liz Meeker, one pending	New Elders
7	Paul Meeker	Facility Trustees
8	Deferred until we are back in the building	Deacons
9	Steve Hurd	Personnel Committee
10	Dave Auble	Finance Committee
11	Pam Auble (Rick Painley, <i>pro tem</i> )	Worship Committee
12	Carol Magyarics	Tech/Web Ministry
13	Jon Secaur	Stream Team
14	Alison Hurd	SS/Junior church
15	Christin Delaney	Nursery Ministry
16	pending	Chi Ro
17	Beth Voynovich	Pastoral Relations Committee
18	Ruth Anne Ruehr	Supper at the Center
19	Carolyn Newell	Loaves & Fishes
20	Liz Meeker	Kids Weekend Meals
21	Diane Johnson	Prayer Shawls
22	Sandi Kossick	Mitten Tree
23	Linda Idoine	Xplor Team
24	Carol Buzbee	Ohio Womens' Ministry
25	Mike Hoskin	Holding Crosses
26	Dale Ausperk	Greeters
27	Deferred until we are back in the building	Fellowship Team
28	Laura Parker	Sunday Hospitality and Communion Bread
29	Rick Painley	Building Committee
30	Becky Tipton	Smile Team
31	Brian Hurd	Seminary Support Team
32	Nora Brant	Care Team
33	Linda Hurd and Colleen Crane	Storytime Ministry
34	Roger and Linda Hurd	4-Cs representatives

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>			
Mantua Center Christian Church			
Treasurer's Annual Report Fiscal Year End 2021			
Income All Sources			\$ 192,012.35
Disbursements (all)			\$ 184,118.10
<b>Net Income</b>			<b>\$ 7,894.25</b>
Balance Sheet accounts			
Checking Balances			
Cortland Checking	\$	48,866.51	
Kids Weekend Meals		\$23,968.15	
Building Fund	\$	115,671.14	
<b>Checking Balances</b>			<b>\$ 188,505.80</b>
Investments			
Cortland CD - Sabbatical	\$	4,863.79	
Cortland CD - Sabbatical	\$	9,916.53	
Cortland Passbook Saving	\$	7,502.23	
Cann/Converse Scholarship	\$	115,139.79	
Board of Extension Note	\$	49,881.16	
Cortland CD - General	\$	14,306.12	
Car/Parsonage Account	\$	4,540.33	Earmarked to replace one furnace
<b>Total Investments</b>			<b>\$ 206,149.95</b>
Kids Weekend Meals Income	\$	19,832.28	
Kids Weekend Meals Disbursements	\$	(21,131.63)	
Ending Balance	\$	(1,299.35)	
<b>Kids Weekend Meals Checking</b>	\$	23,968.15	



**Mantua Center Christian Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as of 12/31/2021**

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
<b>Assets</b>		
1000	Cortland General Checking	\$48,866.51
1001	Cortland Kids Weekend Meals Checking	\$23,968.15
1002	Building Fund Checking	\$115,671.14
1003	Cortland Sabbatical Passbook	\$7,502.23
1004	Accounts Receivable	\$811.75
1005	Car/Parsonage Account 207	\$4,540.33
1901	WePay	\$54.15
1500	Buildings	\$909,000.00
1501	Church Building	\$10,000.00
Total for 1500 - Buildings		\$919,000.00
1800	Cortland CD #1122 Sabbatical Fund	\$9,916.53
1801	Cortland CD #2500 Sabbatical Fund	\$4,863.79
1802	Cann/Converse Scholarship	\$115,139.79
1803	Board of Church Extension	\$49,881.16
1804	Cortland CD #2613 General	\$14,306.12
Total Assets		\$1,314,521.65
<b>Liabilities</b>		
2200	Organizational Accounts	\$1,252.26
2220	Loaves & Fishes Meals	\$2,510.43
2230	CYF Fund	\$1,458.70
2260	Chi Rho Fund	\$667.91
2290	Crestwood Kidz	\$566.01
2200160	Smile Team Liability	\$634.93
Total for 2200 - Organizational Accounts		\$7,090.24
2300	Payroll Liabilities	\$0.00
2370	403B Withholding	\$104.22
Total for 2300 - Payroll Liabilities		\$104.22
2400	Long Term Liabilities	\$0.00
2410	Unearned Revenue	\$16,586.04
Total for 2400 - Long Term Liabilities		\$16,586.04
Total Liabilities		\$23,780.50
<b>Equity</b>		
3000	General Fund Balance	\$1,238,789.93
3100	Building Fund - Fund Balance	\$21,391.91
3101	Kids Weekend Meals - Fund Balance	\$15,061.50
3103	Myrtle Mayfield Memorial - Fund Balance	\$865.00
3104	Blanche Boon Memorial - Fund Balance	\$500.00
3105	Bill Case Memorial - Fund Balance	\$12.00
3106	Rose Foster Memorial - Fund Balance	\$527.60

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
3107	Pat Hoskin Memorial - Fund Balance	\$199.13
3108	Betty Gonczy Memorial - Fund Balance	\$385.00
3109	Norma Simpson Memorial - Fund Balance	\$755.00
3110	Marilyn Alger Memorial - Fund Balance	\$979.08
3111	Lena Crane Memorial - Fund Balance	\$125.00
3112	Wayne Meyer Memorial - Fund Balance	\$525.00
3113	Cal Brant Memorial - Fund Balance	\$200.00
3114	Evalene Oros Memorial - Fund Balance	\$275.00
3115	Barbara Jenkins Memorial - Fund Balance	\$195.00
3116	Gloria Alger Memorial - Fund Balance	\$5,000.00
3117	Midge Kotowski Memorial - Fund Balance	\$10.00
3118	Beverly Gould Memorial - Fund Balance	\$20.00
3119	Imogene Tayerte Memorial - Fund Balance	\$375.00
3120	Gerald Hayman Memorial - Fund Balance	\$950.00
3121	Carol Oros Memorial - Fund Balance	\$2,425.00
3122	Roy & Midge Mayfield Memorial - Fund Balance	\$1,000.00
3124	Candy Toth Memorial - Fund Balance	\$175.00
Total Equity		<u>\$1,290,741.15</u>
<b>Total Liabilities + Total Equity</b>		<u><b>\$1,314,521.65</b></u>



**Mantua Center Christian Church**  
**Income Statement**  
 for the period of 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
<b>Income</b>		
4000	Contribution Income	\$0.00
4010	General Pledge	\$120,369.62
4020	Basket Income	\$19,107.48
Total for 4000 - Contribution Income		\$139,477.10
4100	Kids Weekend Meals Income	\$0.00
4110	Kids Weekend Meals Donations	\$19,832.28
Total for 4100 - Kids Weekend Meals Income		\$19,832.28
4200	Building Pledge Income	\$0.00
4210	Building Fund Pledges	\$4,993.25
Total for 4200 - Building Pledge Income		\$4,993.25
4300	Interest Earned	\$0.00
4310	Banking Income/Rewards	\$76.26
4340	Checking Interest	\$8.65
4345	Savings Account Interest	\$39.06
4350	Stock Dividends (BBT)	\$93.00
4360	Board of Church Extension Interest Income	\$1,083.06
4370	Cann Converse Interest Income (regular)	\$3,931.33
Total for 4300 - Interest Earned		\$5,231.36
4400	Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00
4410	Building Use Income	\$530.00
4420	St. Pauly Textile Income	\$905.80
4440	Amazon Smile Income	\$217.13
4450	Crestwood Kidz Income	\$25.00
4470	Universal Kitchen Supply	\$45.00
4475	Coffee/Equal Exchange Fund	\$61.00
4480	Capital Improvement Fund	\$343.55
4490	Music Fund	\$725.59
4495	Flower Fund	\$317.25
4496	Memorial Funds	\$328.00
4497	Pastor's Discretionary Fund Income	\$465.00
4498	Misc Income	\$1,037.12
4410110	Trustee's Income	\$27.00
4410111	Stream Team Income	\$1,000.00
4410112	Social Security Tax Income	\$365.38
4410113	Medicare Tax Income	\$85.45
Total for 4400 - Miscellaneous Income		\$6,478.27
4500	Outreach Offerings	\$0.00
4510	Gift of Love (Members)	\$2,753.07
4530	Community Fund	\$1,902.52

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
4540	Adult Mission Fund	\$1,725.25
4550	Care Team Income	\$150.00
Total for 4500 - Outreach Offerings		\$6,530.84
4600	Special Offerings	\$0.00
4660	Blessing Bags	\$266.81
4670	Mitten Tree	\$15.00
4680	Worship Supplies Income	\$374.00
4690	Staff Christmas Gifts	\$1,823.68
4696	Love Offering - Jan Green	\$483.35
4697	Love Offering - Sarah Smith	\$504.55
Total for 4600 - Special Offerings		\$3,467.39
4700	Youth Funds	\$0.00
4730	CHI RHO Funds	\$345.00
4740	Camp Scholarship Income	\$1,845.00
4760	Cann Converse Scholarship Income	\$3,768.86
Total for 4700 - Youth Funds		\$5,958.86
4410114	Workers Compensation Income	\$43.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$192,012.35</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
5100	Bank Fees	\$0.00
5110	Credit Card Fees	-\$0.10
Total for 5100 - Bank Fees		-\$0.10
5400	Pastor Employment	\$0.00
5410	Pastor Salary	\$26,128.44
5420	Pastor Housing Allowance	\$34,791.64
5430	Pension Dues	\$8,528.76
5440	Deferred Annuity (403b)	\$1,223.88
5450	Life Insurance	\$1,300.00
5460	Car Allowance Expense	\$3,925.00
5470	Pastor's Continuing Education	\$1,200.00
Total for 5400 - Pastor Employment		\$77,097.72
5500	Education Expenses	\$0.00
5510	Camp Scholarships	\$1,290.00
5520	Sunday School-Ally Hurd Salary	\$1,250.00
5530	Cann/Converse Schlorship Expense	\$3,768.86
Total for 5500 - Education Expenses		\$6,308.86
5600	Worship Expenses	\$0.00
5610	Music Director	\$306.93
5630	Piano Tuning	\$90.00
5640	Worship Supplies	\$490.35
5645	Pod Bean Expense	\$108.00
5660	Music Fund Expenses	\$396.31
5670	Stream Team Expenses	\$1,118.31
5680	Love Offering Expenses - Jan Green	\$483.35

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
5690	Love Offering - Sarah Smith	\$480.00
5695	Staff Christma Gift Expense	\$1,723.68
Total for 5600 - Worship Expenses		\$5,196.93
5700	Payroll Expense	\$0.00
5720	FICA Tax Expense	\$1,468.67
5730	Medicare Expense	\$343.48
5740	Workers Compensation Expense	\$311.50
Total for 5700 - Payroll Expense		\$2,123.65
5800	MCCC Support Team Expenses	\$0.00
5805	Student Pastor/Video Editor Salary	\$3,045.00
5810	Secretary-Sandi Kossick Salary	\$7,500.00
5811	Internet Service Expense	\$1,441.68
5812	Google Suite Expense	\$210.47
5813	Web Host - Go Daddy Expense	\$348.72
5814	Gusto Fees Expense	\$1,220.05
5815	Aplos Fees Expense	\$758.00
5816	We-Pay Fees Expense	\$1,505.18
5817	Treasurer-Liz Meeker Salary	\$6,000.00
5820	Office Supplies Expense	\$889.50
5830	MCCC Celebrations/Events Expense	\$40.00
5840	Copy Machine Expense	\$1,582.64
5846	Safe Deposit Box Fee	\$33.52
5850	Telephone Expense	\$1,199.95
5860	Cell Phone Expense	\$880.00
5891	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$309.28
5894	Zoom Fees	\$192.48
5896	Post Office Box Expense	\$122.00
Total for 5800 - MCCC Support Team Expenses		\$27,278.47
5900	Church Building Expenses	\$0.00
5910	Church Maintenance Expense	\$1,420.14
5925	Cleaning Supplies	\$140.57
5930	Pest Control Expense	\$400.00
5940	Professional Cleaning Service Expense	\$1,993.60
5950	Electric Expense	\$2,058.74
5960	Gas Expense	\$1,667.72
5970	Insurance-Buildings Expense	\$5,287.74
5980	Capital Improvement Expenses	\$20,301.00
5990	Portage County Wastewater	\$275.00
Total for 5900 - Church Building Expenses		\$33,544.51
5200100	Outreach Ministry Expense	\$0.00
5200105	Loaves & Fishes Expenses	\$54.56
5200110	World Outreach	\$10,000.06
5200170	Blessing Bag Expenses	\$266.81
5200195	Community Fund Expenses	\$770.00
Total for 5200100 - Outreach Ministry Expense		\$11,091.43
5300000	Kids Weekend Meals	\$0.00



Account Number	Account Name	Amount
5300100	Kids Weekend Meals Food	\$17,244.89
5300120	Kids Weekend Meals Supplies	\$2,896.74
5300130	Kids Weekend Meals Gift Cards	\$390.00
5300140	Kids Weekend Meals Community	\$400.00
5300160	Kids Weekend Meal Donations	\$200.00
Total for 5300000 - Kids Weekend Meals		<u>\$21,131.63</u>
5400000	Youth Activities	\$0.00
5400105	Chi Rho Expenses	\$345.00
Total for 5400000 - Youth Activities		<u>\$345.00</u>
Total Expense		<u>\$184,118.10</u>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>		<u><u>\$7,894.25</u></u>

## **Trustee Report – 2021**

### **Paul Meeker, Chair**

The year 2021 has been a productive time for the MCCC Trustees despite the continued presence of the COVID virus. The church continued to be closed to Sunday services and other group activities, (with the exception of the KWM program). Church services were held initially at the south side parking lot and once warmer weather commenced, on the lawn in front of the church. Throughout this time services were available through the MCCC website on-line. As COVID diminished through late summer, early fall, the church opened its doors once again, but with masks required and separation seating to reduce transmission of the disease. Vaccinations were encouraged as well.

During 2021, the balance of the exterior painting of the building was completed. The one furnace in the Education wing has been replaced and some maintenance on one of the main building units done.

The Kids Weekend Meals program continued to grow in spite the pandemic, to the point that more room was required to perform the necessary activities of food layout, bagging, and delivery prep. It was suggested that since the nursery was not being used, KWM could utilize the space for these activities. This proved to be such a workable solution that it was then suggested that the nursery be permanently moved to another room. With no current Sunday school activity, the Trustees, with considerable discussion and investigation, recommended to the Board that the Chi-Rho room be used for the nursery and the CYF room be used for both older groups. With Board approval, work commenced to clean and paint out the Chi-Rho room in preparation for the move. The CYF room was also cleaned out and the walls painted as well. Both rooms had the carpets cleaned. Excess furniture as well as things stored in the CYF room, (aka the junk room), were gone through thoroughly and items not needed were disposed of. Remaining items were relocated to other storage areas in the church.

One on-going issue had been the cleaning of the church. This had fallen to a few volunteers to keep things cleaned-up even during the pandemic. The Trustees decided to investigate the possibility of an outside service being hired to do this, especially during this time period. Several companies were contacted and with visits by them, we obtained quotes to see what that cost would be. With a reasonable bid by one of the more established organizations, the Board was approached with this proposal once it was determined that it could be worked into the church budget. This was approved. Other than that, the normal maintenance of light fixture replacement, toilet repair and other such items, were done by members of the Trustees.

The Trustees wish to thank all those who helped with the cleanup, painting, sorting and moving activities that have taken place this year. You know who you are! Again thanks.

Paul Meeker – Chair

Dale Ausperk, Pat Hoskin, Randy Alger, and Brian Summerlin

**2021 Clerk Report**  
Submitted by Steve Hurd

**Transfer of Membership**

- Kathy & Vince Meier

**Loss by Death**

- Martha Lambert – January
- Candy Toth – February
- Michelle Rennie – May
- Joyce Brehm – May
- Kay Mishler – November
- Fred Sittner - December

**2021 Mary Cann, Perlea Converse and Lucius Converse  
Memorial Scholarship Award Winners**

The Mary Cann, Perlea Converse, and Lucius Converse Memorial Scholarship for the 2021 Committee is excited to have awarded scholarships for the following people: Emma Magyarics and Abbie Thompson. They received a check in the amount of \$1,884.43 each!

Emma has transferred to Kent State University for her sophomore year. Abbie Thompson started her freshman year at Hiram College. We wish them the very best as they are continuing their education in higher education!

Scholarship Committee members: Ruth Anne Ruehr , MaryEllen Hamlin, and Jon Secaur

## **Stream Team Report - 2021**

The Stream Team was first organized to investigate how we might be able to stream our worship services, but quickly took on urgency with the onset of the Covid pandemic. With some background information from Dan MacRaild of Just Add Tech as an initial plan, we had some ideas of what equipment and skills would be necessary. A generous contribution from Katie Baird allowed us to purchase a high-quality camera and tripod, along with many cables and a converter to take the video signal from the camera into the main computer that was provided by Paul Magyarics. (Since it is the main computer of the system, we lovingly refer to it as the MCCCCMC, which is not a long Roman numeral but the Mantua Center Christian Church Main Computer.)

Carol Magyarics spent hours learning how to set up and use the free open source software called OBS, and she and Rick Painley are now quite proficient in using it. Jon Secaur was helpful with sound connections, and we are grateful to the Centerpeace music group for the use of a sound mixer, microphones, and speakers. We also incorporated into the system the computer that Nancy Tafel allowed us to purchase some time ago so that we can play recorded audio and video within the system.

Brian Summerlin and Paul Meeker were also helpful early on with arrangements for Worship at the Windows, using an FM radio transmitter donated by Jon Secaur and Linda Idoine. Sarah Smith, our student pastor, spent countless hours editing videos early in the process.

As our technical abilities grew and our needs changed, we opened a worship space in Fellowship Hall, centered around a large television donated by Steve and Sue Hurd, for anyone who felt more comfortable in that larger, more open space. We have been able to adapt to each new challenge as our worship services have evolved during the pandemic. Each time we wondered if we could do it, if we could figure out how to make our system work for each new situation. Happily, we did so, again and again.

During the pandemic, the Stream Team kept open our ability to facilitate worship, at all, and we will continue to offer services when we are fully back in the building so that worshipers who are homebound or who live far away can still be part of the Center family.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jon Secaur

## **Technology Specialist/Webmaster 2021 Annual Report**

What a challenging and exciting year 2021 has been! We began 2021 worshipping on YouTube with pre-recorded content (compiled and published by Sarah Smith) and then meeting afterwards on Zoom for fellowship & discussion. Live streaming our Wednesday Lenten services led us to a Live Worship at the Windows Easter service. We continued to worship at the Windows and online until the weather broke. Our desire to physically be together inspired the Worship & Stream Teams to create an outdoor worship space. On May 2, 2021, we had our first in-person service on the church lawn! Tim Bennett & MaryEllen Hamlin kept us shaded when they and the tent were available, setting up and tearing down each Sunday. We continued to worship on the lawn until the Gathering Team, following CDC & local Health Department guidelines, felt it was safe to be in the Sanctuary. July 4th was our first sanctuary worship since March 8, 2020!

With the rise in COVID cases this winter, the recommendation of the Gathering Team to continue social distancing encouraged the Technology & Stream Teams to expand the worship area to the Fellowship Hall beginning November 14, 2021. Please see the Stream Team report for details.

As we continue to worship in many ways, increasing the technological support of streaming live worship services was met with Rick Painley. Rick has been an incredible help in producing our YouTube live service each Sunday. The broadcast can be successful with one person; however, it is best with at least two: one for the streaming software, one for the camera and sound work. A reliable and competent backup person has been instrumental in providing a service online each week. We hope to recruit others who are willing to help in this capacity.

The [mantuacentercc.org](http://mantuacentercc.org) website continues to be updated on a weekly basis with postings of updates, devotionals, events & worship services. Website content is currently generated from emails sent by Pastor Chad or Secretary Sandi. A Wordpress plugin on the site offers the ability to publish content to connected social media accounts, thus ensuring consistent information across all platforms (Facebook & Twitter).

There are STILL aspirations to create accurate, attractive ministry pages; to train and to eventually give authorization to those interested in managing them. Information and media are needed for each ministry.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Magyarics

*(Technology Specialist continued)*

Fun Facts for 2021:

**YouTUBE**

20 - Pre-Recorded (Sarah Smith productions)

47 - Live Streamed

9 - MCCC Live at The Window

9 - MCCC Live on the Lawn

29 - MCCC Live in the Sanctuary

121 - Total subscribers to MCCC Channel

4, 287 - Views in 2021

10,000 - Views since inception!

18 - Avg. Realtime Views (Sundays 9:30am)

60 - Avg. Views per video

1,200 - Total watch hours (2,500 lifetime)

**Gathering Team Report – 2021**  
**Jon Secaur, Chair**

The Covid-19 pandemic affected all of us, and all parts of our lives, including how and where we worship. The Gathering Team was tasked with listening to the congregation, consulting with Pastor Chad and other church leaders, and acquiring and assessing accurate health data. Always, we worked to balance the desire to meet together with the comfort and safety of all in the congregation – and in this case as always at Mantua Center, All means All.

We are especially grateful to the Portage County Health Department for their weekly condition reports. Together at our Zoom meetings, we would watch the trends and decide our church's path, always striving to anticipate what might happen next, nationally and locally.

I am proud of the faithful work of all on the committee through these times without precedent in any of our lives, and I am grateful to everyone on the committee and to everyone in the congregation for their patience and tolerance.

We look forward to an easing of restrictions in the coming months.

Jon Secaur, Chair

Katie Baird

Chad Delaney

Pat Hoskin

Laura Parker

Brian and Dottie Summerlin

Becky Tipton

Beth Voynovich

## Elders Annual Report – 2021

The Elders serving in January 2021 were:

2019-2021	2020-2022	2021-2023
Katie Baird	Mary Ellen Derthick	Sue Pollard
Nora Brant	Sue Wright	Liz Meeker
Ruth Anne Ruehr	Pam Baynes	Pete Pruszynski
Tim Bennett	Drema Herron	

Early in the year, Sue Pollard resigned due to family health issues. So, for much of the year ten of us served the congregation.

In the early months of the year, we continued the practice of recording our meditations and sending them in to be included in a YouTube service.

As the weather got warmer, the congregation began meeting again outside the church, with the pastor standing on the steps. The elder also offered a meditation and prayer on the steps.

The main intention of the elders in this year was to keep in touch with the folks who were now missing from church due to the pandemic.

In May, we held an elders retreat, and talked about leadership in the church. In addition, we walked through the elders duties at the table.

A single elder would offer both the Meditation and prayer at the table and conclude with the Lord's prayer. In addition, once student Pastor Sarah Smith left for her new job, Elders served as worship leaders. And in summer when we returned to inside the building, an elder was assigned to greet folks who came to the fellowship hall to watch the service from there on the TV monitor. So, we were very busy.

In the fall we determined to deliver muffins to the folks we were shepherding, as a greeting and a welcome back to our services at the church. It was a large endeavor, but rewarding, I believe, for both the church member and the Elder who visited them.

In October, Beth Schabel joined us. A delight!

Altogether, the elders were valuable partners in keeping our church reaching out, and worshipping and serving our community. It has been an honor to serve them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Baird  
Liz Meeker



## **Worship Team Annual Report 2021**

### **Pam Auble, Chair**

This year found the MCCC family worshipping in multiple settings, living the truth that the church is not a building! The worship team coordinated efforts for our congregation to worship via YouTube; from the parking lot while listening to the radio station 105.5 “TheCHAD”; on a hillside watching the Easter morning sunrise; under a tent on the church lawn; scattered in the sanctuary, skipping every other pew; and even from comfy chairs spread out in the Fellowship Hall overflow with simultaneous viewing of the sanctuary service on a large screen tv. The Covid virus only served to enliven our creative juices and the team and our congregation rose to the challenge.

Rather than simply naming our team members, may I spotlight at least one of their contributions for this year’s efforts.

**Sarah Smith** creatively presented her meme for us on YouTube but then left us feeling loss, but still loved, when she left for a teaching position in Virginia.

**Joy Wyatt** assembled jars of paper slips with 50 ways to live the resurrection and then coordinated a lovely service where some of our church family shared their resurrection experiences.

**Sandi Kossick** demonstrated one way to live the Resurrection by printing, cutting and collating all those colorful slips of paper that filled the jars in addition to emailing and printing amazing bulletins and worship materials and announcements.

**Katie Baird** is the queen of recruiting and has identified folks for worship leaders, special readers and even preachers.

For three months, **Rick Painley** stepped in as our team Chair as I recovered from surgery and he led selflessly and beautifully. He then became the student, learning how to assist in the visual art of YouTube and service audio visuals.

**Carol Magyarics** is NOT a paid staff member but who would know it. The tech ministry she’s undertaken as an expression of her profound faith has allowed MCCC to worship in all the varied ways we do now. What a blessing!

**Laura Parker** narrated the Brick Wall Skit, loved us all perfectly and then agreed to serve this next year as our team chair. I am thanking God for her leadership and for the devotion of every team member.

Every Sunday, regardless of where we gathered, or if we gathered in person, we could count on two things: 1) the Spirit of God was with us and 2) **Chad Delaney** was courageously pastoring us. One could understand if he faltered, had a moment of vocalized frustration, dropped the ball, or called it quits; these have been challenging times to lead a worshipping congregation. And yet, Chad’s leadership, lived faith and friendship has held me up and has lifted the family of MCCC.

Our worship efforts have been weekly graced by the music of **Jan Green** and wit and wisdom for every child (even the grown-up child) from **Ally Hurd Bozeka**. God's gifts shower us all from these two devoted women. Although we have not yet begun to gather children in a Sunday school setting, Ally speaks to our children each week from the pulpit for the Children's Moment. Surely, she helps them to know God's love and our love. And Jan has provided us with organ and piano music and accompanied our hymns. After a long stretch of no live music, her gifts are blessed.

The tasks that lie before this team include continued flexibility as we emerge from Covid restrictions. In addition, addressing the ministry of music will be vital, rather with volunteers who coordinate members' input or the recruitment of paid leadership. These are tasks I have left in the capable hands of our worship team members.

Writing this at the start of the new year (February of 2022) I have seen already that our team, under Laura's leadership and God's persistent presence, will continue to provide worship that is creative, meaningful, relevant and full of praise for our God.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Auble

## **MCCC Greeters Annual Report - 2021**

The MCCC Greeter Team began 2021 was still dealing with the Covid pandemic and doing their best to help create a safe and welcoming environment for both the Greeters and congregants. Due to health concerns surrounding the pandemic, we lost some Greeters due to comfort levels. For most of the year, then, the 2021 Greeter Team included Liz Meeker, Drema Herron, Pat Hoskin, and myself. We welcomed Pete Pruszynski as a new member of the team. While hugs were replaced with smiling faces, we still made sure everyone felt welcome, comfortable, and safe. We continued to work on a monthly rotation and everyone was very flexible when it came to covering for one another.

As 2021 drew to a close and the new, more highly contagious Omicron variant arrived, it was decided to temporarily suspend greeting at the door in 2022, hopefully for a very short time.

Dale Ausperk, Greeter Chair  
January 30, 2022

## **Care Team Annual Report – 2021** **Nora Brant, Team Leader**

The Care Team was created a few years ago as an extension of the Elders. By working together, we have been made aware of needs within the congregations shepherding groups that we can address in a timely manner. We have provided rides to appointments, shopped for groceries or picked up prescriptions, and cooked meals for families where a parishioner or caregiver is recovering from surgery – or are just unable to perform their activities of daily living. When Pastor Chad or an Elder makes us aware of a need, the Care Team gets a message that they are needed for some specific task and they can volunteer as they are able. We can also be notified by any member of the congregation who needs assistance or knows of someone who does.

This year we have assisted 17 different families and prepared and delivered 96 meals. We have also assisted with some transportation or shopping. We look forward to continuing this mission to be god's hands and feet for our church family.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nora Brant, Team Leader

# Ohio Women's Ministries

OWM 2021 Annual Treasurer Report							
<b>Beginning Balance - January 1, 2021</b>					<b>\$ 1,627.09</b>		
					Income		Expenses
Deposits from Craft Fair:							
Tables					\$ 575.00		
Sales					\$ 467.50		
Rent of Mantua Center School							\$ 125.00
Advertising Expenses							\$ 83.35
					\$ 1,042.50		
Total Made from Craft Fair						\$ 834.15	
Total to January 30, 2022					<b>\$ 2,461.24</b>		
Respectfully Submitted by Ruth Anne Ruehr							

**OWM (Ohio Women's Ministries)  
CRAFT BAZAAR – 2021**

After a 2-year hiatus, we were able to host the only OWM fundraiser of 2021. The Christmas Craft Bazaar was held on December 4, 2021 at the old Mantua Center School. We sold out of all our available tables well ahead of schedule and it was a good sign that crafters were ready to get back to selling their creations! We had music, provided by Skip Sweitzer and his group, who played some lively music for most of the day. Our 50/50 raffle was won by Dean Spencer (one of our crafters), who graciously gave back 1/2 of his winnings to the craft fair!

Although attendance was lower than previous years, (most likely due to the uneasiness of Covid), the crafters felt they had a good day (for profits) and all had a great time conversing with the shoppers. Many food items were donated by OWM members and we had several helpers for set-up and take-down of all the tables. Many thanks to all of you who helped in ANY way! We heard from many people how much they missed not being able to have the Craft Bazaar in 2020 - so overall everyone was grateful that it could again be hosted! We look forward to next year.

The following represents the income and expenses breakdown of expenses for the event:

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Newell, Chair

**EXPENSES:**

Sent out contracts (.58x35)	= \$20.30
Sent out Flyers (.90x20)	= \$18.00
Advertising (Farm & Dairy 2wk)	= \$45.05
Hall Rental	= \$125.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>= \$208.35</b>

**INCOME:**

Table Rentals (\$25x24)	= \$600.00
OWM Set-up (\$20x5)	= \$100.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>= \$700.00</b>

**OWM BAZAAR SALES:**

Kitchen Food Sales:	= \$316.00
OWM (Misc. item sales):	= \$ 21.50
50/50 Raffle Sales(\$80):	= \$40.00
Winner donated \$20 back:	= \$20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>= \$397.50</b>

**TOTAL INCOME: \$1,097.50**

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 208.35**

**TOTAL PROFIT: \$ 889.15**

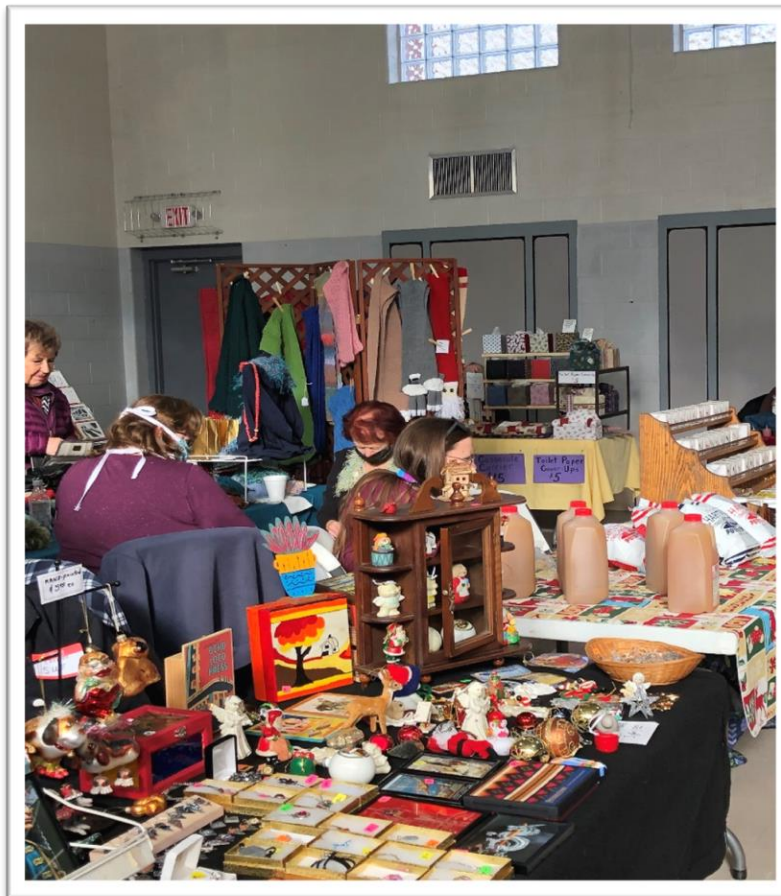


Carolyn Newell (Chair) & Sandi Kossick



Smile Team Bake Sale

# 2021 CRAFT BAZAAR MEMORIES . . .



## **Year End Report for Kids Weekend Meals – 2021**

### **Liz Meeker, Chair**

2021 found Kids Weekend Meals using the same process as 2020, due to the pandemic.

Our normal procedure previously was to load our bags once a week and have families pick up their food on Fridays. There was simply too much contact during COVID-19 times for us to be able to proceed in that manner. So, we decided to do it all differently. With the help of many, many people, we now pack every other week for two weeks at a time. We have 8 people who deliver from 5-15 bags at a time, so all the food for 65 families is hand delivered. This is truly a labor of love and I would like to indicate who people are in the official year-end report.

#### **The bag loaders:**

Carolyn Wysong

Katie Baird

Kelly Baird

Kim Wallace

Nora Brant - Chief Food Organizer, Extraordinaire

Linda Head

Beth Marlow

Kate Hankinson

Laura Parker

#### **The delivery group:**

Pam Auble

Pete Pruszynski

Debbie Campana

Kathy and Vince Meier

Cathy & Dale Ausperk

Jennifer Burnett

Bill Simpson

Nancy Tafel

In September 2021, while collecting applications for the 2021-2022 school year, we received applications for 225 kids; up from 110. Once that number settled out (some people signed up for the wrong thing) we ended up feeding 175 kids in 75 families (up from 48.) In addition to this large increase in numbers, the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank which had been providing all food at no cost for 2021' announced that they would again charge in 2022 so the cost of feeding 175 kids has gone up immensely. We will be doing a fundraiser in the Spring for congregations of local churches as well as the community in general. While we may have enough money to carry us through 2022; we will have to plan for 2023 as well.

Liz Meeker

Kids Weekend Meals

## **Loaves & Fishes Annual Report – 2021**

### **Carolyn Newell, Chair**

Mantua Center Christian Church has provided a FREE community meal, Loaves & Fishes, for several years. We welcome ALL to our tables from the community as well as surrounding areas. This free meal is held the last Thursday of each month from January through October, and monetary donations are optional – but not necessary. Any donations received are used to help defray the cost of the next provided meal. Over the years, it has become a great gathering place to not only share a meal, but also engage in fellowship with others in the community. It is a “Win-Win” situation!

In 2020, due to the onset of the Covid-19 virus, we were forced to stop all indoor meals. We never thought this pandemic would STILL be around in 2021 - - but it was. It was not until July that we were given the “ok” from the Gathering Team to restart Loaves and Fishes. We continued serving dinners once a month through October, but taking extra precautions like masking, wearing gloves, using disposable dishes and cups etc. to help protect not only the diners, but also ourselves. (Masking of those attending the dinner was also required, except when eating.) We served **157 meals** during that 4-month period and it felt good to have our mission back in service! So many of us had missed the fellowship gatherings during this time of pandemic.

Since we were unable to serve dinners from March 2020 – June 2021, we still had an excess amount of disposable dinnerware, cups, silverware, and take-out containers, so there was no need to purchase any. (For inventory purposes, we used: 124 plates, 28 bowls, 120 small plates, 31 large take-out containers, and 18 small take-out containers. We are still using up the free Dunkin Donut cups that were donated to us a few years ago and will continue to do so until they are gone.

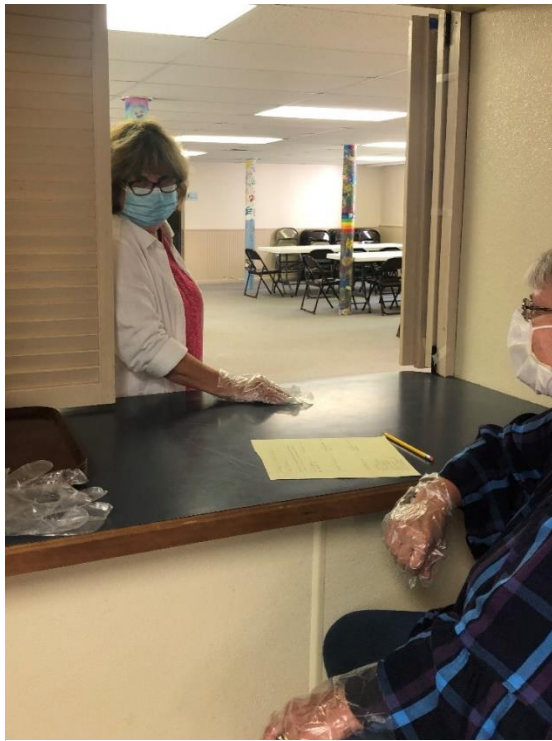
I want to include a special “shout-out” to Kathy Hughes, Linda Head, and Sandi Kossick for their help with all aspects of Loaves & Fishes to make it a success. Also, many thanks to Nora Brant, Kathy and Vince Meier, and all the others who have volunteered with donating items for our dinners.

The one thing that we learned in 2021 is that although the food is great, it is the ***fellowship among neighbors and friends within the community that was truly missed***. We are all hoping 2022 will bring a year filled with more “togetherness” for everyone!

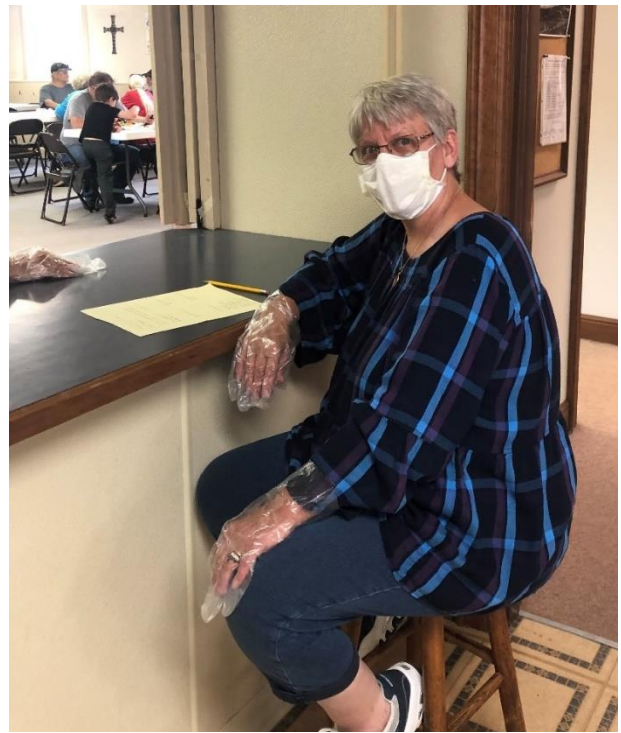
Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Newell, Chair



# Our first Loaves & Fishes Meal – July 2021



**Kathy Hughes and Linda Head**



**Linda Head – our “official counter” – keeping track of the number of meals we provided.**

## Day of Kindness – 2021 Dottie Summerlin, Chair

(From Left Back Row: Sandi Kossick, Dottie Summerlin, Pat Hoskin, Marcia Page  
Front Row: Carolin Newell and Kathy Hughes)

This was our 4<sup>th</sup> year of doing “Day of Kindness” at MCCC. Brian and I, on our winter vacation in 2017, attended the First Christian Church in Corpus Christi, Texas where the church was preparing for their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of this mission. We brought the idea back to MCCC and tailored it to meet the needs of our church and community . . . and a new mission was born!

We were hopeful that in 2021 we would be able to host more activities like we did in 2017 and 2018, but we did not realize that the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic would STILL be upon us. So, for health reasons, we adapted by holding another “Drive-Thru” Day of Kindness on the south side of the church. This event was sponsored by the Smile Team who not only helped with the collections of items, but also provided a free bagged hot dog lunch to go! The free lunch was the Smile Team’s way of thanking all those who came out to donate items or their time to any of these missions.

We set up collection tables and bins for the following missions, and their results are listed below:

- **Blessing Bags (for Family and Community Services) – 13 bags along with some cash donations**
- **Socks (for Family and Community Services) – 48 pair**
- **Prayer Shawls for MCCC – 28 (all colors and patterns beautifully crafted)**
- **4C’s Food Collection – A *TABLE FULL* of food!**
- **Yard Clean-up – Rick Painley led a team of 15 workers who helped the Fred Sittner family with their yard clean-up!**

Although attendance was lower than usual for this annual event, we are truly grateful to those individuals who donated items to help others in need and to the Smile Team who helped coordinate this event! We hope that as more people get vaccinated, we will be able to re-establish some of our other “Day of Kindness” missions in 2022. Again – fingers crossed and prayers lifted!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dottie Summerlin, Chair



# Day of Kindness Memories



## **Mitten Tree Annual Report – 2021**

### **Sandi Kossick, Chair**

The purpose of the Mitten Tree is to collect hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to help those in need in our community and beyond. It has been a mission at Mantua Center Christian Church for many years, and I volunteered to take it over 2 years ago (2019). It is a mission that really touched my heart from the moment I heard about it! The collection is traditionally done throughout the month of November. The items are sorted and counted and in 2021 I passed them along for distribution to the Kids Weekend Meals families. The balance of the items were then taken to Family & Community Services in Ravenna, Ohio to help anyone in need.

Although it is named the “Mitten *Tree*”, in 2018 it was decided to try hanging the items on clotheslines that were strung on both sides of the sanctuary. The congregation loved it and so it has continued! It is fun to see all the different colors and patterns of all the items intermixed – some store bought, and some handmade! In 2020, since we couldn’t utilize the sanctuary because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we held our first “Drive-thru” collection which was very successful . . . but we prayed we would be back in the sanctuary in 2021. Our prayers were answered as the church (with masking required, and every other pew blocked off) opened back up on July 4<sup>th</sup>. After being away from “inside church” for so long and with some members still leery about coming back, I wondered how well this mission would be and if we would have enough items for all the needy families in our community that had grown substantially this past year. MCCC did NOT disappoint! We ended up with the highest combined number of items since records began in 2012. What an amazing sight it was to see that **286 items were collected!** Thank you to all who purchased or made any of these items, and please know you have been instrumental in helping someone in need.

I have hopes that 2022 will be a great year for the Mitten Tree, as well as some of the other missions in our church that have been put on hold for so long. It is the “outreach” of these missions that seems to be the center core of Mantua Center Christian Church. As the saying goes, “Where there is a will, there is a way!” MCCC always seems to find “a way!”

Respectfully and Gratefully Submitted,  
Sandi Kossick, Chair



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

### **Diane Johnson, Chair**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been active at MCCC for at least 13 years and was first led by Janet Nichols when I came to the church in 2007. It was the first ministry I participated in and when I took over its' management in 2012, I began recording the details and types of needs that were being addressed by the giving of shawls.

The Shawls are knitted, crocheted, quilted, or even woven by – *anyone in the church!* They are a wonderful expression of love and care for people in our church family and our friends as well as our community. With supplies running low in 2021, many shawls needed to be replaced, so the request went out to add it to our “Drive-thru Day of Kindness” set for May 22, 2021. Although turnout was low that spring, we were so grateful to collect 28 beautiful shawls – all in a wide variety of colors from so many individuals!

Prior to the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic, the custom was to pass each newly completed shawl around the congregation during the worship service so everyone could say a silent prayer of comfort over them. Since Covid-19 was still with us in 2021, in an added effort for safety, we hung all the donated shawls in the front of the sanctuary, and Pastor Chad (along with the congregation) proclaimed a blessing over them all. Like so many other customs at MCCC over the past 2 years, we have successfully adapted to accommodate the CDC guidelines and have safely made it work! Thank you to all who gave of their time and talent this year to donate these shawls. We are blessed to have such talented giving souls among us!

As in previous years, there were other shawls created and given without recording them at the church, so the totals below are not 100% accurate and are likely higher. It is a testimony, however, that even in the midst of a pandemic, we are able to fill this need that is still present. We will gladly continue to provide shawls in 2022 for those in need of some comfort, hope, and love in the name of Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Johnson



**Prayer Shawls hung in the sanctuary, ready to be officially blessed during worship on August 22, 2021.**

## **Smile Team – 2021**

### **Becky Tipton, Chair**

During our first full year of operation in 2021, the Smile Team worked on a number of projects aimed at recognizing and thanking members of our congregation and the community. We began with providing gift bags for the nurses in our church. Next, with the help of the congregation, we provided individual bags of homemade cookies for all teachers and staff at the Crestwood Schools. We also recognized teachers in our church with gift bags.

In the spring, the team delivered individually wrapped gift breads to officers and employees at the Mantua Village Police Department, then facilitated a "Day of Kindness" donations drop off event in the church parking lot. We also delivered to the children of the church Easter baskets filled with candy and small gifts, and took individually wrapped gift breads to the Mantua Village Fire Department.

During the summer the Smile Team provided snacks for students attending the Extended Learning Program at Crestwood High School, and bottled waters for students attending the program at the Primary School. Then, with the help of local businesses who provided drop off locations for donations, as well as support from the community, we collected school supplies for students at the Crestwood Schools.

In the fall we took cookies and bottled waters to the construction crew at the corner of Route 82 and Chamberlain Road, then provided gift bags for the military veterans in our church for Veterans Day. We also arranged for a pizza dinner to be delivered to the Delaney family.

To wrap up the year, the team provided gift bags for Carol Magyarics of the Stream Team, and Jan Green, who has blessed the church with her gift of music throughout the year.

In order to help fund projects, the Smile Team held bake sales at the Mantua Historical Society Flea Market in July, and at the OWM Craft Bazaar in December. We feel fortunate to have had a great deal of support from the congregation, throughout the year.

The members of the Smile Team are Kathy Hughes; Sandi Kossick; Carolin Newell; Marcia Page; Dottie Summerlin; and Becky Tipton. In the coming year, we hope to work on more projects and events designed to spread joy and love to members of our church, our community, and our world.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Tipton

# 2021 Smile Team Photos



**Feb. 2021: Gift bags honoring our nurses at MCCC!**



**Carolin Newell, Becky Tipton, & Sandi Kossick**

**March 2021: Honoring ALL the teachers, staff, custodians, CHS Board members, bus drivers & mechanics for all they do to keep our schools running smoothly! (Given Individually wrapped homemade cookies & treats.)**  
**From left: Kathy Hughes, Carolin Newell, Sandi Kossick, Becky Tipton**



**May 2021: Helped facilitate "Day of Kindness" & provided a free hot dog lunch to all donors!**



**From Left: Sandi Kossick, Dottie Summerlin, Pat Hoskin, Marcia Page. Front Row: Carolin Newell and Kathy Hughes (Not pictured: Becky Tipton, Chair)**

## **Closing Thoughts from the Secretary:**

As the year before, it was not possible to hold most of our missions and fundraiser events in 2021. The Smile Team continued with their projects and our Loaves and Fishes meal was able to provide 4 community meals, but everything else was still stopped. Meetings were still being held via Zoom. The highlight of the year was being able to open the church for worship services and hold our Christmas candlelight service in person. People were still being careful by wearing masks and increasing space between others. The church has decided that keeping YouTube services is also an important resource regardless of the pandemic, and we extend many thanks go to the Technology Team for figuring that all out and making it work! I feel that God has “tested” our faith and our resilience through these past couple years, and we passed with flying colors!

Blessings to all our leaders who have tirelessly carried us through, and blessings to all our congregation for patiently keeping their faith and knowing that with Gods help, “All shall be well” once again.

Sincerely,  
Sandi Kossick