

# This Week at MCCC (Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>, 2023)



**Week of  
Compassion  
Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> –  
March 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Sun 2/19: Worship Service & YouTube Live – 9:30am  
Deadline to sign-up for “Dinner for 8”  
Board Meeting – 12-1pm
- Mon 2/20: Knitter’s & Crocheter’s – Hilltop at 1:30pm
- Tues 2/21: Re-Centering Team Mtg – Zoom 3:15pm  
Story Time 10:30-11:30am
- Wed 2/22: Daytime Fellowship – 1:30-2:45pm  
Ash Wednesday at MCCC – 7pm
- Thu 2/23: Loaves & Fishes Dinner – 5-6:30pm
- Fri 2/24:
- Sat 2/25: Elder Retreat at Camp Christian
- Sun 2/26: Worship Service & YouTube Live – 9:30am  
“4<sup>th</sup> for the 4C’s” Food Collection

## February/March MCCC Events

Date Changes, New, or Important Events are **Highlighted**

- **Deadline to sign up for “Dinner for 8”!! – Sun. February 19<sup>th</sup>!**
- Board Meeting – Sun. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 12-1pm
- Week of Compassion – Sun. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup> (Make it a family giving time!)
- Knitters & Crocheters Gathering – Hilltop Church, Mon. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm
- Story Time Returns! Every Tues from 10:30-11:30am ALL ARE WELCOME!
- Daytime Fellowship – Every Wednesday from 1:30-2:30pm at MCCC
- Re-Centering Zoom Meeting – Tues. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – 3:15pm
- **Joint Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins) – Wed. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm at MCCC**
- Loaves & Fishes Community Meal – Thurs. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5-6:30pm
- **Elder Retreat at Camp Christian – Saturday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, Carpooling at MCCC – 7am**
- **“4<sup>th</sup> for the 4C’s” Food Collection – Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> (Dish Soap, Cookies, & Shampoo)**
- KWM WEEK! Bread Deliveries 2/28, Packing Bags 3/1, Delivering Bags 3/2
- Story Time – Every Tues from 10:30-11:30am ALL ARE WELCOME
- Daytime Fellowship – Wed. March 8<sup>th</sup> 1:30-2:30
- Life Study – Wed. March 8<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm
- Worship Team Zoom Meeting – Fri. March 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30am
- “Dinner for 8” – Sat., March 4<sup>th</sup> 5-9pm
- St. Joseph’s Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway – Sat. March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-12pm
- **CHI-RHO FUN NIGHT, AND CYF LOCK-IN! March 24-25 (See the ad for details)**
- **CYF DINNER AUCTION FUNDRAISER – Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> Mark your Calendars!**
- **CYF MISSION TRIP – Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> – Register SOON!**

### Important Message from the Secretary!

Due to “technical difficulties” . . . please send **ANY church related questions or information - including Prayer Chain Requests**, to [secretary@mantuacentercc.org](mailto:secretary@mantuacentercc.org).  
(The old “Prayer Chain” account cannot receive emails at the present time.)

**Story Time**  
**10:30-11:30am**  
Every Tuesday for  
Pre-schoolers!

**Daytime Fellowship**  
**1:30-3pm**  
NOW Every Wednesday!  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> &  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

**Life Study, 1/25 – 2/15**  
Every Wednesday  
7-8:30pm  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

**Kids Weekend Meals**  
Bread Brigade  
Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> &  
March 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Packing Bags 12pm  
Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>

Delivering Bags  
Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

**Chi-Rho & CYF Events**  
**NEW DATE!**  
Chi Rho Fun Night & CYF Lock-In  
March 24 @ 6:30pm –  
March 25 @ 9:30am

**4C's Food Collection**  
Sun. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Dish Soap, Cookies, & Shampoo**

**Loaves & Fishes Dinner**  
**5-6:30pm**  
Last Thurs. of the Month  
From January - October  
Thurs. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>

**The Deadline for Signing up for  
“Dinner for 8”, a Lenten Fellowship  
Event, is THIS SUNDAY, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>!**

Look for the sign-up sheets in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall. You can also contact Linda Idoine at (330) 285-6753 or email her at [linda.iodine@gmail.com](mailto:linda.iodine@gmail.com).

**When? Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
5-6pm - meet at the church for appetizers & to learn your dinner destination.  
6-9pm - Travel to your host's home and enjoy an evening of food & fellowship!

**The 4C's next food collection at MCCC  
is Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

The items needed for February are:



**Dish Soap**  
**Cookies**  
**Shampoo**

The **C**restwood **C**oalition for **C**ommunity **C**are thanks you for your continued support! Monetary donations are also welcome.



**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**  
**I'M STILL MISSING**  
**A FEW**  
**ANNUAL REPORTS!!!**

So, if you haven't turned in **YOURS**, start writing and tell **YOUR** story about your leadership and mission in 2022!

Please email your report (in Word Format) to Sandi Kossick at:  
[secretary@mantuacentercc.org](mailto:secretary@mantuacentercc.org).

**Need to meet with Pastor Chad?**  
<https://calendly.com/pastormccc/meeting> and you can schedule a meeting by phone, video, or in-person with Pastor Chad!

## **Loaves & Fishes** **Community Meal!!**

**Thursday, Feb. 23rd, from  
5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Menu:**  
**Lasagna Roll-ups**  
**Tossed Salad**  
**Garlic Toast**  
**Assorted Desserts**

**If you would like to get involved in the planning, cooking, or serving of our dinners, please contact Carolin Newell at:**  
**(330) 606-7125.**

**We also welcome help with either set-up, clean-up, or food donations!**

**Meals are served on the last Thurs. of each month from Jan. – Oct.**  
**This is a FREE Community Meal!**  
**Donations are gratefully accepted, but not required!**

## **Calling all MCCC Knitters & Crocheters**



**You are invited to attend a joint meeting of “crafters” at Hilltop Church,  
Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>  
At 1:30pm!!**

**What a fun opportunity to get together with others who love working with yarn! Maybe even teach someone or learn some new “tricks of the trade” from others!**

**If you have any questions, contact Kathy Meier at:  
(330) 840-8944**

## **CYF MISSION TRIP AND FUNDRAISER!! SIGN-UP SOON!!**

The 2023 CYF Mission/Work trip plans are underway! The dates are **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will be in Charleston, WV, working with CROSS Ministry, affiliated with the Board of Global Missions of the United Methodist Church. We will be repairing homes for those in needs, the elderly and veterans.

Youth in 8th grade into high school are welcome. And our youth are invited to share this opportunity with their friends. We are also actively recruiting adult supervisors and a cook.

**Youth need to commit SOON.** We have a form for everyone to fill in and we are asking for \$50 from every participant. (HOWEVER, this fee will be covered for any one for whom it would be a hardship.) Please let us know your intentions ASAP, **no later than March 31st.**

The **CYF Dinner Auction, April 23rd in the Mantua Center School**, is our first scheduled fund-raising effort and a wonderful opportunity for the community to show your support.

Pam Auble can mail you a form, answer your questions or cheer you on! 216-308-7930

## St. Joseph's Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway!



St. Joseph Church in Mantua is hosting a free clothing event on Sat. March 11<sup>th</sup> (includes Prom dresses!), from 9am to noon in the school building. Remember that ANYONE & EVERYONE is WELCOME!! You do not need to be a resident, there is no limit, and no questions are asked. Upcoming Giveaways: June 6<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup>, and December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our Giveaway leaders Lynn Kelley and Nancy Tafel are asking for donations of the following items: New packages of diapers, especially sizes 4-6 & baby wipes, LARGE black trash bags for the shoppers, and plastic hangers.

All donated items can be dropped off at St. Joe's in the All-Purpose Room before or after mass on their clothing drive weekends (Feb. 18/19, Feb. 25/26, May 13/14, May 20/21. Aug. 19/20 Aug. 26/27, Nov. 18/19 and Nov. 25/26,) or at the parish office during the week. For MCCC members, you may donate diapers, wipes, trash bags, or hangers in the inside box (narthex) or the outside bin at MCCC. All clothing donations should be folded and bagged and placed in the shed at the south side of the church. Accessory items (shoes, belts, purses, etc.) and bedding will also be accepted. (NO PILLOWS OR FURNITURE).

**For more information or to volunteer your time, please contact Lynn Kelley (330) 990-8912. This is a collaborative effort of area churches providing free clothing to families in need.**

## Attention all Chi-Rho & CYF Youth! NEW DATE!!

Chi Rho Fun Night & CYF Lock-In  
MARCH 24 @ 6:30pm –  
MARCH 25 @ 9:30am

Fun Night! – Chi-Rho 6:30-9pm and  
CYF Lock-In (stay all night, pick-up at  
9:30am on Saturday).

All 5th-12th graders are welcome! Bring friends, food & your sense of humor. It'll be a great time of fellowship & fun with friends.

Let us know if someone needs to come late or leave early. Pizza, Gargoyles, Sarah's Toe, and so much more!  
CYF – bring a pillow & sleeping bag/blankets.

Led by Chad Delaney & Carol Magyarics



**“STORY TIME” IS BACK!  
EVERY TUESDAY  
FROM 10:30-11:30am!!  
Mantua Center Christian Church**

We will provide stories, activities and music prepared by adults with years of educational experience!

**NO COST, NO REGISTRATION,  
NO LONG-TERM COMMITMENT,  
NOT A FAITH BASED EVENT.  
TRY IT ANY TUESDAY!  
OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

**Call Pam Auble if you have any  
questions or would like to volunteer  
your time to help!  
216-308-7930**

**PASS THE WORD TO ALL!!**

# Pot-lucks and more!!

Keep in mind that on the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month** (except December), we will again enjoy fellowship with each other via a pot-luck luncheon! The first one was **January 29<sup>th</sup>** and what a turnout we had! Thanks to all who came and brought wonderful food to share! It was a blessing to see the Fellowship Hall filled!

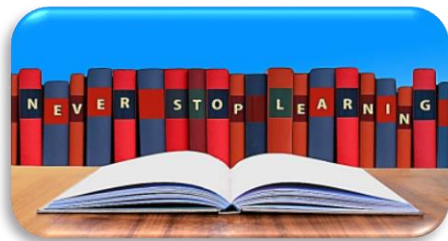
**Our next pot-luck will be Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and we HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**This will also be Pastor Chad's last Sunday before his Sabbatical.**

**Let's send him off with our best wishes and prayers!**

**(DON'T FORGET A DISH TO PASS . . . AND FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND!)**

**Our MCCC Library  
is Growing AGAIN!**



**Many thanks to The Smile Team  
for their recent donation of three new books!**

Smile Team members include:

Becky Tipton, Carolin Newell, Sandi Kossick, Marcia Page,  
Kathy Hughes, Dottie Summerlin and Pat Hoskin.

- 1) *The Book of Joy : Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*, by the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu and with Douglas Abrams
- 2) *A Christmas Memory*, by Richard Paul Evans
- 3) *Faith Still Moves Mountains: Miraculous Stories of the Healing Power of Prayer*, by Harris Faulkner

Want to read a new book? Our Library is conveniently located in the Fellowship Hall and has a newly designed look, thanks to the efforts of Dale and Cathy Ausperk! Simply select your book and sign it out on the clipboard provided. It's as simple as that! Return it when you are through so someone else can enjoy it.

If you are interested in donating a book to the MCCC Library, Cathy will be adding to her suggestion list in the near future. If you do decide to purchase one, please let her know so she can attach a donation plate inside the cover. [chakalaausperk@gmail.com](mailto:chakalaausperk@gmail.com).



# What's happening in our community & beyond?

## Dinners around the area!

### Reminder!

**Free Dinner**  
every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
of the month at  
First Covenant Church in  
Garrettsville (High St.)

Next dinner on  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7pm

All are welcome!

The Lutheran Church in Mantua  
is hosting community dinners!

Stop by on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month!  
Donations are welcome!

The next dinner will be  
March 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30pm

All are welcome!

**MARSI's (Mantua Restoration Society)  
monthly meals is now called:**

**"2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays Soup & Salads"**

It will still be held at the  
Old Mantua Center School Annex

**Meals are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each  
month from 4-7pm! The next meal will  
be Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm**

Eat-in or Take-out available!

**ALL are welcome - Spread the word!**

*All for donation!*

If you know of any interesting events going on in our  
community, please let me know so it can be included  
in the calendar!

Send all information via email to Sandi Kossick at:  
secretary@mantuacentercc.org