

This Week at MCCC (Feb. 26th – March 5th, 2023)



**Week of
Compassion
Feb. 19th –
March 19th**

Sun 2/26: Worship Service & YouTube Live – 9:30am
Lent Devotionals available in the Narthex
Deadline to sign-up for “Dinner for 8”

Mon 2/27:

Tues 2/28: “Bread Brigade” deliveries due
Story Time from 10:30-11:30am

Wed 3/1: KWM Packing Bags – 12pm
Daytime Fellowship – 1:30-2:45pm
Life Study – 7-8:30pm

Thu 3/2: KWM – Bag deliveries

Fri 3/3:

Sat 3/4: “Dinner for 8” – 5-9pm

Sun 3/5: Worship Service & YouTube Live – 9:30am
“4th for the 4C’s” Food Collection

February/March MCCC Events

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

- **Deadline EXTENDED** to sign up for “Dinner for 8”!! – Sun. February 26th!
- **Week of Compassion** – Sun. Feb. 19th through March 19th (Make it a family giving time!)
- Story Time! Tues Feb. 28th from 10:30-11:30am ALL ARE WELCOME EVERY TUES!
- Daytime Fellowship – Wed. Mar. 1st - 1:30-2:45pm at MCCC / Life Study Mar. 1st - 7-8:30pm
- **“4th for the 4C’s” Food Collection** – Sunday, Feb. 26th (**Dish Soap, Cookies, & Shampoo**)
- KWM WEEK! Bread Deliveries 2/28, Packing Bags 3/1, Delivering Bags 3/2
- **“Dinner for 8” – Sat. March 4th - (Meet at MCCC 5pm, depart for dinner 6-9pm)**
- Story Time! – Tues Mar. 7th from 10:30-11:30am ALL ARE WELCOME EVERY TUES!
- Daytime Fellowship – Wed. March 8th 1:30-2:45pm / Life Study – Wed. March 8th 7-8:30pm
- Worship Team Zoom Meeting – Fri. March 10th 9:30am
- St. Joseph’s Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway – Sat. March 11th from 9-12pm
- **Daylight Savings Time! – Move your clocks ahead 1 hr. before bed on Sat. March 11th!**
- Elder’s Meeting – Sun. March 12th – 8:30am
- Story Time! – Tues. Mar. 14th 10:30-11:30am. ALL ARE WELCOME EVERY TUESDAY!
- KWM WEEK! – Bread Brigade by 3/14, Packing bags 3/15, Delivering 3/16
- Daytime Fellowship – Wed. Mar. 15th 1:30-2:45pm / Life Study – Wed. Mar. 15th 7-8:30pm
- Board Meeting – Sunday Mar. 19th 12-1pm ALL ARE WELCOME!
- Story Time! – Tues. Mar. 21st 10:30-11:30am. ALL ARE WELCOME EVERY TUESDAY!
- Daytime Fellowship – Wed. Mar. 22nd 1:30-2:45pm / Life Study – Wed. Mar. 22nd 7-8:30pm
- CHI-RHO FUN NIGHT, AND CYF LOCK-IN! March 24-25 (See the ad for details)
- “4th for the 4C’s”! – Sun. Mar. 26th
- KWM WEEK! – Bread Brigade by 3/28, Packing bags 3/29, Delivering 3/30
- Story Time! – Tues. Mar. 28th – 10:30-11:30am ALL ARE WELCOME EVERY TUESDAY!
- Daytime Fellowship – Wed. Mar. 29th 1:30-2:45pm / Life Study – Wed. Mar. 30th 7-8:30pm
- **CYF DINNER AUCTION FUNDRAISER – Sunday, April 23rd Mark your Calendars!**
- CYF MISSION TRIP – Sunday, June 11th – Saturday June 17th – Register SOON!

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

Daytime Fellowship
1:30-3pm

Every Wednesday!
March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Life Study, 1/25 – 2/15

Every Wednesday
7-8:30pm
March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Kids Weekend Meals

Bread Brigade

Feb. 28th &
March 14th & 28th

Packing Bags 12pm

Mar. 1st, 15th, & 29th

Delivering Bags

Mar 2nd, 16th, 30th

Chi-Rho & CYF Events

NEW DATE!

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

4C's Food Collection

Sun. Feb. 26th

Dish Soap, Cookies, & Shampoo

Sun. Mar. 26th

To be announced

Loaves & Fishes Dinner

5-6:30pm

Last Thurs. of the Month
From January – October

March 30th

**The Deadline for Signing up for
“Dinner for 8”, a Lenten Fellowship
Event, has been EXTENDED to
THIS SUNDAY, Feb. 26th!**

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.idoine@gmail.com.

When? Saturday, March 4th

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 THIS Sunday, February 26th**

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.

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.

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!



Thanks to all who attended our recent Loaves & Fishes meal! It was a huge success and it was wonderful to see & hear all the activity in the Fellowship Hall! Thanks for your support!

**Loaves & Fishes
Community Meal!!**

**Thursday, March 30th, from
5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Menu:
Coming soon!**

**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 every 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month!

**Meeting dates in March are:
March 6th and March 20th**

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 11th through Saturday, June 17th**. 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 11th (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 6th, September 9th, and December 9th.

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

Fun Night! – 3/24 Chi-Rho 6:30-9pm and CYF Lock-In 3/24 (stay all night, pick-up at 9:30am on Saturday 3/25).

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 **5th Sunday of each month** (except December), we will again enjoy fellowship with each other via a pot-luck luncheon! The first one was **January 29th** 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!

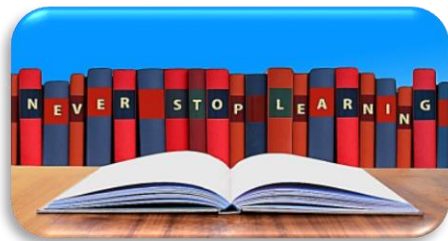
Our next pot-luck will be Sunday, April 30th and we HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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.

What's happening in our community?

Free Dinner

1st Tuesday
of every month at
First Covenant Church in
Garrettsville (High St.)

Next dinner on
March 7th, 5:30-7pm

All are welcome!

The Lutheran Church in Mantua
is hosting community dinners!

Stop by on the
3rd Wednesday of each month!
Donations are welcome!

The next dinner will be
March 15th from 5-6:30pm

All are welcome!

**MARSI's (Mantua Restoration Society)
monthly meals is now called:
"2nd Fridays Soup & Salads"**

It is held at the
Old Mantua Center School Annex

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

Eat-in or Take-out available!

ALL are welcome – Spread the word!

All for donation!

**Stay tuned for details on all the
upcoming events in Mantua this year!
Some dates to keep in mind are:**

- Triple Trail Fest – June 2nd & 3rd with activities and events on the river & trails. Food & music too!
- Farmer's and Maker's Market will be back on the 2nd & 4th Fridays in June, July, & August.
- * Art on the Hill – Saturday, July 8th 10am-6pm
- * Portage Parks Adventure Race on Sat. July 8th.
- * Rotary will have their Poker Paddle – Sept. 16th
- * Rotary Christmas Tour of homes – Nov. 3,4,& 5 and Nov. 10, 11, & 12.

DOWNTOWN MANTUA REVITALIZATION'S

April Fools Harlequin

**REVERSE
RAFFLE**

APRIL 1, 2023

AT HUGHES HALL

Tickets: \$120 per couple

Tickets available at
www.revitalizemantua.org



APRIL 1, 2023.....That's the date of
Downtown Mantua Revitalization's 2023
Reverse Raffle. Buy a ticket for two for \$120
and have dinner, drinks and a chance to
win. Lots of opportunities to win are
available: Sideboards, Lucky 7, Bingo,
50/50, Gift Baskets. Come to our party!!!
Tickets can be purchased from DMRC
members, Jake's Eats, or go to our website:

www.revitalizemantua.org

Every dollar raised goes back to
DMRC to improve Mantua!

Doors open 5:30pm (over by 10pm)

If you know of any interesting events going on in our community, please let Sandi Kossick know so it can be included in the calendar! Send all information via email to secretary@mantuacentercc.org