

This Week at MCCC (March 5th – 12th, 2023)



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

Sun 3/5: Worship Service & YouTube Live – 9:30am
Lent Devotionals available in the Narthex

Mon 3/6:

Tues 3/7: Story Time from 10:30-11:30am

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

Thu 3/9:

Fri 3/10: Worship Team Zoom Meeting – 9:30am

Sat 3/11: St. Joe's Free Clothing Giveaway – 9-12

Daylight Savings Time is Sunday! Turn
your clocks ahead 1 hour before going
to bed!

Sun 3/12: Elder's Meeting 8:30am

Worship Service & YouTube Live – 9:30am

MCCC March Events

Date Changes, New, or Important Events are Highlighted

- Sun. Feb. 19th through March 19th Week of Compassion – (Make it a family giving time!)
- Sat. March 4th - "Dinner for 8" -- (Meet at MCCC 5pm, depart for dinner 6-9pm)
- Mon. March 6th – Knitters & Crocheters Gathering at Hilltop Church 1:30pm
- Tues Mar. 7th - Story Time 10:30-11:30am ALL ARE WELCOME EVERY TUES!
- Wed. March 8th - Daytime Fellowship 1:30-2:45pm / Life Study 7-8:30pm
- Fri. March 10th - Worship Team Zoom Meeting 9:30am
- Sat. March 11th - St. Joseph's Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway 9am-12pm
- Sat. March 11th - Daylight Savings Time! Move your clocks AHEAD 1 hr. before bed on Sat!
- Sun. March 12th - Elder's Meeting 8:30am
- Tues. Mar. 14th - Story Time 10:30-11:30am. ALL ARE WELCOME EVERY TUESDAY!
- Mar. 14, 15, 16 - **KWM WEEK!** Bread Brigade by 3/14, Packing bags 3/15, Delivering 3/16
- Wed. Mar. 15th - Daytime Fellowship – 1:30-2:45pm / Life Study – Wed. Mar. 15th 7-8:30pm
- Sun. Mar. 19th - Board Meeting – 12-1pm ALL ARE WELCOME!
- Mon. Mar. 20th – Knitters & Crocheters Gathering at Hilltop Church 1:30pm
- Tues. Mar. 21st - Story Time 10:30-11:30am. ALL ARE WELCOME EVERY TUESDAY!
- Wed. Mar. 22nd - Daytime Fellowship 1:30-2:45pm / Life Study 7-8:30pm
- March 24-25 - **CHI-RHO FUN NIGHT, AND CYF LOCK-IN!** (See the ad for details)
- Sun. Mar. 26th - "4th for the 4C's"! Coffee (regular or instant), Jello, & Hand soap
- Mar. 28, 29, 30 - **KWM WEEK!** Bread Brigade by 3/28, Packing bags 3/29, Delivering 3/30
- Tues. Mar. 28th - Story Time 10:30-11:30am ALL ARE WELCOME EVERY TUESDAY!
- Wed. Mar. 29th Daytime Fellowship 1:30-2:45pm / Life Study 7-8:30pm
- Sunday, April 23rd - **CYF DINNER AUCTION FUNDRAISER – Mark your Calendars!**
- Sun. April 30th – Potluck & Send off for Chad's Sabbatical! 12pm
- Sunday, June 11th – Saturday June 17th CYF MISSION TRIP — Register SOON!



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12th!

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD 1 HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 11th!!**

Story Time
10:30-11:30am

Every Tuesday for
Pre-schoolers!

Daytime Fellowship
1:30-3pm

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

Life Study, 1/25 – 2/15

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

Kids Weekend Meals

Bread Brigade
March 14th & 28th

Packing Bags 12pm
Mar. 15th, & 29th

Delivering Bags
Mar 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. March 26th
Coffee, Jello & Hand Soap

Loaves & Fishes Dinner

5-6:30pm
Last Thurs. of the Month
From January – October
March 30th

Don't forget that THIS SATURDAY IS
"DINNER FOR 8"

You can contact Linda Idoine at (330) 285-6753 or email
her at linda.idoine@gmail.com with any questions.

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 Sunday, March 26th

The items needed for March are:



Coffee
(regular or instant)
Jello
Hand Soap

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

Important Message from the Secretary!

Please send **ANY** church related questions or
information to secretary@mantuacentercc.org.

Prayer Chain Requests should be sent
to **BOTH**

secretary@mantuacentercc.org

AND to Chad at

pastormccc@gmail.com

Need to meet with Pastor Chad?

<https://calendly.com/pastormccc/meeting> an
d 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 Monday of the month at 1:30pm!

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. The form is also attached to this email for your convenience.

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!!

Potlucks 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!

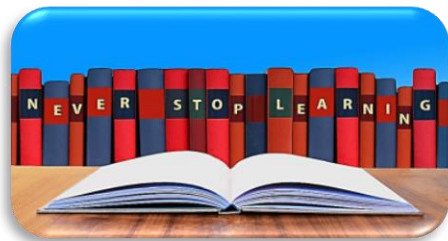
Our next potluck will be Sunday, April 30th and we HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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!

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)

**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, wine tasting & 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.

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