

This Week at MCCC (April 16th – 23rd, 2023)



Sun 4/16: Elder's Meeting 8:30am
Worship Service at MCCC – 9:30am
Now 3 Sunday Classes offered – 10:45-12
Board Meeting 12-1pm

Mon 4/17:

Tues 4/18: Story Time from 10:30-11:30am

Wed 4/19: Smile Team Meeting – MCCC 10am
Daytime Fellowship – 1:30-2:45pm
New Life Study – 7-8:30pm

Thu 4/20:

Fri 4/21: **Men's Cookout at Aubles – 6pm**

Sat 4/22: **KWM – PICK UP BAGS – Helpers Needed**

Sun 4/23: Worship & YouTube live – 9:30am
4C's Food Collection

(Canned Fruit, Canned Baked Beans, Laundry Detergent)
Youth Dinner Auction Fundraiser -

MCCC April Events & More

Date Changes, New, or Important Events are Highlighted

- **Sun. April 16th – NEW DATE: Elder's Meeting 8:30am / MCCC Board Meeting 12-1pm**
- Mon. April 17th – Knitter's & Crocheter's Gathering at Hilltop Church – 1:30pm
- Tues. April 18th – Story Time 10:30-11:30am. ALL ARE WELCOME EVERY TUESDAY!
- Wed. April 19th – Daytime Fellowship 1:30-2:45pm / Life Study 7-8:30pm
- **Fri. April 21st – MEN'S Cookout at Aubles – 6pm (Bring a snack to share & BYOB)**
- **Sat. April 22nd – Local Food Drive HELP NEEDED to pick up bagged food. See ad!**
- **Sun. April 23rd – CYF DINNER AUCTION FUNDRAISER 5pm, \$10/ticket!**
- April 25, 26, 27 – **KWM WEEK!** Bread Brigade by 4/25, Packing bags 4/26, Delivering 4/27
- Wed. April 26th – Daytime Fellowship 1:30-2:45pm / Life Study 7-8:30pm
- Thurs. April 27th – Loaves & Fishes Community Dinner – 5-6:30pm
- **Sun. April 30th – Potluck & Send off for Chad's Sabbatical! 12pm - Plan to attend!**
- Sunday, June 11th – Saturday June 17th CYF MISSION TRIP

Local Food Drive NEEDS HELPERS ASAP! Just 2 hrs of your time!

We will be doing our annual food drive called **"Fill a Bag, Feed a Family"**, serving 4 local pantries: **AURORA:** The VOA Aurora Food Pantry • The Aurora Community Relief Fund
MANTUA: The Crestwood 4C's Food Pantry • Kids Weekend Meals program. I personally cannot say enough about how this drive helps our programs. This year, for some reason, we are very short of volunteers.

Click the link below for more information, dates and how to register. We are hoping there may be Boy Scout or Girl Scout Troops that may need service projects. This project is more *fun* than work so please check it out... The link is myfillabag.com

For questions, please call Liz Meeker at 330-283-4630 or email lmeeker86@gmail.com

Consider contacting a friend – or a group of friends – and help out with this outreach mission! The people of both communities will be very appreciative!

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

Daytime Fellowship
1:30-3pm
Every Wednesday!
April 19th, 26th

Life Study,
Every Wednesday
7-8:30pm
April 19th, 26th

Kids Weekend Meals
Bread Brigade
April 25th

Packing Bags 12pm
April 26th

Delivering Bags
April 27th

Chi-Rho & CYF Events
Sun. April 23rd Dinner/Auction 5pm
\$10 Tickets on sale April 16th

4C's Food Collection
Sun. April 23rd
Items needed are:
**Canned Fruit, Canned Baked Beans,
& Laundry Detergent**

Loaves & Fishes Dinner
5-6:30pm
April 27th
Last Thurs. of the Month
From January – October

Important Message from the Secretary!
Please send **ANY** church related questions or
information to secretary@mantuacentercc.org.

Prayer Chain Requests should be sent
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!



“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!!



MCCC Loaves & Fishes **Community Meal!!**

**Thursday, April 27th, 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 April are:
April 17th**

**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!!

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 need, 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.

The **CYF Dinner Auction, April 23rd in the Mantua Center School**, is our first official fund-raising effort and a wonderful opportunity for the community to show your support. **Doors open at 5pm and tickets will be available tomorrow at church (\$10 each) Dinner will be Homemade Soup, Salad, Bread, Beverage and Desserts!**

Pam Auble can answer any questions regarding the Mission Trip or fundraising events at: 216-308-7930.

St. Joseph's Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway!



St. Joseph Church in Mantua is hosting a free clothing event on Sat. June 6th 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 (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.

Thanks to all who have or will be donating needed items to the 4C's community cupboard!

This mission would not be possible without the generosity of our community members! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Our April collection is **Sunday, April 23rd** during worship. Items needed are:

Canned Fruit, Canned Baked Beans, and Laundry Detergent



Thank you to all those who donated items needed for our Youth Easter Breakfast, as well as those who attended!

We raised **\$407** for Camp Scholarships and/or mission trip!

And a special thanks to Carol Magyarics for organizing this event! The food was great! If you missed this event – please plan on attending next year!

Potlucks and Volunteers Needed!!

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!

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!)

PLEASE NOTE:

The Smile Team has graciously volunteered their time to organize the Potluck on April 30th!

The church is asking for new volunteers, who would like to help with either of the next 2 potlucks (on July 30th and October 29th). If your leadership group, Sunday School group, or just a group of friends would like to help, please contact Sandi Kossick (330) 607-7003, Rick Painley (330) 606-6314, or Katie Baird (330) 285-8537.

(This event entails providing punch, coffee, plates, cups, napkins, set-up and take down of serving tables, and clean-up).

What a GREAT WAY to get involved in a fun activity for the whole church!

We thank you in advance for your time and support!

CHECK OUT OUR MCCC Library! We have MANY new books!

Thanks to Liz Meeker for her recent book donation: The Answer to Anxiety: How to Break Free from the Tyranny of Anxious Thoughts and Worry, by Joyce Meyer.

If you are interested in donating a book to the MCCC Library, please see the new recommendations listed below:

* Becoming Free Indeed: My Story of Disentangling Faith from Fear, by Jinger Duggar Vuolo & Corey Williams; Thomas Nelson Publisher, 2023; ISBN 978-1400335817; \$20.08 (Amazon price)

* The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days, by Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie; Convergent Books, 2023; ISBN 978-0593193709; \$16.37 (Amazon price)

If you decide to purchase one, please let Cathy Hakala-Ausperk 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
May 2nd, 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
April 19th 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, May 12th 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!

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