

This Week at MCCC (April 2nd – 9th, 2023)



- Sun 4/2: **Worship Service & YouTube Live – 9:30am**
Please sign up today for the Prayer Vigil!
- Mon 4/3:
- Tues 4/4: Story Time from 10:30-11:30am
- Wed 4/5: Daytime Fellowship – 1:30-2:45pm
- Thu 4/6: Maundy Thursday Service – Hiram Church 7pm
- Fri 4/7: Good Friday Service – Hiram Church 12 noon
Prayer Vigil 1pm - midnight
- Sat 4/8:
- Sun 4/9: **Sunrise Service – Derthick’s Farm 6:30am**
Easter Breakfast at MCCC – 8:15-9:15am
Easter Service at MCCC – 9:30am

MCCC April Events & More

Date Changes, New, or Important Events are Highlighted

- **Sun. April 2nd – Sign-up for Good Friday Prayer Vigil in the Narthex. (Pray at home or church)**
- Sun. April 2nd – Palms to Passion Sunday Worship – 9:30am
- Mon. April 3rd – Knitter’s & Crocheter’s Gathering at Hilltop Church – 1:30pm
- Tues. April 4th – Story Time 10:30-11:30am ALL ARE WELCOME EVERY TUESDAY!
- Wed. April 5th – Daytime Fellowship 1:30-2:45pm / **NO LIFE STUDY TONIGHT**
- Thurs. April 6 – Maundy Thursday Service at Hiram Christian Church – 7pm
- Fri. April 7th – Good Friday Service at Hiram Church – 12pm / **Prayer vigil begins.**
- Sat. April 9th – Sunrise Service at Derthick’s Farm – 6:30am, Breakfast at MCCC 8:30am,
• and Easter Worship Service at MCCC – 9:30am
- Tues. April 11th – Story Time 10:30-11:30am ALL ARE WELCOME EVERY TUESDAY!
- Wed. April 12th – Daytime Fellowship 1:30-2:45pm / Life Study 7-8:30pm
- April 11, 12 13 – **KWM WEEK!** Bread Brigade by 4/11, Packing bags 4/12, Delivering 4/13
- **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
- **Sun. April 23rd – CYF DINNER AUCTION FUNDRAISER – Mark your Calendars!**
- 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**
- Sunday, June 11th – Saturday June 17th CYF MISSION TRIP

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

Daytime Fellowship
1:30-3pm
Every Wednesday!
April 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Life Study,
Every Wednesday
7-8:30pm

No Life Study 4/5
April 12th, 19th, 26th

Kids Weekend Meals
Bread Brigade
April 11th & 25th

Packing Bags 12pm
April 12th & 26th

Delivering Bags
April 13th & 27th

Chi-Rho & CYF Events
To be announced!

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 3rd & 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.

**Please show your support by attending and/or making a donation to the Youth inspired
Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 9th!** No donation is too small!

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.

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 (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.

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 the congregation who have offered up so many wonderful questions about Pastor Chad's scripture readings over the past few weeks!

Our 2023 Lent theme is:
Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith

Your honest questions have sparked many great conversations!
Thank you for your participation!

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!

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)
- * **The Answer to Anxiety: How to Break Free from the Tyranny of Anxious Thoughts and Worry**, by Joyce Meyer; FaithWords Publisher, 2023; ISBN: 978-1546029175; \$17.98 (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
April 4th, 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, April 14th 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 Sandi Kossick
know so it can be included in the calendar!
Send all information via email to
secretary@mantuacentercc.org

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.