

# This Week at MCCC (April 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023)



Mon 4/24:

Tues 4/25: Story Time from 10:30-11:30am

“Bread Brigade” deliver bread before 12pm

Wed 4/26: KWM – Packing Bags 12:00

Daytime Fellowship – 1:30-2:45pm

New Life Study – 7-8:30pm

Thu 4/27: KWM – Delivering Bags

Loaves & Fishes Free Dinner – 5-6:30pm

Fri 4/28:

Sat 4/29:

Sun 4/30: Worship & YouTube live – 9:30am

**Humor Sunday!! Chad's last day before Sabbatical!**

**Pot-luck 11am to “send-off” Chad!**

## MCCC April Events & More

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

- April 25, 26, 27 – **KWM WEEK!** Bread Brigade by 4/25, Packing bags 4/26, Delivering 4/27
- Wed. April 26<sup>th</sup> – Daytime Fellowship 1:30-2:45pm / Life Study 7-8:30pm
- Thurs. April 27<sup>th</sup> – Loaves & Fishes Community Dinner – 5-6:30pm
- **Sun. April 30<sup>th</sup> – Potluck & Send off for Chad's Sabbatical! 11am - Plan to attend!**
- **Sat. June 3<sup>rd</sup> – “Centering Prayer” event and potluck brunch 9-11:30am**
- Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> CYF MISSION TRIP

## Hot off the Press!!

Kathleen Lewarchick is hosting a “Centering Prayer” event & potluck brunch on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at her home. Come and learn about this traditional Christian Experience. You will not want to miss it!

**RSVP to Kathleen by Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

The flyer is attached below and provides all the details. Check it out!

**Don't forget that THIS SUNDAY, April 30<sup>th</sup> is our Humor Sunday!!** There will be plenty of humorous quips for all to enjoy throughout the service.

*Wear something funny if you wish!*

And, if you, or the kids, have a joke to share feel free to bring it along to share!

**April 30<sup>th</sup> is also the last Sunday before Chad leaves on his Sabbatical.** The Smile Team has volunteered to host a special potluck lunch to send him off with our MCCC Blessings!

Please bring a dish to share. The potluck will begin after worship, at 11:00am.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**

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

**Daytime Fellowship**  
**1:30-3pm**

Every Wednesday!  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

**Life Study,**  
Every Wednesday  
7-8:30pm  
To be announced

**Kids Weekend Meals**  
Bread Brigade  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Packing Bags 12pm  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

Delivering Bags  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

**Chi-Rho & CYF Events**  
Mission Trip June 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

**4C's Food Collection**  
**Sun. May 28th**  
Items needed are coming soon!

**Loaves & Fishes Dinner**  
**5-6:30pm**  
**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Join us in fellowship and the sharing of a meal!

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](mailto:secretary@mantuacentercc.org).

**Prayer Chain Requests** should be sent to [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!



**“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**  
**Free Community Meal!!**

**Thursday, April 27th, from  
5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Menu:**  
**Chicken Enchiladas and**  
**Lasagna Roll-ups**  
**Salad**  
**Garlic Bread**  
**Assorted Desserts**  
**Beverage**

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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 1:30pm!

**Meeting dates for May are:**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup> and 15th**

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 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 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.

Pam Auble can answer any questions regarding the Mission Trip 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 6<sup>th</sup>** 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 (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 May collection is **Sunday, May** 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 **5<sup>th</sup> 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 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!)

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

**The Smile Team** has graciously volunteered their time to organize the Potluck on April 30<sup>th</sup>!

The church Youth are planning on organizing the potluck on October 29<sup>th</sup> . . . But we still are asking for **NEW VOLUNTEERS**, who would like to help with the next potluck on July 30<sup>th</sup>). 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)

**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](mailto:chakalaausperk@gmail.com).**

# What's happening in our community?

## Free Dinner

1<sup>st</sup> 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  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month!  
Donations are welcome!

The next dinner will be  
May 17th 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 is 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, May 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> with activities and events on the river & trails. Food, wine tasting & music too!
- Farmer's and Maker's Market will be back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays in June, July, & August.
- Art on the Hill – Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 10am-6pm
- Portage Parks Adventure Race on Sat. July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Rotary will have their Poker Paddle – Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>
- Rotary Christmas Tour of Homes – Cancelled

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](mailto:secretary@mantuacentercc.org)