

# The Calendar at MCCC

## August 20-31, 2023

**Sun 8/20:** Worship at 9:30am  
Seeker's Class 10:30-12:00  
**Scholarship Application DEADLINE**  
Board Meeting 12-1

**Mon 8/21:**

**Tues 8/22:**

**Wed 8/23:**

**Thu 8/24:**

**Fri 8/25:**

**Sat 8/26:**

**Sun 8/27:** Worship at 9:30am  
Seeker's Class 10:30-12:00

**Mon 8/28:**

**Tues 8/29:** KWM Bread Brigade deliveries due

**Wed 8/30:** KWM Packing Bags 12pm

**Thurs 8/31:** KWM Delivering Bags  
**Loaves & Fishes Dinner 5-6:30pm**

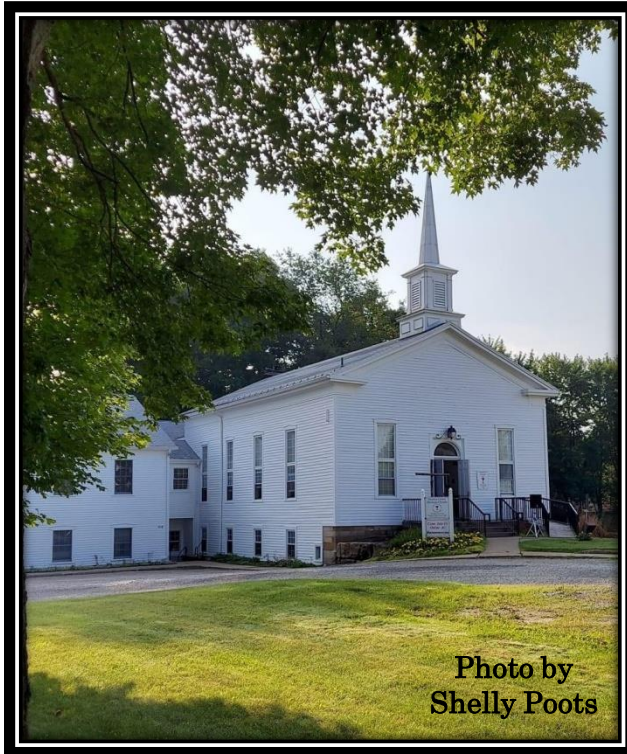


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**NEW!**

**9th Challenge of the Week:**  
**"Consider the ways you walk each day by faith"**

### MCCC August/September Events

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

- \*Sun. Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> – Worship at 9:30, AND **DEADLINE for Scholarship Applications!**
- \*Sun. Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> - MCCC Board Meeting 12-1pm
- \*Sun. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> – Worship at 9:30, AND **4C'S FOOD COLLECTION!**  
**Granola Bars, and Peanut Butter** in small & medium sizes
- \*Tues. Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> – KWM Bread Brigade – Bread deliveries due today!
- \*Wed. Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> – KWM Packing Bags 12pm
- \*Thurs. Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> – KWM Bag Deliveries
- \*Thurs. Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> – Loaves & Fishes Community Dinner – Baked Chicken Legs, Stuffing, Hash Brown Casserole, Peaches, & Assorted Desserts.
- \*Sun. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – **PASTOR CHAD RETURNS! ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP!**
- \*Mon. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – **LABOR DAY!**
- \*Fri. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Sat. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, & Sun. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – **2023 Mantua Potato Festival – 50 Years!**
- \*Sat. Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – Centering Prayer event at Kathleen Lewarchick's 9-11:30am. See the ad!
- \*Sat. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – **FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY** – St. Joseph's school bldg. 9am – 12pm
- \*Tues. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – **STORY TIME RETURNS TO MCCC! 10:30-11:30am ALL ARE WELCOME!**
- \*Sun. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – **Baseball with the Babes! Get ready to play ball!**

*Scholarships Available*

The Mantua Center Christian Church, Mary Cann, Perlea Converse, and Lucius Converse Memorial Scholarship applications are available for those going into higher education this fall! **The deadline for turning in the application is August 20, 2023.** Turn in your applications TODAY!!



## Story Time

10:30-11:30am

Every Tuesday for pre-schoolers.

Will begin Tues. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>  
from 10:30-11:30am

## Daytime Fellowship

Will resume in the fall

## Life Study

Will resume in the fall

## Kids Weekend Meals

Bread Brigade

By Tues. August 29th

Packing Bags 12pm

Aug. 30th

Delivering Bags

Aug. 31st

## Chi-Rho & CYF Events

## 4C's Food Collection

Sun. Aug. 27th

## Loaves & Fishes Dinner

5-6:30pm

Thurs., Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> (see ad)

Last Thurs. of the Month  
From January – October (See the ad)

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck!

October 29<sup>th</sup> following worship

## Centering Prayer Event

September 9<sup>th</sup>, October 14,  
& November 11<sup>th</sup> (see ad)

## Annual Baseball with the Babes!

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Start Practicing!!  
More details soon

## Calling all MCCC Knitters & Crocheters!



You are invited to attend a joint workday of yarn or needle work crafters at Hilltop Church every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 1:30-3:00pm!

The next date is August 21st

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! Those doing needle work projects are also welcome!

If you have any questions,  
contact Kathy Meier at:  
(330) 840-8944

Thank you for your efforts

★ Kathy Meier !! ★

## PRAYER SHAWL NEWS!!

The Prayer Shawls from this church can be given by ANYONE who would like to give one to a friend, neighbor or family member who needs prayers for ANY REASON.

The shawls are NOW located in the back of the church near the window, on the ladder. We ask you to: 1) **SIGN THE CLIPBOARD** that hangs from the coat rack so we can determine how many shawls are needed and how many people we helped. Then, 2) **SELECT ONE FROM THE LADDER THEY HANG ON.**

These shawls have been prayed over by our MCCC church community and the makers who have created them. We hope they will be a source of comfort to those who receive them.

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

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

**The menu is:  
Chicken, Stuffing,  
Hash Brown Casserole,  
Peaches and  
Assorted Desserts**

**If you would like to get involved in the planning,  
cooking, or serving of our dinners, as well as  
dessert donations, please contact  
Carolyn Newell at: (330) 606-7125.**

**We could especially use HELP with  
clean-up from 6:15-7:15pm**

**Just 1 hour a month would make a  
huge difference for the workers who  
provide these meals! This is also a  
great way for kids to earn their  
community service credits!!**

Meals are served on the  
**LAST Thurs.** of each month from  
Jan. –through Oct.

**This is a FREE Community Meal!  
Donations are gratefully accepted, but *not* required!**



Kathleen Lewarchick has just announced the new Fall Schedule for her **Centering Prayer events**, held at her home (5182 Winchell Rd., Mantua, Oh). This is a unique opportunity to share a morning of reflection, fellowship, and brunch!!

**The Fall dates are:**

**Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>**

The flyer is attached to this email and provides a link explaining more about the **Practice of Silent Reflection.**

Please give it a try! You will LOVE it!

9am: Meet old & new friends

9:30am: Learn about Centering Prayer & practice it

10:30am: Potluck brunch (Bring a dish to share with 4-6 people.) Main dish is provided.



**“STORY TIME” is returning Tues., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>!**

**EVERY TUESDAY**

**FROM 10:30-11:30am!!**

**Mantua Center Christian Church Fellowship Hall**

We 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 if you would like to volunteer your time to help! 216-308-7930**



## St. Joseph's Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway!

St. Joseph Church in Mantua is hosting a free clothing event on **Sat. September 9<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: 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, 5, & 6**

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: **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 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.**

**Helping Others  
Feels Great!!!**



**The 4C's needs volunteers!  
Can you spare just  
2 hrs. a month?? Yes!**

The 4C's (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) needs volunteers, **once a month, for a 2-hour shift**, to pack groceries or take information from people who need help with groceries. The shifts at Hilltop Church are:

**Monday: 4-6pm, Wednesday: 1-3pm, and**

**Friday: 1-3pm** Volunteers should call Kathy

Hughes at 216-598-0716 or email her at:

[Kathy123@windstream.net](mailto:Kathy123@windstream.net) for more information.

**This organization is really in need of good, reliable helpers, and it is such a worthy cause!**

**The 4C's has provided food to the Crestwood Community in need, for over 35 years.**

**Only 2 hours a month can help keep this organization thriving and continue to help our community families! (Note: This could also be a volunteer position to help students reach their Community Service goal for school!)**

**Our next 4C's collection is  
Sunday, Aug. 27th**

Items needed are:

**Granola Bars  
Peanut Butter**

*(Small AND/OR Medium Jars)*

Items may also be dropped off in the outside bin at the lower-level entrance of the church, at any time.

**Thank you to MCCC & everyone in  
our area churches and our  
community for your continued  
support!**

# Potlucks

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, Oct. 29th, and will be organized by our MCCC Youth Group & Leaders! We HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

(DON'T FORGET A DISH TO PASS . . . AND FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND!)

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

MCCC would like to keep this potluck idea going into 2024. If your leadership group, Sunday School group, or just a group of friends would like to help with any future potlucks . . . please contact Sandi Kossick (330) 607-7003, Rick Painley (330) 606-6314, or Katie Baird (330) 285-8537 so we can plan ahead for next year! We only need about 5 people to make a team!

*(This event entails providing punch, coffee (which Laura Parker usually does), plates, cups, napkins, plastic ware, set-up and take down of serving tables, and clean-up).*

***What a GREAT WAY to get involved in a fun activity that benefits the whole church!***

***We thank you in advance for your time and support!***

## **CHECK OUT OUR MCCC Library!**

**We have MANY new books, just waiting to be signed out!!**

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).  
Your donation will be listed for many generations to come!

**Important Message from the Secretary!**

**PLEASE SEND ANY CHURCH RELATED CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDING PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS TO:**

**[secretary@mantuacentercc.org](mailto:secretary@mantuacentercc.org)**

# What's happening around our community?

## Free Dinner

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at  
First Covenant Church in Garrettsville  
(on High St.)

Next dinner is September 1<sup>st</sup>  
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  
September 16<sup>th</sup> 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, September 11<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7pm

Eat-in or Take-out available!

**NOW FEATURING music by**  
**"Moonshadow" (Skip Schweitzer,**  
**Cal Craig, & Sarah Harvey!)**

**Dinner & Music all for a donation!!**

**Stay tuned for details on all the  
upcoming events**

**in Mantua this year!**

**Dates to keep in mind are:**

- Farmer's and Maker's Market will be back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays in June, July, & August.

If you know of any interesting events going on in our church or 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)

## 2023 Mantua Potato Festival Celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Year!

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 10<sup>th</sup>  
at Buchert Park on E. High St.  
Check out all the activities on  
the Facebook link!

<https://www.facebook.com/MantuaPotatoFest/>

**FUN! FOOD! CONTESTS! POTATO STOMP!  
AND MORE!**

