

September's Calendar

NEW!

**10th Challenge of the "Month"
"Find gratitude in all that you do"**

Our weekly calendar has been adapted to be a **MONTHLY CALENDAR** for September! Our "challenge of the week, has also evolved this month into a "challenge of the MONTH!" Since Sandi Kossick will be on vacation from 8/29 through 9/18, this seemed like the perfect opportunity to try this out! See you again after 9/18! Your next Calendar will be in October.

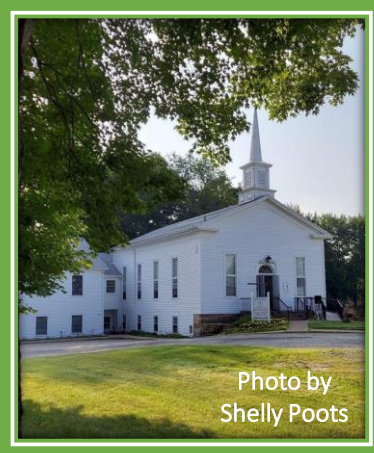


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MCCC August/September Events

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

- *Sun. Aug. 27th – Worship at 9:30, AND **4C'S FOOD COLLECTION!**
Granola Bars, and Peanut Butter in small & medium jars
- *Tues. Aug. 29th – KWM Bread Brigade – Bread deliveries due today!
- *Wed. Aug. 30th – KWM Packing Bags 12pm
- *Thurs. Aug. 31st – KWM Bag Deliveries
- *Thurs. Aug. 31st – **Loaves & Fishes Community Dinner** – Baked Chicken Legs, Stuffing, Hash Brown Casserole, Peaches, & Assorted Desserts.
- *Sun. Sept. 3rd – **PASTOR CHAD RETURNS! ICE CREAM SOCIAL AFTER WORSHIP!**
- *Mon. Sept. 4th – **LABOR DAY!**
- *Fri. Sept. 8th, Sat. Sept. 9th, & Sun. Sept. 10th – **2023 Mantua Potato Festival – 50 Years!**
- *Sat. Sept 9th – Centering Prayer event at Kathleen Lewarchick's 9-11:30am. See the ad!
- *Sat. Sept. 9th – **FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY** – St. Joseph's school bldg. 9am – 12pm
- *Sun. Sept. 10th – Worship 9:30am / Elder's Meeting 8:30am / **Board Meeting 12-1pm (NEW)**
- *Tues. Sept. 12th – **STORY TIME RETURNS TO MCCC! 10:30-11:30am ALL ARE WELCOME!**
- *Tues. Sept. 12th – KWM Bread Brigade deliveries due
- *Wed. Sept. 13th – KWM Packing Bags 12pm
- *Thurs. Sept. 14th – KWM Delivering bags
- *Sun. Sept. 17th – Worship at 9:30am
- *Sun. Sept. 17th – **Baseball with the Babes! Get ready to play ball! 2-4pm across from Sunny Lake Park in Aurora. Looking for baseball players!**
- *Sun. Sept. 24th – Worship at 9:30am / 4th for the 4C's
- *Tues. Sept. 26th – KWM Bread Brigade deliveries due
- *Wed. Sept. 27th – KWM Packing Bags 12pm
- *Thurs. Sept. 28th – KWM Delivering Bags
- *Thurs. Sept. 28th – **Loaves & Fishes Community Dinner 5-6:30pm. See the ad!**

BASEBALL WITH THE BABES IS COMING SOON!!

Please join other MCCC players for our annual game on **Sept. 17th from 2-4pm, across from Sunny Lake Park in Aurora!** Anyone is welcome to join! Contact Carol Magyarics if interested at: arol.magyarics@gmail.com or see her after church. If you don't choose to play . . . bring a chair and come cheer on our MCCC Team!! It is sure to be fun for all!



Story Time

10:30-11:30am

Every Tuesday for pre-schoolers.

Will begin Tues. Sept. 12th
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

Sun. Sept. 24th

Loaves & Fishes Dinner

5-6:30pm

Thurs., Aug. 31st (see ad)

Last Thurs. of the Month

From January – October (See the ad)

5th Sunday Potluck!

October 29th following worship

Centering Prayer Event

September 9th, October 14,
& November 11th (see ad)

Annual Baseball with the Babes!

Sept. 17th – 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 1st & 3rd Monday of the month from 1:30-3:00pm!

The next dates are August 21st,
Sept. 4th & Sept. 18th

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, Aug. 31st, & Sept. 28th
from 5-6:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

August Menu:
Chicken, Stuffing,
Hash Brown Casserole,
Peaches and
Assorted Desserts

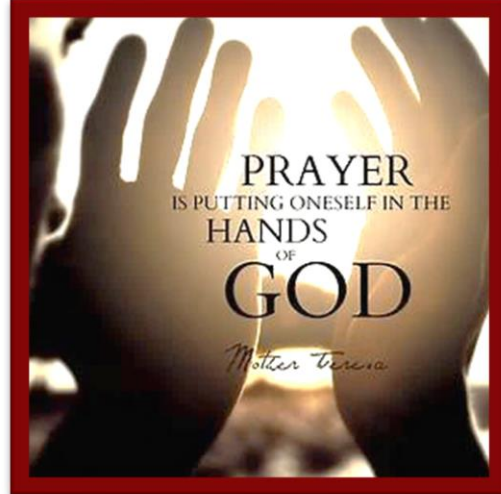
If you would like to get involved in the planning, cooking, or serving of our dinners, as well as dessert donations, please contact Carolin Newell at: (330) 606-7125.

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. 9th
Oct. 14th
Nov. 11th

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. 12th!

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

**Bring
a
Friend!**

St. Joseph's Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway!

St. Joseph Church in Mantua is hosting a free clothing event on **Sat. September 9th 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 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, 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!**

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

Items needed are:

**Granola Bars
Peanut Butter**

(Small AND/OR Medium Jars)

Sunday, September 24th

Items needed are:

Coming Soon!

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!

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 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!)**

Potlucks

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, Oct. 29th, and will be organized by the 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.
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

What's happening around our community?

Free Dinner

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

Next dinner is September 1st
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
September 16th 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, September 11th, 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 2nd & 4th 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

2023 Mantua Potato Festival Celebrates its 50th Year!

September 8th, 9th, & 10th
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!**

