

**NOVEMBER 2023**  
**Challenge of the Month**

**“Give prayerful consideration  
to *any* of your Time, Talent or  
Treasure you can pledge to  
MCCC 2024”**

**NEW!**



## **MCCC November Events**

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

- \*Wed. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Daytime Fellowship 1:15-2:30pm, AND Life Study 7-8:30pm-every other Wed.
- \*Sun. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Worship 9:30am / Sunday Classes
- \*Mon. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – Knitter’s & Crocheters Work Session at Hilltop Church, 1:30-3pm
- \*Mon. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – Bell Choir Practice 6-7:15pm at MCCC
- \*Tues. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – KWM “Bread Brigade” Deliveries Due
- \*Tues. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – Story Time for Preschoolers 10:30-11:30am (Every Tuesday)
- \*Tues. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – VOTE TODAY!!**
- \*Wed. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – KWM Packing Bags
- \*Thurs. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – KWM Bag Deliveries
- \*Sat. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran’s Day**
- \*Sat. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Centering Prayer & Brunch! LAST ONE FOR 2023 – Don’t miss it! (See ad)**
- \*Sun. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Elder’s Meeting 8:30am, Worship 9:30am / Sunday Classes
- \*Mon. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – Bell Choir Practice 6-7:15pm at MCCC
- \*Sun. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – Story Time for Preschoolers 10:30-11:30am (Every Tuesday)
- \*Wed. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> - Daytime Fellowship 1:15–2:30pm, AND Life Study 7-8:30pm (Every other Wed)
- \*Wed. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – DEADLINE for KWM “Adopt a Kid” program for 2024. Please help if able!**
- \*Fri. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Smile Team Meeting at MCCC – 10am
- \*Sun. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Worship 9:30am / Sunday Classes / Board Meeting 12-1pm
- \*Mon. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>- Knitter’s & Crocheters Work Session at Hilltop Church, 1:30-3pm
- \*Mon. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> – Bell Choir Practice 6-7:15pm
- \*Mon. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> - KWM “Bread Brigade” Deliveries Due (NEW DATE)**
- \*Tues. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>- KWM Packing Bags (NEW DATE)**
- \*Tues. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – Story Time for Preschoolers 10:30-11:30am (Every Tuesday)
- \*Wed. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Daytime Fellowship 1:15-2:30 AND Life Study 7-8:30pm
- \*Wed. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – KWM Delivering Bags (NEW DATE)**
- \*Thurs. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**
- \*Thurs. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – KID’S WEEKEND MEALS “THANKSGIVING PLUNGE”- 9-11am!** Round up your team and sponsors for a worthy cause! “Freezin’ for a reason!!
- \*Sun. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Worship 9:30am / **“4<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE 4C’s** / Sunday Classes
- \*Sun. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Chi-Rho Event - Watch for an email with the details!
- \*Mon. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – Bell Choir Practice 6-7:15pm
- \*Wed. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – Daytime Fellowship 1:15-2:30 AND Life Study 7-8:30pm
- \*Sat. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – OWM Craft Bazaar at the old Mantua Center School, 10am-4pm!! (See ad!)**
- \*Sat. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Annual MCCC Adult Christmas Party at MCCC – 3pm (See attached flyer)**

### Story Time

**10:30-11:30am**

Every Tuesday for pre-schoolers.

### Daytime Fellowship

**Every other Wed 1:15-2:30pm**

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

### Life Study

**Every other Wed. 7-8:30pm**

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

### Kids Weekend Meals

#### Bread Brigade

**By Tues. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>  
& Sunday Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**

#### Packing Bags 12pm

**Wed. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>  
& Monday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### Delivering Bags

**Thurs. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>  
& Tues Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>**

### Chi-Rho & CYF Events

**To be announced**

### 4C's Food Collection

**Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**

### Loaves & Fishes Dinner

**5-6:30pm**

**No dinners in Nov & Dec.  
We will return in January**

### Centering Prayer Event

**November 11<sup>th</sup> 9-11:30am**

**(See Ad)**

### Bell Choir Practice

**Every Monday**

**From 6-7:15pm**

## **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 displayed 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.



*Christmas is in the Air!*

**OWM**

(Ohio Women's Ministries of MCCC)  
is having their annual

**Craft Bazaar**

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

**10am – 4pm**

Mantua Center School

11741 Mantua Center Rd., Mantua, OH

**Food available for purchase, 50/50 raffle,  
bake sale, music, lots of vendors, & Free  
Parking**

**This will be OWM's ONLY fundraiser in  
2023. Proceeds will benefit other missions  
of the church and community.**

**Please come and support their efforts!**

## 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!

**Next dates are Monday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

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**

## The “Mitten Tree” Through November 26th!

**We are asking for donations of  
mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, &  
winter headbands for all ages.  
(handmade or store bought)**

No, we don’t have an actual “tree” to hang them on, but we do have lines strung on both sides of the sanctuary to display them! We love seeing the items grow each week.

**We will collect items through Sunday,  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, and they will be given to  
Kids Weekend Meals to be distributed  
among their families in early December.**

**If you have any questions, please contact  
Sandi Kossick (330) 607-7003**

**Pass the word to families, neighbors, &  
friends to help! Everyone is welcome!**

**Items may be dropped in the outside bin at  
the lower level entrance or in the inside  
designated bin.**

## Kathleen Lewarchick has one more Centering Prayer & Brunch Event for 2023!

It is held at her home (5182 Winchell Rd., Mantua, Oh). This is a unique opportunity to share a morning of reflection, fellowship, and brunch!!

**Last date is:  
Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>  
from 9-11:30am**

Please check out the flyer that 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”

**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**

## Our next 4C's collection is Sunday, November 26th

Items needed are:

**Strawberry Jam or Jelly**  
**Canned Fruit**  
**Canned Pasta**

If you can't attend on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, you may drop off your items in the outside bin at the lower-level entrance of the church, at any time, or in the bin inside the entrance of the church.

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

**Helping Others  
Feels Great!!!**



## Volunteers Needed for Smile Team Bake Sale!

The Smile Team will be hosting a bake sale at the OWM Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-4pm.

We will need donations of **any kind of baked goods . . . EXCEPT PIES** (OWM will be selling those with their food!!) An email will be sent out shortly with a sign-up sheet for those who are able to help.

The proceeds from our bake sales are the Smile Team's only source of income. We have been very blessed in the past to have raised enough funding through the bake sales and through generous donations to continue our mission of bringing "smiles" to others.

Please feel free to contact Becky Tipton with future ideas, to volunteer, or any questions.

(216) 870-7039

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

This is a collaborative effort of area churches providing free clothing to families in need. Churches working together!

Mark your Calendars for St. Joseph Church in Mantua, who is hosting a **free clothing giveaway event on Sat. December 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.

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: 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.**

## MCCC Loaves & Fishes Community Meal!!

### **No Meals in November or December**

**We are looking for helpers for 2024!  
You don't have to stay the whole time .  
. . Sign up for set-up, clean-up,  
preparing food, or serving! It is just  
**ONCE A MONTH!!****

**If you would like to get involved with this  
fun organization, please contact  
Carolyn Newell at: (330) 606-7125.**

**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!**

**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!**

## **KIDS WEEKEND MEALS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!**

In September, Liz Meeker sent out information about the **KWM "Adopt a Kid"** program. It costs about \$12/month to feed a child breakfast, lunch, and snacks on the weekend and we now have approximately 80 families that need help. If you are able to help financially, the cost for 3 months is \$37, 6 months is \$73, and 12 months is \$145. Your donations can be automatically withdrawn from your account and can be easily set-up on a payment plan through our online giving at [mantuacentercc.org](http://mantuacentercc.org)! Please set this up **before Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Call/Text Liz Meeker with any questions (330)283-4630. After November 15<sup>th</sup> we are rolling right into our next KWM fundraiser . . .

### **Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Thanksgiving Plunge" of 2023, in memory of Pastor Len Malotte**

Pete Pruszynski is helping Liz by raising money again this year for Kids Weekend Meals. He is organizing our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Thanksgiving Plunge" from 9-11am, on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the "B Ranch", (the property of Cheryl & Todd Brugmann!) (3327 Work Rd., Shalersville, Oh) Think about taking the "plunge" in their lake . . . or at least lending your support by being a sponsor! ***Even if you don't get wet (Brrrr!), come along and watch the excitement and experience the fun of helping others!***

Attached is a sponsor form if you would like to form a team to take the plunge with you! You can also support a sponsor by donating at our website ([mantuacentercc.org](http://mantuacentercc.org)), or by sending a check made out to Kids Weekend Meals with "Thanksgiving Plunge" in the memo line, and mail to Liz Meeker, 4317 Parkwood Ave., Mantua, Ohio 44255, or drop the check into the offering basket on Sundays. **Many thanks to Liz and Paul Meeker for seeing a need and reaching out to help our kids!**



# 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  
Nov. 7<sup>th</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

Nov. 15<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 Soups & 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 Nov. 10<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!!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

### Sat. Nov. 4th:

- **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Donation Drive!** Collecting food for the 4C's, 11:00am at Buchert Park (4808 E. High St., Mantua), Pavillion #2 (at the east end of the park, near the lodge.)
- **Autumn Festival at the old Mantua Center School. 11am – 1pm.**  
All are welcome! Face painting, farm equipment, DJ Lily Jade, prize cave, food trucks & much more. Donate canned foods for the 4C's at registration for a chance to win a raffle prize. Sponsored by New Adventures, Early Learning & Child Development Center.

### Sun. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>:

- **St. Joseph Church is sponsoring their annual Christmas Boutique on Sun. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 3pm.** Vendors, food, free parking!

### Thursday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thanksgiving Morning):

- **KWM (Kid's Weekend Meals) at Mantua Center Christian Church is hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Thanksgiving Plunge" from 9-11am,** where teams will be (jumping into the cold lake at the "B Ranch," property of Cheryl and Todd Brugmann! (3327 Work Rd., Shalersville, Oh)  
This year's plunge will be **in memory of Pastor Len Malotte**, who touched the hearts of so many in our community.

### Saturday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>:

- **Santa is coming!** The DMRC (Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corp.) is sponsoring **"Santa on the Green" on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12-2pm! There will also be a "Holiday Market at Restoration 44 Coffee Co., from 10am – 3pm,** featuring artisans and vendors! Everyone is welcome to stop by and enjoy some community time together!
- **OWM (Ohio Women's Ministries) at Mantua Center Christian Church is hosting their annual "Christmas Bazaar" on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10am – 4pm, at the old Mantua Center School!**  
There will be many artisans and vendors, lots of food for purchase, music, 50/50 raffle and more! Please come and join in the fun! Proceeds will benefit missions at the church.

### Thursday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>:

- **Mantua Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring our "Merry Evening in the Village" on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm.** Shops will be open, Carriage rides will be available, Carolers will be singing and more! Additionally, the **Farmers and Makers' Market** will be open in the basement of the Mantua Granary. Please stop by and enjoy this wonderful event!