



January 19, 2025
Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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If you decide to attend in person, please note the following:

- The upstairs nursery is available for your children. There are also coloring sheets at the entrance for the children.
- After the Children's Moment, all kids through 4th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School class which will run through the end of Sunday Classes at 12pm.
- **Hearing Assistance is now available at MCCC!** Please see Carol Magyarics or Rick Painley (our video techs) for help in setting this up.
- **Want to schedule a meeting with Chad?** Click on the following link or check our website!
<https://calendly.com/pastormccc/meeting?month=2024-02>.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

#261

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

[Refrain]

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Ryan Lind

Offertory

Music:

“Many and Great”

Jan Green

[by Anthony Giamanco]

***Response**

“Let All Things Now Living”

#717

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.

Offering Prayer

Ryan Lind

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Chad Delaney

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Voluntary Capriccio in F”

Jan Green

[by Martin Ellis]

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Chad Delaney

HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Kathleen Lewarchick



*Communion Hymn

#425, vs. 1-3

“Let us Break Bread Together”

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

[Refrain]

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees) *[Refrain]*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees) *[Refrain]*

Prayer

Words of Institution

Music:

“I Hear the Saviour Say”

[by J. T. Grape]

Carol Buzbee

Carol Buzbee

Sarah Park

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:9-21 *(The Message)*

9-10 Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing

second fiddle. 11-13 Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality. 14-16 Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody. 17-19 Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it." 20-21 Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

SERMON

"Crossing the Chasm"

Rev. Chad Delaney

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Fill the World with Love"

#467, vs. 1-4

1 With the vision in our minds of how the world could be
And the fullness of our heart from the suffering we see
When we make all that we are and have part of God's destiny
We can fill the world with love. We can fill the world with love.

2 All the people in this world living lives of pain and fear
Crying out into the night, wondering when someone will hear
While there are so many others having so much they can share
Can we fill the world with love? Can we fill the world with love?

3 We whose spirits long to share, long to comfort and to heal
Know that when we act alone, hope is difficult to feel
But together as we labor God's compassion to reveal
We will fill the world with love. We will fill the world with love.

4 Let us hesitate no longer in our doubt and our dismay
There's a power at work within us that has promised a new day
And the time will surely come, it will not be long delayed
When God fills the world with love. When God fills the world with love.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

"When Upon Life's Billows"

Sarah Park

[by E. O. Excell]

*Thank you for joining us at
Mantua Center Christian Church!*

**Special thanks to Jan Green who provided our
"Special Music" this morning.**

MCCC Announcements - January 19, 2025

- 1) **OWM MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH FOR ALL THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH!** All women please stay after worship to vote on where our money should be best served in our missions and beyond. This is an **important vote** and we need ALL of your support and feedback! Please plan to attend on January 19th!
- 2) **Chi-Rho (grades 6-8). There will be a group gathering at Hiram Christian Church THIS SUNDAY, January 19th at 12pm. At 12:15 we will depart for the Cleveland Museum of Art to partake in a fun scavenger hunt!** If you have any questions, please contact Chris McCreight at chris@hiramchristianchurch.org
- 3) The next **"4th for the 4C's"** food collection will be **Sunday, January 26th 2025** during worship. Items needed for January are: **Pasta Sauce, Cookies, Individual cups of Mac & Cheese, and Canned Pasta.** Remember, **NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL** when combined with others!
- 4) Please join us for our next **POTLUCK following worship on Sunday, January 26th!** This will be a time to celebrate **MCCC's 198th Birthday** (actually on Jan. 27th) as well as the progress made on the renovations of our church! Please bring a dish to share and join us!
- 5) **Adult Classes** following worship: **"Life 101" led by Carol Buzbee, "The Seekers" led by Nancy Humes and "The Bible & Beyond" led by Jon Secaur.** All are welcome to attend any of the 3 classes.
- 6) **Attention Knitting & Crocheting Group!** We will be meeting at Hilltop Church on the 1st & 3rd Monday in December from 1:30-3pm! (**Jan. 6th & Jan. 20th**) All yarn and hand work project creators are welcome to come, work on their projects, and visit!
- 7) **Story Time, (for preschoolers), is every Tuesday from 10:30-11:30am when school is in session.** This is a fun opportunity for young children (and their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) to engage in songs, stories, crafts, and more! This is a **Free event**. Please spread the word to others who may have preschoolers who might enjoy this weekly break. Any questions? Contact Pam Auble at able4@windstream.net.
- 8) **Bible Study " Dwelling on the Word" with Pastor Chad** has resumed on every Wednesday **between 1:15-2:30**, and **Life Study** has resumed every Wednesday, **from 6:30-8pm.**
- 9) **Loaves and Fishes Free Community Dinner will return on January 30, 2025, 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall!** **The menu is: Pork Roast, Cole Slaw, Mixed Veggies, Roll & Butter, Beverage, and choice of dessert.** This is a free community meal, and all are welcome to attend. (Donations are gratefully accepted but not required.) If you would like to help with ANY part of this dinner, please contact Carolin Newell at: 330-606-7125.
- 10) **Please reserve a little time on Sunday, February 2nd** for a possible event organized by The Smile Team following worship. More fun details will follow soon! Don't miss it!

11) **The Next Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway is Saturday, Feb. 8th, 2025.** You can continue donating your gently used clothing, neatly placed in a plastic bag, in the clothing shed on the south side of the MCCC parking lot. Please know that **MCCC will be collecting donations of baby items, baby wipes and diapers in all sizes, as well as large black trash bags. Please help if you are able!** If you have any questions or would like to help with this mission, please contact Nancy Tafel (330-416-0752 or Lynn Kelley (330) 990-8912. These ladies are miracle workers for so many families!

12) **Please join us following worship on Sunday, Feb. 9th to support the revival of "Soup-er Bowl Sunday"!** Back by popular demand, OWM will be selling a variety of soups (\$8/quart jar) and cornbread squares for \$1 each. These soups are TAKE-OUT ONLY. What a great way to add to your menu while watching the Superbowl!! All proceeds will support other missions within the church. **We are looking for donations of crock pot soups and cornbread,** and if you are able to help, please contact Pat Hoskin at: m.p.hoskin@gmail.com. (Monetary donations are also welcome!)

13) **Library News! Check out this NEW TITLE in the MCCC Fellowship Library: "Forgiving What You Can't Forget: Discover How to Move on, Make Peace with Painful Memories, and Create a Life That's Beautiful Again", by Lysa Terkeurst. Thank you, Liz Meeker for this donation!**

Note: If you would like to help build this library, here are two titles to consider donating:

- 1) "The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Scepticism", by Timothy Keller,
- 2) "Mere Christianity", by C.S. Lewis

14) **CYF Mission Trip 2025 is set!** Our CYF group will be traveling to Detroit, Michigan the week of **June 22-28** to work with CASS Community Social Services, a United Methodist Ministry that grew out of the church's work with those who are unhoused or developmentally disabled. They will be involved in a variety of community mission work, from stocking a food pantry to building a tiny house, community center building repairs, community garden, clothing ministry, tire recycling, meal preparation and serving at the soup kitchen which serves 700,000 hot meals a year. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to summer! Questions? Contact Pam Auble at: auble4@windstream.net.