



**July 20, 2025**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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>.



**2** The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky. **[Refrain]**

**3** The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them every one. **[Refrain]**

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Rev. Nancy Humes

Offertory

**Music:**

**“Jesus, Rose of Sharon”**

Sarah Park

*[by C. H. Gabriel]*

**\*Response**

**“Give Thanks”**

#528

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he’s given  
Jesus Christ, his Son. Give Thanks!*

Offering Prayer

Rev. Nancy Humes

## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Beth Schabel

*(After Children’s Moment, the children are invited to go to Sunday School for a lesson, snack, and time to play. Thank you to our volunteers!)*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Never Been Unloved”**

Cheryl Delaney

*[by Michael W. Smith]*

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Nancy Humes

## HOLY COMMUNION

Meditation

Ruth Anne Ruehr

**\*Communion Hymn**

**“Take Our Bread”**

**[Refrain]**

***Take our bread, we ask you;  
take our hearts, we love you.  
Take our lives, O Father,  
we are yours, we are yours.***

**1** Yours as we stand at the table you set;  
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.  
We are the sign of your life with us yet,  
we are yours, we are yours. **[Refrain]**

Communion Prayer

Jon Secaur

Words of Institution

Jon Secaur

**Music**

**“My Jesus, I Love Thee”**

Sarah Park

*[by A. J. Gordon]*

**SCRIPTURE****1 John 3:18-24 & Galatians 4:13-14 (NRSV)****Beth Schabel****1 John 3:18-24**

18 Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. 19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Galatians 5:13-14**

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, [a] but through love become enslaved to one another. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**SERMON****"Love Your Neighbor"****Beth Schabel****\*CLOSING HYMN****"This is a Day of New Beginnings"****#518, vs. 1-2, 5**

**1** This is a day of new beginnings,  
time to remember and move on,  
time to believe what love is bringing,  
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

**2** For by the life and death of Jesus,  
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
can make for us a world of difference,  
as faith and hope are born again.

**5** In faith we'll gather round the table  
to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new.

**BENEDICTION****Rick Painley****POSTLUDE****"Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"****Sarah Park***[by W. B. Bradbury]*

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

*Special thanks to Beth Schabel, Rev. Nancy Humes, Rick Painley, Sarah Park, Carol Magyarics,  
our Elders, and Cheryl Delaney for their contributions to our service this morning!*

## MCCC Announcements - July 20, 2025

- \*\*1)** Sunday Classes following worship are: "Life 101" led by Carol Buzbee, and "The Seekers" led by Nancy Humes. ALL are welcome to attend either of these classes.
- \*\*2)** Attention Hilltop Knitters! Our meetings in July will be at the Hilltop Church on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> . We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month, from 1:30-3pm, All yarn and hand work creators are welcome to come, work on their projects, and visit!
- \*\*3)** Ruth Anne Ruehr is asking if the ladies of the church could donate cupcakes and/or brownies for her brother-in-law's Celebration of Life on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. She will need a total of 5 dozen of each. If you are able to help, please contact Nora Brant at (216) 956-1286 so she can keep track of all donations. Ruth Anne will be available at MCCC from 10:30-11:30am on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> for drop-off of their baked goods.
- \*\*4)** The Cann, Converse, and Converse Memorial Scholarship Applications are now available for those who are going into higher education to enhance their education. The application form is attached for your use. If a hard copy of the application is needed, please let one of the committee members know. The deadline for having applications turned in is Sunday, August 17, 2025. The committee members are Ruth Anne Ruehr, [ruehr@kent.edu](mailto:ruehr@kent.edu), Jon Secaur, [jsecaur@kent.edu](mailto:jsecaur@kent.edu), and MaryEllen Hamlin, [Mhamlin622@gmail.com](mailto:Mhamlin622@gmail.com).
- \*\*5)** On Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, Kathleen Lewarchick will be preaching on the topic of "perspectives", with an emphasis on the Visual Arts and Theology. She would like to have an art show following worship in the Fellowship Hall, displaying artwork by the congregation! The art show is open to all forms of art: Fiber arts, painting, stamping, woodworking, watercolors, acrylics, weaving, spoken word - whatever the congregation wants to bring in to share! Preferably, bring your own pieces so that we can showcase the talents of our little country church! I also encourage people to wear BRIGHT COLORS to church on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>! Please bring your artwork to the church by 9:15am for set-up in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen at (330) 414-0338.
- \*\*6)** Attention all Chi-Rho'ers! The McCreight Family would like to invite you to their home for a pool party, gathering, and potluck on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30pm! (7127 St. Rt. 82, Garrettsville, Oh 44231). This can be an opportunity for folks to catch up and to look ahead to the next year of programming for our young adults. Parents/Grandparents/Guardians are welcome to stay the whole time. Friends are more than welcome to attend, Questions, call 330-977-7834. Peace, Chris McCreight
- \*\*7)** "4<sup>th</sup> for the 4C's" food collection will be Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Items needed in July are: Pop Tarts, Crackers, Cookies, & Pancake Mix. Remember . . . NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL WHEN COMBINED WITH OTHERS! (Note: We also collect baby items for the Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway with the 4C's items. See #10 in the list for details.)

- \*\*8)** Our Annual Canoe/Kayak Trip is scheduled! This year's event will be Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30pm at Camp Hi. Pizza and drinks will be available before we paddle from Camp Hi to Mantua. All are welcome to participate, but please RSVP to Steve Hurd at: 330-842-0026 if you are interested! CYF will also be participating. Pricing will be coming soon - so please keep an eye out!
- \*\*9)** The next Loaves and Fishes Free Community Dinner will be Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall! 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)** The next date for the Free Clothing & Diaper Giveaway is Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-12 noon at St. Joseph school building. Spread the word - **ALL ARE WELCOME!!** The **ONLY** shed that is utilized for the Free Clothing Giveaway is on the south side of the MCCC parking lot, and it is currently **OPEN** for donations! They need diapers (Currently sizes 2, 4, 5, & 7), baby wipes, large black trash bags (30-33 gal), and regular trash bags (13 gal.). You can bring the baby items or trash bags to the church at your convenience by leaving them in the outside bin at the lower-level entrance of the church, OR bring them on July 27<sup>th</sup> to donate with the 4C's food collection during worship. Questions? Call Nancy Tafel at (330) 416-0752. Thank you for your support.
- \*\*11)** Remember to save your can tabs (from soup, pop, etc!) The jar is located just inside the lower-level entrance window. After collecting the tabs, please drop them in the jar at your convenience. The proceeds will benefit research for NFS (Neurofibromatosis) - a genetic disorder that causes tumors to form in the brain, spinal cord, and nerves. It can present either internally or externally and many times begins in adolescence. (Family members within our community are currently afflicted with this disorder.) Thanks to Mike & Pat Hoskin for collecting these tabs to raise awareness and money for research.

## Mantua Community Events

- 1) The Mantua Area Restoration Society (MARSI) continues to have suppers at the old Mantua Center School on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month from 4-7pm and it's open to **ALL!** The "2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays Supper" is by donation only. Join us on August 8th and take a night off from cooking. They even have live music provided by Steve Stork for your enjoyment!
- 2) Activities for the "older generation" are happening at Buchert Park Village Lodge, 4810 E. High St., Mantua, every Wednesday from 11am-3pm. For more information call 330-274-8776, ext.155 or 330-297-2575. Also check Facebook: "Crestwood Community Center" for weekly schedules!
- 3) Mantua Variety Market is held every Saturday through August 23rd from 9-1 at the Lutheran Church in Mantua. This is an outside event to sell your "wares" or garden products. Contact Diane Lottig at 330-274-2868 to register by the Thursday before.
- 4) Farmers & Makers Market at the Granary in Mantua is running on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday from 4-7pm of each month through August. Explore locally made products and produce, enjoy live music, and more! Stop by and check it out!
- 5) St. Joseph's Ox Roast Fair is July 18, 19, & 20<sup>th</sup>! They will offer delicious food, rides, games, contests & giveaways, live entertainment, tractor and truck pulls, and more! Check out the attached flyer for details!