



April 26, 2026
Week of Compassion:

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, with Faith Brewer, 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.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Sarah Park

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Humes

Announcements

~ *for Mission Updates*

*Ministry Leaders and congregants are welcome to come forward to the mic,
to give a mission update or share ways for people to
get involved in missions and ministries.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100:4-5

4 Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name!

5 Because the LORD is good, his loyal love lasts forever;
his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

*RESPONSE

“Weave”

Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
weave us together, together in love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Karly Lind

ONE: Whenever preaching faithfully proclaims the word,

ALL: the living Word is there.

One: Whenever prayer rises from a trusting heart,

ALL: the Hearer of prayer is at hand.

One: Whenever the bread is broken in faith,

ALL: the living Bread is there.

One: Whenever 2 or 3 are gathered in Jesus’ name,

ALL: He is here in our midst. Let us worship together.

OPENING HYMN

“He Lives!”

#226, vs. 1-3

1 I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
and just the time I need Him, He's always near.

[Refrain]

**He lives, he lives Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!**

2 In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last. **[Refrain]**

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. **[Refrain]**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Karly Lind

Offertory

Music

“All to Jesus I Surrender”

Sarah Park

[By W. S. Weeden]

***Offertory Response**

“The Doxology”

#46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

Karly Lind

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rick Painley

~ **“Cans for Kids” Collection for Kids Weekend Meals**

(After the Children’s Moment, the children are invited to go to Sunday School with Faith Brewer – our Children’s Ministry Intern – for a lesson, snack, and time to play!)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“He’s been Faithful”

Steven Stork

[by Carol Cymbala]

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Nancy Humes

COMMUNION

Meditation

Ryan Lind

***Communion Hymn**

#391, vs. 1, 5

“These I Lay Down”

1 Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognize the sorry things within:
these I lay down.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine
which you lay down.

Prayer
Words of Institution
Music

Drema Herron
Rev. Nancy Humes
Sarah Park

“Would you be Free from your Burden of Sin?”
[by L. E. Jones]

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-44 & Mark 16:1-8

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Acts 2:42-44

42 The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. 43 A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. 44 All the believers were united and shared everything.

Mark 16:1-8

1 The Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. 3 They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" 4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) 5 Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. 6 But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.[a] He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. 7 Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you."

8 Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

SERMON

“Back to the Future”

Rev. Nancy Humes

***CLOSING HYMN**

“For the Fruits of All Creation”

#714, vs. 1-3

1 For the fruit of his creation,
thanks be to God;
for good gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Nancy Humes

POSTLUDE

"I am Thine, O Lord"
[by W. H. Doane]


Sarah Park

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

*Special thanks to Rev. Nancy Humes, Karly Lind, Ryan Lind, Drema Herron,
Rick Painley, and Sarah Park, for leading us in worship,
and to Steven Stork for his Special Music selection!*


Announcements April 26, 2026


Congregational Café set for Sunday, May 17th!


 On **Sunday, May 17th**, immediately after our worship service, Mantua Center Church will be hosting a Congregational Café. This interactive and fun event is part of our congregation's important transitional work as we begin the journey seeking our next settled pastor.


Based on the successful World Café discussion model, the Congregational Café has been designed by our Regional Minister to help us explore in a playful and conversational way six questions about our experience and perspectives on the church and ministry. Lasting only about an hour, participants will discuss and write their answers, in words and images, in small groups of 3-4 people. Participants move to new small groups between questions. Our Regional Elder for District 3, Rev. Terry Bartlett, will help guide us through the process. Everything that is shared will be gathered and will provide helpful information for our future search committee as they prepare our Congregational Profile for the Search and Call Process.

There will be light refreshments, but no meal served to keep the program moving quickly. Everyone is welcome to attend this event, people of all ages as well as members and friends of the congregation alike. Please plan to be in worship that morning and stay for just a little longer so that your input can be a part of our future plans for mission and ministry. Hope to see you on May 17th!

 **NEW!! Kids Weekend Meals received a wonderful surprise gift** of an 817 lb. cow that supplied meat for our Kids Weekend Meals families in need! It was donated by a local farmer and his wife and was truly a gift for these families! We are extremely grateful for your continued support!

 **NEW!! A return of "Parents Night Out" is scheduled for May 2nd at MCCC from 5-8pm!** This is our 2nd event run by Faith Brewer, to give the parents time to have a dinner out, go shopping, or simply have some relaxing time with a break from the kids! Be assured the kids are in a safe environment with various activities to participate in! If you have any questions, please contact Faith Brewer at: 330-203-7956 or faithbrewer032@gmail.com. All are welcome!

 **NEW!! Steve Hurd and the Bicentennial Committee will be meeting on Sunday, May 3rd BRIEFLY** (about 20 min) to update everyone on what is shaping up for events, celebration dates, field trips, 200 acts of kindness, etc! It will take place between worship and Sunday classes - Sunday classes shouldn't be interrupted) If you have any questions, contact Steve at: (330) 842-0026 or email at shurd1@aol.com.

 **Reminder . . . CYF Mission Trip team is looking for spare tools** that still have some life in them! Please see the enclosed flyer and drop them in the box at the front entrance of the church. These will be kept for future trips as well.

****1) CAMP CHRISTIAN** information is on the back table in the church sanctuary.

Deadline for early bird sign-up is May 1st. You are also invited to attend the **Camp Open**

House and Pool Construction Blessing Day on Saturday, May 16th from 1-8pm. Feel free to pick up an invitation also on the back table! You will need to RSVP by May 7th!

****2)** THIS SUNDAY, April 26th Chi-Rho will be meeting from 12:30-2pm for a Native Prairie Workday! (Planting the seedlings we began at the lock-in.) See you there!

****3)** Attention Hilltop Knitters! Our next meetings at Hilltop Church will be on Monday, May 4th & May 18th. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, from 1:30-3pm. All are welcome!

****4)** The next Kids Weekend Meals workdays are: by Tues. May 5th all bread deliveries must be in, May 6th for packing bags, and May 7th for delivering bags. Thanks to all the many volunteers who help make this mission possible! You are a blessing!

****5)** "4th for the 4C's" (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) will collect needed items on April 26th. Items needed for April are: Crackers, Cereal Granola Bars, Dish Detergent, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Canned Pasta and Pancake Syrup. We also collect for the Free Clothing and Diaper Giveaway that day. Items needed are: Diapers sizes, 2, 4, 5, & 6, Baby Wipes, and trash Bags (Black 30 gal, and regular 15 gal.). Thanks for your support. We now have bins at the back of the church to collect items at any time!!

****6)** Our Free Loaves & Fishes community dinner will be on Thursday, April 30th from 5-6:30pm. The menu will be: Pancakes, sausage, hash browns and assorted desserts. The meal is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Anyone is welcome to attend!

****7)** "Cans for Kids" supports Kids Weekend Meals. Our next collection date is May 10th. Items needed are: Tuna or Hamburger Helper, Wrapped Snacks or Treat items, and Mac & Cheese cups. We collect regularly on the 2nd Sunday of each month, but you may also bring your items any time and place them in the designated bins at the back of the church!

****8)** The next date for the Free Clothing and Diaper Giveaway will be Saturday, May 16th at St. Josephs Church (school building) from 9am-12pm. Items needed are: Diapers sizes, 2, 4, 5, & 6, Baby Wipes, and trash Bags (Black 30 gal, and regular 15 gal.). Remember to donate any gently used clothes, neatly bagged, in the donation bin at the south side of the church parking lot.

****9)** Every Tuesday from 10:30-11:30am we have Story Time for preschoolers! All are welcome!

****10)** Every Wednesday we have Dwelling in the Word from 1:15-2:30pm, then in the evening from 6:30-8:00pm we have Life Study with the topic of aging. Come and join us for great conversations!

****11)** Save your can tabs (from soup, pop, pet food, etc). The collection jar is located on the lower-level entrance window. The proceeds will benefit research for NFS (Neurofibromatosis) - a genetic disorder that causes tumors to form in the brain, spinal cord, and nerves. Thanks to Mike & Pat Hoskin for raising awareness!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MARSII (Mantua Area Restoration Society, Inc.) will have their next **"2nd Friday Supper"** on Friday, May 8th from 4-7pm. This dinner is a fundraiser by donation only. Eat-in or Take-Out available.
- **Mantua's Art on the Hill** will be Saturday, July 11th from 10am-6pm. There will be 80+ artisans, a Chinese Auction, Photo Contest, food vendors, wine tasting by local wineries and more! West Prospect Street (Mantua) will be closed off to traffic to facilitate this event. Free admission and Free parking in designated areas! It's a family event! Please join us for a memorable day!
- **Plan to join in the "Poker Paddle"** from on September 12th from 1-6pm! It runs from Camp Hi in Hiram to Buchert Park in Mantua Village, Ohio. Information and registration can be found at: www.mantuarotaryclub.org.

Note: If you have any community events that could be added to these announcements, please contact me (Sandi Kossick) at: secretary@mantuacentercc.org.