



October 11, 2026

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 church entrance for the children.
- * After the Children's Moment, all kids through 4th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School class which will run until 12pm.
- * Need hearing assistance? Use your smartphone with earbuds or headphones or hearing aids.
 - 1)** Download WaveCast Audio Receiver app to your device.
 - 2)** Connect to MCCC Hearing Assist WiFi network (password: IhearMCCC)
 - 3)** Open WaveCast app and select MCCCHeatingAssist, or see Carol Magyarics or Rick Painley (our video techs.) to use an FM hearing device.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 11, 2026

PRELUDE

“Beautiful Savior”
[arr. Thomas Keesecker]

Dr. Adam Smith

WELCOME

Rev. Cynthia

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.*

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-7

Rev. Cynthia

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

***Response**

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

#575, v. 1

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Stewardship Team

One: Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.

ALL: We come, invited by Christ, seeking to be fed.

One: Feed on the love of God in Jesus the Christ.

ALL: We come, invited by Christ, needing healing.

One: Be healed by God’s gracious mercy.

ALL: We come, invited by Christ, longing for forgiveness.

One: In Jesus’ name, we are loved, healed, and forgiven.

ALL: Alleluia! Praise be to God!

***OPENING HYMN**

“Rejoice, You Pure in Heart”

#15, vs. 1-5

1 Rejoice, O pure in heart,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age,
both men and women, raise
on high your free, exulting song,
declare God's wondrous praise. ***[Refrain]***

3 Still lift your standard high,
still chanting as you go,
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe. ***[Refrain]***

4 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest,
the pilgrims reach their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. ***[Refrain]***

5 Praise God, who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore. ***[Refrain]***

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation

Stewardship Team

Offertory

Music

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart”

Dr. Adam Smith

[arr. Thomas Keesecker]

***Offertory Response**

#379

“Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring”

Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
transform them into blessings on those we serve today.

Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill
the ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.

Offering Prayer

Stewardship Team

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Cynthia

~ ***Kids Weekend Meals “Cans for Kids” food collection***

*(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!)*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Cynthia

*(The Congregation is welcome to write their prayer concerns and their joys in the journal at the
front entrance of the church. Rev. Cynthia will include them during the Pastoral Prayer.)*

COMMUNION

Meditation

***Communion Hymn**

“In Remembrance of Me”

Ryan Lind

#403

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of Me pray for the time
when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of Me heal the sick.
In remembrance of Me feed the poor.
In remembrance of Me, open the door
and let your neighbor in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted;
drink and remember too.
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of Me always love.
In remembrance of Me don't look above,
but in your heart, look for God.
Do this in remembrance of Me.

Prayer

Words of Institution

Music

“Peaceful Piano (no. 4)”

[by Mark Hayes]

Linda Idoine

Rev. Cynthia

Dr. Adam Smith

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:1-14

Rev. Cynthia

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

SERMON

“An Invitation”

Rev. Cynthia

***CLOSING HYMN**

Tune #717

“A King Planned a Party”

[by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette]

- 1** A king planned a party - a feast, rich and heart.
He sent invitations to all of his guests.
So what could be better than getting a letter
And being invited and welcomed and blessed?
- 2** “My work needs attention,” said one, “Not to mention,
My family is growing. There’s so much to do.”
“My farm,” said another, “Is big, and - oh, brother -
I’m busy with hobbies I want to pursue.”
“The wedding is ready? My guests are not worthy!”
- 3** The king told his servants when nobody came.
So go search the alleys, the hills and the valleys,
And bring in the poor and the blind and the lame.”
That day there was singing in the hall that were ringing
With laughter and joy in that wonderful place.
- 4** For those who attended knew how they depended
Upon the king’s generous mercy and grace.
O God, you invite us! You seek to delight us.
Your table is ready for those who say “Yes!”
Do we make excuses when you want to choose us
- 5** To sit at your table, forgiven and blessed?
And, Lord, as you welcome us into your kingdom,
May we reach to welcome the world by your grace.
You love the outsider. Now may we reach wider
To welcome the world with your loving embrace.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cynthia

POSTLUDE

“Let All Things Now Living”

[arr. Thomas Keesecker]

Dr. Adam Smith

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

Special thanks to Rev. Cynthia and the Stewardship Team
for leading our service this morning. Thanks to Faith Brewer
for leading our Children’s Sunday School, and thanks to our Elders,
Ryan Lind and Linda Idoine for guiding us through Communion.
Special thanks to our new Music Director, Dr. Adam Smith,
for blessing our sanctuary with his wonderful music!
We are grateful to ALL for your participation!



Announcements October 11, 2026



NEW!!

Stewardship Campaign Logo

NEW!!

Weekly Financial Stats



Financial Stats Through 10-4-2026

Receipts:	Actual	Budget
Last week	\$3,380	\$3,022
YTD	\$123,404	\$117,863
Expenses:	Actual	Budget
YTD	\$118,058	\$121,762
Attendance: Online Views	29	
In Person	47	

NEW!! 1) The Stewardship Campaign will begin **THIS Sunday, Oct. 11th** and will run through **Oct. 25th**. Members of the Committee will guide us during worship, as we look to the future of Mantua Center Christian Church and plan for the eventual hiring of a permanent Pastor. Please plan to attend these next three Sundays!

NEW!! 2) Chi Rho AND CYF will meet on **Oct. 11th** at **MCCC** from **6-7:30pm**. Additionally, mark your calendar for Sun. Oct. 25th to meet again at **MCCC** tentatively from **2-4pm** to help pass out candy for MCCC's "Trick or Treat"! Stay tuned for any email updates! Hope to see you then and feel free to bring your friends!

NEW!! 3) We will collect items for KWM "Cans for Kids" **THIS Sunday, Oct. 11th**! Items needed are: Pancake Mix (Just add water), Canned Pasta, and Canned Tomato or Vegetable Soup. We collect on the 2nd Sunday of each month, but you may also bring your items in at any time and place them in the designated bin at the back of the church! Thank you for your continued support for our kids!

****NEW!! 4)** **NEW TIME FOR BELL PRACTICE!** Cheryl Delaney will resume Bell Choir Practice on **Monday, October 5th**, at a **NEW TIME - 6:30pm** at **MCCC**. We plan to play in church on the 2nd Sunday in November (November 8th). If you know anyone who wants to join, tell them to come and give it a try! You can reach Cheryl at: [\(330\) 800-6856](tel:3308006856) or delaneycheryl@hotmail.com.

****5)** Faith Brewer and Pam Auble are organizing their first "Trick or Treat" event at **MCCC** on **Sunday, October 25th** from **2-4pm**. Faith is asking for donations of bagged candy, snacks to go with hot dogs, drinks, and 15 people to help fill the various stations and pass out candy. If you can help, please bring donations into the church and place in the designated "Trick or Treat" bin at the back of the sanctuary. This event will also have face painting, hotdogs, snacks, pumpkin painting and live music performances! Spread the word - **ALL IN THE COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME!** ****Don't forget to click on the link to sign-up for donating your time or needed items, OR BOTH!** Click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EACA82BA2F5C43-66188177-trick#/>

****6)** We have revived the practice of sharing prayer concerns and joys during worship! Don't forget to jot down the names in the journal, at the entrance of the church, of anyone who needs prayers or someone/something that brought you joy this week. Remember that this will be heard publicly via YouTube Live link. Rev. Cynthia will include the names during the Pastoral Prayer.

****7)** Our last community Loaves & Fishes Dinner will be **Thursday, Oct. 29th** from **5-6:30pm**. This will be the **LAST MEAL FOR THE 2026 SEASON**. Hope you will join us for some home cooked food and fellowship with others! The menu is: Sloppy Joes, Applesauce, Baked Beans, Sweet Potato Fries and assorted desserts. We want to thank all of you who have supported this mission in 2026! We are blessed to have a strong following on the last Thursday of each month. We will see you again in 2027! Our dinners currently run from January through October.

****8) Attention Hilltop Knitters!** Our next scheduled meeting at Hilltop Church will be **MONDAY, Monday Oct. 19th, from 1:30-3pm.** We meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. All are welcome to come and work on their projects while sharing in fellowship!

****9) "The Bible and Beyond"** Sunday class has opened a new season with Jon Secaur! They will meet right after worship in the second-floor room right behind the front of the sanctuary. We also have "Life 101" with Carol Buzbee as leader in the upstairs education wing, and "The Seekers" class with Rev. Nancy Humes in the Campbell Room across from the Fellowship Hall. Try them all and see what fits you best!

****10)** Every Wednesday we have Dwelling in the Word from 1:15-2:30pm with Diane Johnson. . . AND "Life Study has resumed with Jon Secaur from 6-7:30pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

****11)** The 4C's (Crestwood Coalition of Community Care) needs volunteers! 4C's is interested in finding a representative from Mantua Center Church to attend board meetings to help with communication between the organizations. The board meetings are once a month, usually the first Monday of the month, but can vary slightly. Also, 4C's is in dire need of volunteers to help pack or do intake information for clients. No help will be turned away! Contact Sue Pollard if you are interested: whiteoaks082586@gmail.com or call (234) 450-4168. This is a great way to get involved in helping our community!

****12)** A reminder that Ken Parker has a spare wheelchair available to donate to someone in need. To make arrangements call Ken directly at: (330) 357-6226. Pass the word!

****13)** "Story Time" for Preschoolers has returned every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall, from **10:30-11:30am!** It is open to any preschool child and an accompanying adult and is a wonderful hour filled with stories, crafts, and more! If you know someone who might like to join in the fun, please pass the word to them. If you have any questions, contact Pam Auble at: 216-308-7930. Story Time is held every Tuesday morning when Crestwood schools are in session. Come Join Us!!

****14)** The next Kids Weekend Meals workdays: Tues. October 20th all bread deliveries must be in, Oct. 21st for packing bags, and Oct. 22nd for delivering bags. Thanks to all the many volunteers who help make this mission possible! You are a blessing!

****15)** "4th for the 4C's" (Crestwood Coalition for Community Care) will collect needed items on **October 22nd.** (Items needed for October are: Peanut Butter, Pancake Mix (just add water), and box Tea Bags (100 count). We also collect for the Free Clothing and Diaper Giveaway that day. Items needed are: Diapers sizes, 2, 4, 5, & 6, Baby Wipes, and 15 gallon trash Bags. Thanks for your support. Don't forget we have bins at the back of the church to collect items at any time so feel free to bring them in at your convenience!! The last Giveaway for 2026 will be Saturday, Nov. 14th and will include Christmas items! If you have any Christmas items in good shape that you don't use any more, please consider donating them for the Giveaway! Contact Nancy Tafel at: 330-416-0752.

****16)** 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. Get your family and friends to save them too! Thanks to Mike & Pat Hoskin for raising awareness!

****17)** Important 2027 Bicentennial dates - **Sunday, Jan. 24, 2027** - we will have a potluck and program. Then, **Sun. June 6, 2027** we will host a larger celebration including some VIP'S and former pastors! Plan to celebrate our 200-year anniversary!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

****MARSI (Mantua Restoration Society, Inc.) will have their next "2nd Friday Supper" on Friday, October 9th, from 4-7pm.** This dinner is a fundraiser by donation only. Eat-in or Take-Out available. Mark your calendar for the November 13th dinner from 4-7pm!

Derthicks Corn Maze is NOW OPEN! \$14.00pp ages 2-64, \$8.00 65 and up. Seasonal business hours for our fall festivities! Zip line, pumpkins and lots of family fun. Come make family memories at our 7th generation working family farm. It can't be beat! (5182 S. R. 82, Mantua, OH, 44255) For more information, check out this link: derthickcornmaze.com

Join us on Oct. 15th from 6:30-9:30pm at R44 Coffee Co for an "Autumn Paint Party!" Join Rotary member and artist Dean Olson for a fun evening creating an autumn themed acrylic painting on canvas. All art materials are provided, along with refreshments, coffee, water, and soft drinks, \$35/person. Bring your own beverage if you'd like to "sip" while you paint! Enjoy door prizes and creative fun. Questions? Email mantuarotary@gmail.com. To register and pay, click this link: <https://www.mantuarotary.org/events/PprALRnq5TeI4qxBTkEE#register> or call Helen Hazlett @ 330-274-2231 to reserve a space.

Mark your calendars for Mantua's "Merry Evening in the Village" on December 3rd from 5-8pm! It is a wonderful night to do some Christmas shopping and support our local businesses. Walk Mantua's cozy streets and explore holiday gift options at the festively decorated shops. Mantua is now a DORA town! Warm up with your favorite drink as you walk the Village. (DORA stands for Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area - This allows strolling and shopping in certain areas while holding your beverage. Must be 21 or older) Sponsored by DMRC (Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corp.)

Mantua Center Christian Church's OWM (Ohio Women's Ministries) group is sponsoring its Annual Craft Bazaar on Dec. 5th from 10am-3pm at the old Mantua Center School, Mantua Center Rd. There will be a variety of crafters, and artisans, and food for purchase, the Smile Team bake sale, a 50/50 raffle, free parking and more! This event has always been met with great feedback, so come out, do some shopping and grab some lunch at the same time! Questions? Contact Carolin Newell at: 330-606-7125, Hope to see you there!

The Lutheran Church in Mantua (10827 Main St., Mantua, Oh 44255) is hosting a "Parents Day Out" event on November 27th (Fri. after Thanksgiving) from 8am-5pm! They are asking to please respond with a call or email so they can get a head count and ages of children. There will be food, games, and crafts. (330) 274-2849 or email office.admin@christlutheranchurch.org.

**** If you have any other Church or Community Announcements, please send to Sandi Kossick at: secretary@mantuacentercc.org ****