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MARTINS CREEK MENNONITE  
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## Collection in March

### Love Center Food Pantry

During the month of March we will be collecting the following items for The Love Center:

- Cream Soups (Mushroom, Chicken, Celery, Potato, etc.)
- Jelly
- Canned Peaches
- Canned Pears



We are excited to announce that Carl Wiebe has agreed to be the Regional Pastor at Martins Creek. Evana has asked several local pastors to fill this role instead of finding one Regional Pastor to oversee 10 churches. Jay has been asked to do this as well and will be the Regional Pastor to both Longenecker and Walnut Creek Mennonite. This will not change his responsibilities here at Martins Creek.

## Church Events

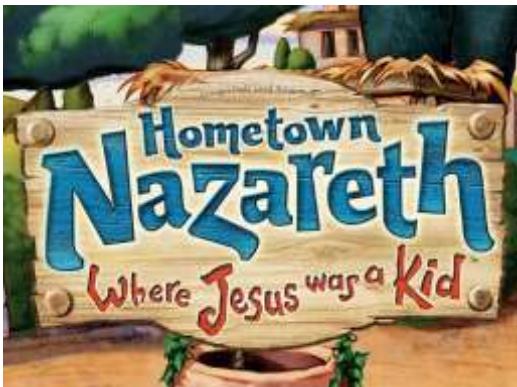
### March 25

- 6pm-MCMC Fellowship Night at East of Chicago Pizza in Belin
- 6-8pm-Fresh Start

### March 28

#### Maundy Thursday Service

- 6pm-Meal
- 6:45-Footwashing (optional)
- 7pm-Service



## Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 23 –  
Thursday, June 27  
6:00-8:30 p.m.

Below is the link to register:

[vbspro.events/p/events/dc448c](https://vbspro.events/p/events/dc448c)

Take kids back to Hometown Nazareth, where they'll stand up for their faith among people who doubt that a carpenter's son is really God's son.



# Library Corner



## MISSING

There are two new books missing from the church library.

They are:

- *The Josiah Manifesto*
- *Return of the Gods*

both by Jonathan Cahn.

If you have these books, would you please return them to the library as soon as possible, so that other people can read them too!

Thank You!

If you would like to help provide flowers for our Easter celebration, please fill out the form that was in your literature box (extra forms at Welcome Center) and place it in the basket provided at the Welcome Center by this Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.



## Anyone need firewood??



If so, feel free to cut up the logs in *The Ravine* and take. Also, there is more than enough firewood cut & stacked for our use – you may also take from the pile! Questions?? Talk to a Trustee.



# MCMC Fellowship Night



MCMC Fellowship Night at East of Chicago Pizza in Berlin has been changed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. So our fellowship night in March will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> – same time – 6:00pm.



## Hope to see you on March 25<sup>th</sup>!



Thanks to your generous donations...the FLC kitchen DOES NOT need leftover containers at this time.

For future reference: Whipped topping, Quart sized yogurt, cottage cheese and the clear deli containers are the most useful. Thank You.

# Spring Cleaning at MCMC April 1 - 12

Our church building is in need of a good cleaning. We are asking that each Sunday school class clean their own classroom and then the larger common areas will be assigned...watch for the list in the next few weeks! There will also be a checklist of things that need to be done for each room/area at the Welcome Center. Thank you.





Thank you so very much for your thoughts and prayers, cards and text messages and flowers on my behalf during my recent surgery and recovery period. It means a lot to be a part of such a caring church family.  
Mary Chupp

## Ladies' Brunch

Ladies: You are invited to a brunch on Thursday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the FLC. Please fill out the questionnaire that was in your literature box last Sunday and return it to the Welcome Center prior to the brunch. Also, please sign up for the brunch at the Welcome Center as well. Thank you!



## Directory Update

Please update your church directory information for:

- Judy Stonebrook  
Phone # 330-600-1047



This remarkable story of second chances is one of Sight & Sound's most beloved productions. Journey alongside an ordinary woman whose faith in God ignites a chain of events that change the course of history.

The Fellowship Committee has reserved 40 seats at the Ohio Star Theater on June 14<sup>th</sup> for the 7:00pm showing of "Ruth". Cost per ticket is \$46.00. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to reserve your spot.

# Holy Week Services

## March 24 Palm Sunday



- Fellowship Time at 9:00am
- Sunday School at 9:30am
- Worship Service at 10:30am

## March 28 Maundy Thursday Meal & Service



- Meal at 6:00pm in FLC
- Footwashing at 6:45pm (optional)
- Communion Service at 7:00pm

# Easter Celebration

- Sunrise Service at 7:00am  
We will gather in *The Ravine* (weather permitting)
- Breakfast from 8:00-9:30am  
A carry-in breakfast is being planned. We are asking that you provide food according to your last name as follows:
  - A-J – Rolls/Donuts
  - K-R – Breakfast Casserole
  - S-Z – Fruit Plate/Dish
- Sunday School at 9:30am
- Easter Service at 10:30am



Joint fun night with Millersburg Mennonite for food and pickleball

When: Tuesday, April 23, 6:00pm  
Where: Family Life Center



Please bring finger foods/sandwiches to share. Drinks will be provided.

## Good Friday Community Gathering:

- **Friday, March 29**
  - 5pm & 7pm at the Ohio Star Theatre at Dutch Valley
  - 7pm at the Perry Reese Center



### MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky.

These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit [mcc.org/swap-summer-meals](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-meals) or [mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site). Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org).

The March edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King explores where we would see Jesus in disaster responses, get the latest on the damage left by the Midwest tornadoes, and learn how a remote electrician is adding a spark to an MDS project. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4adqxsS>

## College Care Packages



We will be continually collecting snacks, goodies, gift cards, etc. at the Welcome Center for our college care packages. Please feel free to drop your item/s at the Welcome Center any time.

### Change for a Dollar

Do you know of someone who is struggling financially and could use some help? Our "Change for a Dollar" fund does exactly that! Please pick up a form at the Welcome Center, fill it out and return the completed form to the Welcome Center. I'm sure the recipient will be blessed!



To access the library website: [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com).

▪Username –MCMclibrary

▪Password – church

-then Search Your Library or download the "LibraryThing" app on your phone or tablet



## PRAYER CORNER

- Bonnie Crilow, Cynthia Denlinger, Russ Weaver, Hannah Kandel, Verlin Troyer, Ben Raber, Arlene Hart, Martha Stutzman, Deb Burch, Ed Schrock, Sally Wilson, Sharon Huston & daughter Molly, Jacquelyn Oswald, Hal Stutzman, Jerry Wittlinger
- The people of South Sudan.
- Flower of Hope School and the people of Haiti.
- Pray for the influence of the Christian Church in Mongolia and the people of Mongolia.
- The many people around the world who are suffering due to war, their faith, famine, natural disasters, etc.

## STATISTICS

March 17, 2024:

### Offering:

- General Fund: \$7,044
- Mission Fund: \$250
- Capital Improvement: \$0
- Parsonage: \$50
- Designated: \$154

### Attendance:

- Worship – 224
- Sunday School – 134

## OFFERING SCHEDULE

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

- Mission Fund

### 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

- General Fund

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

- Capital Improvement