

# CREEK ...from the

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | MARTINS CREEK MENNONITE |  
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Collection in February  
Love INC – Giving Tree



## GIVING TREE

Transforming Lives by being the  
Hands & Feet of Jesus

TAKE A TAG(S) AND  
BRING ITEM(S) BACK  
TO PLACE IN THE BIN!



Benefiting the families of Holmes County



Scan the QR Code  
if you would like to  
donate online to  
Love INC of GHC!



## Church Events

### February 26

- 6-8pm-Fresh Start

### February 27

- 4-7pm-Farmstead  
Fundraiser for Love INC

### February 28

#### FAMILY NIGHT

- 5:30pm-Fellowship Meal
- 6:30pm-Classes for all  
Ages

### February 29

- 7pm-Worship Committee  
Meeting
- 7pm-Dartball vs WCMC A  
in the YC



## Lunch with Laura



JCS International, Mongolia

Laura Schlabach will be with us on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> to share about her ministry in Mongolia. We have invited her to stay for

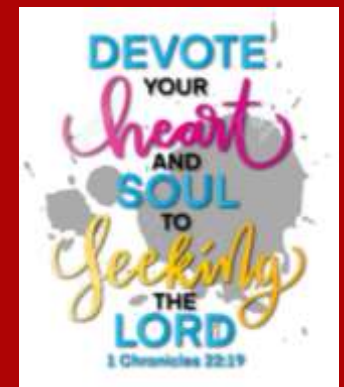
lunch and are inviting anyone from the congregation to join us. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to stay. Thank you.



Wayne & Kaye Yoder  
4464 Buss Road  
Wooster, OH 44691



Please  
update your  
directory.



## Winter Family Night February 7 – March 13

- ❖ 5:30-6:30 – Fellowship Meal
- ❖ 6:30-7:30 – Classes

### Children & Youth Classes:

- *Nursery* – Amy Raber & Deb Miller
- *Preschool-Grade 2* – Kent & Lori Miller
- *GLOW (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)* – Rob & Sally Wilson, Jesse & Laura Weaver
- *SPARK (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)* – Craig & Mary Gerber, Pat & Emily Miller
- *IGNITE (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)* – Brady & Courtney Conn, Brandon & Sarah Emert

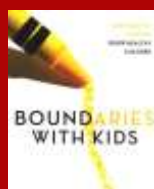
### Adult Classes:

- *Bible Study: The Book of Ephesians* – led by Jay Conn – Meets in the Foyer



This class will be studying the Book of Ephesians to help better understand God's purpose for us spiritually and relationally so that we can experience unity and maturity in Christ.

- *Boundaries with Kids* – led by Vicki Conn Meets in Rooms 103 & 104



This class will help parents set loving limits and define appropriate boundaries and consequences for their children so they can become more responsible, respectful and motivated.

## OHIO STAR Theater & Events At Dutch Valley - 2024 MUSICAL SERIES - **RUTH**



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.

Love INC Bible Study: Easter Unveiled  
March 4 – April 15; 7-8pm  
Led by Jay Conn

EVERYONE  
WELCOME!

To fully understand the beauty of the resurrection, we must first explore the necessity of the cross. Jay will lead a six week Bible study on the death and resurrection of Jesus. The first three weeks will explore why it was necessary for Jesus to die on the cross. The last three weeks will focus on how the resurrection of Jesus is undeniable, how it strengthens our faith, and how it can change our lives. To register go to [loveincfghc.org](http://loveincfghc.org) or call 330-473-6017.





# Library Corner

Some new library books for your winter reading:

- **The Josiah Manifesto : the Ancient mystery and Guide for End Times** -Jonathon Cahn

The Josiah Manifesto, Jonathan Cahn's newest book, is both eye opening and encouraging! Jonathan connects the dots between ancient historical facts and modern day events. It is amazing how precise these connect to each other and show God's plans and power! The author also includes a portion at the end of the book as to how we are to live life in these uncertain times plus a surprise ending! It is full of hope faith and encouragement. A must read!

- **The Great Disappearance: 31 ways to be rapture Ready** - Dr David Jeremiah

As Christians, how does Christ's return affect us *today*? Dr. Jeremiah unfolds for us the second coming of Christ and the rapture with stunning clarity, demonstrating how the correct interpretation of these moments should change the way we live here and now. The King is indeed coming, and we have a part to play in his story!

- **Stories From Amish Country** - John Schmid  
John shares some of his favorite stories from his home community, interesting (and sometimes hilarious) tidbits from his experiences among the Amish. There are a lot of familiar characters and names that many of you will remember, plus lots of baseball stories too! A very fun, entertaining and quick read!

- **Trial and Error** - Robert Whitlow

Attorney Buddy Smith knows the agony of being separated from a child. After all, his wife ran away with their daughter. That's why court clerk Gracie believes he's a good choice to track down missing 17-year-old Reagan. As he investigates her disappearance, he uncovers strange clues. Could they lead him to the daughter he thought he'd lost forever?



## "ADD" something for Lent

This season of Lent, instead of giving up something for 40 days, consider ADDING something to your routine that will help you grow closer to Jesus:

- Memorize some Scripture
- Read Scripture Daily
- Pray Daily for People
- Do an Act of Kindness Daily
- Change Your Outlook on Life: Have an Attitude of Gratitude



**Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on March 8-9:** A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Fairlawn Mennonite Church to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. For more information, visit [mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash).

- **Dates:**
  - Friday, March 8 (9:30am-8:00 pm);
  - Saturday, March 9 (9:00am-2:00pm)
- **Location:** Fairlawn Mennonite Church - 8520 Emerson Rd, Apple Creek, OH 44606



## FARMSTEAD FUNDRAISER for Love INC

February 27 ● 4:00-7:00 PM DINE IN ONLY

Participate in this fundraiser by dining in at Farmstead anytime between 4-7.

- Select Menu items of Buffet
- Love INC receives 15% of all meals
- Love INC receives 100% of tips



## You're Invited...

Longenecker Evangelical Anabaptist Fellowship presents "Who Got the Sheriff?" dinner theater. Performances will be on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Friday and Saturday start @ 6:30pm; Sunday @ 5:00pm. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 10 and under. To reserve your tickets text or call Sheila Shoup @ 330-466-2277. Tip your server! All tips will be going to the Youth Group and Post High! Join us at 2200 Twp. Rd 606 for a fun night!

**New Fresh Start classes are starting Monday, March 4th, 7p-8p.** These will be 6 week classes. and everyone is welcome to join!

- Abundantly Living with Vicki Conn
- Easter Unveiled with Jay Conn
- Forgiving What You Can't Forget with Anna Harriman

**Call Love INC at 330-473-6017 to register or go to our website: [Loveincfghc.org/Fresh-Start-Classes](http://Loveincfghc.org/Fresh-Start-Classes) to register!**

### Change for a Dollar Thank you...

To Martins Creek Mennonite Church,  
We just wanted to sincerely thank you for the gift of money you generously gave us while we were in the hospital with our precious little boy. We feel unworthy and blessed. We pray God blesses you richly!

From,  
Trent, Tiffany & Brody Steiner  
(picture & thank you on bulletin board)



The February edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares his insights on Jesus passion for sharing meals, learn how MDS volunteers are finding additional work along the Texas border, and find out why one woman says MDS is the light of Canada.

**Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/49pNHoc>**

## 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

February 18, 2024:

Offering:

- General Fund: \$5,424.10
- Mission Fund: 400
- Capital Improvement: \$0
- Designated: \$2,999

Attendance:

- Worship – 207
- Sunday School – 122

## 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

- Parsonage Fund