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## Collection in March

We will be collecting household items for Laura Schlabach as she sets up her home in the U.S. after 32 years of ministry in Mongolia. Please take a tag off the white board in the foyer with one of the needed items, purchase that item (can be used/thrifted or new), then bring it back sometime during the month of March and place it on the shelves by the Welcome Center. There are also tags for gift cards and cash – the gift cards/cash can be dropped off at the Welcome Center. Thank you.



The Fellowship Committee invites you to the Ohio Star Theater for the musical production of, "Elijah, Prophet of Fire" on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm showing. Please sign up at the Welcome Center as soon as possible – a limited number of tickets are available. Cost per ticket is \$47. Deadline to sign up is April 26.

**ELIJAH**  
— PROPHET OF FIRE —

## Church Events

### MARCH 30

- 5:30-8pm-Faith & Finance
- 6-8pm-Reboot Recovery
- 7-8pm-Fresh Start Classes

### APRIL 1

- 9am-Mennonite Women Quilting
- 7pm-SPARK
- 7pm-IGNITE

### APRIL 2

#### Mauddy Thursday Service

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

### APRIL 3

- 7pm-Community Good Friday Service at the Perry Reese Jr. Community Center

Reminder: Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering this week will be designated for the Horkovchuck Family. Please continue to pray for them as they wait for their paperwork to be processed.





# VBS 2026 June 14-18

Registration is open!

Scan the QR code to the right ▶▶▶▶▶▶

or

go to the link below ↴↴↴↴↴



[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeASBW8T32PCli\\_Hmy0aJNrloXPSLi1ip-fkNmpGAN4ZyGJ3w/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeASBW8T32PCli_Hmy0aJNrloXPSLi1ip-fkNmpGAN4ZyGJ3w/viewform?usp=dialog)



## Men's Purity Group

Men, you're invited to join a focused and encouraging time of growth, accountability, and biblical truth.



Thursdays, April 9 – May 7



7:00pm



Martins Creek Mennonite

This group is designed to help men pursue purity, strengthen their faith, and support one another in a real and meaningful way. If you would like to sign up, please talk to Randall.

## APRIL COLLECTION CAMO

During the month of April we will be collecting the following items for CAMO:

- Twin size bedding
- Bath & Kitchen Towels
- Tote Bags
- Sewing Supplies
- Plastic Plates & Cups (reusable – no paper or styrofoam)



You may bring these items to the church any time during the month of April and place them on the shelves by the Welcome Center. Thank you!

## Attention Ladies:



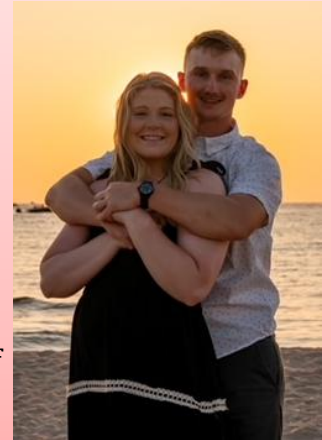
The April brunch has been cancelled due to the Easter Holiday.



There is a group who meets every Sunday morning at 9:00am in the Muggers S.S. Classroom for prayer. You are more than welcome to join them or if you would like to pray over the church individually you may pick up a *Sunday Morning Prayer Walk* guide at the Welcome Center.

## WEDDING SHOWER BLESSING

Let's celebrate Mya Blochlinger and Kory Stress before their May 23rd wedding! To help them start their new home, we're collecting cleaning supplies and "favorite recipes" (including a few of the non-perishable ingredients). Please drop your gifts at the table in the foyer any time during the month of April. Thank you for blessing them!



Randall Schlabach is leading a Sunday School class covering the 9 practices from the book *Practicing the Way*. One practice a month will be covered--you can come for just one month or you can attend all nine months, Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Below is the list of practices and what month we will be covering them:

- April – Fasting
- May – Sabbath
- June – Service
- July – Community
- August – Generosity
- September - Witness



## Help Us at the Holmes County Fair! August 10-15

Join us for a unique outreach opportunity! We are looking for volunteers to help staff the Mennonite Disaster Service *"The Storm Encounter"* trailer during fair week. It's a great way to serve our community and share a friendly face with fairgoers. **Volunteers will be admitted to the fair free of charge!** We need **hosts, traffic directors, and table attendants**. Whether you can spare a few hours or want to join a team for a full-day takeover, we'd love to have you.

### Shift Details:

- **When:** August 10-15 (times TBD)
- **Roles:** Greeting guests, handing out brochures, and directing traffic.
- **Sign Up at the Welcome Center**  
Contact Kim Kellogg or Tess for more information.



Mennonite  
Disaster  
Service

### *The Storm Encounter is a mobile theatre providing a multi-sensory disaster experience.*

The animated video shows a storm barreling across the prairie. Viewers will see and hear the thunder and lightning, feel the rush of the wind, mist from the rain, and the seats will tremble and shake as the animated storm approaches and destroys a house. As the video continues, viewers see examples of the work of Mennonite Disaster Service following recent storms.

This virtual experience is designed to give people a small sampling of what it's like to experience a destructive storm first-hand and the important work of MDS volunteers. Admission is free.

## EASTER EGGS

If you signed up to bring candy/treat filled plastic eggs for our Easter Celebration, please have them to the church by next Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



## Holy Week & Easter Services

### March 29 Palm Sunday



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

### April 2 Maundy Thursday Meal & Service



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

### April 5 Resurrection Sunday



- 8:00-9:00am-Carry-In Breakfast  
A carry-in breakfast is being planned. We are asking that you provide food according to your last name as follows:
  - A-J – Breakfast Casserole
  - K-R – Fruit Plate/Dish
  - S-Z – Rolls/Donuts
- 8:45am-Resurrection Egg Hunt for Children
- 9:00am – Children's Message: *Life from the Cross* – We will meet briefly in the sanctuary to place flowers on the cross and have a children's message
- 9:30am-Sunday School
- 10:30am-Worship Service – Jay Conn preaching



Please note that there is no Sunrise Service this year. Instead we encourage everyone to come to the breakfast and *Life from the Cross* service.



# CHANGE FOR A DOLLAR

## Wheels of Love Gathering:

There are families in our community who face transportation obstacles, and the Wheels of Love Ministry exists to fill in these gaps. Beautiful conversations and connections take place as volunteer drivers interact with our friends and neighbors, providing hope along the path. Join us for a WOL Volunteer Gathering on April 8, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Love INC Office. Light snacks will be served. Call Love INC at 330.473.6017 to let us know you're coming!

## Gap Ministry Donations:

Our Furniture and Basket of Blessing Gap Ministries is currently in need of gently used or new furniture and household items, including couches, beds, tables, chairs, dressers, appliances, sandwich, quart, gallon size bags and more. These donations help families move from crisis to stability with dignity and care. If you're able to donate, please label item sizes clearly and contact **Love INC at 330-473-6017** to make arrangements.

**WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS.**



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!

LIBRARY CORNER

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



### Friendly Reminder:

Please use the check-out cards when taking books from the Library.

**love** in the name of Christ Greater Holmes County

Led By: Debbi Miller

@ 7pm April 20 - June 8  
**NO CLASS May 25**  
@ Martins Creek; 6111 CR 203 Millersburg

This 6-week study by Max Lucado is for anyone who needs the reassurance that God has not left you, even in the most challenging and difficult of circumstances. Do you need encouragement right about now? Are you feeling worried about the future, unsure of how this will all pan out? Through these unprecedented and challenging times, which may bring a load of uncertainty and fear that feels too heavy to bear, God gives us this promise: You'll get through this.

Child care provided and class is free of charge!

Scan the QR Code or call Love INC at 330-473-6017 to register!

HOPE AND HELP FOR YOUR TURBULENT TIMES

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering in March (3/29) will be going to the Horkovchuk Family to help cover expenses while they are unable to work due to their renewal process.



## PRAYER CORNER

- Ron Gerber, Hannah Miller, Vanessa Hershberger, Roger & Bonnie Crilow, Cynthia Denlinger, Russ Weaver, Ben Raber, Martha Stutzman, Ed Schrock, Sally Wilson, Jacquelyn Oswald, Hal Stutzman
- 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.
- Laura Schlabach as she ends 32 years of ministry in Mongolia and awaits God's direction for her future.
- The many people around the world who are suffering due to war, their faith, famine, natural disasters, etc.

## STATISTICS

March 22, 2026

### Offering:

- General Fund: \$9,868
- Mission Fund: \$500
- Capital Improvement: \$0
- Parsonage: \$0
- Designated: \$275
- Tkachuck Family: 17,575

### Attendance:

- Worship – 199
- Sunday Schol – 102

## 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 (3/29)**
  - Horkovchuk Family