

CREEK ...from the

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | MARTINS CREEK MENNONITE
MAY 14, 2023

COLLECTION IN MAY *Camp Luz*

During the month of May we will be collecting for Camp Luz. With the camping season right around the corner, they are requesting...

all kinds of outdoor recreational balls!!

They are also in need of a mini refrigerator for the lifeguards - so if you'd like to make a monetary donation to help purchase this item, you may do so at the Welcome Center or simply designate on your check: "Camp Luz mini-fridge"



Church Events

May 15

- 5:30-8pm-Faith & Finance
- 7-8pm-Fresh Start Classes
 - Bible Study on Philipians

May 17

- 7pm-Conquer Series
- 7pm
 - GLOW Club
 - SPARK
 - IGNITE

May 18

- 6pm-MCMC Fellowship Night at Der Dutchman in Walnut Creek

The **blood drive at Martins Creek Mennonite Church** is scheduled for **June 23rd** and is now online and ready for donors to schedule. You can find the drive by going to RedCrossBlood.org and entering the keyword MARTINSCREEK in the top right where it says "find a drive", or you can also search by zip code and scroll down to the date. Appointments can also be made by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.



Blood Drive
at MCMC



Wedding Shower



The Fellowship Committee invites you to bring in cleaning supplies and/or a favorite recipe with some of the ingredients for Garrett Miller & Madisynn Bryk who will be married at the Tudor House at Mason's Cove, Portage Lakes in

Akron on June 17th. You may bring these items to the church anytime during the month of May and place them at the display in the foyer. Thank you!



Host Homes Needed



MCMC is hosting the June Board Meeting for the LMC (Lancaster Mennonite Conference) Bishops the weekend of June 16 & 17. Seven of the bishops who will be attending have expressed an interest in staying with a host family, 4 of them will be staying Friday only and 3 of them will be staying both Friday and Saturday. If you would like to open your home for Friday only or for both Friday and Saturday, please let Jay or Tess know. Thank you.

BAKE SALE

Sunday, June 4th

All funds generated from the bake sale will go to help offset medical expenses for Summer & Terry Austin. If you would like to bring an item for the bake sale, please sign up at the Welcome Center.



Mothers hold their children's hand for a short while, but their hearts forever.



Library Corner



Check out some new reading materials in the church library - for your pleasure reading or to enrich your daily walk with the Lord!

Satisfied: Finding Hope, Joy, and Contentment Right Where You Are by Alyssa Joy Bethke

Touching on topics like fear, worry, dissatisfaction, anxiety, and body image, Alyssa Bethke walks you through issues that rob you of your joy and helps you recognize them for what they are: distractions. Along with healthy recipes and cozy home images, *Satisfied* will provide you with the knowledge that you are not alone in your fight to be fulfilled. Alyssa shows you the ways in which you are enough—not only for those around you, but for yourself.

Teatime Discipleship: Sharing Faith One Cup at a Time by Sally Clarkson

Rediscover the joys of gathering to hear stories of God's life-changing work! Clarkson invites you into her home for a steaming cup of tea as she shares her favorite prayers, scriptures, stories, recipes, and more---and shows you how to use your unique gifts to share your faith, support each other, and draw nearer to God.

The Road Home by Tommy Tenny

A modern re-telling of Ruth's ancient story.

His Grace is enough by Melissa Kruger

How God makes it right when we've got it wrong! The transforming message of God's grace for children. We can always run to Jesus when we've messed up! (A great reminder for adults too!)

Sermon Series: People of the Bible

In this series, the sermons will provide an overview of the person's life, zero in on one specific scripture pertaining to his/her life, show how this aspect of the Bible points to Jesus, and how it applies to our lives.

May 7	Ananias
May 14	Tabitha
May 21	Barnabas
May 28	Mark
June 4	James
June 11	Silas
June 18	Timothy
June 25	Lydia, Priscilla, Aquila & Apollos
July 2	Titus
July 9	Philemon & Onesimus
July 16	Jude

If you have a testimony or special music that would fit any of these themes, please let Jay know.



MCMC Fellowship Night

- ❖ Thursday, May 18
- ❖ 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Der Dutchman in Walnut Creek

Please enter through the banquet entrance in the back by the parking lot.

Everyone is invited!

**Baptism &
Membership**

If you would like to be baptized or become a member of Martins Creek, please see Jay.

THE FEST

AUGUST 6, 2023
WICKLIFFE, OHIO
CENTER for PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

A DAY OF FAITH, FAMILY AND FUN

August

The FEST 2023 Bands!

- ❖ 12:30-Katy Nichole
- ❖ 2:00-Big Daddy Weaver
- ❖ 4:00-Jeremy Camp
- ❖ 6:00-Chris Tomlin

For more information on The Fest visit their website at Thefest.us.



Sign up at
the
Welcome
Center

If you would like to go to The Fest on August 6th, please sign up at the Welcome Center. The bus will leave immediately after church.

Vacation Bible School
July 9-12



SAVE THE DATE

Fresh Start Celebration - Check out this upcoming opportunity! Have you heard of Fresh Start? Faith and Finances? Maybe you have, but you don't know much about it. The Fresh Start Celebration Night is a chance for everyone to come and hear what God is at work doing in people's lives at Fresh Start! Help us spread the word. We would love a crowd that evening cheering on those who are making amazing progress and steps forward! God is in the business of restoration! **Come and join us May 22nd, 6:30-7 for snacks/fellowship, 7-8p for the program!**

Donate Remaining Garage Sale Items - Consider donating your remaining items to Love INC. Love INC partners with local churches & has created "Gap Ministries" to fill in the "gaps" where needed! Different churches have different ministries which include kitchenware, linens, furniture, personal care items, school supplies, winter apparel, etc. **Call Love INC at 330-473-6017 or email us at loveincoghc@gmail.com to discuss further details.**

To access the library website: www.librarything.com.



Username –MCMCLibrary
Password – church
-then Search Your Library or download the "LibraryThing" app on your phone or tablet

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!



Keep bringing in your dollar bills for "Change for a Dollar".



CCS Summer Sports Camps: Registration is open for CCS Summer Sports Camps. The camps are open to students entering grades 3-8. Sports Camps include Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Tennis, Soccer, and Volleyball. A high school tennis camp for students entering grades 9-12 will be held June 19-22. For more information and to register, please visit ccscomets.org.

CCS Summer Music Camp: Registration is open for CCS Summer Music Camp, July 17-20, for students entering grades 3-9. All participants will experience both vocal and instrumental music, learn a bit of theory, and have some fun along the way! The camp concludes with a public concert on July 20, 2023. For more information and to register, please visit ccscomets.org.

PRAYER CORNER

- Cynthia Denlinger, Russell Weaver, Hannah Kandel, Rod Miller, Verlin Troyer, Ben Raber, Arlene Hart, Martha Stutzman, Deb Burch, Ed Schrock, Sally Wilson, Sharon Huston & daughter Molly, Jacquelyn Oswald, Mary Kandel, 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

May 7, 2023:

Offering:

- General Fund: \$5,207.50
- Mission Fund: \$4,647
- Capital Improvement: \$0
- Parsonage: \$50
- Designated: \$250

Attendance:

- Worship – 193
- Sunday School – 121

OFFERING SCHEDULE

1st Sunday

- Mission Fund

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays

- General Fund

5th Sunday

- Parsonage Fund

Upon the recommendation of Church Council, all 5th Sunday offerings in 2023 will be designated to the Parsonage Fund for expenses incurred for the sponsorship of the Ukrainian family.