# The Happenings

August 6 - 12, 2023



### **Our Mission:**

## Making And Launching Disciples Of Jesus To Transform Our World

# July 30, 2023 Offering General Fund \$15,771.91 Missional Campaign \$5,638.41 Bethany Tuition Fund \$50.00 Attendance Worship 350 Online Views 137 Sunday School 206

Fresh Garden Produce: Now is the time for sharing with others here at church if you have extra garden produce. Bring your produce to the south hallway and place on the table. There are bags available for anyone to help themselves to fresh garden produce after the morning worship service.

MCC Great Lakes Open House on Thursday, August 31, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. You are invited to visit our office in The Depot building in Goshen (1013 Division Street) for an informal time of conversation and fellowship with MCC Great Lakes staff. There will be an opportunity for those who visit to donate items for and put together a school kit for MCC's School Kit Challenge. For more information and to register, visit <a href="mailto:mcc.org/gl-open-house">mcc.org/gl-open-house</a> or RSVP to 574-534-4133 or <a href="mailto:GreatLakes@mcc.org">GreatLakes@mcc.org</a> by August 24.

# WEDNESDAY EVENING THIS FALL We're Trying Something New

Wednesday evenings will operate in two six-week sessions, August 30 - October 4 and October 11 - November 15. The same insight circles (discussion groups) will be offered each session. This gives you the opportunity to serve one session and participate in an insight circle during the other session. Interest cards will be in your mailbox this Sunday. Please return them by Sunday, August 6. We hope you'll make plans to grow with us! See Pastor Julie Lehman if you have any questions.

### **Service Opportunities:**

Kitchen Kids Ministry Greeter Team English Conversation

### **Contagious Faith** - Pastor Julie Lehman

As followers of Christ, we are called to share God's love with others in ways that can impact their lives and redirect their eternities. But often, we feel uncomfortable and wrestle with internal fears. This insight circle will help us learn to communicate with people about Jesus in ways that fit our God-given personalities.

### **Cultural Topics** - Pastor Ken Bontreger

This insight circle will focus on living our faith in a hostile culture. Each week we'll look at what is transpiring in our culture and how we, as followers of Christ, live out our faith in these challenges.

### **Parenting** - Pastor Amanda Gall

As parents, we often wonder if we're getting it right. This insight circle is designed to help you identify and embrace your "it" - your win as a parent.

# **Unexpected: Ladies Bible Study** - Kris Kauffman & Connie Stutzman

While most of us have been trained to fear the unexpected and want everything to be "under control" God wants us to anticipate the unexpected with a faith-filled perspective rooted in trust. He has never been taken by surprise! *Unexpected* is written by Christine Caine.

### Looking Ahead — Week of August 13 - 19, 2023

Sunday:

Communion Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service

Monday:

6 pm Women's Small Group/Connections7 pm Men's Small Group/Connections

Tuesday:

9 am Ladies Bible Study/Sunshine Kitchen

Wednesday:

I- 5 pm Library Open

6:30 pm High School & Middle School/Youth Room

Worship Team Practice/Sanctuary

Saturday:

4:30 pm Messengers/Sunshine Kitchen

**Private Events** 

Sunday:

3:30 pm Dairy Feeder Achievement Banquet

Friday:

8 am Classical Conversations School Year Begins/Children's

Area

Saturday:

7 am Marked Men For Christ/Fellowship Hall

Connections This Week: Tuesday-Friday: 6:30-10:30 am Saturday: 6:30 -10:30 am & 6 - 10 pm

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Aug 27 Hymn sing

Aug 30 Wednesday Evening Activities Start

Sep 10 Child Dedication
Oct 8 Baptism Sunday

Oct 27 Trunk & Treat

All activities and announcements and prayer concerns for the Bulletin and Happenings are due by 10 am on Thursday.

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 9 am-3 pm.