

MCC NEWS

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A Monthly Newsletter brought to you by Medina Community Church.

March 2021

40 YEARS!!

By Pastor Doug

THE HISTORY OF MCC – PART 1 (*the beginning*)

MARCH 1981-2021

It's hard to believe that Medina Community Church is celebrating 40 years as a church this month. When Weymouth Community Church was needing to do something with all their growth in the late 70's and early 80's they decided a church plant would be a good idea. They could no longer grow because of the facility restraints. So Pastor Wolf asked Pastor John VanEpp (wife Shirley) to take a small number of families from Weymouth to start a church in Medina. For the first few years they met at the High School, but this was difficult with all the set up and tear down for the Sunday service. Eventually they began to look for land to build or find something they could buy and remodel.

In 1984 the old Ohio Edison line shop was up for sale. At the time interest rates were over 10% and churches were not a good risk. Miraculously, the Bennet estate agreed to finance the purchase! Soon the congregation was meeting in the warehouse. With a lot of hard work, demolition of the loading dock and the transition from garage doors to windows, the building began to take shape. Soon it was a fully functioning church, with ministries for all ages and the church grew. Early on the value of faith and trusting God for the church's finances was embedded in the DNA of the church. God was faithful! He provided in ways that seemed impossible. It wasn't long before they found one of their first gifts from the Lord – free red carpet from the local car show! God is good and He is a faithful provider for our needs.

Below are some pictures from the early years. *Next month we'll continue this series.*



Worship Schedule

Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 am

Medina Community Church exists to help people begin and grow in their relationship with God. Our relaxed, contemporary style provides an enjoyable atmosphere where you can investigate the claims of Christ, deepen your faith and meet some great friends along the way.

SERIES: PHILIPPIANS —

Hanging Tough Together . . .
and Loving It!

March 7 — (Justin Boughter)
The Power of Prayer

March 14 —
Contentment

SERIES: FAMOUS LAST WORDS OF JESUS

March 21 —
Forgive Them

March 28 —
Why?

April 4 —
Today, You Will

Community Meal

Saturday, March 20th

6—7 pm

AMORE NIGHT FUNDRAISER—MARCH 12TH



As we prepare to once again send our kids to camp for this year's mission trip, please consider one of the following ways to support our youth:

1. Pick Up a Dinner and Donate Funds

AMORE NIGHT ON THE RUN—FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH FROM 6-7:00 PM

Lasagna dinner, salad, bread, & dessert. You will drive up and we will bring the dinner out to you in a carryout package. A donation bucket will be there for you to donate to our youth mission trip. Checks can be made out to Medina Community Church or you can make a cash donation.

To reserve your dinner(s) (please be sure and indicate the number of dinners you would like), please go to [www.https://rsvp.church/r/DIQSmU14](https://rsvp.church/r/DIQSmU14)



2. Silent Auction Virtual Style

We will also be streaming the silent auction that will take place from 7-8:00 pm. You'll be able to see the baskets on our Facebook page ahead of time. We are working out the details for how you will make a bid.

3. Support a Teen For Camp

\$300 for a camp scholarship.

We really appreciate how you as a church have supported our teens in the past so they can go on these life changing trips. THANKS for considering a way you can help out this year.

COMMUNITY MEAL— FEBRUARY 20TH

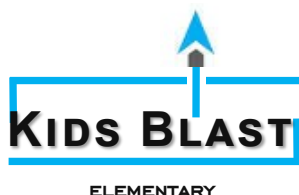


We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community Night meal on **Saturday, March 20th** from 6-7 pm for those in need. Meals will be handed out in a drive thru lane. Volunteers will help guide guests to the meal pickup area. (All guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles.) Meals are first come, first serve until the food runs out. Please note that we are taking donations if you would like to help support this ministry.

Please contact Emily Winans if you would like to volunteer: (240) 405-4003 or winanse@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUPS

- **Young Adult** study with Arlen Gerig meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm at MCC.
- **Ontrack** (Jr. High) and **Student Life** (Sr. High) youth groups are postponed until April 11th. We meet Sunday nights.
- **Kids Blast** (kindergarten-5th grade) meets on Wednesday but has been postponed until April 14th.



**STUDENT
LIFE** SR. HIGH

**young
Adult**
BIBLE STUDY GROUP

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL GROUPS.

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