

## Be a Blessing! by Pastor Doug

We don't have to look far to find the perfect example to emulate. Jesus focused His whole life on blessing others and had a compassionate heart for all. He healed the sick, washed His disciple's feet to model humility, and gave up His life as our ransom. We should focus our hearts and minds on loving as Jesus did. Here are some ideas for **blessing others**:

Begin each day with a grateful heart - thanking the Lord for his faithfulness in your life. Throughout the day acknowledge God and thank Him for all the different ways He shows up in your life.

Cultivating a spirit of gratitude changes our hearts and opens us up to the ways God wants to use us. It allows us to say with purpose and conviction, "Here I am Lord- use me!" When we have the mindset of seeing everything in our lives through the lens of His love and care towards us, it changes our perspective.

*"Fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you."* 1 Samuel 12:24 NIV

### *Express Gratitude With Action*

There can be no better way to bless others than to pray for them. Jesus was in constant communication with His Father for His people. Begin by asking God to work through you so you can be a blessing in the lives of others for His glory. Pray for opportunities and to have His eyes of compassion.

Offer to pray for others (believers or not) when they share a need. It shows you are listening to their concerns and thinking about them. Check in with them afterwards to show them they are still in your thoughts.

Prayer can often jump start our actions when it comes to being a blessing in other people's lives. When our heart is lined up with God's heart, we begin to leverage our resources for His kingdom service, we are more willing to use our gifts to bless others with and we see opportunities to share our story of faith in Jesus.

Throughout the month of November we will at the topic of being a blessing. Along the way we will hear stories and testimonies of how God is working in the lives of our church family. At a service or online, you will be encouraged at how God is at work.

## 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.

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### November 7 —

Be A Blessing . . .  
By Living Generously

### November 14 —

Be A Blessing . . .  
By Using Your Talents & Gifts

### November 21 —

Be A Blessing . . .  
By Sharing Your Story

### November 28 — Advent Begins

The Prince of Peace . . .  
Part One: Wonderful Counselor





*Don't forget  
to turn your clocks  
back 1 hour:  
Sunday, November 7  
2:00 am*

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



**Ladies Holiday Craft Night  
Medina Community Church  
November 5, 2021  
7:00 pm**

Join us as we do a couple of different holiday crafts, visit, and get in the holiday mood. Please let Kathy know if you're coming so we can plan supplies.  
kathysummers@gmail.com or (330) 461-1081

## Christmas Lunch



*December 5 at 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided; please bring a holiday dessert to share. For the gift exchange bring a Christmas pin gift wrapped. Sign up at the information desk. Contact Kathy Summers at (330) 461-1081 or kathysummers@gmail.com with questions.*



## & Gift Exchange

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Medina Community Church is once again participating in Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child. This project collects gift-filled shoeboxes containing fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Please check out Operation Christmas Child's website for ways you can participate.  
<https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box>

MCC's deadline to drop off your shoe box is November 15.



## ADULT MINISTRY

The **Women's Bible study** meets on Thursday evenings (7:00 pm) at MCC. The current study is *Deborah, Becoming a Woman of Influence*. Please let Kathy Summers [(330)461-1081 or kathysummers@gmail.com] know if you have any questions.

The **Men's Bible study** meets on Thursday evenings (7:00 pm) at MCC. They are currently looking at the Red Sea Miracle, a Right Now Media study. Please contact Dave Arron with any questions. You can reach him at (330) 242-4231 or darron@neo.rr.com.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



**Saturday, November 20, 2021**

**8:00 am at MCC**

Lord willing, we will have an ax throwing competition after breakfast.  
#whatguysloveaboutchurch, #livingdangerouslyforJesus, #normalguystuff

## COMMUNITY MEAL



We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community Night meal on **Saturday, November 20** 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 meals are provided free of charge. Donations are accepted to help support this ministry.

If you do not drive, and would like a meal delivered to you, please call the church office at (330)-723-5155. Leave your name, address, phone number, and number of meals wanted. ***Deliveries are made within 3 miles of the church the church at this time.***

Please contact Emily Winans to volunteer for this outreach: Tel: (240) 405-4003 or Email: winanse@gmail.com

***Upcoming Community Meals: Saturday, December 18, 2021***

## CHOIR



We invite all kids ages 4-years to jr. high to join us as we prepare for the upcoming Christmas season. We'll rehearse on Monday, November 8th and 15th at 6:00 pm at the church (future practice dates to be announced). There is a signup sheet at the church or you can contact Kristen Green with any questions (440-371-9142).

## YOUTH GROUPS

Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 pm  
**KIDS BLAST**  
ELEMENTARY

Kids Blast is MCC's fun, high-energy Bible club for 4-year olds through 5th grade. Kids will enjoy a time of worship, games, and a Bible lesson each week. Dinner will be provided. Sign up today!

<u>Session 2</u>	<u>Session 3</u>	<u>Session 4</u>
November	January	March
3,10,17	12,19,26	2,9,16,23,30
December	February	April
1,8,15	2,9,16	6



Sundays • 5:00-6:30 pm

Youth groups will meet Sunday, November 7, 14, & 21. They will not meet on the 28th.

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