

Changes Ahead – A Call to Pray!

As the pastor of Medina Community Church, what a privilege to lead, encourage, and motivate the church family to be devoted to prayer. As a church we will have many challenges this fall as we navigate calling our next pastor. With the Lord's direction and leadership, I am confident that God will enable the leaders to make the right decision for the MCC family. With the transition team and the elders praying for God's will, we can trust that God will unite us and not cause divisions during this important season as a church. I invite you as a church to pray for unity, love, and direction in the days ahead.

In John 17:20-21 Jesus prayed for His disciples to stay united as a testimony to the culture around them: *"I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me."* My prayer is that the Lord will use the time this fall to bring us together as the church in a way that builds a love, oneness that only God could do. The enemy is out to divide churches especially at key moments in the life of the church. But with our eyes on Jesus and His purpose for the church we can come together with a unity and strength that honors God.

Throughout God's Word Jesus's followers are reminded to love well in the body of Christ. My prayer is that our love for the Lord and the church family will grow even stronger in the days ahead. In John 13:34 Jesus encourages His disciples *to love one another as He loved*. May His sacrificial love be our example as we grow in the lord this fall

Finally, may we all pray for God's direction as we move into this period of transition. I love Proverbs 3:5-6 where it says to *trust in the Lord with all our heart and not lean into our own understanding*. Waiting on God to direct us as a church is so opposite of the culture we live in. But when we wait and trust His leading, we can be confident that God is in the decision.

So, friends may this season as a church be a time of much prayer as we as one church grow in our dependency in God. AND soon, God will bring Pastor Next into our fellowship to lead us well in the days ahead.

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

• September 7 —The First Martyr (Acts 7-8:3)

• September 14—Philip's Journeys (Acts 8:4-40)

• September 21—Saul's Conversion and Commission (Acts 9)

• September 28—Peter is on the Move (Acts 9:32-11:18)

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We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting drive-thru Community meals on **Saturday, September 20, 2025** 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.) We can always use drivers for meal deliveries at 5:00 pm and others to help with the drive through. Please consider how you could serve in this ministry.

For more information or to sign up please call or text
Emily Winans at (240)405-4003.



Ladies Bible Study - Thursdays at 6:30pm at the church. We are into a study by Anne Graham Lutz on the Daniel Prayer. If you are unable to attend, you can see the videos on the RightNowMedia site. We will resend that link so everyone has it.

First Wednesday Dinners - Wednesday, September 3, We're going to Shale Creek Golf Course Taproom. We'll meet at 6:00. Address is 54200We'll do dinners probably through November and then during the winter months we switch to a first Saturday breakfast. Watch your emails. If you have suggestions of places maybe we haven't visited let me know.

If you have questions or comments or suggestions for things we could be doing please let Kathy know. Also, if you're not getting regular emails from Kathy Summers please send her your email address so she can get you on the list, kathyksummers@gmail.com; 330.461.1081.



CRAFT FAIR



Craft Fair – Our 4th Annual Craft Fair will be **October 25**. We've made a few changes based on input from past vendors. We've lowered the vendor cost and shortened the hours by one hour. The fair will run from 10:00 - 3:00. We're also taking away so much emphasis on the holiday theme. Hopefully this will broaden the interest to more homemade crafts in general. We already have several vendors interested. Vendor forms are now available at the information desk at church or contact Kathy Summers for a form and with any questions you might have. Kathyksummers@gmail.com or 330.461.1081.



Join us at MCC for a time of
faith, food, and fellowship.

Saturday • September 20 • 8:30 a.m.



Mark your calendars for an open house at the Davidsons (192 Cottage Cove Dr. Chippewa Lake) on **Saturday, September 13th**.

Time— 4 to 8 pm. Enjoy time by the lake, fishing, parks for the kids, bocce ball, volleyball, and plenty of time to relax and converse. Food and beverages will be provides

Please sign up at the information table if you are attending so we can have a count for food.

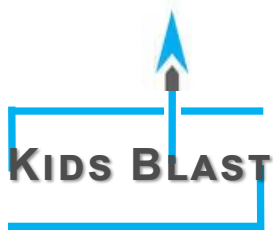
September 14 -Join us after church for lunch, and a congregational meeting for the next phase in our pastor search. We will be discussing a succession plan, and the purpose of our transition team.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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Kids Blast starts back up on Wednesday, September 10 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Join us on Wednesday evenings at the church. We have dinner at 6:00 followed by Bible Club at 6:30 p.m.



→ **Sundays**
5:00 to 6:30 pm



STUDENT
LIFE Sr. High

→ **Sundays**
6:00 to 8:00 pm



Begins
Sept 7th



Ontrack and Student Life Event:

Sunday, September 21st from 4pm to 8pm at Putt-n-Stuff in Orville. \$20 fee includes go carts, put-put, batting cages, climbing walls, and dinner. Meet at church, then ride to Orville together.

Questions or more information, call or text Pastor Doug (330)635-9655, or Donna Spitzer (330)317-2675, or Matt Hume (330)328-0961.