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SUPPLEMENT

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

THANK YOU for this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings and individuals' offerings:

- Church Facilities \$4,435.50
- Leadership Support \$1,017.00
- Program Fund \$688.50
- Missions \$528.00
- Capital Projects Fund \$100.00
- Sewing Circle \$50.00

*Sunday, August 22 offering:
Program Fund*

*Next Sunday, August 29 offering:
Leadership Support*

Happy Birthday

Harold Mohler—Monday, August 23
Stephanie Myers—Thursday, August 26
Linda Myers—Friday, August 27
Helen Hershey—Monday, August 30



MCC Response to Haiti Earthquake

The people of Haiti need our help. Families who have already suffered so much have been hit once again. On Saturday, August 14th, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the country, killing at least 1,300 people and injuring thousands more. Early reports show that many of those who survived lost their homes. Thousands are sleeping outside, with little food and no protection from the elements. Right now, our local partners are assessing the situation to provide aid where needed most.

With your help, we can reach the people most affected by this tragic event. Your gifts will help provide emergency support and supplies. You can donate online at mcc.org/haiti-earthquake, by phone at (888) 563-4676, or by mail at MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

Honoring one Another

We are all aware of the recent upsurge in reported COVID cases in our county. Our commitment as a congregation is to continue to honor your personal response to this ongoing challenge. We believe that we can worship together whether my individual choice is to wear masks in group settings or whether my choice is not to wear masks in group gatherings. It may be timely to remind you that the recent updates to our HVAC system include an air filtration system that runs continuously when the building is occupied. This is intended to provide as healthful an indoor environment as current technology allows. Thanks for continuing to honor one another and our different responses to these challenging circumstances.



New Sunday School Curriculum

On September 5th we begin using "The Gospel Project" as our Sunday school curriculum. This curriculum is designed to lead us, adults and children, on a study of the entire Bible over the next several years. We begin with Unit 1 "From Creation to Chaos." The format of the quarterly is different than what we have become accustomed to using. After several weeks of using this material you will be invited to share what you like and what you dislike about this material. We are planning to use this material from September 2021 through February 2022. A review by teachers and class members will determine whether this curriculum will be used beyond that date.

MCC SCHOOL KIT PROJECT

MCC is now collecting school kits. Please feel free to pick up one or more bags from the foyer and fill them with the following items:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8-1/2 x 10 1/2" and 70 pages)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality, indicating 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener (1-2 holes)
If you cannot find **all metal** sharpeners, please pack the kits without them and MCC will add the sharpeners.

Please place your completed school kits in the box provided. We will be collecting school kits through **August 29**. *Thank you for your generosity!!!*



CVCCS
CONESTOGA VALLEY
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

CVCCS News

Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services (CVCCS) - addressing needs and changing lives in Conestoga Valley and beyond! Here are ways you can help the people we serve at CVCCS.

Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers to shop with clients on Thursdays. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Kim Sensenig at 717-208-3711, ext. 105 or by email at volunteers@cvccs.org.

Food Bank Needs:

Mac-N-Cheese
Pop-Tarts



Clothing Bank Needs:

Men's underwear—sizes 3x and 4x
Women's underwear—sizes 9 thru 13

Shoes, Shoes, Shoes for School!

Donate \$12 and CVCCS can buy a new pair of sneakers from our supplier for a student to start school in the fall.



Please place your donations in the CVCCS box in the lobby.
Thank you for your generosity!



EXPLORE YOUR LIFE PURPOSE IN.....DISCOVERY

The Groffdale District of churches is planning to sponsor the Discovery series this fall and winter.

The Discovery series was developed by LMC to invite participants to review gifting, personality and life experiences as a way of clarifying our life purpose as a follower of Jesus. Brochures will be available at a later date on the literature table that offer more details and a schedule of the sessions being planned for the evenings of October 13, 27; November 10, 24, 2021 and January 12, 26; February 9, 23, 2022.

If you have questions contact Richard Buckwalter; 717-471-0656 or Lloyd Hoover; 717-381-6641.