

THE MESSENGER

May 2026



[From Our Pastor: Bloom Where God Plants You]

There's something about May. Fields begin to wake up. And everywhere you look, flowers start to bloom - quietly, faithfully, and right on time.

Discipleship is a lot like tending fields and flowers. Paul wrote: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but it is God who gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

Some of us plant seeds - sharing the good news of Jesus. Others water - encouraging, teaching, walking alongside new believers. Still others help pull weeds - gently correcting and guiding. But none of us can force growth. That miracle belongs to God alone. And yet - He invites us into the work.

I like what Augustine of Hippo wrote: "Without God, we cannot. Without us, God will not." God delights to use ordinary people - people like us - to cultivate something special, something eternal. So, let's step into God's field.

Ask the Lord to show you one person - a neighbor, coworker, child, friend - whose life you can help cultivate. Maybe they need encouragement. Maybe they need truth spoken in love. Maybe they simply need someone to walk with them toward Jesus. Plant something intentional. Water it with prayer and presence. Tend it with patience. And then, don't just think about it, follow through and reap the harvest.

Discipleship isn't accidental. It grows where someone is willing to care.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1st Luke Edwards
4th Wyatt Schenck
10th Jan Webb
11th Justin Hartzog
15th Gail Stanley
17th Nikki Ward



19th Jake Musselman
20th Ethan Edwards
22nd Josh Phares
24th John Friar
24th Ben Wilson

19th Deb & Gene King
21st Tim & Sandy Plank



NOTE: If you notice any birthday or anniversary dates missing, please contact us in the office. mohawkumc@gmail.com

PASTOR CHARLES' VACATION

Pastor Charles will be on vacation celebrating his and Carrie's 25th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, May 24 through Sunday, May 31. Be sure to come and see what special events will take place during worship on Sunday, May 24th and Sunday, May 31st.



Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

Children's Processional



April 5, 2026 Easter Celebration



Mohawk UMC's Annual Easter Egg Hunt For All Ages





Bishop Malone's Miracle Sunday Offering

On **Sunday, May 17**, we will take up a one-time collection to help our Conference raise funds to provide educational opportunities for 500 United Methodist pastors in Africa - now called the Central Conference. Whereas, over 70% of pastors here in the United States have theological degrees, less than 5% of pastors in Africa are able to afford and receive theological training. Bishop Malone is challenging Indiana churches to bridge this educational gap. When we unite our prayers, our generosity, and our hearts, God works miracles.



MOHAWK UMC'S 130th CELEBRATION

Looking ahead to the church's 130th celebration, Rhonda will be sending out invitations to those who have been a part of the church family in the past and ministers who have served in the past. If you can think of someone who should receive an invitation, would you please give the names and addresses to her. If you don't have an address, we will do our best to find one.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERING

This year's offering at the Annual Conference in June will benefit *Cabinet Emergency Funds* and *UMCOR to Support Immigrant Families*. *Cabinet Emergency Funds* go toward assisting clergy members and their families when critical and unexpected needs arise. *UMCOR to Support Immigrant Families* works with worldwide partners to offer care to migrants and refugees and support the churches and networks that assist them. If you are interested in contributing to the Annual Conference Offering, you may do so at app.securegive.com/INUMC then choose "Annual Conference Offering." If you prefer, checks or cash may be given to Myra Williams who will drop them off at Annual Conference, which is June 3-6. Checks should be made out to *The Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church* and in the memo line: *Annual Conference Offering*.

Vacation Bible School Is Where Children Develop Their Faith And Make Lasting Memories!

VBS will be held July 20-24 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Families may come in at 5:30 for a light supper and the activities begin at 6 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SPREAD THE WORD! INVITE EVERYONE YOU KNOW!



****You are welcome to volunteer on the signup sheet or see Lucinda Blair if you would like to donate your time and talents.***

Mohawk UMC Pork Chop Dinner April 25, 2026



MINISTRY SAFE CHILD SAFETY



At MUMC, the safety and well-being of our children are our highest priorities. We want MUMC to be the safest place for them to grow in faith. We are introducing background checks for all volunteers who work with children. There are two separate packets in the fellowship hall; one to give permission to run the background check, and one that contains our child protection policy checklist of what needs to be completed in addition to the background check. The colored cover pages of each packet are the only pages that need to be completed and turned in. This helps us honor our commitment to "protect the little ones" and gives parents peace of mind. Thank you for your heart for service and for helping us keep our kids safe! Please talk with Betsy Bandy or Lucinda Blair if you have any questions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2026				2025
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:					
General Offering	5,940	16,525	14,104	36,569	32,753
Other	540	5,904	884	7,328	4,152
Total Income	6,480	22,429	14,988	43,897	36,905
Expenses:					
Tithe	653	1,818	1,551	4,023	-
Utilities	1,444	3,386	599	5,429	5,069
Other	2,320	1,523	2,331	6,173	7,396
Wages	8,331	8,015	12,266	28,613	28,625
Total Expenses	12,748	14,742	16,747	44,237	41,089
Net Income (Loss)	(6,268)	7,687	(1,760)	(340)	(4,184)

Budget Comparison

General Offering Budget	16,975	16,975	16,975	50,924	50,421
Over (Short)	(11,035)	(450)	(2,871)	(14,355)	(17,668)

Non General Fund Restricted Donations

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