



THE MESSENGER

September 2024



[From Our Pastor: It Is Not About Me]

As we find ourselves leaving summer and entering autumn - both in nature and in the life of our church - this time of the year stirs up feelings of home, family, and tradition; but as we gather together, it is essential to remember that our mission extends beyond the comfort of familiar faces. As a church, we are called to reach out and make room for people who aren't here yet.

In his book, *Meet Generation Z*, pastor James White writes, "The mission cannot be about us - it must be about those who have not crossed the line of faith."

The phrase, "It's not about me," has been on my heart lately. It is an attitude that I want to impress upon our leadership and families. It is a simple, but profound reminder that our faith isn't just for us. It is about those who haven't experienced the love of Christ, those who are still searching for a place to call home.

Philippians 2:3-4 speaks to this beautifully: "*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests, but each of you to the interests of the others.*" This passage calls us to step outside our comfort zones and focus on the needs of others, particularly those who are not yet part of our church family. This isn't just a call to humility - it's a call to action!

As we look around our church, we see many familiar and beloved faces; but I want to challenge each of us to imagine the faces that aren't here yet - the young parents searching for a community, the children who need to hear about Jesus, the teenagers who are looking for a safe place to simply be. These are the ones we must think of as we move forward.

"It is not about me. It is about those who are not here yet." This attitude is crucial as we work to reach the next generations. It means being willing to let go of our preferences, embracing change, and stepping into new roles that might feel uncomfortable at first; but remember, we are not alone in this. God is with us, guiding us as we open our doors wider and our hearts bigger.

I am excited about the opportunities ahead of us. Let's embrace this attitude together as we seek to welcome new people into our church family. There is a seat at Christ's table for everyone, and we have the privilege of setting that table.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

“Surrounded: A Prayer Poem”

Written by Pastor Charles

Surrounded, O Lord, when I am surrounded
Help me to trust in You
When I am surrounded by the pointless noise of this world
Help me to hear the meaningful whisper of Your voice
When I am surrounded by the sorrow caused by loss and grief
Help me to see the long traces of Your tears as You cry with me
When I am surrounded by the bitterness of human evil
Help me to taste the sweetness of Your holy goodness
When I am surrounded by the never-ending demands of this life
Help me to smell the incense of Your Son's sacrifice³ on the cross
When I am surrounded by the oppression of hate
Help me to feel the tangibility of Your real love
When I am surrounded by the relentless attacks of my enemies
Help me to realize that You surround my enemies too
Surrounded, O Lord, when I am surrounded
Help me to trust in you

CARE COMMITTEE

A DAY OUT

Tuttle's Café was the perfect setting for a “Day Out” for the Care Committee and friends.

They enjoyed a wonderful lunch and fellowship on a sunny August day.



COLLEGE CARE BOXES

It's time again to send Mohawk UMC's love to our college students!

There will be **four college boxes** and **one military box** in the fellowship hall ready to be filled on **September 8th and 15th**



Mohawk UMC Fall Party

Would you be interested in hosting the **Fall Party** for Mohawk UMC?

You can host at your house or at the church. You pick the day and time.

Please talk with Tammy Bearhope if you have any questions or might be interested in hosting the **Fall Party**.



(Picture: Fall Party 2022)

MUSIC AT MOHAWK

"The Occasional Blues Band Plus"

The Occasional Blues Band Plus (TOBB+) performed for the Music at Mohawk event in August. They performed a variety of blues music, gospel blues, 60's Motown, some classic rock, and a sprinkling of jazz and country.



Everybody enjoyed ice cream sundaes to top off a great evening!



September Birthdays



7 Jill Day	18 Sam Williams
10 Becky Holman	18 Mike Schenck
11 Pat Steele	21 Chuck Dix
17 Amanda Williams	22 Jeff Addison
18 Laura Phares	22 Bob Lane

September Anniversaries

10 David & Kelly Wenning
12 Bruce & Rhonda Beeker
12 Lori & Evan Divine
22 Jeff & Jenny Musselman
30 Christian & Lucinda Blair





STRIKE OUT HUNGER FUNDRAISER:

On August 25th, Mohawk UMC had a team participating in the community bowling fundraiser to benefit the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen.



Thanks to everyone who bowled, came to support the bowlers and/or donations for the Soup Kitchen, we were able to donate \$1000.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

During Vacation Bible School the children collected money so that they could purchase games for the children of the Hope House.

Mohawk UMC's Vacation Bible Sshool collected \$200 and delivered the games into the welcoming arms of the Hope House. The Hope House was really excited to receive the games.



MOHAWK UMC COOKBOOK



Cookbooks will be on sale at the SCRIP table from now through Sunday, September 22. They are \$10 each. Make checks payable to Mohawk UMC. The books should be available around the first of November. Only a limited number of extras will be ordered, so be sure to preorder as many as you need for family and friends.

*If you have questions, contact **Laura Phares** or **Myra Williams**.*

OUTDOOR WORSHIP



August 18th was the last outdoor worship service for this year. It was a beautiful day to worship!

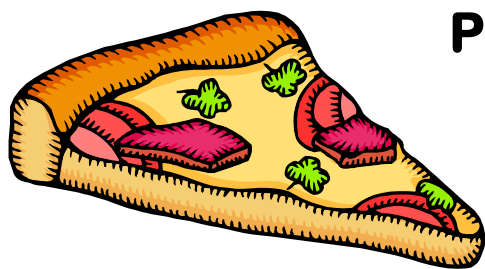


The children had a blast with Pastor Charles' Children's Message!



Music was acapella!





PIZZA FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION

With football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, or other fall/winter sports wouldn't it be nice to have a fresh made pizza to stick in the oven one night after a game or practice. Here is your chance to stock up. The Mission Committee will be selling pizzas from **Now until Sept 29** Your orders will be **available for pick up on October 5**. The pizzas can be frozen to enjoy at a later date. The costs of the pizzas range from \$13.75 to \$16.

If anyone would like an order form to take home, please see Leslie at the Scrip table. We will also be looking for volunteers to help assemble the pizzas on Oct. 5 starting at 9 am.

Grief Share

Are you grieving a loss? Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one in our weekly grief support group, **starting Wednesday, September 11th, from 1:30-3:30pm, and going through December 4th**. Participants in this 13-week program will watch a 30-minute video each session from grief recovery experts addressing how painful and isolating grief can be, comfortably talk about their grief with others, find support, direction, and guidance through an interactive participation guide, receive encouragement through support, prayer, and scripture, and discover the 6 signs of healing.

Carrie Pelc, Susan Edwards, and Leisa Harmon will be leading this 13-week Grief Share Support Group at Mohawk United Methodist Church. Topics that will be covered include: your grief journey, sadness and loneliness, fear and anxiety, anger, regrets, grief and your relationships, questions for God, hope and resilience, and many more.

Everyone who is struggling with the loss of someone in their lives is welcome. Over one million people have found healing through Grief Share.

Contact Mohawk United Methodist Church at mohawkumc@gmail.com or call 317-326-2460 for more information on hope and healing.

Register for Mohawk's **September 11th-December 4th** support group at griefshare.org/findagroup. Search by the ZIP code 46140 to find Mohawk UMC's support group and register; or contact the church for a hardcopy registration form.

In addition to this 13-week support group, Mohawk UMC will also be offering a 1-day meeting on Surviving the Holidays after the loss of someone. This will be offered during the month of December, time to be announced shortly.

Frank and Ernest



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FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

2024								2023
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:								
General Offering	9,833	12,525	17,254	10,116	10,259	18,998	11,209	90,193
Other	183	7,254	1,963	272	1,806	324	661	12,463
Total Income	10,016	19,779	19,216	10,388	12,065	19,322	11,870	102,657
Expenses:								
Tithe	-	-	4,555	-	-	-	-	4,555
Utilities	2,331	951	859	1,208	233	786	1,477	7,844
Other	1,081	2,729	2,923	3,319	10,602	4,764	6,386	31,803
Wages	9,336	9,357	9,383	14,315	9,357	8,218	8,024	67,990
Total Expenses	12,747	13,037	17,720	18,842	20,192	13,769	15,886	112,192
Net Income (Loss)	(2,730)	6,741	1,497	(8,454)	(8,127)	5,554	(4,017)	(9,536)

Budget Comparison									
General Offering Budget	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	115,395	112,011
Over (Short)	(6,652)	(3,960)	769	(6,369)	(6,226)	2,513	(5,276)	(25,202)	(20,341)



"You can do it, fella...you can open those fingers and let the money go! Try it...try! That's it...great! They're moving..."

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