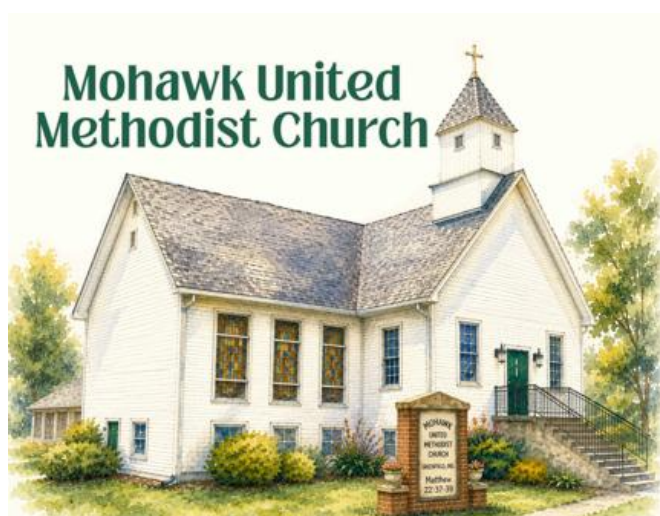




# THE MESSENGER

*August 2026*



[From Our Pastor: God's Mobile Grilling Movement]

Too often, we wait for people to come to us. Yet, we see Jesus going where people live, work, celebrate, struggle, and eat. In fact, he is often found eating (Matthew 11:19). Most of his ministry happens around someone else's table. Where do we spend most of our time and energy? If we are to be faithful to Christ's mission, we must go to our neighbors – not to just learn their names, but also their dreams, desires, hurts, and hopes. Listening doesn't happen by accident. It happens across a picnic table, sharing from the grill, shelling peas on a porch, or passing around a bowl of sweet corn. This month, I invite us to think less about inviting people to our place and more about going to their places. What if a Sunday School class prepared a feast and took it to families living at one of our local campgrounds, then stayed to eat together and listen? What if a few church members shared a home-cooked meal with residents of a nursing home who seldom have visitors? What if we hosted a meal for mentally handicap adults, sharing with them food, laughter, and friendship? What if we blessed foster families with a meal - not simply dropping it off, but staying to encourage weary parents and hear their stories? What if we started a mobile grilling movement? Imagine loading a grill, a cooler, lawn chairs, and baskets of fresh vegetables into a pickup truck, then taking supper to a new neighborhood or apartment complex simply to enjoy a meal with new people! No agenda. No program. No pressure. Just hospitality that reflects the welcome and love of Christ. Imagine what God might grow if our church became known not simply for having a fellowship hall, but for carrying fellowship wherever people already are!

In Christ,  
Pastor Charles

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

Vacation Bible School was another success at Mohawk UMC! "Digging in and Growing Deep" was the theme of this year's VBS. Twenty-three children attended this year. Twenty fantastic adults volunteered each evening of VBS!





## VBS DAY TWO



## VBS DAY THREE



## VBS DAY FOUR





## CLOSING NIGHT OF VBS



Come and learn more about LifeWise Academy Mt Vernon where we bring Bible education to students DURING SCHOOL HOURS.



Mon, Aug 24,  
6:30-7:30pm

Or

Tues, Sept 22,  
6:30-7:30pm

Let Pastor know if  
you'd like to attend.

At New Life Christians Fellowship Church  
1574 W State Road 234, Fortville

## LIFEWISE ACADEMY MT. VERNON

Here are two opportunities for people to learn about LifeWise Academy Mt. Vernon.

We are now bringing Bible education to K-6th graders during school hours. This is a chance for people to hear incredible stories of what is happening at LifeWise Academy, see the steps we are taking to bring Bible education to students in our public schools, and learn how to be one of the heroes who make this happen.

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## August Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Sarai Pelc  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lorraine Ewing  
6<sup>th</sup> Gerald Phares  
17<sup>th</sup> Nora Blair  
20<sup>th</sup> Tim Plank  
30<sup>th</sup> Leisa Harmon  
30<sup>th</sup> Helen Jackson  
31<sup>st</sup> Brooke Lane



## August Anniversaries

18<sup>th</sup> Charles & Carrie Pelc  
29<sup>th</sup> Chuck & Leanne Dix

**NOTE:** If you notice any birthday or anniversary dates missing, please contact us in the office.  
[mohawkumc@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkumc@gmail.com)



## CELEBRATING 130 YEARS!

On August 16, we will celebrate 130 Years of the church. We will have Sunday morning worship at 10am (instead of 9am). We will not have Sunday school. Lunch will be provided at 11:30am, and then a group picture will be taken at 12:30pm before the Celebration Service begins at 1pm.

# OUTSIDE WORSHIP AT MOHAWK UMC JULY 26, 2026

Mohawk Church worshiped outside in the shelter for a morning of refreshment Sunday, July 26, 2026. After worship, there were activities that were refreshing in the hot, sticky morning.





**A pitch-in picnic to top off the morning with lots of delicious foods to share!**

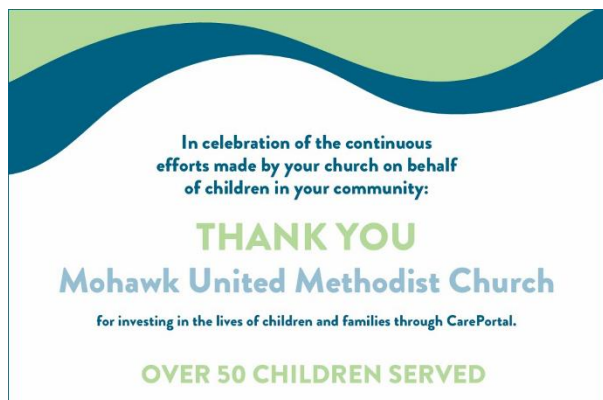


**Two more outdoor worship services coming soon:  
August 23 and September 20. Mark your calendar now!**

## **IT'S PIZZA TIME!**



The Outreach Team is taking orders for pizza and subs! Orders will be taken from Sunday, August 2 - September 13. The goal is to sell 150 pizzas and subs combined. Make your order soon; orders can be made at the SCRIP table on Sundays. Contact Mike Stanley or Leslie Dalton with any questions. All proceeds will go to the Roneys of Latvia.



## HANDS OF HOPE

Mohawk Church was given this certificate to honor our serving of 50 children through the Hands of Hope Portal. Thank you for being so faithful and intentional in providing for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the community.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

### Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

|                   | 2026    |        |         |        |         |         | 2025         |
|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------------|
|                   | Jan     | Feb    | Mar     | Apr    | May     | Jun     | Year to Date |
| Income:           |         |        |         |        |         |         |              |
| General Offering  | 5,940   | 16,525 | 14,104  | 10,673 | 12,248  | 11,189  | 70,679       |
| Other             | 540     | 5,904  | 934     | 3,257  | 526     | 581     | 11,741       |
| Total Income      | 6,480   | 22,429 | 15,038  | 13,930 | 12,774  | 11,770  | 82,420       |
| Expenses:         |         |        |         |        |         |         |              |
| Tithe             | 653     | 1,818  | 1,551   | 1,174  | 1,347   | 1,231   | 7,775        |
| Utilities         | 1,444   | 3,386  | 599     | 805    | 767     | 2,340   | 9,341        |
| Other             | 2,320   | 1,523  | 2,381   | 3,719  | 11,547  | 3,402   | 24,891       |
| Wages             | 8,331   | 8,015  | 12,266  | 6,310  | 7,605   | 6,690   | 49,218       |
| Total Expenses    | 12,748  | 14,742 | 16,797  | 12,008 | 21,266  | 13,663  | 91,224       |
| Net Income (Loss) | (6,268) | 7,687  | (1,760) | 1,922  | (8,492) | (1,893) | (8,804)      |

### Budget Comparison

|                         |          |        |         |         |         |         |          |          |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| General Offering Budget | 16,975   | 16,975 | 16,975  | 16,975  | 16,975  | 16,975  | 101,848  | 100,842  |
| Over (Short)            | (11,035) | (450)  | (2,871) | (6,301) | (4,727) | (5,786) | (31,169) | (13,043) |

### Non General Fund Restricted Donations

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |       |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,360 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|

**GOD'S LIGHT OF LOVE WILL  
BE SEEN THROUGH  
HIS STEWARDS.**

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

