

THE MESSENGER

September 2026



[From Our Pastor: People Before Programs]

There is something about the way Paul made disciples. Paul didn't begin with a committee, create programs, design a flyer or post on social media, and then hope that someone would show up. No. Paul simply began with **people**.

He invested deeply in a small number of disciples. Those disciples became a community. That community produced fellowship, prayer, worship, teaching, and service. Ministry grew from the relationships that were already there.

Paul's pattern looked like this: **Disciples → Fellowship → Ministry**.

Notice how we've flipped this pattern today: **Programs → Fellowship → Hopefully a Few Disciples**.

So... here is an uncomfortable question: **Which approach is better?**

The book of Acts gives us some pretty compelling evidence. Paul didn't personally stand in front of every person in Asia. **He made disciples who multiplied the message**. Paul invested deeply enough in people that those people could carry the gospel farther than Paul ever could. And it worked.

Within just thirty years after the resurrection of Jesus, the Christian message had spread from Jerusalem throughout much of the known Roman world.

That raises some more uncomfortable questions for us: **How long have we been making disciples? And, after all our efforts, what evidence do we see?**

Are we seeing mature Christians investing their lives in others? Or are we mostly seeing decline? This isn't meant to discourage us. It is meant to help us **refocus**.

What if our church became known not primarily for the things we **do**, but for the **people** we genuinely invest our whole lives in?

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September Birthdays

7 th	Jill Day
10 th	Becky Holman
15 th	Franklin Blair
17 th	Amanda Williams
18 th	Laura Phares
18 th	Sam Williams
21 st	Chuck Dix
22 nd	Jeff Addison
22 nd	Bob Lane



September Anniversaries

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

NOTE: If you notice any birthday or anniversary dates missing, please contact us in the office.
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PIZZA FOR SALE!



The Outreach Team is selling pizza and subs! They are taking orders through September 13. The goal is to sell a combined 150 pizzas and subs. This year, Hawaiian Pizza is one of the choices! The usual ones are available too: cheese, pepperoni, sausage, supreme and combinations of sausage/pepperoni, and sausage/pepperoni/mushroom. You can place your order at the SCRIP table on Sundays. Contact Mike Stanley or Leslie Dalton with any questions.

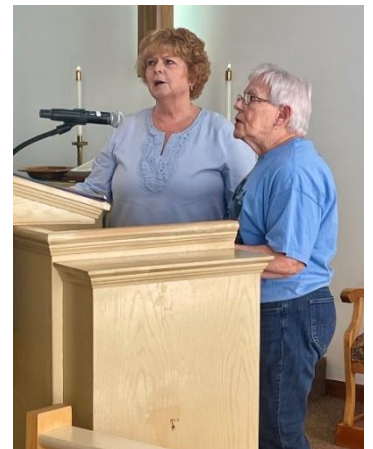
**Proceeds will go the Roneys in Latvia.*



CELEBRATING 130 YEARS!

August 16, 2026, Mohawk United Methodist Church celebrated 130 Years. It was a great time of celebration filled with lots of fellowship, families, and friends along with many memories and delicious foods.





**You're invited to the
Love INC Golf Fundraiser
Friday, September 11, 2026!**



Whether you're an experienced golfer or simply enjoy a day on the course with friends. Every golfer, sponsor, and volunteer helps support Love INC's **Clearinghouse** and **Faith & Finances** ministries as they bring hope and practical support to neighbors in our community. If golf isn't your game, you can still make a difference by becoming a sponsor or serving as a volunteer at the event. By golfing, giving, volunteering, or praying, you can help Love INC transform lives here in our Greater Hancock County community!

*For registration, sponsorship opportunities, or more information, contact Cristy Warren at Cristy@loveinc-ghc.org or check out their website: www.loveinc-ghc.org

Conference News



Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church



The Charge Conference for Mohawk UMC will take place on October 21, from 6-7:30pm. We will meet at Lawrence United Methodist Church, 5200 N. Shadeland Avenue. See Pastor Charles with any questions.

