



THE MESSENGER

June 2026



[From Our Pastor: Watering the Small]

For many years, we have said, “The future of the church is in the youth.” Certainly, we thank God for our children. But we must honestly recognize where we are as a congregation. We have limited volunteers, resources, and only a handful of children. We are not positioned to build a vibrant youth ministry.

This doesn’t mean the future of our church is dim. In fact, the Bible shows us another way - Jesus changed the world not with crowds, but with disciples. He invested deeply in a few who would become self-initiating, reproducing followers.

The early church then grew house to house, sharing meals, praying together, studying Scripture, and caring for one another (Acts 2:42-47).

I believe the future God may have for our church is through small discipleship groups - small gatherings where members can choose the topic, activity, when and where to meet, and invite others - including neighbors and friends who may never walk into a church service first.

Some groups may study Scripture. Others may gather around farming, quilting, coffee, prayer, meals, serving the community, or another shared interest. The purpose is simple: help people take one step up in their relationship with Jesus.

Through these small groups, God can quietly send us into new homes neighborhoods, and relationships. Seeds can be planted.

But this requires patience. Farmers understand this better than anyone. You cannot rush a harvest. You water the small things faithfully. You tend the soil. You trust God for the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6).

This is not a six-month vision. It is a 10-to-15-year commitment. Remember, the kingdom of God begins small - like a seed (Mark 4:30-32) – and then grows.

In God’s hands, small groups can become big fruitful growth.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4th Leslie Dalton
5th Mike Stanley
5th Dean Thompson
6th Rhonda Beeker
11th Chris Gray



18th Taran Pelc
20th Jacob Gray
23rd Diana Hartzog
25th Sam Bricker
27th Sandy Plank

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

MOWING THE CHURCH LAWN

As the grass continues to grow, we find ourselves looking for volunteers to mow it. We are grateful for all those who take their time to keep the lawn looking nice for the congregation who attends each Sunday, and for guests who might drive by looking for a church to attend. We have many spots open for people to volunteer to mow the grass, especially in June and July. If you can help, please sign up in the fellowship hall.



PASTOR CHARLES' VACATION

Pastor Charles and Carrie will be on vacation to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, May 24 through Sunday, May 31. Pastor Marianne Nichols of Carrollton UMC has graciously offered to help with any pastoral needs that may arise at Mohawk UMC while Pastor Charles is on vacation. Pastor Nichols can be contacted by phone, (317) 459-5322, or by email, marianne.nichols@inumc.org if needed.



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GUEST SPEAKER: SANDRA HARTLIEB AT MOHAWK UMC

Sandra Hartlieb, actress, author, and storyteller will be our guest speaker on May 31. Sandra is sure to wow you with a bible drama that will ignite your heart for Jesus. Join us for these special Sunday Worship Services while Pastor Charles is on vacation.



ANNUAL OUTREACH KICKBALL GAME

Mark your calendar now! Mohawk Church will hold our annual outreach kickball game on June 14, from 4-6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend! You are welcome to be a team member who plays, or you can be a participant who shows support with a cheerful voice! We hope to see you there!

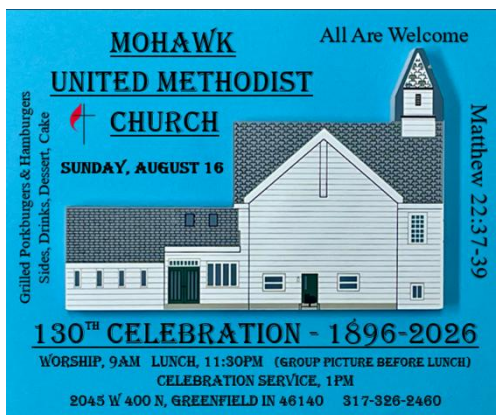




CHURCH AT THE FAIR

Church at the Fair will take place on Father's Day, June 21, 9:30am. Bring a friend! It will be a fantastic day to worship and celebrate all of the Fathers in our lives.

T-SHIRTS FOR MOHAWK UMC'S 130th CELEBRATION, AUGUST 16, 2026



Mohawk Church will have t-shirts available to order for Mohawk UMC's 130-Year Celebration. T-shirts will range in size for children from extra-small through extra-large. Adult sizes will range from small through 4x. The t-shirts will cost around \$10.00 each (depending on size of shirt). All t-shirt orders and money are due by July 10th (give to Kelly Paugh). Samples of the t-shirts will be at the church to see beginning June 1.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

This is the time of the year that we recognize the students of the church who have graduated from high school and college.

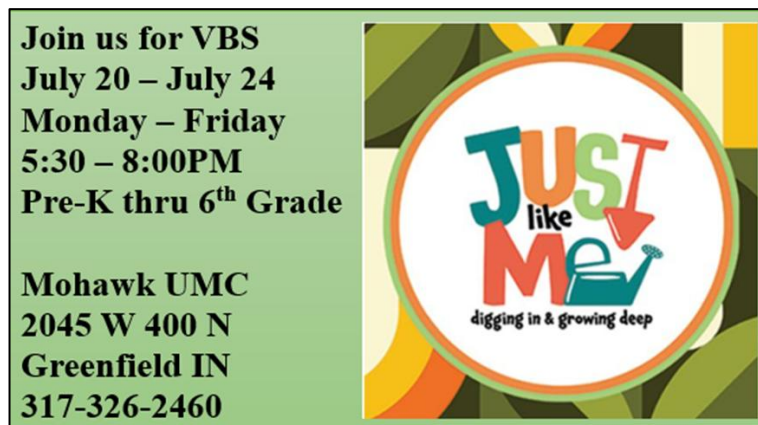
We will recognize our graduates this year during Sunday worship on June 28, 2026.





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. Activities begin at 6 p.m.

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.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2026					2025
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:						
General Offering	5,940	16,525	14,104	10,673	47,242	45,425
Other	540	5,904	884	3,257	10,585	5,635
Total Income	6,480	22,429	14,988	13,930	57,827	51,060
Expenses:						
Tithe	653	1,818	1,551	1,174	5,197	-
Utilities	1,444	3,386	599	805	6,234	5,843
Other	2,320	1,523	2,331	3,719	9,892	15,515
Wages	8,331	8,015	12,266	6,310	34,923	36,979
Total Expenses	12,748	14,742	16,747	12,008	56,245	58,337
Net Income (Loss)	(6,268)	7,687	(1,760)	1,922	1,582	(7,277)

Budget Comparison

General Offering Budget	16,975	16,975	16,975	16,975	67,898	67,228
Over (Short)	(11,035)	(450)	(2,871)	(6,301)	(20,656)	(21,803)

Non General Fund Restricted Donations

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