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THE MESSENGER

[From Our Pastor: A Vision for Mission in 2025]

I want to share a vision for the road ahead—a path rooted in God’s call to mission. Our God is always on the move, drawing us into His work of redemption and inviting us to join Him in transforming the world with His love. This is our calling. God gathers us as His people—not to isolate us from the world but to prepare us to go back into it, carrying His light and truth (John 17:15-18).

Our mission begins with God. He calls us out of the noise and distractions of this world, gathers us into His family, and empowers us with His Spirit. Together, as a community of faith, we are equipped to proclaim His Word and to serve those around us. Then, God sends us back into the world—not alone, but as part of what Michael Yaconelli calls “a conspiracy of grace.” This grace-filled conspiracy is our charge: together we love the rejected, heal the broken, and reflect God’s glory in every corner of our lives.

Each of us is uniquely crafted by God (Psalm 139:13). We serve one God, but we serve Him in beautifully diverse ways, using the unique gifts He has given us. Our challenge in 2025 is to embrace our differences and unite as one body, serving together as a family.

This year, let’s focus on restoring brokenness by being examples of God’s love in everything we do – in our speech, speaking truth and encouragement; in our work, doing everything for the Lord; in our relationships, loving and forgiving one another deeply; and in our communities, looking for the lonely, hurting, and marginalized, inviting them into God’s family.

Practical steps we can take include partnering with local organizations, hosting events that meet the needs of our neighbors, and engaging in intentional discipleship that empowers others to live out the gospel.

The Great Commission is our rallying cry (Matthew 28:19-20). We don’t just want to announce Christ; we want to *illustrate* His kingdom through concrete, real acts of love and service. By doing so, we compel others to glorify God.

I invite you to not only dream with me about what this mission could look, but intentionally work to make our vision a reality in our church and community. How can we exercise our gifts to be the hands and feet of Christ? How can we foster unity in our diversity and love in our service? Let’s pray together, plan together, and walk boldly in 2025 as ambassadors of God’s grace.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Children's Christmas Program was wonderful!



YOUTH ACTIVITY NIGHT

The youth activity night was a hit with the adults !



MITTENS AND HATS

In December, the Outreach Committee collected mittens and hats for toddlers. Thanks to you, there was an abundance of mittens and hats to give to the children. Thank you for all of the donations!



NEW YEAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to try something new? The feeling you get after serving in worship is amazing! Would you consider signing up to serve in worship? Even the children could learn to serve by shadowing you, and then serve on their own. We are so grateful for your help. You can sign up for a particular spot on the Sunday(s) of your choice in the Fellowship Hall, or use the link below to get to Signup Genius. Thank you (in advance) for volunteering to serve! [Mohawk United Methodist Church: MUMC Worship Opportunities To Serve \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS



The church looks beautiful, thanks to all who helped decorate for Advent and Christmas. On January 5th, after Sunday School, we will take everything down and store it for next year! Please, won't you stay to help take the decorations down? It will get done quicker if we have a lot of people to help.



Valentine's Dinner

This year's Valentine's Dinner will be Saturday, February 15, 2025, 5:30pm. The dinner will be at *Willie & Reds* in Hagerstown. The cost is \$18.95 for a smorgasbord including the beverage (plus tax). Please let [Tammy Bearhope](#) know if you plan to attend and how many people will be attending in your party.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st Connie Wilson
2nd Elaine Cox
3rd Lucinda Blair
5th Ed Clark
9th Alyssa Cain
13th Ainsley Martin
14th Michelle Bricker
16th Robert Phares
21st Katie Hooker
21st Kaitlyn Hartzog
21st Susan Edwards
24th Eve Martin
25th Dave Holman
29th Dan Bauer
31st Robert Jackson



CARE COMMITTEE NEWS

The Ladies' Soup Luncheon is set for Saturday, March 1, 2025.



They will meet at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and be a part of a wonderful time of fellowship, soup, and fun!



*Pictures are of the 2024 Ladies Soup Luncheon

2025 Leadership Teams – Mohawk UMC

Nominations Team

Meets as needed

Pastor Charles Pelc – Chair

Class of 2025

Mike Stanley

Gail Stanley

Class of 2026

Tammy Bearhope

Sandy Plank

Class of 2027

Susan Edwards

TBD _____

Finance Team

2nd Thurs, odd months

Debi Lane – Chair

Class of 2025

Diana Hartzog

Laura Phares (Secretary)

Class of 2026

Gail Stanley

Kelly Wenning

Class of 2027

Debi Lane

TBD _____

Treasurer

Rick Edwards

Trustee Rep

Mike Schenck

Children's Team

Meets as needed

Amanda Williams – Chair

Kelly Wenning – Chair

Lucinda Blair

Sunday School

Coordinator

Robert Phares

Youth Coordinators

Burl Bearhope

Leslie Dalton

VBS Coordinator

Leslie Dalton

*Lay Leader

Robert Phares

Care Team

Meets as needed

Myra Williams – Chair

Class of 2025

Leanne Dix

Marge Credille

Class of 2026

Jan Webb

TBD _____

Class of 2027

Myra Williams

Denise Phares

Funeral Dinners: Rhonda

Becker, Laura Phares

Prayer Chain: Jan Webb

Flowers: Tammy Bearhope

College: Rhonda Becker

Outreach Team

2nd Mondays, odd months

Mike Stanley – Chair

Class of 2025

Nikki Ward

Virginia Hartzog

Class of 2026

Mike Stanley

TBD _____

Class of 2027

Connie Wilson

TBD _____

Worship Team

2nd Tuesdays, odd months

Chair – TBD _____

Class of 2025

Leanne Dix

TBD _____

Class of 2026

Burl Bearhope

Dan Bauer

Class of 2027

Gail Stanley

Leslie Dalton

*Lay Delegate

Myra Williams

Trustees Team

1st Tuesday, odd months

Bruce Beeker – Chair

Mike Schenck – Chair

Class of 2025

Leisa Harmon

Chuck Dix

Bruce Beeker

Class of 2026

Tim Plank

Mike Schenck

Dwight Ramsey

Class of 2027

Kelly Paugh

Bob Lane

Christian Blair

Staff Parrish Team

3rd Monday, odd months

Betsy Bandy – Chair

Lucinda Blair – Chair

Class of 2025

Denise Phares

Betsy Bandy

Class of 2026

Lucinda Blair

Burl Bearhope

Class of 2027

Michelle Bricker

Rosie Hunt

Administrative Council

3rd Tuesdays, odd months

Tammy Bearhope – Chair

Jan Webb – Secretary

Pastor Charles Pelc

Debi Lane

Rick Edwards

Bruce Beeker

Mike Schenck

Betsy Bandy

Lucinda Blair

Mike Stanley

Myra Williams

Amanda Williams

Kelly Wenning

* Lay Leader and Lay Delegate may serve on any/all teams, and Ad Council

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

We are having the best financial year in a very long time! Our congregation is so blessed. Thank you to all!

	Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances												
	2024											2023	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:													
General Offering	9,833	12,525	17,254	10,116	10,259	18,998	11,209	8,880	16,307	9,913	29,639	154,933	145,214
Other	183	7,254	1,963	272	1,806	324	661	350	12,174	1,132	419	26,538	24,691
Total Income	10,016	19,779	19,216	10,388	12,065	19,322	11,870	9,230	28,481	11,046	30,058	181,471	169,905
Expenses:													
Tithe	-	-	4,555	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,631	11,186	9,326
Utilities	2,331	951	859	1,208	233	786	1,477	1,104	1,121	817	1,284	12,171	11,771
Other	1,081	2,729	2,923	3,319	10,602	4,764	6,386	732	3,869	3,677	1,354	41,435	36,481
Wages	9,336	9,357	9,383	14,315	9,357	8,218	8,024	8,125	12,209	8,099	8,116	104,539	110,939
Total Expenses	12,747	13,037	17,720	18,842	20,192	13,769	15,886	9,961	17,199	12,593	17,386	169,331	168,516
Net Income (Loss)	(2,730)	6,741	1,497	(8,454)	(8,127)	5,554	(4,017)	(731)	11,282	(1,548)	12,671	12,139	1,389

Budget Comparison													
General Offering Budget	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	181,335	176,018
Over (Short)	(6,652)	(3,960)	769	(6,369)	(6,226)	2,513	(5,276)	(7,605)	(178)	(6,572)	13,154	(26,402)	(30,804)

Non General Fund Restricted Donations													
									1,800	200	-	2,000	6,505