

THE MESSENGER

January 2026



[From Our Pastor: Answering the Call to Discipleship]

As we step into a new year, I'm reminded that Jesus never invites anyone to admire Him from a distance. His call is always, "*Follow Me!*" (Matthew 4:19). True fellowship with Jesus - the kind that transforms our hearts, homes, priorities - comes only when we answer that call and embrace what it means to be His disciple in its entirety. We cannot experience the fullness of His presence while holding Him at arm's length. Discipleship is the way to deeper communion with Christ.

Throughout 2026, our church will be intentionally focusing on discipleship. We will explore what it means to follow Jesus not just in moments of worship, but in the rhythm of everyday life: in how we pray, forgive, serve, and love.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote: "Only he who believes is obedient, and only he who is obedient believes." Faith and obedience walk hand in hand.

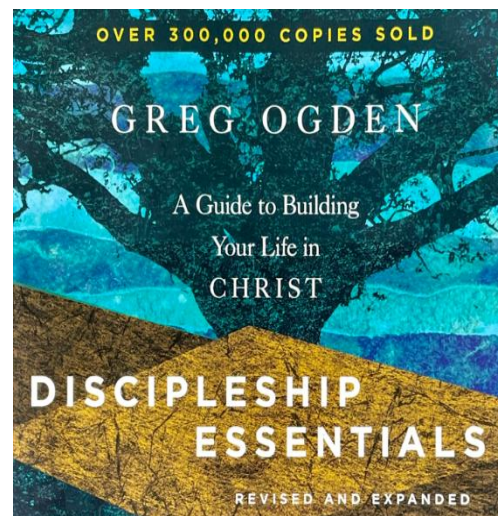
To be a disciple is to receive the whole Christ - His teaching, example, authority, and transforming grace. St. John Chrysostom encouraged the church with these words: "Christ does not ask impossibilities of us, but only what is possible and easy... and even this He helps us to accomplish."

Jesus never asks anything of us without also giving us the strength to do it. Just as He told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Discipleship is not about our ability but His sufficiency; not about our strength but His Spirit at work in us.

As we begin 2026 together, may we hear again the voice of our Lord calling us to walk with Him more closely than ever before, and may we find joy in knowing that the One who calls us is also the One who equips us.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

Join pastor Charles in a new small group study as we build our lives in Jesus Christ, based on the book by Greg Oden, *Discipleship Essentials*. Speak to pastor Charles if you are interested.



January Birthdays

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



January Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries listed in the office for the month of January. If you have an anniversary in January, please email the church office.

NOTE: If you notice any birthday or anniversary dates missing, please contact us in the office. mohawkumc@gmail.com

Children's Christmas Program 2025

December 21, 2025 the children presented a kid drama titled
"A Very Merry Puppet Christmas".



UN-HANGING THE GREENS



After worship, January 4, 2026, we will
take down all of the Christmas
decorations from 2025.

It would be great if you could stay after
worship to help.



IT'S TIME FOR A MOHAWK AUCTION!

Mohawk UMC will hold an auction on Sunday, February 15, 2026 after Worship Service and Sunday School. Lunch will be 11am-12pm. The auction will begin at 12pm.

***You can drop off things any time now that you would like to have auctioned off.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEW

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2025											2024	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:													
General Offering	12,694	8,906	11,153	12,672	9,667	32,707	8,805	8,128	10,275	21,175	22,136	158,318	154,946
Other	207	332	3,613	1,482	661	1,047	3,182	688	4,786	227	12,233	28,458	26,538
Total Income	12,901	9,238	14,766	14,154	10,328	33,754	11,987	8,816	15,061	21,402	34,368	186,777	181,484
Expenses:													
Tithe	-	-	-	-	-	-	425	-	-	-	9,629	10,054	11,186
Utilities	2,653	1,503	912	774	744	2,331	1,000	1,261	1,255	520	1,188	14,141	12,171
Other	2,920	2,438	2,038	8,119	19,708	3,578	4,630	3,445	9,945	2,067	1,461	60,349	41,448
Wages	8,350	8,146	12,128	8,355	8,636	8,040	8,213	8,046	12,173	8,213	8,115	98,414	104,539
Total Expenses	13,923	12,088	15,078	17,248	29,088	13,948	14,268	12,752	23,373	10,800	20,392	182,958	169,344
Net Income (Loss)	(1,022)	(2,850)	(312)	(3,093)	(18,761)	19,806	(2,280)	(3,936)	(8,311)	10,602	13,976	3,819	12,139

Budget Comparison

General Offering Budget	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	184,877	181,335
Over (Short)	(4,113)	(7,901)	(5,654)	(4,135)	(7,140)	15,900	(8,002)	(8,679)	(6,532)	4,368	5,329	(26,559)	(26,389)

Non General Fund Restricted Donations

	1,240	120	-	-	-	5,000	365	-	-	-	(8,725)	(2,000)	2,000
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STEWARDSHIP IS INCLUSIVE, DEMANDING, AND JOYFUL! IT IS A WHOLE WAY OF LIFE!

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10).

