

THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER



[From Our Pastor: Put on Christ]

November always draws our hearts toward gratitude. Harvest reminds us to pause and give thanks to God “from whom all blessings flow.” Yet this year, it’s not easy to feel thankful. The news is filled wars, political division, economic uncertainty, and a rise in violence. It’s no wonder that peace feels hard to find.

And yet, there is a strong connection between thanksgiving and peace.

Philippians 4:6–7 says: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Notice that peace doesn’t come after everything is fixed - it comes when we give thanks in the midst of our troubles. Gratitude opens the door to God’s peace. When we thank God for His goodness, even when the world feels uncertain, we are reminded that He is still on the throne. We may not control the world around us, but we can choose to rest in the One who does.

The writer Melody Beattie once said, “Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more.” That’s exactly what happens when we practice thanksgiving before God. We find that our blessings outweigh our burdens, our faith grows stronger than our fears, and our hearts settle into peace that “passes understanding.”

May your November be filled with gratitude, quiet trust, and the deep peace of knowing that God holds you—and our world—in His loving hands.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

TRUNK & TREAT

Mohawk UMC held a second annual Trunk & Treat event on October 25, 2025. There was a bonfire, hotdogs, marshmallows, a food table, crafts, and games as well as lots and lots of candy. There was a costume contest as well as a trunk decorating contest.

It was fun for all who attended!



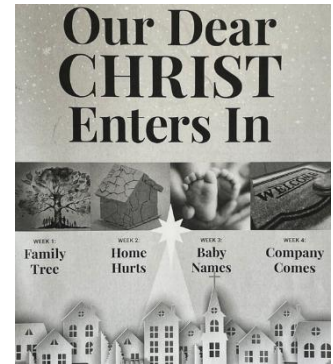
Worship In Costume!

Sunday, October 26 was "Worship in Costume Sunday".
A fun way to worship for the adults as well as the children.



Advent Bible Study with Pastor Charles

Pastor Charles will be offering a special 4-week Advent Bible study during our Sunday School hour after service starting November 30th. This Christmas season, we will be studying *Our Dear Christ Enters In*. He enters our hearts and homes; and yet, how he does so is something we continue to marvel at this day. Join us for the topics of family tree, home hurts, baby names, and company comes.



Hats And Mittens

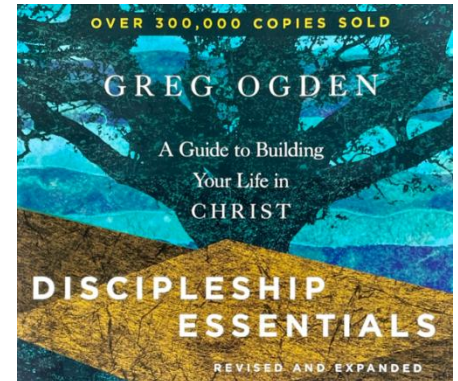
Mohawk UMC is collecting new hats and mittens this year for toddlers and preschoolers in the HeadStart Program. We will collect until December 14. Look for the Christmas Tree Stand in the Fellowship Hall to hang your donations upon.

Discipleship Essentials – A Small Group Seeking Transformation & Multiplication

Pastor Charles is looking for 2-3 committed people who would like to build their lives in Christ to join him THIS COMING JANUARY for a 6-month journey through Greg Ogden's guide, *Discipleship Essentials*.

“For the truth of God's Word to be released in its transforming power, it must be pursued in the context of trusting, intimate, and lasting relationships.”

If you would be interested in joining this small, covenant group, please let Pastor Charles know of your desire to grow in Christ. We will look to meet weekly to discuss a Core Truth, a Memory Verse, and a Bible Study on 25 essential topics. Topics include: making disciples, quiet time, prayer, made in God's image, redemption, filled with the Holy Spirit, ministry gifts, spiritual warfare, and more.

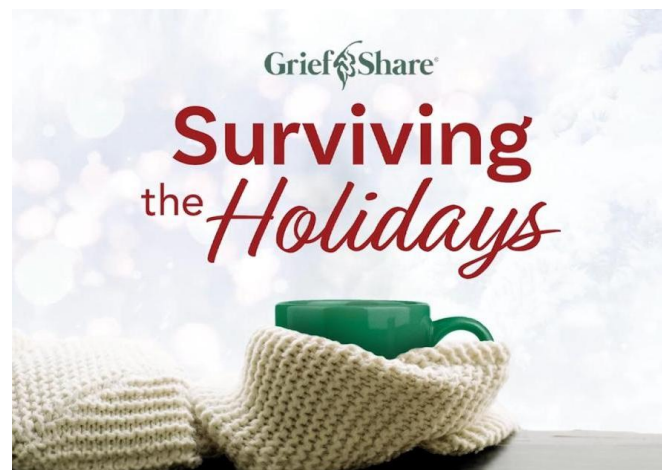


NOVEMBER 30, 2025

We will hang the greens to prepare for Advent and Christmas after worship on November 30. Please, will you plan to stay and help if you can?

Surviving the Holidays

The holidays are a challenging time when you are grieving a loss. Mohawk Church will host a holiday seminar "Surviving the Holidays" on November 18, 2025 in the Fellowship Hall from 7-9pm. If you have questions, talk with Carrie Pelc.





November Birthdays

2 nd	DeWayne Paugh	2 nd	Gentry Plank	9 th	Karen Clark
11 th	Caleb Paugh	12 th	Grace Gray	13 th	Joshua Plank
17 th	David Wenning	19 th	Myra Williams	21 st	Megan Addison
22 nd	Jeff Musselman	22 nd	Leslie Severance	22 nd	Easton Schenck
23 rd	Abel Wenning	23 rd	Pastor Charles Pelc	24 th	Rory Lou Hooker
24 th	Jack Hunt	28 th	Krista Steeno		

November Anniversaries

17 th	Jack & Rosalie Hunt
27 th	David & Marcia Brown



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

Fall Party

The rain could not keep Mohawk UMC away from the annual Fall Party. About 38 people attended. This year's fall party was hosted by Laura & Robert Phares and took place at their beautiful, new home on North 600 West.

The food was delicious as always!



MOHAWK UMC FAMILY THANKSGIVING DINNER



The annual Mohawk UMC Family Thanksgiving Dinner will be after worship in the Fellowship Hall on November 23. Laura Phares will make the Turkey. We invite you to bring side dishes and desserts.

Jason Wolfgang At Mohawk UMC

Jason Wolfgang performed his "A New Way" tour (a musical bible study on the Old Testament) at Mohawk Church October 5, 2025. It was a great time!



EVENTS TO COME:

November 2 - All Saints Sunday, with breakfast following service.

November 18 - Surviving the Holidays, a special GriefShare program, 7-9pm.

December 21 - Children's Christmas Program during service.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 11pm.

December 28 - Guest Speaker, Reverend Jim Cain during service.

CARE PACKAGES

It's time to share the love! There will be five boxes in the fellowship hall waiting for goodies to send to our college students as they wrap up their first semester of classes, and for our Military Man approaching the holidays. The boxes will be in the Fellowship hall on two Sundays; November 16 and 23.



FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

*This month shows an increase in expenses due to having trees trimmed and removed and a month with three payrolls.

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2025									2024	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	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	115,008	115,394
Other	207	332	3,613	1,482	661	1,047	3,182	688	4,786	15,999	24,987
Total Income	12,901	9,238	14,766	14,154	10,328	33,754	11,987	8,816	15,061	131,006	140,380
Expenses:											
Tithe	-	-	-	-	-	-	425	-	-	425	4,555
Utilities	2,653	1,503	912	774	744	2,331	1,000	1,261	1,255	12,434	10,069
Other	2,920	2,438	2,038	8,119	19,708	3,578	4,630	3,445	9,945	56,821	36,417
Wages	8,350	8,146	12,128	8,355	8,636	8,040	8,213	8,046	12,173	82,086	88,324
Total Expenses	13,923	12,088	15,078	17,248	29,088	13,948	14,268	12,752	23,373	151,766	139,365
Net Income (Loss)	(1,022)	(2,850)	(312)	(3,093)	(18,761)	19,806	(2,280)	(3,936)	(8,311)	(20,760)	1,016

Budget Comparison

General Offering Budget	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	151,263	148,365
Over (Short)	(4,113)	(7,901)	(5,654)	(4,135)	(7,140)	15,900	(8,002)	(8,679)	(6,532)	(36,256)	(32,971)

Non General Fund Restricted Donations

	1,240	120	-	-	-	5,000	365	-	-	6,725	-
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