

THE MESSENGER

March 2026



[From Our Pastor: The Cross and The Courage to Forgive]

This March, our eyes turn toward the cross of Jesus Christ. The cross is the place where forgiveness was poured out for the life of the world. From the cross, Jesus prayed, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34). Even in agony, Jesus’ heart was turned outward in mercy.

The cross shows us that forgiveness is not weakness. It is costly grace!

Forgiveness is not something we manufacture by willpower; it is something we first receive from Christ and then extend to others. And yet, we all know how hard that can be. When forgiveness is withheld, the effects rarely stay contained. St. Augustine wrote, “Resentment is like drinking poison and hoping the other person will die.” Unforgiveness promises protection but delivers isolation. It keeps wounds open and relationships fractured.

But the cross tells another story. At Calvary, justice and mercy met. Jesus bore the weight of sin so that reconciliation could begin (2 Corinthians 5:19). That is the heart of God - not keeping score, but restoring.

Forgiveness does not pretend the hurt did not happen. It does not excuse wrongdoing. Instead, it releases the debt into God’s hands. It opens doors that anger slams shut. It restores conversations. It begins to rebuild trust. It allows grace to flow again.

And sometimes the hardest person to forgive is the one we see in the mirror.

As we approach Easter, I invite you to ask: What forgiveness do I need; and, is there someone I need to forgive? Stand beneath the cross, and receive again the forgiveness that restores your soul. Then offer that forgiveness to others.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles



VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

The annual Valentins's Day Dinner was held at the KY Bistro Café in New Castle this year. Twenty-four people attended! Everyone had a delicious time!



Spring Flower Sale

Mohawk Church is having a flower sale!

Geraniums for \$4.00 each and hanging baskets for \$20.00 each. Flower delivery will be April, 24th. Nikki Ward or Mike Stanley will be in the fellowship hall after church with order sheets.

LADIES SOUP LUNCHEON

The Ladies Soup Luncheon will be held Saturday, March 7, 2026, 11:00am-12:30pm at the beautiful home of Laura Phares. Laura will be the guest speaker, and will speak on the topic of quilting. Mark your calendars now for this special event of delicious soup, friends, and fellowship!



"SOUP'S ON" ROBERT'S PARK UMC

Mohawk Church will join Roberts Park UMC serving lunch to the homeless in Indianapolis on Sunday, March 15. We'll leave the church at 10:15am following service; returning 2pm. If you would like to help serve, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Charles with questions.



GriefShare Support Group

February 25 through May 20
7-9pm
Mohawk UMC Fellowship Hall

GriefShare Support Group

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS, 7-9PM
FEBRUARY 25 – MAY 20
WHERE: MOHAWK UMC
2045 W 400 N, GREENFIELD, IN
CONTACT: MOHAWKUMC@GMAIL.COM
317-326-2460
REGISTER: GRIEFSHARE.ORG/ENDAGROUP
SEARCH BY ZIP CODE 46140

Free to Participants

"GriefShare helps walk you through your grief process and heal from the pain."
Elsie, group participant



Greenfield, IN- Mohawk UMC

Sunday, March 22, 2026
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Bryan Hutson

in concert during worship



MOHAWK UMC's **ANNUAL AUCTION & LUNCHEON**

Mohawk UMC held the annual auction on Sunday, February 15, 2026. Lunch was served before the auction began. The delicious foods were from recipes out of the Church cookbook. Mohawk UMC raised \$5640.00 to help fund the missions of the church.





March Birthdays



3 rd	Emily Paugh
5 th	Denise Phares
7 th	Bentley Paugh
7 th	Leanne Dix
8 th	Dwight Ramsey
12 th	Gwen Martin
15 th	Jenny Musselman
17 th	Matthew Lovins
21 st	Terry Ramsey

March Anniversaries

18 th	Bryon & Diana Hartzog
19 th	Brandon & Krista Steeno
28 th	Jim & Betsy Bandy



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

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

We need people to volunteer to serve during worship in March.

Almost every place that people could volunteer is empty. Anybody can volunteer!

We are grateful for those who help make the services run smoothly by volunteering. Don't be shy, the people that you see volunteering week after week would be happy to see new faces volunteering. If you are unsure about what it takes to volunteer in a specific position, send an email to the office. Please, won't you help, give it a try, we would be very appreciative.



PLANNING MEETING:

March 19, 2026



Mohawk UMC will hold a special planning meeting in the Fellowship Hall on March 19, 2026, 6:30pm, to begin planning for our 130-Year Celebration. The celebration will take place some time in August. We need to start planning now. Please join us to help plan a spectacular event for this special celebration.

<i>Mohawk UMC 2026</i> HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE			
			
			
			
Palm Sunday March 29 9am Children's Parade	Holy Thursday April 2 7pm Communion	Good Friday April 3 7pm Hammering The Nails	
			
Easter Sunrise April 5 7am An Interactive Service	Easter Main April 5 9am He IS Risen!	Egg Hunt April 5 10:15am	

Easter Laughs

The week before Easter is known as Holy Week because of its special significance to Christians. During one Holy Week, a Sunday School teacher took great pains to explain all the events in Jesus' life that led up to the first Easter. She told the children about Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and finally Easter. When she thought she had explained everything, she asked if her students had any questions.

One curious boy raised his hand and asked, "What happens if you don't want to be holy all week?"

- Daniel Hintz, Grand Isle, Nebraska

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2026		2025
	Jan	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:			
General Offering	5,940	5,940	12,694
Other	340	340	207
Total Income	6,280	6,280	12,901
Expenses:			
Tithe	653	653	-
Utilities	1,444	1,444	2,653
Other	2,320	2,320	2,920
Wages	8,331	8,331	8,350
Total Expenses	12,748	12,748	13,923
Net Income (Loss)	(6,468)	(6,468)	(1,022)

Budget Comparison			
General Offering Budget	16,975	16,975	16,807
Over (Short)	(11,035)	(11,035)	(4,113)

Non General Fund Restricted Donations			
	200	200	1,240