



THE MESSENGER



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[From Our Pastor: Multiplying Love to the Next Generation]

As we step into February, the month of love, consider the transformative love of God, and how we can share that love with others. In particular, I'm thinking about teenagers and young adults. How can we as a church step into their world and multiply God's love in meaningful ways? Here are a few ideas:

Be Present and Authentic: teenagers and young adults today have a radar for authenticity. They're not looking for perfection; they're looking for real. It's not about having all the answers but being willing to listen, walk alongside them, and share how God's love has transformed our lives. As St. Francis of Assisi famously said, *"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words."*

Create Safe Spaces for Questions and Doubts: many young people are wrestling with deep questions about faith, identity, and purpose. Let's make our church a safe place where they can explore these questions without judgment.

Leverage Technology for Ministry: this generation is digital-first, and social media often shapes their worldview. By using platforms like TikTok and YouTube to share testimonies, devotionals, and scripture, we can extend God's love beyond the church walls. It's not just about posting; it's about fostering meaningful conversations in digital spaces.

Serve with Them, Not Just for Them: teenagers and young adults are passionate about making a difference in the world. Inviting them to join in projects like feeding the hungry, caring for the environment, or supporting local families helps them experience God's love in action.

Mentor, Don't Just Teach: the most powerful way to communicate God's love to young people is through one-on-one relationships. Be a mentor who invests in their lives, encouraging them to discover their God-given potential. Let them see how your faith shapes your everyday life.

In the words of Mother Teresa, *"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."* This is our calling as followers of Christ: to let God's love flow through us in ways that transform lives, especially among the next generation.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

METRO MINISTRIES

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Metro Ministries is a United Methodist Organization of our Central District, dedicated to providing grant funds to churches and faith-based organizations looking to start up new ministries. Their first big fundraiser will be **MARCH 1**.

It is a MARDI GRAS PARTY!

Families are invited to University United Methodist Church (5959 Grandview Dr., Indianapolis, IN) on Saturday, March 1, from 4-6:30pm for a spectacular Mardi Gras dinner and celebration. Come in costume. Decorate a mask. Enjoy Zydeco music & karaoke. Take pictures at the selfie-wall. There will be prizes and a raffle. Feast on southern soul food. A key-note speaker from Mobile AL will also be talking about “The Origin of Mardi Gras and What It Means.”

PARTNERING WITH HANDS OF HOPE



Our Church is continuing to partner with Hands of Hope to assist families in Hancock Co. with concrete needs. So far, we have assisted two families in Greenfield: a single mother of two pre-teen boys; and a great-grandmother and her two great-grandsons. The economic impact of our assistance to these four children is estimated at \$2134. Overall, churches partnering with Hands of Hope in Hancock Co. have met 12 out of 12 requests since October 2024.

We are collecting the most requested items at our church. If you are able to donate these items, contact pastor Charles and he will arrange to pick them up.

Mattresses, Bed Frames, Bedding Sets, Diapers & Wipes, Dressers,
Plastic Totes, Storage Containers, Couches, Clothing, Cleaning Supplies

You can also donate funds to help purchase items by going to...

<https://system.careportal.org/church/103595>

...and clicking the green button on top of the page. Create a user profile. Safely enter your credit card information and donation amount. Your funds will become available for our church to use through our Hands of Hope CareCard.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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 serve, with your guidance. 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 find Signup Genius. Thank you (in advance) for volunteering to serve! [Mohawk United Methodist Church: MUMC Worship Opportunities To Serve \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com/mohawk-united-methodist-church)



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.

FACILITY REQUEST FORM & CALENDAR

Did you know that there is a form for that? If you would like to use the Fellowship Hall for a special event (family gathering, wedding shower, baby shower, etc.), you will need to fill out a facility request form. The facility request forms can be found in the church office in the folders on the wall by the window. Just fill out a form and put it in the folder called "Waiting for Approval". You can also call the office to see if a date is available to use the facility, and a form can be emailed to you. We will then add your event to the Google calendar and the wall calendar so others can see when days are open to use the fellowship hall. Thank you for planning ahead.

SERVE DAY 2025

Our Outreach Team would like to schedule a SERVE DAY where we can help someone with home repairs, yard work, spring cleaning, and sharing a meal.

If you know someone who would benefit from the outpouring of love and service, please contact Pastor Charles or Mike Stanley so that we can get in touch with that family and set up a time to share the love of Christ.

THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Souper Bowl of Caring kicked off January 26; it runs to February 9, 2025. There is a cart in the Fellowship Hall to place cans of soups, or monetary donations can be dropped into the Soup Pot.

**ALL DONATIONS OF SOUPS AND MONEY
WILL BE DONATED TO
THE KENNETH BUTLER SOUP KITCHEN.**



MISSION TRIP



Pastor Charles and our Outreach Team are planning a 3-day (Thursday-Saturday) mission trip to Midwest Missions south of Springfield, Illinois, during August. Three possible dates are: Aug 7-9, Aug 21-23, or Aug 28-30.

If you would be interested in going, please let Pastor Charles know, and indicate which dates would be your first, second, and third choices.

CARE COMMITTEE NEWS



***The Ladies' Soup Luncheon will be
Saturday, March 1, 2025,
11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.
Lots of food and fun. If you need a
ride, please contact Rhonda Beeker,
Myra Williams, or Jan Webb.***



ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 5



Mark your calendars and get ready for LENT. We will kick off our Easter season with a special ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE on March 5, at 7pm. Join us for a unique, participant-oriented worship experience as we cry out to God, repent of our sins, and play in the amazing grace that Jesus gives to us. Participants will receive the mark of the cross in ashes on their foreheads as a sign of their faith.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

7 th Shailynn Steeno	7 th Ashley Schenck
12 th Lori Divine	12 th Bill Ewing
14 th Virginia Hartzog	20 th Jim Bandy
21 st Rosalie Hunt	26 th Debi Lane
27 th Burl Bearhope	



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



4th Burl & Tammy Bearhope
12th Ed & Karen Clark

2025 Leadership Teams – Mohawk UMC -Updated

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

Amanda Williams

*Lav 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

Burl Bearhope - Chair

Leslie Dalton - Chair

Class of 2025

Leanne Dix

Terry Ramsey

Class of 2026

Burl Bearhope

Dan Bauer

Class of 2027

Gail Stanley

Leslie Dalton

*Lav 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

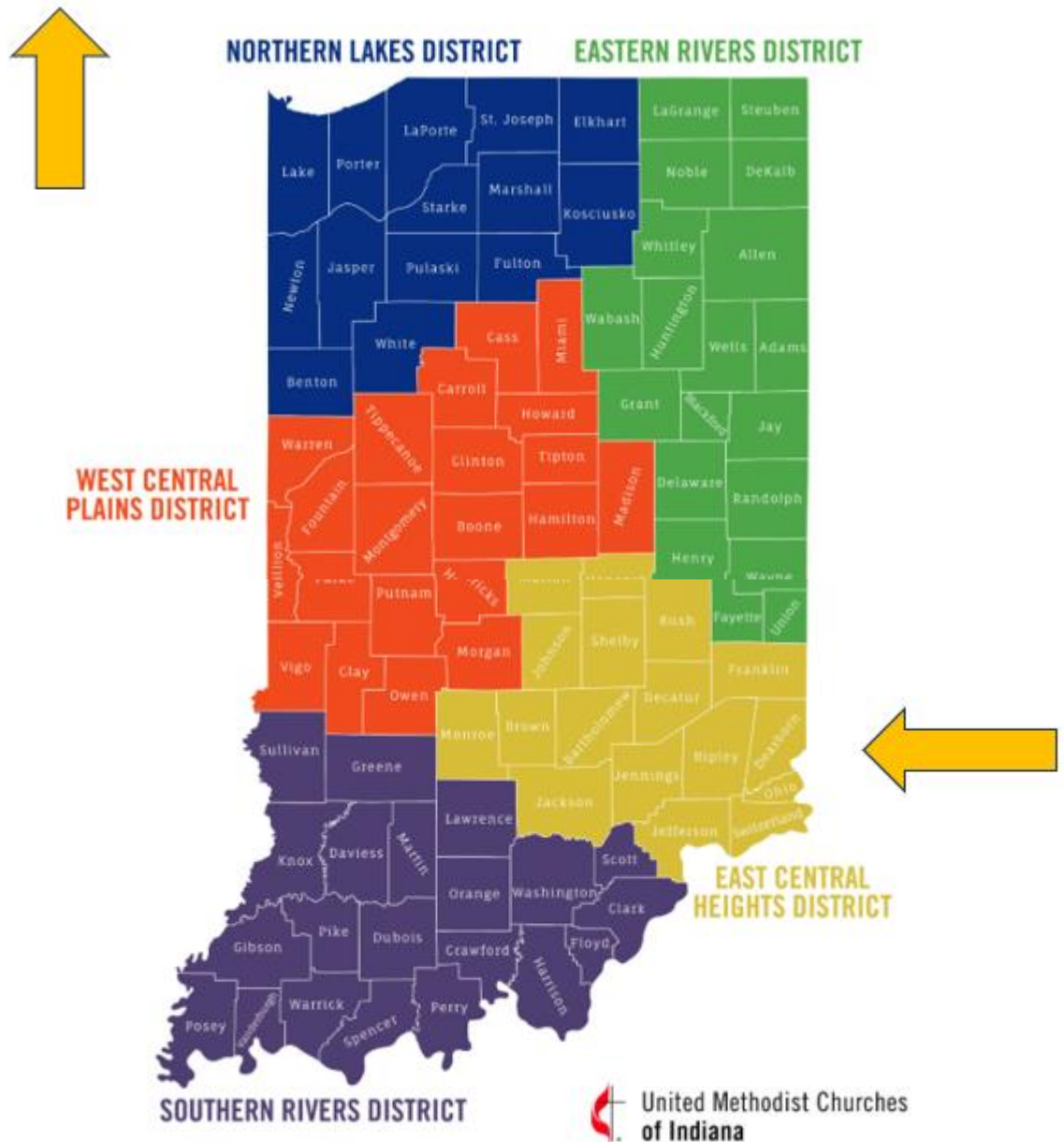
Myra Williams

Amanda Williams

Kelly Wenning

East Central Heights
Districts Superintendent
will be
Rev. Dr. In Suk Peebles
Effective July 1, 2025

1. Southern Rivers District
2. West Central Plains District
3. Northern Lakes District
4. Eastern Rivers District
5. East Central Heights District



FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

AUCTION:

Mohawk UMC will **NOT** have an auction this year.

END OF THE YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

The best financial year in a very long time! Our congregation is so blessed.
Thank you to everyone!

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

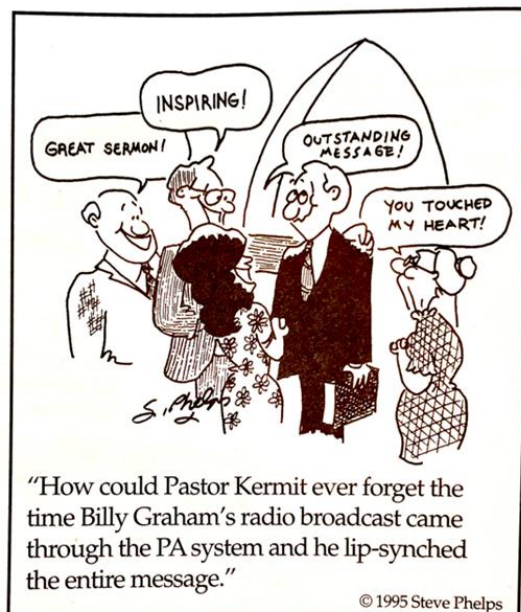
	2024												2023
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to Date
Income:													
General Offering	9,833	12,525	17,254	10,116	10,259	18,998	11,209	8,893	16,307	9,913	29,639	19,675	174,621
Other	183	7,254	1,963	272	1,806	324	661	350	12,174	1,132	419	852	27,390
Total Income	10,016	19,779	19,216	10,388	12,065	19,322	11,870	9,243	28,481	11,046	30,058	20,527	202,011
Expenses:													
Tithe	-	-	4,555	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,631	8,895	20,081
Utilities	2,331	951	859	1,208	233	786	1,477	1,104	1,121	817	1,284	1,761	13,932
Other	1,081	2,729	2,923	3,319	10,602	4,764	6,386	745	3,869	3,677	1,354	2,407	43,855
Wages	9,336	9,357	9,383	14,315	9,357	8,218	8,024	8,125	12,209	8,099	8,116	8,211	112,750
Total Expenses	12,747	13,037	17,720	18,842	20,192	13,769	15,886	9,973	17,199	12,593	17,386	21,274	190,619
Net Income (Loss)	(2,730)	6,741	1,497	(8,454)	(8,127)	5,554	(4,017)	(731)	11,282	(1,548)	12,671	(747)	11,392

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	16,485	197,820	192,020
Over (Short)	(6,652)	(3,960)	769	(6,369)	(6,226)	2,513	(5,276)	(7,592)	(178)	(6,572)	13,154	3,190	(23,199)	(25,515)

Non General Fund Restricted Donations

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FINANCIAL ADVICE FOR STEWARDS

“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?” (Luke 16:11)

Can you account for how much you spend each month? Are you spending less than you make? Are you listening to God’s warnings about debt? (Proverbs 22:7)

Do you have a systematic savings plan? It is very important that you make saving a priority and a habit. John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, said, “Make as much as you can, save as much as you can, and give as much as you can.”

Try these money saving ideas: rent videos from the library instead of going out to a movie. Eat at home rather than a restaurant.

If you need help learning financial wisdom, contact **LOVE INC** (317-468-6300) and participate in their **Faith and Finance Classes**. The first session in 2025 runs Monday evenings, from 6-7:30pm at Calvary Baptist Church (1450 W. Main St., Greenfield, IN) through March 10. This is FREE to the public. Childcare and a meal are provided.