

THE MESSENGER

October 2025



[From Our Pastor: Put on Christ]

October is a month filled with the excitement of children and adults preparing costumes for Halloween. It's fun to see everyone dress up. Costumes bring a smile, but the Bible reminds us of something far greater and lasting than dressing up for a day.

Paul writes in Galatians 3:26–27, “In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have *clothed yourselves with Christ*.” He also urges in Romans 13:14, “*Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ*, and don't think about gratifying the desires of the flesh.”

When we “put on Christ,” it isn't like putting on a mask or a costume for just one night—it's taking on a whole new identity as beloved children of God. Costumes fade, masks get tucked away, and candy is soon gone, but *the joy of the Lord remains when we live each day wrapped in His grace*. The pleasures of this world are always fleeting, but the joy that comes from living in Christ is eternal.

Our calling, then, is not just to enjoy the fun of October traditions, but to let our lives *show the world who we really belong to*. When people see us, we want them to see the kindness, patience, love, and truth of Jesus shining through us. That's the “costume” we never take off—the robe of righteousness that Christ gives to His people.

So, as we watch children and adults enjoy dressing up this season, may we be reminded of the far greater joy of clothing ourselves with Christ. Let's live in such a way that our neighbors, friends, and families see Him and are drawn to the One who gives life everlasting.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

TRUNK & TREAT – SATURDAY, OCT 25TH



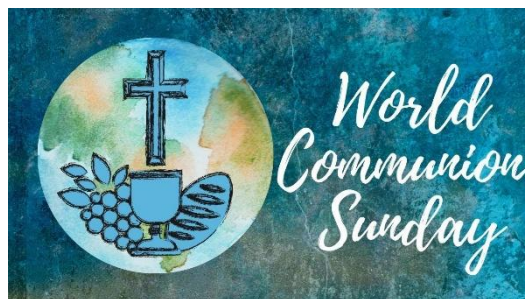
We need volunteers to decorate trunks: a sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall. Who will win best trunk, and best costume this year? We also need candy donations. Place your donations in the kitchen. Pass on the word. Eighty-five percent of people attend church events because someone personally invited them. Last year we had 35 kids participate. How many will you invite this year? We will have a bonfire, hotdogs and marshmallows to cook, a food table, crafts, and games as well as lots and lots of candy to pass out!

Worship In Costume!

On Sunday, October 26, we will have our Worship service with the congregation dressed in costume! Yes, this is for the adults as well as the children. So, plan ahead to have your costume ready to wear to church on October 26! It'll be lots of fun and laughter!

World Communion Sunday

We will participate in **World Communion Sunday** on October 5, 2025. Therefore, the first Sunday of the month, October 5, we will serve communion. The second Sunday of the month, October 12, will be our Call to Worship Sunday. Mark your calendar!



Hats And Mittens

Mohawk UMC will be collecting new hats and mittens this year for toddlers and preschoolers for the HeadStart Program. You can start bringing them in after Halloween. Look for the Christmas Tree Stand in the Fellowship Hall to hang your donations upon. Talk with Connie Wilson with any questions.



Charge Conference

The United Methodist Church's Charge Conference for our District will be held at Mohawk UMC, Wednesday, October 22nd at 6pm.

United Methodist Church
Charge Conference



Where:
Mohawk UMC
When:
Wednesday,
October 22, 2025
6pm

Pizza Fundraiser For Missions

Our pizza fundraiser this year made a profit of \$662. This money from the fundraiser will go to help support the Roneys in Latvia as they continue their ministry in service to God. Thank you to everyone who purchased pizzas or subs, those who assembled pizzas, and to the Outreach Committee for leading this mission.



October Birthdays



- 1st Carson Bearhope
- 4th Rick Edwards
- 4th Brandon Steeno
- 5th Amy Lovins
- 6th Ann Friar
- 8th Jonathan Lovins
- 13th Marge Credille
- 15th Channing Blagburn
- 26th Jim Lovins

October Anniversaries

- 12th Dwight & Terry Ramsey
- 14th Mike & Gail Stanley
- 23rd CJ & Channing Blagburn



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



Fall Party

This year's fall party will take place at 6pm, October 18th, at Robert & Laura Phares' new home. The address is: 2197 W 600 North, Greenfield. Hot dogs, buns, drinks and paper goods will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or dessert. Everyone is welcome! Mark your calendar!

Tree Trimming!

It's a little brighter around the church and parsonage lawns! Some of the trees were trimmed, others were cut down, and the stumps have been ground out as well!



Jason Wolfgang In Concert

Jason Wolfgang in his "A New Way" tour, a musical bible study on the Old Testament. October 5, 2025, 6pm -7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.



EVENTS TO COME:

- GUEST SPEAKER SANDRA HARTLIEB – Sunday, Oct. 12th (during service)**
HALLOWEEN COSTUME SUNDAY – Oct. 26th (come to service in costume)
ALL SAINT’S SUNDAY BREAKFAST – November 2nd
THANKSGIVING DINNER – Sunday, November 23rd (after service)
CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Sunday, December 21st

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

2025									2024	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	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	104,733	99,086
Other	207	332	3,613	1,482	661	1,047	3,182	688	11,213	12,813
Total Income	12,901	9,238	14,766	14,154	10,328	33,754	11,987	8,816	115,945	111,899
Expenses:										
Tithe	-	-	-	-	-	-	425	-	425	4,555
Utilities	2,653	1,503	912	774	744	2,331	1,000	1,261	11,179	8,948
Other	2,920	2,438	2,038	8,119	19,708	3,578	4,630	3,445	46,876	32,548
Wages	8,350	8,146	12,128	8,355	8,636	8,040	8,213	8,046	69,914	76,115
Total Expenses	13,923	12,088	15,078	17,248	29,088	13,948	14,268	12,752	128,393	122,166
Net Income (Loss)	(1,022)	(2,850)	(312)	(3,093)	(18,761)	19,806	(2,280)	(3,936)	(12,448)	(10,267)

Budget Comparison

General Offering Budget	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	134,456	131,880
Over (Short)	(4,113)	(7,901)	(5,654)	(4,135)	(7,140)	15,900	(8,002)	(8,679)	(29,724)	(32,794)

Non General Fund Restricted Donations

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