

# THE MESSENGER

October 2026



*[From Our Pastor: Rooted in Conviction]*

October is often the month of pumpkins, costumes, hayrides, haunted houses, and things that go bump in the night. But this October, I invite you to think about something different: **being rooted in conviction**. Bishop Tracy Malone says: “Steadfastness is rooted in conviction. Stuck-ness is rooted in fear.”

Sometimes steadfastness and being stuck look the same. Both can involve staying put. Both can involve holding tightly to something familiar. But the difference is found in *why* we are doing what we do.

Steadfastness says, “I’m holding on because I believe God has called me to this.” Stuck-ness says, “I’m holding on because I’m afraid of what might happen if I let go.” One is rooted in conviction. The other is rooted in fear.

The Apostle Paul encouraged the church in Corinth: “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord.” — 1 Corinthians 15:58

Notice that Paul doesn’t simply say, “Don’t change anything.” He says, “**Stand firm**” and “**give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord.**” Our firmness isn’t supposed to be an excuse to sit still. It is supposed to give us the courage to keep doing what Jesus calls us to do—even when the work is scary.

This raises an important question for us this October: **What new thing is Jesus convicting our hearts to do?** Maybe Jesus is nudging us to go where the people are and worship with them at their location, listening to their stories and who they are.

Don’t let fear determine your future. Be rooted deeply enough in Christ that you can recognize His voice and be courageous enough to follow where He leads.

In Christ,  
Pastor Charles



## October Birthdays

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

## October Anniversaries

12<sup>th</sup> Dwight & Terry Ramsey  
14<sup>th</sup> Mike & Gail Stanley  
23<sup>th</sup> CJ & Channing Blagburn

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

## November 1, 2026

ALL  
SAINTS'  
SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 1, 2026, we will recognize those who have passed away this year. We will ring the bell for each person recognized. If you have a friend or loved one who passed away this year and would like for them to be recognized, please send their name to the office at [mohawkumc@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkumc@gmail.com) or give the name (written down) to Pastor Charles by Oct. 25.

# OUTREACH PIZZA FUNDRAISER RESULTS



We sold 100 pizzas & French bread subs last month, and raised over \$700 to help support David and Katka Roney in their mission ministry to the northern European country of Latvia. Thank you for everyone who helped support our local missionaries!



## Conference News

 Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church

The Charge Conference for Mohawk UMC will take place on October 21, from 6-7:30pm. We will meet at Lawrence United Methodist Church, 5200 N. Shadeland Avenue. See Pastor Charles with any questions.

# Outdoor Worship

## September 20, 2026



## IT'S TRUNK-N-TREAT MONTH!

Our third annual Trunk-N-Treat event will be on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. We need people to decorate trunks, help provide candy, and donate hotdogs, buns, graham crackers, marshmallows, cookies, and kid drinks. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to decorate trunk. Set up time on October 24 will be at 4pm. Mark your calendar now!



**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th**  
**5-7 PM**  
**MUMC PARKING LOT**

**Candy, Drinks, Desserts**  
**Cook Hot Dogs & S'mores**  
**Over Bonfire, Games**  
**Vote for Best Trunk, Costume**

\*See Mike Stanely for more information.



# **Mohawk UMC Annual Fall Party**

## **October 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **6pm**

This year's fall party will be hosted by Robert and Laura Phares. It will take place at their home (2197 W. 600 North, Greenfield, IN). This is a wonderful time to gather, talk, feast, and be amazed.

## **Pastor Appreciation Month**



October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Let's show our pastor, Pastor Charles, how much we care. We can express kind words, write a note, send a card, or give a small gift to show we care. Be creative!



**Mohawk UMC  
Benefit  
Fundraiser**

**To benefit F.A.R.M.  
(Fortville Area Resource  
Mission) and the Hancock  
County Food Pantries.**

**\$20 Entry Fee – Pay at the Door**

**Saturday, November 7**  
**Starting at 5pm**

*Help support our food pantries during the Holidays.  
Refreshments Provided. Fun Prizes for Top Winners.*

**Scan The QR  
To RSVP**



## FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

## Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

|                   | 2026    |        |         |        |         |         |         |        | 2025         |              |
|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|--------------|
|                   | Jan     | Feb    | Mar     | Apr    | May     | Jun     | Jul     | Aug    | Year to Date | Year to Date |
| Income:           |         |        |         |        |         |         |         |        |              |              |
| General Offering  | 5,940   | 16,525 | 14,104  | 10,673 | 12,248  | 11,189  | 8,216   | 37,656 | 116,551      | 104,733      |
| Other             | 540     | 5,904  | 934     | 3,257  | 526     | 581     | 259     | 1,064  | 13,064       | 11,213       |
| Total Income      | 6,480   | 22,429 | 15,038  | 13,930 | 12,774  | 11,770  | 8,475   | 38,719 | 129,614      | 115,945      |
| Expenses:         |         |        |         |        |         |         |         |        |              |              |
| Tithe             | 653     | 1,818  | 1,551   | 1,174  | 1,347   | 1,231   | 904     | 4,142  | 12,821       | 425          |
| Utilities         | 1,444   | 3,386  | 599     | 805    | 767     | 2,340   | 769     | 1,311  | 11,420       | 11,179       |
| Other             | 2,320   | 1,523  | 2,381   | 3,719  | 11,547  | 3,402   | 1,882   | 3,236  | 30,009       | 46,876       |
| Wages             | 8,331   | 8,015  | 12,266  | 6,310  | 7,605   | 6,690   | 8,233   | 12,152 | 69,602       | 69,914       |
| Total Expenses    | 12,748  | 14,742 | 16,797  | 12,008 | 21,266  | 13,663  | 11,788  | 20,841 | 123,853      | 128,393      |
| Net Income (Loss) | (6,268) | 7,687  | (1,760) | 1,922  | (8,492) | (1,893) | (3,313) | 17,878 | 5,762        | (12,448)     |

## Budget Comparison

|                         |          |        |         |         |         |         |         |        |          |          |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|----------|----------|
| General Offering Budget | 16,975   | 16,975 | 16,975  | 16,975  | 16,975  | 16,975  | 16,975  | 16,975 | 135,797  | 134,456  |
| Over (Short)            | (11,035) | (450)  | (2,871) | (6,301) | (4,727) | (5,786) | (8,758) | 20,681 | (19,246) | (29,724) |

## Non General Fund Restricted Donations

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