

THE MESSENGER

February 2026



[From Our Pastor: What Does Jesus Want of Us?]

This is a simple question, but it is not an easy one. In a world that often asks what we want from God, Jesus gently but firmly turns the question back toward us.

First, Jesus wants our whole heart. He does not ask for a portion of our time or a corner of our lives. He says, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). Jesus isn’t satisfied with half-hearted faith or polite religion. He calls us to trust him fully.

Second, Jesus wants us to fight for grace - to cling to it, live in it, and refuse to let it be cheapened. The apostle Paul reminds us, “By grace you have been saved through faith... it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8). Grace isn’t passive. In a world that pulls us toward bitterness, Jesus calls us to hold fast to grace.

Third, Jesus wants us to share in his cross so that we may also share his life. Jesus says plainly, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23). Following Jesus will sometimes mean standing apart, being misunderstood, or bearing loss. But the cross is never the end of the story. Resurrection always follows.

Finally, Jesus wants us to be holy and to grow in love. Scripture tells us, “As he who called you is holy, be holy in all your conduct” (1 Peter 1:15). Holiness is not about perfection or pride; it is about belonging to God and being shaped by His love. And that love must grow.

What does Jesus want of us? Everything! Being a disciple is not a small calling, but the One who calls us is faithful to walk with us every step of the way.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

Child Protection Training



Mohawk UMC will have child protection training for our families on **February 3, 2026**, 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This training is especially important for Children's Church leaders, VBS leaders, and Youth leaders.

*The training will be recorded, and available to watch for certification as well.

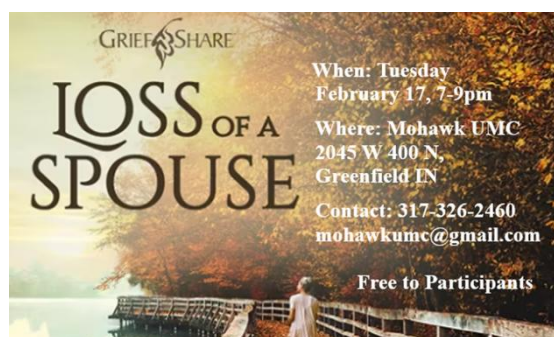
VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Our Mohawk UMC Valentine's Day dinner will be on February 14, 2026, 6:30pm at

KY's American Bistro
1330 Broad Street
New Castle, IN



*There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.



LOSS OF A SPOUSE

A seminar designed to provide support and guidance for individuals grieving the death of their spouse.

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
7-9pm

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
February 18, 2026, 7pm



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!



IT'S TIME FOR A MOHAWK AUCTION!

Mohawk UMC will hold an auction on Sunday, February 15, 2026 after Worship Service and Sunday School. Lunch will be 11am-12pm.

The auction will begin at 12pm.

***Items for the auction can be dropped off at the church until 2/13/26.**

ROBERT'S PARK SOUP'S ON VOLUNTEERING



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mohawk Church will be serving lunch to the homeless in Indianapolis on Sunday, March 15. We'll leave the church at 10:15-following service-and return around 2pm. If you would like to help serve a meal, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Charles with any questions.



February Birthdays

7th Shailynn Steeno
12th Bill Ewing
20th Jim Bandy

7th Ashley Schenck
13th Gene King
21st Rosalie Hunt
27th Burl Bearhope

12th Lori Divine
14th Virginia Hartzog
26th Debi Lane



February Anniversaries

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

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

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/FINDAGROUP
SEARCH BY ZIP CODE 46140

Free to Participants

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

GriefShare Support Group

Starts February 25, 2026

7-9pm

*Meetings continue for 13 weeks.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

You can help our Worship services run smoothly. How can you do that? When people volunteer to serve in worship and all slots are filled, that makes the service run smoothly. We have a lot of slots that are empty for the month of February. We need volunteers to run the livestream and/or slideshow, lead the congregation in song, read scriptures and announcements, and lead the Children's Church.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2025												2024	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	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	21,175	22,136	22,253	180,571	174,621
Other	207	332	3,613	1,482	661	1,047	3,182	688	4,786	227	12,233	1,441	29,899	27,390
Total Income	12,901	9,238	14,766	14,154	10,328	33,754	11,987	8,816	15,061	21,402	34,368	23,694	210,470	202,011
Expenses:														
Tithe	-	-	-	-	-	-	425	-	-	-	9,629	1,362	11,416	20,081
Utilities	2,653	1,503	912	774	744	2,331	1,000	1,261	1,255	520	1,188	2,347	16,488	13,932
Other	2,920	2,438	2,038	8,119	19,708	3,578	4,630	3,445	9,945	2,067	1,461	2,118	62,467	43,855
Wages	8,350	8,146	12,128	8,355	8,636	8,040	8,213	8,046	12,173	8,213	8,115	8,137	106,551	112,750
Total Expenses	13,923	12,088	15,078	17,248	29,088	13,948	14,268	12,752	23,373	10,800	20,392	13,965	196,923	190,619
Net Income (Loss)	(1,022)	(2,850)	(312)	(3,093)	(18,761)	19,806	(2,280)	(3,936)	(8,311)	10,602	13,976	9,729	13,548	11,392

Budget Comparison														
General Offering Budget	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	16,807	201,684	197,820
Over (Short)	(4,113)	(7,901)	(5,654)	(4,135)	(7,140)	15,900	(8,002)	(8,679)	(6,532)	4,368	5,329	5,446	(21,113)	(23,199)

Non General Fund Restricted Donations														
	1,240	120	-	-	-	5,000	365	-	-	-	(8,725)	995	(1,005)	2,000