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THE MESSENGER

[From Our Pastor: Take Up Your Cross and Follow in Jesus' Footsteps]

As we enter the season of Lent, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus: from the wilderness to the cross, from suffering to glory. We walk with Him, learning what it means to take up our own cross and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

The cross stands at the center of our faith, reminding us of both the cost of our sin and the depth of God's love. Saint Augustine once said, "God had one Son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering." Jesus walked the road of suffering so that we might walk the road of salvation. Doing so comes with a heavy responsibility. Jesus tells us, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

What does it mean to carry our cross? It means embracing sacrifice, humility, and love, walking as Christ walked and allowing His suffering to shape our faith. Here are some concrete ways we can take up our cross this season.

Carrying our cross means putting others first. Saint Therese of Lisieux reminds us: "A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul." It also means being faithful in prayer, even when it feels dry or difficult. Saint John Chrysostom taught, "Prayer is the light of the soul." Finally, it means humbling ourselves before God and seeking reconciliation with others, especially those who are being harassed and mistreated by society. Saint Augustine said, "God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination." Carrying the cross is not about misery; it is about knowing that every sacrifice brings us closer to Christ.

This Lent, consider reading through the Gospel accounts of Jesus' journey to the cross. Let His words and actions shape your heart and mind and encourage you as you walk in His footsteps. And may the promise of Easter morning fill your heart with the assurance that death is defeated, and life in Christ is yours forever.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles Pelc

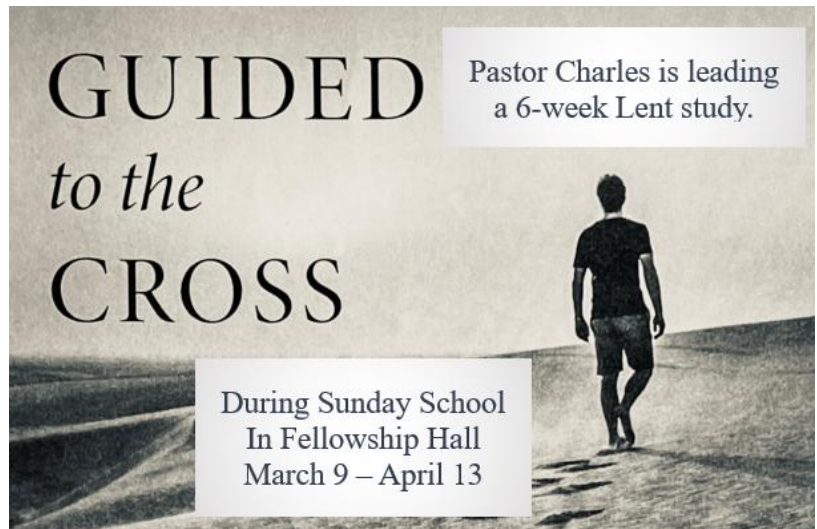
ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 5



Mark your calendars to 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.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



MIDWEST MISSION TRIP

A date has been agreed upon for this summer's Midwest Mission trip.

Mark your calendar for **August 21st-23rd**.

If you are interested in going, please let Pastor Charles know by March 2, 2025



OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



This year's **Souper Bowl of Caring** collected 94 cans of soup and \$275 for the ***The Kenneth Butler Soup Kitchen.*** Your gifts will go far in working to end hunger in Hancock County.
Thank you so much!

CARE COMMITTEE NEWS

ANNUAL LADIES' SOUP LUNCHEON

Saturday, March 1st at 11:00am.



There will be lots of food and fun. If you need a ride, please contact Rhonda Beeker, Myra Williams, or Jan Webb.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER:



Twenty-nine people attended the Mohawk UMC Valentine's Dinner at Willie & Red's in Hagerstown February 15, 2025.



Metro Ministries, Inc.
Connecting Resources to Ministries

SAVE THE DATE !

Metro Ministries invites you to our
Mardi Gras Party Fundraiser on Saturday, March 1, 2025
Come and join us for a family-friendly event.
There will be an authentic Mardi Gras dinner menu
activities for the children and an auction.
This will be held at University UMC
5959 Grandview Dr., Indianapolis 46228
4:00-6:45 pm.
Keynote speaker: Pastor John C. Russell
Registration is required by February 26, 2025

www.indymetroumc.org

Scan here to register

METRO MINISTRIES

Metro Ministries is having a family-friendly Mardi Gras Party with activities for the children, treat bags for all, and authentic Mardi Gras food. There will also be an auction. It takes place Saturday, March 1, 2025, 4-6:45pm. University UMC, 5959 Grandview Dr. Indianapolis. Family tickets are \$60, Individual tickets are \$30, tables for individuals are \$200. Doors open at 6pm.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

We need **YOU!!!** Can you serve in the busy time of lent? We have a lot of spots that need someone to sign up to help run our services for March and April. Please check out these spots in the Fellowship Hall, or use the link below to see Signup Genius. **Thank you for serving!** [Mohawk United Methodist Church: MUMC Worship Opportunities To Serve \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief Share Support Group at Mohawk UMC will meet Wednesdays, starting March 12, from 7-9pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We need help with childcare and to provide snacks / drinks each Wednesday.

If you can help, please contact Carrie Pelc.

A sign of healing

Dealing with the emotions of grief



Free to Participants

Find hope and healing.

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS,
7-9PM
MARCH 12 – JUNE 4
REGISTER:
GRIEFSHARE.ORG/FINDAGROUP
SEARCH BY ZIP CODE
46140

We need volunteers to help with childcare and to provide snacks and drinks each Wednesday. If you can help, please let Carrie Pelc know.

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES



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

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



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

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2025		2024
	Jan	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:			
General Offering	12,694	12,694	9,833
Other	207	207	183
Total Income	12,901	12,901	10,016
Expenses:			
Tithe	-	-	-
Utilities	2,653	2,653	2,331
Other	2,920	2,920	1,081
Wages	8,350	8,350	9,336
Total Expenses	13,923	13,923	12,747
Net Income (Loss)	(1,022)	(1,022)	(2,730)

Budget Comparison			
General Offering Budget	16,807	16,807	16,485
Over (Short)	(4,113)	(4,113)	(6,652)

Non General Fund Restricted Donations			
	1,240	1,240	-

ENSURE CURRENT & NEW MINISTRIES ARE ADVANCED

Be a good steward of your money and give cheerfully. Remember: we need

\$3878 each week

to ensure that our current and new ministries are advancing the kingdom of Jesus.