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From Our Pastor -

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Summer is zooming by. As I write this, we are in the middle of some fantastic weather. It has been perfect for all of our outdoor events so far, with warm and dry conditions for our two "Music At Mohawk" events and the two following outdoor worship services, plus for all the evenings of Vacation Bible School.

It's been good to see the world and life in general slowly becoming more familiar than what we've had to deal with the last two years. I'm sure I don't have to tell anyone how COVID-19 literally changed everything. That includes VBS.

Last year was the start of our return to VBS normalcy. We had a two day VBS, and it was good. This year was four evenings, and it's been even better!

I thank God for every single person who helped with VBS this year. Whether you donated supplies, donated time and effort for an hour or for a week, or prayed for VBS, you made a difference. We invited new people and they came. I'm praying they will continue to

come, to worship here and to make Mohawk Church their new church home. Join me in praying that, too. VBS continues to be one of our major outreach efforts each year, and it works!

The Book of Acts records what the early Church did. It grew when people invited others to worship AND when those same people invested in the lives of those others. It wasn't one or the other; it was both. I hope you invite people who you know without a home church to worship with you at Mohawk Church, AND that you will invest in their lives with godly love and care. It's God's plan for all us Jesus followers. It's how Jesus grows His church.

Be well and stay safe.
May God bless and keep you.

His,
Pastor Kerry



Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. -- Acts 2:46-47 (NIV)



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Do you want to try something new that lets you see if you have any untapped talents or spiritual gifts? You could be a communion server, offering juice to the congregation in either a chalice or in small cups in a tray. Also, if you believe you have an important

message that you'd like to share with the congregation, we are looking for a speaker on October 2, when Pastor Kerry will be gone. Please talk with Pastor Kerry or Leanne Dix right away if either of these opportunities interest you.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

We have one more outdoor worship service planned in the shelter house on August 14, weather permitting. The service starts at our normal 9:00am worship time. We can worship God right up close in God's beautiful Creation... unless it's raining, in which case we'll be back in the sanctuary. Either way, you win!

MUSIC AT MOHAWK

Our inaugural outdoor music season has gone over in a BIG way! On our first evening, June 25, *Acoustic Duo Patchwork* brought beautiful traditional and modern folk music. On July 9, a very gifted young lady, *Anna Owens*, wowed us with her original Christian music. Next up, on August 13, *The Occasional Blues Band* plays blues, gospel blues, 60's Motown, classic rock, as well as some jazz and country. Put that date on your calendar now! As with the other eve-

nings, it will be from 6-8pm and FREE.

We have limited (and not too comfortable) picnic table seating, so you're encouraged to bring your own seating if you can. And if you're able, please contribute to our "Tip Jar" boxes, which is how we pay all our musicians. Please spread the word! Invite friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers. It's a great way to relax and enjoy a summer evening of wonderful family-friendly music.

The year to date June expenses exceed income by \$12,877. Although June was a much better month than May, the losses are affecting the check book balance and ability to pay the bills.

We know times are difficult, but please give if you are able.

Thank you,

The Finance Committee

FINANCE UPDATE

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2022						2021	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:								
General Offering	13,019	12,155	16,676	13,342	10,270	9,402	74,864	71,563
Other	355	486	1,733	932	388	243	4,138	9,145
Total Income	13,374	12,641	18,408	14,274	10,658	9,645	79,002	80,708
Expenses:								
Tithe	-	-	4,813	-	-	-	4,813	5,624
Utilities	1,051	2,595	812	876	2,885	272	8,490	7,844
Other	321	698	1,625	3,703	6,694	1,007	14,047	23,406
Wages	10,863	9,542	9,695	10,152	14,671	9,606	64,529	59,967
Total Expenses	12,234	12,834	16,944	14,731	24,250	10,885	91,879	96,841
Net Income (Loss)	1,140	(193)	1,464	(456)	(13,592)	(1,240)	(12,877)	(16,132)



MOWERS NEEDED

Many spots are still available to assist with mowing around the church this season. Please consider being a part of keeping the church and parsonage looking tidy! Must bring your own mower! Sign up online or in the Fellowship Hall if you are able to help out.