

MARCH 2022

# THE MESSENGER

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## CAN WE ENCOUNTER JESUS?

*As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.  
- Mark 9:15 (TNIV)*

When was the last time you encountered Jesus?

No, really. We talk about Jesus Christ as our living, risen Savior. We sing about how “He’s in the world today” in hymns like *He Lives*. But have you ever truly, knowingly, encountered Jesus in your life? Have you ever felt Him with you? Seen Him with your eyes? Heard Him speaking to you?

This Lent, we will look at people who actually encountered Jesus. We’ll read Gospel stories of their encounters as we dive deeper into the Bible each Sunday of the Lenten season that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday.

I know some people are thinking that it was easy to encounter Jesus when He walked the earth two millennia ago, but that it isn’t really possible now.

But is it impossible? Why can’t we encounter Jesus today? A few people claim to have had visions of Jesus, but what about the rest of us? How can we truly experience the Risen Christ that we claim as Savior in today’s world?

My answer, not surprisingly, is that we can *indeed* experience Jesus today. We will explore this very real possibility every Sunday in Lent. I

invite you to worship and to dive deeper into our Christian faith and into the Gospel accounts of remarkable encounters with Jesus. My prayer is that these Sundays will give you a renewed sense of hope for our future.

My expectations for 2022 remain hope-filled and positive. There is so much negativity around, and yet when we encounter Christ, we are filled with hope for a better tomorrow. Let’s journey through Lent together and encounter Jesus. Let’s re-fill our ‘hope tanks’ together. Let’s be a stronger force of hope and positivity in a world that desperately needs the hope and positivity an encounter with Jesus brings.

God appointed His church to be His messenger of hope and redemption. To help people encounter Jesus, too. We have that calling to live into, so let’s renew our faith and live it out together, helping others to find Jesus with us.



His,

*Pastor Kerry*

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# LADIES FELLOWSHIP

## Attention Ladies!

Saturday, March 5

The Care Team is hosting a FREE ladies' luncheon Saturday, March 5 from 11am-1:30pm. It will be an opportunity for the ladies to gather to share a meal, visit, and support one another through fellowship. Soup and desserts are on the menu, and there will be a short devotional. All ladies of the church and friends are invited to come and enjoy a few hours together.

If turnout is as expected, there will be other gatherings in the future. If you have any questions, please talk with Myra Williams.



## ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?

Lent is here! This 40-day period of preparation helps us celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death that first Easter morning. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is March 2 this year. Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:00pm. For half an hour that night, from 6:20-6:50pm, we will also have a drive-thru Ash Wednesday opportunity, like we did last year, for those who would rather not worship in person in the sanctuary that night.

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday on April 10. We'll have Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services those evenings, as has been our tradition. Lent officially concludes with Easter Sunday on April 17. We'll have an Easter sunrise service that will be followed by a delicious breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We'll then end the morning in a jubilant Easter worship service at our normal 9:00am service time. You'll want to put these dates on your calendar now so you don't miss them.

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!



3	Emily Paugh
5	Denise Phares
7	Leanne Dix
	Bentley Paugh
12	Gwen Martin
15	Jenny Musselman
17	Matthew Lovins
23	Chris Cain
28	Audra McFarland



18	Bryon & Diana Hartzog
19	Brandon & Krista Steeno

## March Committee Meetings

**Trustees**  
**Tuesday, April 1**  
6:30 pm

**Worship**  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
6:30 pm

**Finance**  
**Thursday, April 10**  
6:30 pm

**Outreach**  
**Monday, April 14**  
6:30 pm

**Ad Council**  
**Thursday, April 17**  
6:30 pm

**SPRC**  
**Monday, April 21**  
6:30 pm



## COVID-19 STATUS

Due to the current rise in COVID-19 cases across the county, the Ad Council met January 9 to determine how best to adjust our guidelines. In the discussion, it was affirmed our situation is significantly different than a year ago. The majority of us are now fully vaccinated and also boosted. While still causing major health issues and even death, the symptoms of those with immunity are much less severe. COVID-19 is still extremely contagious, but the number of hospitalizations is down significantly.

With regard to these considerations it was decided that masks will be **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**, but still optional. Social distancing is also **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**, but not mandatory. As always, alternate worship

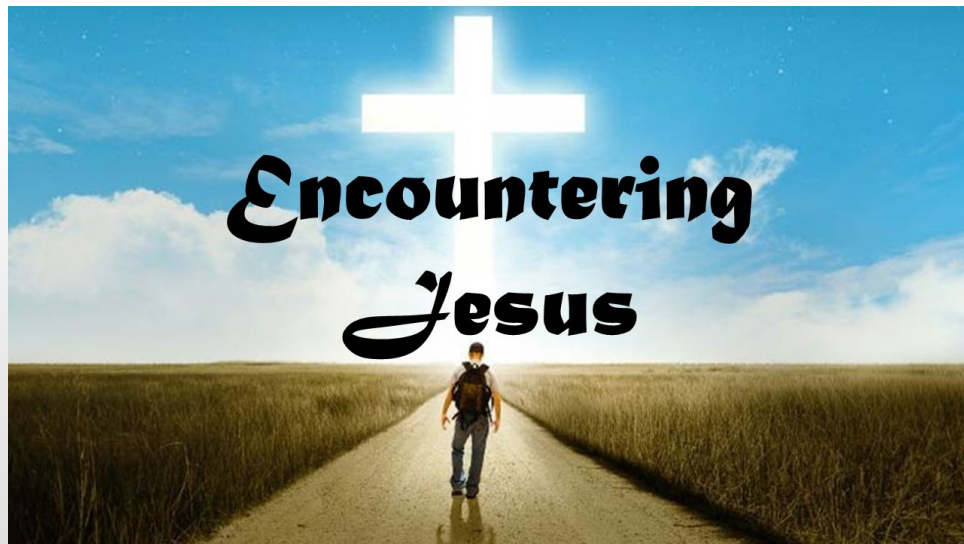
## FINANCE UPDATE

### Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2021		2020
	Jan	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:			
General Offering	13,019	13,019	11,940
Other	355	355	1,201
Total Income	13,374	13,374	13,141
Expenses:			
Tithe	-	-	-
Utilities	1,051	1,051	2,092
Other	321	321	397
Wages	10,863	10,863	8,356
Total Expenses	12,234	12,234	10,844
Net Income (Loss)	1,140	1,140	2,296



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**MARCH SERMON SERIES  
SUNDAY 9AM**