

The Messenger



SEPTEMBER 2022

From Our Pastor

REACHING OUT TO NEIGHBORS

But [the expert in the law] wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" -- Luke 10:29 (TNIV)
Our final "Music At Mohawk" is over. By all counts, our inaugural season was as successful as we could have hoped. Each evening had more people than the one before it. The weather was great all three evenings. The music was very different each time, yet excellent every time. Folks tipped generously, pleasantly surprising the musicians. There were more non-MUMC folks who came than Mohawkites.

As good as all that is, it's the last aspect that I want to talk about more. We had more people NOT related to Mohawk Church come and enjoy the three evenings than we had Mohawk Church goers. What a blessing... and what an opportunity!

Some of you have heard me talk about a church in the Indianapolis area that almost closed a couple years ago. It had to be sort of "rescued" by our Annual Conference. The sad and astounding thing is that this church was smack dab in the middle of the fastest growing area in the greater Indy area... and in the whole state.

What's wrong with that picture?!?

New businesses, housing developments, subdivisions, and apartments are being built throughout Hancock County. Every week, there are news articles that more businesses and housing are being planned throughout the county. Hancock County is

on the verge of become the next big hotspot for growth in Indiana.

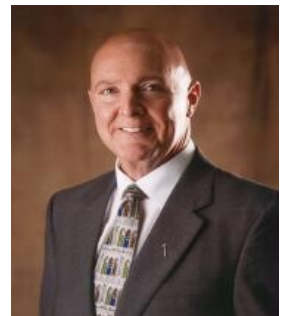
That leads me to ask this question, Will we be like that other church who nearly closed in the middle of an all-out boom, or will we instead keep inviting people to be disciples as part of the Mohawk Church congregation? We truly have a God-given opportunity to reach out to hundreds of unchurched people, our new neighbors, and invite them into a relationship with Jesus Christ alongside us. We can live up to the Great Commission (read it in Matthew 28:18-20) that Jesus gives to each of us, to every one of His followers, when He told us to go into the world and make disciples.

Someone wisely observed that to not make any decision is itself a decision. I pray you will make a purposeful decision to invite people into a relationship with Jesus Christ here at Mohawk Church. It's exactly what Christ wants us to do. It's also our mission statement: "Making disciples of Jesus Christ." We can accomplish that when we work together, Mohawkians. Let's do it!

Be well and stay safe. Keep the faith - just not to yourself.

His,

Pastor Kerry





STEPPING UP

You have two great opportunities to step up your service to our congregation. You can be a communion server, offering juice to the congregation on communion Sundays. Also, if you have a message you believe God has laid on your heart that you want 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 ASAP.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

On Sunday, September 18, we will have a special worship service to celebrate the institution of marriage. If you are or were married, we will honor you as we celebrate the good and blessed aspects of marriage.

If you'd like to renew your wedding vows, we will do that, also, but you must talk with Pastor Kerry first, to be prepared. It will be a special morning, for sure. This would be a great Sunday to invite friends to join you in worship, too.

HELPING RELIEF EFFORTS

On August 7, we took up a special "second mile" offering for the Kentucky flooding and for relief in Ukraine. If you wish, you can still give to UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee On Relief) to help. If you go through Mohawk Church, mark your check or envelope "UMCOR" to designate your gift. You can also give directly to UMCOR online at: <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/>



8	Katie Donahue
11	Pat Steele
18	Allison Bandy
	Laura Phares
	Sam Williams
	Mike Schenck
21	Chuck Dix
22	Bob Lane



8	Ethan & Rhnea Edwards
10	David & Kelly Wenning
12	Bruce & Rhonda Beeker
	Lori & Evan Devine
22	Jeff & Jenny Musselman
30	Christian & Lucinda Blair



OBERAMMERGAU ABSENCE

Pastor Kerry and Lynne, along with five others from our congregation, are going on a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to see the world famous Oberammergau Passion Play in Austria. They leave Monday, September 19, returning

on October 1. Pastor Kerry will not be available if you need pastoral care during those two weeks. Rev. Marianne Nichols will be available for emergency pastoral needs, 9/19 - 10/2. She can be reached at 317-459-5322.

JULY FINANCIALS

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances									
2022								2021	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:									
General Offering	13,019	12,155	16,676	13,342	10,270	9,402	13,482	88,346	81,660
Other	355	486	1,733	932	388	243	485	4,623	10,270
Total Income	13,374	12,641	18,408	14,274	10,658	9,645	13,967	92,969	91,930
Expenses:									
Tithe	-	-	4,813	-	-	-	-	4,813	5,624
Utilities	1,051	2,595	812	876	2,885	272	1,743	10,234	8,631
Other	321	698	1,625	3,703	6,694	959	1,038	15,037	33,986
Wages	10,863	9,542	9,695	10,152	14,671	9,606	10,019	74,548	59,967
Total Expenses	12,234	12,834	16,944	14,731	24,250	10,837	12,801	104,631	108,208
Net Income (Loss)	1,140	(193)	1,464	(456)	(13,592)	(1,192)	1,167	(11,662)	(16,278)

COLLEGE BOXES

Collection for college boxes will take place Sunday, September 11th & 18th. We will have three college students to make boxes for; Emily Lovins, Grace Gray, and Cameron Bandy. If you know of someone who should be receiving a box, please forward their address to Rhonda Beeker. .

FALL PARTY

Mark your calendar for the Fall Party on October 15 at 5:00 p.m. at Rick and Susan Edward's new home at 6577 N 350 W, McCordsville. Bring a lawn chair and aside dish or dessert. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. You might also bring a roasting stick, if you have one. Be sure to bring a friend to enjoy the fun and maybe even enjoy a hayride!



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Sunday Worship
In-Person or
Viral Church Online
9:00 am*