



The MESSENGER

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From Our Pastor

GET SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY

Some people around here know that I lost a considerable amount of weight a few years ago. It took me 10 months, but I ended up losing a total of 63 pounds. At first, I lost 2-3 pounds a week. Then I leveled off; I plateaued. I griped about it to my Weight Watchers coach, who told me that was fairly common. Then he asked me what sort of exercise I was getting.

Exercise?!? I thought all I needed was the right diet!

My coach explained that while diet is important, in order for me to get to my goal weight, I also needed to exercise. And you know what? He was right! Once I started exercising in addition to dieting, the weight started coming off again, and I ended up hitting my goal weight.

Seems to me the same principle can apply to our spiritual life. Having a good “diet” of spiritual nourishment is indeed important, but it’s not enough. I can read the Bible regularly. I can attend worship weekly. I can be part of a book or Bible study. I can avoid consuming things like racy movies or literature. I can do all those things and more, but those alone will not make me

spiritually healthy. I also need to exercise my faith.

Are you getting your spiritual exercise so you can be fully healthy? Do you worship regularly? Give generously of your time and money? Take part in acts of service? There are many ways to get spiritual exercise - and we all need exercise.

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if people claim to have faith but have no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” -- James 2:14-17 (TNIV)

Let’s exercise our faith together, dear ones. I enjoy striving for the Kingdom of God with you. Jesus wants us to hit our goal, to be disciples who make disciples. We can do that when we couple a good spiritual diet with good spiritual exercise.

His,
Pastor Kerry



Carson Bearhope	Oct. 1
Ashley Thompson	Oct. 3
Rick Edwards	Oct. 4
Brandon Steeno	Oct. 4
Amy Lovins	Oct. 5
Jonathan Lovins	Oct. 8
Brenton Plank	Oct. 8
Shiloh McFarland	Oct. 9
Marge Credille	Oct. 13
Channing Bearhope	Oct. 15
Aaron Jackson	Oct. 15
Jim Lovins	Oct. 26



Mike & Gail Stanley Oct. 14



Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Channing Bearhope & Charles Blagburn! Channing is a member of Mohawk and the daughter of Tammy and Burl Bearhope. She & Mr. Blagburn will be married October 23 at The Loft on Isanogel in Muncie. If you were unable to RSVP by October 1, they will still appreciate your well wishes! The couple are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Amazon, and Target. Cards or gifts may be sent to:

Channing Bearhope
2150 South 700 East
Greenfield, IN 46140

MISSIONS UPDATES

HATS AND MITTENS

Missions will be collecting hats and mittens for Greenfield and Fortville Head Start programs. We are looking for 50 sets of TODDLER size. Walmart has begun putting some winter items out already. Look for a box in the Fellowship hall to donate. If you would like to make a monetary donation, someone would be happy to shop for you. Please see Connie Wilson or Leslie Dalton if you have any questions or would like to donate.

PIZZA, PIZZA, PIZZA

Missions will be selling pizza until October 10. Stop by the Scrip table to place an order. Wouldn't it be great to have a few in the freezer for the nights you just don't want to cook? We will also be looking for volunteers to make the pizzas on October 30 from 9am to noon. It is a lot of fun, and lots of hands make the work go faster. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. Pizza pick-up will be from noon to 2pm on October 30.

SEWING PARTY

On Saturday, November 6, there will be a sewing party from 9am to 2pm at the church. We need those who are willing to help sew one-handed bags for the Midwest Center. Please bring your sewing machine. There will be a few jobs available to those who don't sew, but this time is mainly sewing. Lunch will be provided.

HOPE HOUSE/JOURNEY BAGS

Donations are beginning to increase in the Fellowship hall. We would like to concentrate on non-perishables for the month of October. Donation delivery will be made around the 10th of November. Please contact Leslie Dalton if anyone would be interested in delivering the items to either the Hope House or Journey Bags, .

SOUP KITCHEN

The Mohawk Youth will be collecting for the Soup Kitchen through October. There is a soup pot located in the Scrip table to make your donations. A generous donor has agreed to match donations through the end of the year. Our donations will go twice as far!

AD COUNCIL UPDATE

OUR CURRENT ADVISORY LEVEL

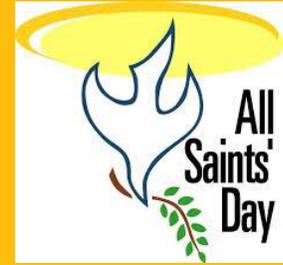
Thursday evening, September 16, our Administrative Council discussed the precautions we should take for COVID-19 right now. It was decided to leave the **MODIFIED YELLOW** level unchanged. That means wearing masks remains mandatory while in the building. Social distancing is optional but strongly encouraged. We also strongly encourage everyone to get the safe, proven, and now fully FDA-approved vaccine. It's a practical way to care for one another.

Worship will also remain "touchless", so no attendance pads or offering plates will be passed. Communion will continue to be touchless as well.

Children entering the Nursery will still be scanned for temperature, and those with temperatures below 100.4 degrees are welcome to stay until picked up by a designated adult. Adult classes may continue, though masked. We will still only use the east and west entrances in and out of the building.

If you aren't comfortable in the sanctuary with these new guidelines, you may worship either socially distanced and masked in the Fellowship Hall or worship online. You are always a valued worshipping member of Mohawk Church!

WORSHIP NEWS



ALL SAINTS DAY will be observed Sunday, November 7, 2021. During worship on this day, we will have a special time of memorial to honor those saints who have gone on before us this past year. To take a moment of reflection for your beloved saint, we ask that you provide the name and date of death to the church office by the end of October.

FINANCE UPDATE

From the Finance Committee:

As you can see by the January to August Finance Report, we are having a financially difficult year. We are struggling to keep up with the monthly expenses and hope you will be able to help. Last year the offerings were up \$4,333 and we had received a Payroll Protection loan from the government, but this year offerings are down by \$4,276.

Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated!

MOHAWK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FINANCES

	2021								2020	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:										
General Offering	11,940	13,048	14,662	9,150	14,462	8,489	9,907	9,472	91,129	95,405
Other	1,201	735	414	5,140	1,156	267	1,813	263	10,988	28,382
Total Income	13,141	13,783	15,076	14,290	15,618	8,755	11,720	9,735	102,117	123,787
Expenses:										
Tithe	-	2,499	-	2,750	-	-	-	-	5,249	11,075
Utilities	2,092	947	1,564	745	725	1,771	787	945	9,576	9,182
Other	397	1,118	1,643	10,930	8,603	1,044	1,440	767	25,943	18,030
Wages	8,356	8,700	9,187	9,518	14,422	9,784	9,640	9,589	79,196	78,583
Total Expenses	10,844	13,264	12,395	23,943	23,751	12,599	11,868	11,300	119,964	116,870
Net Income (Loss)	2,296	519	2,682	(9,653)	(8,133)	(3,843)	(148)	(1,566)	(17,846)	6,917



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