



June 2024

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THE MESSENGER

[From Our Pastor]

SO MUCH FOR PLANNING

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. -- Jeremiah 29:11

This isn't how it was supposed to happen.

After months of internal debate last year, I decided to retire at the end of this Conference year. My 27 years of ministry would end June 30, 2024.

That was possibly the hardest decision I've ever made. I have worked since I was 14, so deciding to retire and NOT work after decades working was daunting!

Mentally and emotionally, I began preparing for the July 1 pastoral change. I thought about what words of wisdom and advice I could pass along to my successor. I looked at what files and other resources would be good for me to leave.

Then, on my birthday no less, I was told that the next appointed Mohawk UMC pastor would not be coming as planned. So, what was going to happen? Our District Superintendent didn't know. As of this writing, none of us know for sure yet.

What I *do* know is that Mohawk Church has had some very fine pastors. I don't see that changing, although it may take a different path for that next fine pastor to come. God already knows who's coming, even if it hasn't been revealed to us yet.

What I *do* know is that God's plans for our future are far better than our own plans. I *do* know that God's plans will bring a new kind of prosperity. I *do* know that trusting in God will give us hope and a blessing-filled future. *“Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him”* is what the Psalmist reminds us in Psalm 37.

It's only natural for us to worry about what will happen next. If that's you, let me assure you that God's got this! The Lord hasn't forgotten about us. Wait patiently, because the Lord is up to something... and it will be *good!*

His,
Pastor Kerry

MUSIC AT MOHAWK



Saturday, June 15, 6:00-8:00pm, featuring
Anna Owens

We are overjoyed to welcome back Anna Owens, an award-winning Christian musician, recording artist, and song writer. This extremely talented eighteen-year-old continues to impress audiences with her own musical style. She has been performing all around Indiana and is fast becoming a voice of Christian faith for her generation.

BRYAN HUTSON DURING WORSHIP



Father's Day, June 16th 9:00am



More Music Coming to Mohawk

Saturday, July 27, 6:00-8:00pm, featuring the acoustic duo “Patchwork”
Patchwork is the captivating husband-and-wife duo of Rick and Holly Garrett.

Saturday, August 17, 6:00-8:00pm, featuring “The Occasional Blues Band Plus

CHURCH AT THE FAIR

JUNE 23, 9:30AM



CARE COMMITTEE

CALLING ALL COOKS!

Mohawk UMC is working on a new cookbook that will be available for purchase this fall.



To get started, we need your **BEST** recipes; from soups, to side dishes, main dishes, and desserts!



We prefer to have the recipes submitted on the provided form, but we can put the recipe on the form if needed. There will be paper forms and a drop-off box on the table between the elevator and sanctuary stairs, as well as on the table by the mailboxes. If you prefer, you can also complete the attached form and email it back to Laura Phares at phares@myninestar.net.

The final submission date for recipes is August 18, 2024.

Please complete as many forms as you like, and feel free to share with your family and friends. We hope everyone can get involved in this project. *If you have questions, contact **Laura Phares** or **Myra Williams**.*

June

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

ANNIVERSARIES



5th Jim & Amy Lovins
9th Kerry & Lynne O'Brien
13th Jeff & Michelle Bricker
14th DeWayne & Kelly Paugh

BIRTHDAYS

4th Leslie Dalton
5th Mike Stanley
5th Dean Thompson
6th Rhonda Beeker
11th Chris Gray
20th Jacob Gray
23rd Diana Hartzog
25th Sam Bricker
27th Sandy Plank



RETIREMENT IS A TIME FOR CELEBRATION!



Retirement is wonderful, and Pastor Kerry is doing just that! In honor of his accomplished career of 27 years of service with the UMC and 22 years in the public sector, join us for a pitch-in lunch on **June 30th** after Sunday School in Fellowship Hall.

If you wish to show your appreciation to Pastor Kerry and Lynne and need an idea, please see Leslie Dalton at the Scrip Table. She can give you lots of suggestions and ideas.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

April was our month of faith and fun when we collected money for the *Tree Of Life Ministry* in Mission, SD. We raised \$488.65 to send to the *Tree of Life Ministry*. Thank you, Mohawk UMC!

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING, the money that is collected on Sunday from the birthdays / anniversaries, along with the money from the Spring Flower Sale is divided up by the Missions/Outreach committee to send to different missions that they choose.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS 2024

Dates: July 15 – 19th

Place: Mohawk UMC

Address: 2045 W 400 N,
Greenfield, IN 46140

Time: 5:30pm (dinner),
6pm – 8pm

Ages: Preschool –
6th Grade

Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall for volunteers and donations for meals and snacks. All donation items will need to be at the church by Sunday July 14th. Also, mark your calendars to help decorate on Sunday July 14th after Sunday School. Registration forms will be available at the Scrip table for those who would like to pre-register. If you have any questions, please see Leslie Dalton.

SUMMER CAMPS FOR THE CHILDREN

Summer will be here before you know it! Check out the INUMC summer camps for kids using this link.

<https://impact2818.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Camp-2024-Booklet-digital.pdf>

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

January -April Income: **\$59,400**

January -April Expenses: **\$62,346**

Reported Y-T-D Loss: **(-\$2,946)**

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2024					2023
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:						
General Offering	9,833	12,525	17,254	10,116	49,728	61,152
Other	183	7,254	1,963	272	9,672	10,729
Total Income	10,016	19,779	19,216	10,388	59,400	71,881
Expenses:						
Tithe	-	-	4,555	-	4,555	7,032
Utilities	2,331	951	859	1,208	5,348	5,561
Other	1,081	2,729	2,923	3,319	10,052	6,062
Wages	9,336	9,357	9,383	14,315	42,391	38,864
Total Expenses	12,747	13,037	17,720	18,842	62,346	57,520
Net Income (Loss)	(2,730)	6,741	1,497	(8,454)	(2,946)	14,361

	Budget Comparison					
General Offering Budget	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	65,940	64,007
Over (Short)	(6,652)	(3,960)	769	(6,369)	(16,212)	(2,855)