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# THE MESSENGER

*October 2023*

*[From Our Pastor]*

## MANY PARTS BUT ONE BODY

*“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” -- 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12, 27 (TNIV)*

Of all the many reasons I’ve loved being the pastor at Mohawk UMC, my top one may be the strength of our congregation. From the get-go, I have been impressed by how so many people simply step up and do what is needed for the common good, doing whatever work needs to be done.

Working together is at the core of the Christian church. Whether in deepening our faith walk, coming together to do committee work, or making our worship services better and available to people in person and online, our strength is in our numbers. We unite to become the Body of Christ because each one of us is a part of it, and every part is vitally important.

Someone said there is no such thing as a solitary Christian, and I agree. Chapter 12 of 1 Corinthians, excerpted above, reminds me so much of Mohawk Church. Take a moment to read and reflect on the whole chapter and see if you agree with me. We truly are one body made up of many individual members. When we work together, we become the Body of Christ.

How are you using the gifts, talents, and abilities the Holy Spirit has given you to build up and be part of His church? Each of us has been given them to use and work together as the Body of Christ. We are called to use these precious gifts to the glory of the Lord and to build up His church.

In President John Kennedy’s inaugural address, he said: *“Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.”* The same applies to our church: What can you do for Mohawk UMC with the gifts, talents, and abilities God has given you? I pray that you always remain willing, able, and ready to use them for the glory of God and His church.

His,  
Pastor Kerry

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** will not meet on October 8 and 15. Of course, we will still have Children's Church during the worship services on those days! We will be gearing up in November, in preparation of Thanksgiving and the Christmas Pageant.



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS



### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE & GROW IN OCTOBER**

We NEED Greeters, Song Leaders, Liturgists, Sound-room techs (you will be trained!), and Children's Church leaders? October has many openings. Click the link to sign up: [Mohawk United Methodist Church: MUMC Worship Opportunities To Serve \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com) or sign up at church.

## **NEXT SERMON SERIES**



Starting October 22, join us as we begin an interesting new sermon series. "**Lasting Legacies**" looks at what legacies we will leave for others. Each of us will leave some kind of legacy, so shouldn't we plan now to make them the best we can? Be sure to come for this thoughtful series, and invite others to join you.

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS and ADVENT SCHEDULE

**All Saints Day** celebrated Oct 29

**Thanksgiving carry-in** Nov 19



**The 4 Sundays of Advent** are Dec 3, 10, 17, and 24

**Christmas Eve services** 6pm (Kids, Carols, and Candles)



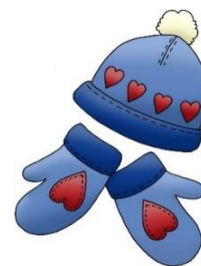
11pm (Carols and Candle Light),

A unique **New Year's Eve morning service** on 12/31/23

## **PRESCHOOL CAPS AND MITTENS COLLECTION**

Time to be thinking about caps and mittens for Head Start students. They are 4 and 5-year-old toddlers. We will need about 40 sets, children's size. Good places to watch are Walmart, Target, Dollar General, Family Dollar, etc.

See Sherry Apple or Connie Wilson with questions.



# STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE NEWS

## PASTOR KERRY'S VACATION

Pastor Kerry and Lynne will be on vacation October 2 - October 15. If you need pastoral help then, contact Marianne Nichols at 317-459-5322. The church office will be closed those two weeks, so for anything else, contact either Robert Phares (317-697-9191) or Michelle Bricker (317-445-6770) for help. There will be NO MID-WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS during these two weeks.



Want to work part time??



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- is a people person?
- knows Word & PowerPoint?
- is highly organized?
- works well with others?
- can multi-task?

**APPLY TODAY**

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Perks are heavenly!

**HELP WANTED** We are still looking for a permanent administrative assistant. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the church, or Michelle Bricker.



## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Let Pastor Kerry know that you appreciate him. Even though Pastor Kerry will be out of town on the second and third Sundays of October, don't forget to show him your appreciation. A sincere expression of kindness can go a long way. Do small things with great love!



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| 1 Carson Bearhope | 6 Ann Friar           |
| 3 Ashley Thompson | 8 Jonathan Lovins     |
| 4 Rick Edwards    | 13 Marge Credille     |
| Brandon Steeno    | 15 Channing Blagburn, |
| 5 Amy Lovins      | 26 Jim Lovins         |



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| 12 Dwight & Terry Ramsey |
| 14 Mike & Gail Stanley   |

**NOTE:** If you see anyone missing from our birthday or anniversary list, or inaccurate dates listed, please contact Lynne at mohawkumc@gmail.com or at 317-326-2460.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS**

Income is up \$10,000 from last year and the August year to date loss is \$7,514. Compared to the 2022 loss of -\$13,013, the 2023 loss is an improvement of \$6,000, so we are going in the right direction! So far this year, we have tithed \$7,032, had a \$1,500 increase in insurance, and sealed the parking lot for \$1,900.

<b>Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances</b>										
	2023									2022
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:										
General Offering	19,758	15,558	11,549	14,286	9,422	8,289	12,808	9,751	101,422	99,342
Other	553	8,391	989	796	908	332	1,113	363	13,445	5,156
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,311</b>	<b>23,949</b>	<b>12,538</b>	<b>15,082</b>	<b>10,330</b>	<b>8,621</b>	<b>13,921</b>	<b>10,114</b>	<b>114,867</b>	<b>104,498</b>
Expenses:										
Tithe	2,272	1,789	1,328	1,643	-	-	-		7,032	4,813
Utilities	1,931	2,321	551	758	849	1,569	639	763	9,381	10,835
Other	1,054	670	1,453	2,886	10,985	3,002	2,585	4,015	26,649	17,624
Wages	9,635	9,864	9,841	9,523	13,346	9,029	9,239	8,841	79,319	84,239
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>14,892</b>	<b>14,644</b>	<b>13,173</b>	<b>14,811</b>	<b>25,179</b>	<b>13,600</b>	<b>12,463</b>	<b>13,620</b>	<b>122,381</b>	<b>117,511</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>5,419</b>	<b>9,306</b>	<b>(635)</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>(14,850)</b>	<b>(4,979)</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>(3,505)</b>	<b>(7,514)</b>	<b>(13,013)</b>

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS**

**PIZZA FUNDRAISER** The date is set for **Saturday, October 21**. The Outreach team is taking pizza and sub sandwich orders in the Fellowship Hall now through Sunday, October 15. If you're able, we'll need volunteers to assemble Greatway's delicious food at 9:00am that day. It really is a lot of fun! Pickup will be from 12-2pm in Fellowship Hall.



## **UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF**

The United Methodist Committee On Relief is hard at work in the U.S. and around the globe. You can help UMCOR respond through your financial support. If you want to give to their relief efforts, you can donate through the church (make sure you clearly mark your donation for "UMCOR") by cash or check, or online at: <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-us-latest-responses/>



## **FALL PARTY**

Fall, Fellowship, and Fun! Mark your calendars for the annual church fall party at the Edwards' home on **Saturday, October 14 at 5:30 PM**. Hotdogs, drinks, and desserts will be provided, along with a warm open fire and mini hayride. All you need to bring is a side dish and lawn chair. Invite your friends to join the fun!