



May 2025

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THE MESSENGER

[From Our Pastor: Rains of Righteousness, Springs of Salvation]

There's a well-worn saying: "April showers bring May flowers." It reminds me that even gloomy, rainy days serve a purpose—they prepare the earth to bloom. The same is true in our lives. Rains of righteousness bring springs of salvation.

The prophet Isaiah says: "You, heavens above, rain down my righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness flourish with it; I, the Lord, have created it" (Isaiah 45:8). What a powerful image: righteousness raining down like spring rain, causing salvation to spring up like blossoms from the soil.

Yet how often does it feel like we're living in a spiritual drought? Turn on the news, and you'll hear the same repetitive cycles: violence, division, strife, war, economic uncertainty, and moral decay. It's easy to feel dry and weary. Add to those headlines, daily deadlines, family stress, rising costs, and spiritual monotony, and suddenly our souls can feel parched, almost numb.

But May reminds us: God is still at work beneath the surface.

In these dry seasons, pray for God to send His rains of righteousness, a spiritual downpour that washes away apathy, sin, and hopelessness. Pray for his Word and Presence to soak into the hardened ground of our hearts, homes, communities, and nation. When righteousness rains down, salvation springs forth.

This isn't a call to passive waiting but to persistent prayer and hopeful action. Paul encourages us, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). Stand in the gap and plead for heaven's rain, believing that God will bring beauty from ashes, joy from mourning, and new life from barren places.

Just as May flowers make us smile and lift our eyes in gratitude, so too can the blossoms of revival and renewal make our spirits rejoice. God is not done. His righteousness will come, and when it does, salvation will spring forth.

In Christ,
Pastor Charles



Bryan Hutson Concert - Sunday May 4

We are excited to bring back Bryan Hutson in concert on Sunday, May 4. Bryan will be performing his music during our morning worship service at 9am. We invite you to come and witness his powerful vocals and energizing testimonies. *Bryan will also have his CDs available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall after service.



GRADUATES!!!

ARE YOU GRADUATING SOON?

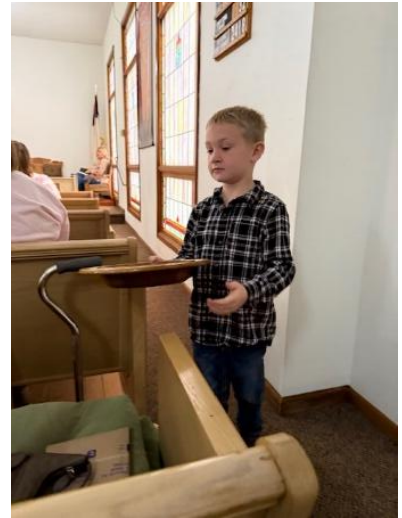
Do you know someone who will be graduating either in May, or midterm who attends Mohawk UMC? We are looking for high school students or college students who will be graduating this year (or completed their schoolwork in December 2024). We would like to celebrate these graduates. If you can help us out with this information, please email the church office at mohawkumc@gmail.com or talk with Burl Bearhope.

MOHAWK UMC PALM SUNDAY 2025



Easter Sunday Highlights





MOHAWK UMC CHILDREN SERVING DURING WORSHIP



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1st Luke Edwards
4th Wyatt Schenck
5th Kerry O'Brien
10th Jan Webb
11th Justin Hartzog
15th Gail Stanley
17th Nikki Ward
19th Jake Musselman
19th Holly Plank
20th Ethan Edwards
22nd Josh Phares
24th John Friar
24th Ben Wilson



NOTE: *If you notice any birthday or anniversary dates missing, please contact us in the office. mohawkumc@gmail.com*



MAY
19TH Deb & Gene King
21ST Tim & Sandy Plank

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



The signup sheet for Vacation Bible School is now available! It is the week of July 14-18 from 5:30-8. We especially need helpers to guide the children from station to station.

The VBS theme is Road Trip. If you have a car or truck that you would like to show off, we would love for you to come on Friday night (July 18) to celebrate with us. There will be awards for fan favorites!

ANNUAL MOHAWK UMC PORK CHOP DINNER 2025



FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2025				2024
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:					
General Offering	12,694	8,906	11,153	32,753	39,612
Other	207	332	2,213	2,752	9,400
Total Income	12,901	9,238	13,366	35,505	49,011
Expenses:					
Tithe	-	-	-	-	4,555
Utilities	2,653	1,503	912	5,069	4,140
Other	2,920	2,438	638	5,996	6,733
Wages	8,350	8,146	12,128	28,625	28,076
Total Expenses	13,923	12,088	13,678	39,689	43,504
Net Income (Loss)	(1,022)	(2,850)	(312)	(4,184)	5,507

Budget Comparison					
General Offering Budget	16,807	16,807	16,807	50,421	32,970
Over (Short)	(4,113)	(7,901)	(5,654)	(17,668)	6,642

Non General Fund Restricted Donations					
	1,240	120	-	1,360	-

Stewardship Corner

Firstfruits giving means that we give to God first rather than as leftovers after our own needs are met. When we give our firstfruits, no matter what the gift, we acknowledge that God is first and that He is the giver of all that we have. Firstfruits giving expresses the special relationship that we have with Jesus Christ.