

The Messenger



JULY 2022

From Our Pastor

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

"Therefore, my brothers and sisters, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you." -- Acts 13:38 (TNIV, emphasis added)

Except for the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021, my extended family on my mother's side has had a reunion at Brown County state park for about 10 years. It has been so enjoyable to reconnect with my cousins and my remaining aunts and uncle. I am looking forward to resuming our gathering together later this month. We'll travel to North Carolina, though, as my aunt and uncle are no longer able to travel far.

In the two years we couldn't meet in person, we met by Zoom every other month. It was good to check in with one another regularly, especially in the midst of a pandemic. One of the things I learned from those many Zoom "reunion" times was that seeing people online falls short of seeing one another in person.

When I had to quarantine on May 15 due to having COVID-19 and could only worship online, I was very glad we have that option. But I again realized that online worship isn't the same as worshipping in person. I longed for the real life connection that I get from being present with people in our sanctuary!

I thank God we have the technology to worship online. But I hope and pray that each

person who worships online will make every effort to worship in person whenever possible. That effort is SO worth it!

God has created us as social beings, as people who need to be in connection, in community, with one another. We ARE family; all of us brothers and sisters in the family of Jesus Christ. I urge you to take advantage of online worship when you can't be in person, and I urge us all to worship in person every time we can. There really is nothing that equals the experience for our souls and for our well-being.

May God bless and keep you. Stay safe and be well.

His,

Pastor Kerry





CURRENT COVID-19 STATUS - Masks and social distancing are optional.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

July 11 will be the first evening of VBS. From July 11 – 14, with dinner at 5:30pm and programming from 6-8pm, we will share God's love with any children who come our way. I truly believe VBS is the biggest outreach opportunity a church has. Please invite all the kids you know. There will be registration forms at the church, and I can also email them, if you need. Groups of kids will be mixages, except preschool.

Key positions are in place, but there is room for people to assist in several areas. If you can help, let me know! Sessions to work on decorations will be Thursday, July 7 at at 9:30-11:30am and 6:30-8:30pm. If you can color with markers or paints, cut things out,

trace, tape things together, or sort, then come to the church!

Many of the items on the donation board in Fellowship Hall have been taken, and more will appear on the board until we start. Perishable food items for dinner will be the last on the board. Thanks to all who have volunteered to provide items, or money to buy them.

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MUSIC AT MOHAWK

Outdoor music has arrived at Mohawk Church! Our first evening, on June 25, was a terrific event. Acoustic Duo Patchwork really entertained with their music.

On Saturday, July 9, up-and-coming Christian artist Anna Owens will bring a lot of her original music to us. She and her music will connect with our youth, so be sure to invite our younger generations. August 13, "The Occasional Blues Band" will play blues, gospel blues, 60's Motown, classic rock, and some jazz and country. They are sure to entertain all generations. Mark your calendar with these dates now!

All evenings run from 6-8pm. Bring your own seating if you're able, since our

picnic table seating is limited. Be sure to tell your friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers about our free music events, too. They will enjoy a nice summer evening of great family-friendly music and mingling.

If there is a time when you need to get into the building, please call first to make arrangements.

Pastor Kerry will be in the office on Thursday afternoons as well. You can always contact him and set up a time to meet at other times if the need arises.

Thank you for your gracious understanding as we take small steps forward.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

We are having two other outdoor worship services in the west lawn and shelter house on July 10 and August 14. The services starts at our normal

9:00am worship time. It's always a sort of fun adventure to worship God in God's great outdoors.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Ryan Cain, Aileen Lewis
- 2 Betsy Bandy
- 3 Kelly Beeker
- 5 Blake Thompson
- 7 Madison Hartzog, Willow Addison
- 10 Brody Cain
- 14 Tim Cain
- 16 Kelly Paugh
- 18 Tammy Bearhope
- 19 Sherry Apple
- 22 Ava Westcott
- 25 Nell Mitten
- 30 Lillian Kissel, Josh Musselman

- 16 Caleb & Emily Paugh
- 19 Mike & Ashley Schenck
- 21 Gerald & Michele Phares
- 26 Greg & Melissa Cain

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2022					2021
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Year to Date
Income:						
General Offering	13,019	12,155	16,676	13,342	10,270	65,462
Other	355	486	1,733	932	388	3,895
Total Income	13,374	12,641	18,408	14,274	10,658	69,357
Expenses:						
Tithe	-	-	4,813	-	-	4,813
Utilities	1,051	2,595	812	876	2,885	8,218
Other	321	698	1,625	3,703	6,694	13,040
Wages	10,863	9,542	9,695	10,152	14,671	54,922
Total Expenses	12,234	12,834	16,944	14,731	24,250	80,993
Net Income (Loss)	1,140	(193)	1,464	(456)	(13,592)	(11,637)



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