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# THE MESSENGER

*November 2023*

*[From Our Pastor]*

## MOHAWK CHURCH: WHERE YOU BELONG

*“Who do you belong to, and where are you going...?” - in Genesis 32:17*

*“Who do you belong to? Where do you come from?” - 1 Samuel 30:13*

*“You belong to [the Lord] in body and spirit.” - in Malachi 2:15 (TNIV)*

A recent article I read talked about a widespread and growing problem across America. The problem? Loneliness, isolation, and not belonging.

The pace of living and the complexity of the world increased dramatically. Those, isolation from the pandemic, remote work and schooling, family mobility, and other factors have all had a huge, negative impact on society. Many people suffer from loneliness and isolation. They don't feel any sense of *belonging* to something greater.

Churches can help those who suffer in silence to get connected. Sadly, the popular view today of church is negative. Millennials, Gen-X'ers, and Gen-Y's are especially turned off by the thought of being connected to a church, in large part because of what a minority of churches loudly and publicly did and said. Instead of finding a church to belong to, people don't see any other good options, and remain disconnected and alone.

OUR congregation can offer a sense of community, acceptance, and belonging. We can be a place where downcast and outcast are welcomed. We know that, but ones who most need to know that won't believe it. So they remain isolated, with nowhere to belong.

My dearest sisters and brothers in Christ, we have to go and let them know that they are not only welcome and expected, but that they can find a place where they'll *belong*. We must help them see we understand they want to find a place to belong, a place of acceptance and encouragement. We need to let them know that Mohawk Church is a place *where you belong*...in every sense of that phrase.

So put up a Mohawk UMC yard sign. Give out the invitation cards we'll distribute around Thanksgiving. More importantly, invite people to join you in worship this Sunday. *Mohawk Church: It's where THEY belong, too!*

His,

Pastor Kerry

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

**PAGEANT PRACTICE** will start November 19 during Sunday school. All kids are welcome to participate. **THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** will be during the 9:00am service on December 17 or December 24, depending on availability of the children on those dates. **OUR FAMILY ADVENT-URE** will be December 3 during Sunday school. It will be a fun time for families to enjoy time for Advent. We'd like to do cookie nativity scenes, and would love help from bakers to make the figures using cookie cutters we'll provide.



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

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

We need Greeters, Song Leaders, Liturgists, Sound-room techs (you will be trained!), and Children's Church leaders. November 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.



### **CURRENT SERMON SERIES**



Pastor Kerry has 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. It will end just before the first Sunday of Advent.

### **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

This year, we will decorate on Sunday, November 26 after donuts. If you go to a Sunday School class, there's sure to be things to do afterward!



## UPCOMING ADVENT/HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



**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



# STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE NEWS

Want to work part time??

**NOW HIRING!  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

ARE YOU A HUMAN WHO...

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

**APPLY TODAY**

More Info:  
 317-326-2460  
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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.

**Fall Back!**

Remember to move your clocks back one hour.

**November 5**



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|------------------|--------------------|
| 2 DeWayne Paugh  | 21 Megan Addison   |
| 9 Gentry Plank   | 22 Jeff Musselman  |
| 9 Karen Clark    | Leslie Severance   |
| 11 Caleb Paugh   | Easton Schenck     |
| 12 Grace Gray    | 23 Abel Wenning    |
| 13 Joshua Plank  | 24 Rory Lou Hooker |
| 17 David Wenning | Jack Hunt          |
| 19 Myra Williams |                    |



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| 17 Jack & Rosalie Hunt  |
| 27 David & Marcia Brown |

**NOTE:** If you see anyone missing from our birthday or anniversary list, or inaccurate dates listed, please contact the office at [mohawkumc@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkumc@gmail.com).

## THANKSGIVING CARRY-IN

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be **November 19**, about 11:30am, after worship and Sunday school. Bring a side and/or a dessert if you can. The church will provide the following: turkey, ham, chicken & noodles, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, drinks, & table service. See Laura Phares if you have any questions. Everyone is invited. Bring a guest along!!



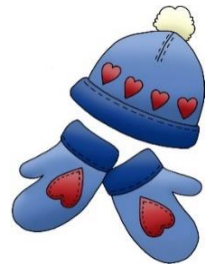
# FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances											
	2023									2022	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Year to Date	Year to Date
<b>Income:</b>											
General Offering	19,758	15,558	11,549	14,286	9,422	8,289	12,808	9,751	8,522	109,944	115,126
Other	553	8,391	989	796	908	332	1,113	363	2,847	16,293	5,290
<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>11,369</b>	<b>126,236</b>	<b>120,416</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>											
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	877	10,258	11,863
Other	1,054	670	1,453	2,886	10,985	3,002	2,585	4,015	5,444	32,093	19,540
Wages	9,635	9,864	9,841	9,523	13,346	9,029	9,239	8,841	8,994	88,314	94,280
<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>15,315</b>	<b>137,696</b>	<b>130,496</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>(3,946)</b>	<b>(11,460)</b>	<b>(10,080)</b>

# OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

## **PRESCHOOL CAPS AND MITTENS COLLECTION**

It's time to donate 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 Connie Wilson or Sherry Apple with questions.



## **YOUR VOTE SUPPORTS PANTRIES**



Once again, we'll be doing the local food pantry donation competition between Hancock County Food Pantry and Fortville Area Resource Mission (FARM). Starting on November 5 and ending on December 3, you can "vote" for one (or both) by depositing folding money (no coins) in the container for the organization you want to "win". The whole thing is fun and for a good cause. We'll send each food pantry their money, and announce who won Sunday morning, December 10. Your vote counts, and we're counting on you to vote to support these missions! Jars will be on the refreshment counter in the 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/>



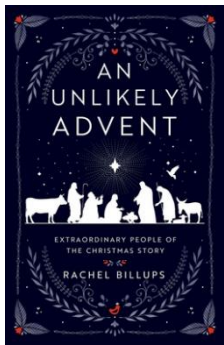


## COLLEGE/NAVY CARE BOXES

We will be sending boxes to Grace & Grant Gray, Shiloh McFarland, & Jonathan Lovins. The boxes will be in Fellowship Hall on November 19 & 26, with names on them, if anyone wants to include a personal note of encouragement or a Christmas card. As always, monetary donations can be made to go towards postage. For questions, contact Rhonda Beeker.

## DONATE CANDY FOR THE FEAST OF PLENTY IN GREENFIELD

The 3D Class is collecting individually wrapped candy, and will be filling bags on Sunday, November 19th during Sunday School. There is a basket behind the Scrip table for candy donations. Thank you!!



## ADVENT STUDY

Pastor Kerry will lead an Advent study for the four Sundays before Christmas Eve during our Sunday school time. The book "An Unlikely Advent" (\$13) will be studied from November 26 through December 17. Look for a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Our Indiana Conference has asked us to work with their "Lighthouse Congregations" folks to offer an outreach Advent service they will pay for. We need about 12-15 people to help greet and mingle with newcomers for this event. More details will come soon! Also, we will have a special guest to talk more about it in our November 12 worship service and after the service.



## THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

There will be a community Thanksgiving service on November 19, 2023, at 6 PM. It will be held at Trinity Park Church, 207 W. Park Ave, Greenfield. All are welcome to this service.

**ARE THESE CONTAINERS YOURS?** They want to come home with you, so they can be useful to you!!

