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The MESSENGER

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"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ"

Ephesians 3:16-18

—MAY MEETINGS—

- 3 Trustees
- 9 Outreach Team
- 10 Worship Team
- 12 Finance Team
- 16 SPRC
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- 18 Info Session

From Our Pastor -

HEALTH-GIVING COMMUNITY

Although it might be too early to declare the pandemic over, I can tell you I have felt relieved the last couple months because COVID-19 numbers went down drastically and have so far stayed down. Those low numbers allowed us to shed our masks for the most part, unless we choose to wear them, of course. The same with social distancing.

The last two years for me has reinforced one thing I have maintained for a long time: humans are social beings. We do best when we are in community, when we are connected. We are relational, social beings.

Sadly, experts are seeing how we are now more isolated and disconnected than ever. Polls keep showing how we now have fewer friends than ever, and that we live farther from family than ever. More of us are disconnected from families and friends through broken relationships, neglect, dysfunction, divorce, and other causes.

What seems more than coincidental to me is the drop in church membership, attendance, and participation at the same time as

the increase in loneliness and isolation. Being part of a faith community is one crucial way we can stay connected to one another, to invest in the lives of others, and to be healthy social beings. To be the Church of Jesus Christ means that we intentionally choose to be in community with one another. That is a vital and healthy thing.

Do you know someone who may feel disconnected? Isolated? Lonely? Who do you know that might be longing to be connected, to be in community with people who can invest in them? Who can you invite to be part of a healthy and health-giving Christian community like Mohawk Church?

There is no better time than today to ask someone you know who is lonely or disconnected to join you in worship. In John 10:10, Jesus says, ***"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*** Let's help others have that full and health-giving life in connection with Him and with one another.

His,

Pastor Kerry



- 1 Luke Edwards
- 4 Wyatt Schenck
- 10 Jan Webb
- 11 Justin Hartzog
- 15 Gail Stanley
- 17 Nikki Ward
- Lincoln McFarland
- 20 Ethan Edwards
- 22 Josh Phares
- 24 John Friar
- Ben Wilson



- 21 Tim & Sandy Plank

Volunteers Wanted

We need DISHWASHERS!
day and evening shifts available

You can commit to volunteer once a week,
once a month or whatever fits your schedule!

Please call or email Chris if you would like more information on this opportunity to serve!
317-462-9900 or
kbmskinc@myministar.net

Kenneth Butler Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers.

VBS FOOD TRUCK PARTY

After reviewing several options, our VBS is going to be a Food Truck Party! The dates will be Monday, July 11 – Thursday, July 14, in the evenings. It seems like a long way until then, but there's plenty to do to prepare. We'll need help with many things. Crafts, Games, Bible Story Videos, and Snacks will all need someone to head them up. (All these have leader guides to give direction.) Also, we'll need people to help out the leaders in all these areas. There will be supplies needed for decorating, and we'll be asking for donations

for craft materials and snacks. More information will be coming in the next few weeks. Be thinking of how you will step up and help! It takes a whole church to put on a successful VBS. Talk to Lynne O'Brien if you have any questions, or if you'd like to be one of the first to volunteer!



PORK CHOP SUPPER

It's back! Our annual Pork Chop Dinner will be Saturday, May 7 this year. The menu will be chops, burgers, baked beans, applesauce, and chips, with hot dogs available for kids on request. Delicious deserts will be made and shared from the congregation (easily the best part of the meal). Dine-in and take-out are available this year. Payment will still be a "freewill offering". We will serve from 5-7:00pm. Sign up in the Fellowship hall for servers and desserts. Please help if you can!

MOTHER'S DAY

This year, May 8 is Mother's Day. How will you honor and remember it? We will have a special time to do just that during our May 8 worship service. Make your plans now to be in worship this year as we celebrate our mothers.

THE UMC MOVING FORWARD

Pastor Kerry invites you to informational meetings about the current state of The United Methodist Church in Indiana and globally. As our denomination continues to wrestle with LGBTQIA issues, rumors and false information are floating around that can muddy the waters. Join Pastor Kerry on two Wednesdays, May 11 and

18, at 7:00pm in our Fellowship Hall as he talks about how we got where we are, possible directions and outcomes from the 2024 UMC General Conference, where to find reliable sources of information, and more. There will be a time for questions and responses in both sessions. The sessions will be recorded for future use.

MUSIC AT MOHAWK

Our Outreach Committee is planning to bring a series of free outdoor music to Mohawk this summer. We will offer a few summer evenings of family-friendly music provided by local musicians at our shelter house to the west of the church. Right now, we have Saturday, June 18 scheduled, starting at 6pm. Bring your own chair, blanket, or other seating. Watch for more information in our June newsletter and mid-week announcements.

FINANCE UPDATE

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

	2022			2021
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Year to Date
Income:				
General Offering	13,019	12,155	16,676	41,850
Other	355	486	1,733	2,574
Total Income	13,374	12,641	18,408	44,424
Expenses:				
Tithe	-	-	4,813	4,813
Utilities	1,051	2,595	812	4,458
Other	321	698	1,625	2,643
Wages	10,863	9,542	9,695	30,099
Total Expenses	12,234	12,834	16,944	42,013
Net Income (Loss)	1,140	(193)	1,464	2,411



MOWERS NEEDED

Many spots are still available to assist with mowing around the church this season. Please consider being a part of keeping the church and parsonage looking tidy! Must bring your own mower! Sign up online or in the Fellowship Hall if you are able to help out.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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**SUNDAY
9AM**

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