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The Messenger

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From Our Pastor

RIGHT BACK AT YA!

Thank you.

I probably don't say that enough, so let me say it again: *Thank you.*

October is what somebody (probably at a greeting card company as a way to sell more cards) decided to call Pastor Appreciation month. Sadly, several of my colleagues bemoan the month because they are largely ignored. Jadedly, one even called it Ignore Your Pastor month to some friends. That is not the case here at Mohawk Church. Lynne and I have been humbled and flattered at the cards, gifts, texts, and emails expressing your appreciation for me as your pastor. You took the time and effort to show your support and care, and I truly am thankful for being appreciated.

To say the last year has been difficult would be an understatement, but not because of any person or people. COVID-19, as I'm sure you are well aware, has caused us to drastically change how we do almost everything. We have had to rethink and reimagine even the most simple and fundamental things we do as a Christian church and a United Methodist congregation.

Without many people pulling together, we would have been forced to completely stop dead in our tracks.

Instead, working together, we didn't miss a beat. We kept worshiping, having meetings, Sunday school classes, etc. While we couldn't do everything, we could do many things, although what we could do often looked different than what we did before the pandemic. But we kept being The Church. And for that, for all the work of so very many Mohawkians, I want to say:

I APPRECIATE YOU!

Thank you *ALL* for blessing Lynne and me. Thanks for being a blessing to our congregation and to others. The world needs to know that Jesus IS Lord and, together, His Church will not be stopped in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 16, Jesus tells Peter that He will use Peter to establish His church on earth. Jesus says, in verse 18, "*I will build my church, and the gates of death will not overcome it.*" We will face trials of all kinds, but The Church of Jesus Christ will never die, never be overcome by trials we face. For that, and for you, I am ever grateful. Be well. Stay safe. God loves you, and so do I.

His,
Pastor Kerry

FALL BACK! November 1

Set your clocks back one hour
and enjoy an extra hour of sleep
before church!



NURSERY IS NOW OPEN

Our Nursery is open! Children through 3 years old are welcome if our scanning thermometer shows them with a temperature at or below 100.4 degrees. Since two adult nursery attendants are the only adults allowed in the nursery, parents can take your children to the door, have their temperature taken, and they can stay there until you pick them up after the service. All toys and the whole room are being sanitized each week.

MISSION NEWS

RING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

With more people in Hancock County facing hardship this year, the need to serve those most vulnerable is greater than ever. To help meet the increased need, Salvation Army Hancock County is preparing its annual Red Kettle Campaign. (Donations help families in Hancock County.) This campaign is where volunteers ring bells to attract attention to the red donation kettles. This year, Mohawk UMC will step up to take several of the bell-ringing spots. Be sure to watch for updates about this as they become available to us. Then you can sign up and ring to help our neighbors.



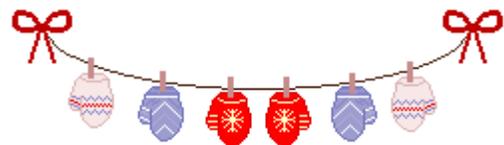
SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN:

An account has been created to donate to the Salvation Army. The link below will take you straight to the donation page for Team Mohawk UMC. If you are unable to donate online, there will be a Red Bucket at the church for cash donations. All money donated will stay in Hancock County to help the residence in need. Sign up times for in person bell ringing are available online. If you need help finding a time, please see Leslie Dalton. Thanks for your help. <https://donate.salvationarmyindiana.org/team/325686>



HATS & MITTENS FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Missions Teams will be collecting Hats and Mittens for the Boys and Girls Club in Greenfield and Fortville. We need to collect at least 10 Girls and 17 Boys in TODDLER sizes. Please have them to the church by **December 13**. Thanks for helping keep the little ones warm this winter.



FEAST OF PLENTY

Our Mohawk United Methodist Youth will put together candy bags again this year for the Feast of Plenty, held at the Hancock County Fairgrounds on Thanksgiving Day, **November 26**. We have 600 bags to fill this year. Though we can use the unused candy donated for Easter, we still need more candy. If you are able to donate small pieces of individually wrapped candy for the Feast of Plenty, we would greatly appreciate your donation. Please bring your candy donations to the church by November 22. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Leslie Dalton, Burl Bearhope, or Heidi Bobb.

COLLEGE CARE BOXES

We have 4 boxes to be filled on **November 22 & 29**, for the students to receive at the end of their semester finals. For questions, contact Rhonda Beeker at 317-697-0737.



CHRISTMAS AT CORNERSTONE



Mohawk will be sponsoring a site at the campground again this year. Additionally, we will be sponsoring Cookies & Hot Chocolate Night on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday night (will advise on which night) for the first three weekends in **December; 6, 13, and 20**. So, mark your calendar to help. If you would like to volunteer for Cookie Night or to work at the campground, they would love the help. Contact Burl & Tammy Bearhope or Leslie Dalton 317-341-3300, for any questions.



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES: Packing Party for the shoe boxes will begin at 1 pm on **Saturday, November 14**. Snacks will be served. This process usually takes about 2 hours to complete. All items on the Sign-Up Genius were filled, in addition to some items that weren't on the list. Our boxes should be filled to the brim this year! Come for part of, or all of the time. Hope to see you there.

PIZZAS!

Pizzas will be ordered and paid for by October 31. We will now need some helpers on **Saturday, November 7**. We will be assembling the pizzas starting at 9am and should finish by Noon. Come for the whole time or part of the time. Lunch and dessert will be served. Pick up will begin at Noon and go until 2pm. If you come into the church to pick up, you will need to wear a mask. If you would rather call, we can bring them to your car. We can also deliver your pizza(s) if you are not comfortable coming to the church. Please call Leslie D. at 317-341-3300 if you need delivery.



CAPS FOR BENCHES

Awesome job to all that helped collect caps and donated money. We have plenty of caps for our third bench, and have collected enough money to pay for it. The bench will come sometime in the spring. Thanks again for your help on this project. I know there have been a few that got to enjoy the benches before the colder weather set in. Hopefully this spring they will be used a bunch more.

Thank you!



2020 CHARGE CONFERENCE

Due to COVID-19, 2020 Charge Conference will be different. Mohawk UMC will be represented by a 3-5-minute video that shows how we continue to be a missional church. Pastor Kerry will submit all our Charge Conference paperwork, and we will upload the video when it is done so all can see it.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND GROW IN NOVEMBER

Most positions currently open!

- ✦ Greeters,
- ✦ Song Leader/Liturgist/Acolytes,
- ✦ Sound Room techs - who will run our livestream or the sanctuary slides and the sound board. (You will be trained!)

Click the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4caba923a0fe3-mumc>



CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR WORSHIP

If you are in one or more of the CDC high-risk categories, are or might be ill, or are not yet ready to worship in person, you are encouraged to worship online from home at YouTube's *Viral Church Channel* or at our *Drive-In Church* (see below).

IF YOU WORSHIP IN PERSON:

- Masks must be worn at all times while you are in the building.
- Our sanctuary, restrooms, and Fellowship Hall are the only rooms open on Sundays. Everything else is closed.
- Our Fellowship Hall is an additional worship area. Chairs are six (6) feet apart, though families may pull chairs closer to sit together.
- *Guideline* changes will be made by a vote of the Administrative Council. The changes will be made known by email, Facebook, and announced in worship.
- Our entire building is appropriately disinfected/cleaned thoroughly each week.
- Our Administrative Council meets monthly to review our Guidelines.

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO WORSHIP

- For live stream, go to YouTube and find our Viral Church Channel. Look for Live Stream to find current worship services. We typically start streaming live 5-10 minutes before our 9:00am services start.
- “Drive-In Church” (99.9 on FM radio) and live stream of worship (Viral Church Channel) are two alternatives instead of in-person worship.





- 11/02 DeWayne Paugh, Gentry Plank
- 11/04 Brett Bobb
- 11/09 Karen Clark
- 11/11 Caleb Paugh
- 11/12 Grace Gray
- 11/13 Joshua Plank
- 11/16 Brandon Thompson
- 11/17 David Wenning
- 11/19 Myra Williams
- 11/21 Megan Addison, Shelby Cain
- 11/22 Jeff Musselman, Leslie Severance, Easton Schenck
- 11/24 Rory Lou Hooker, Jack Hunt
- 11/28 Cameron Bandy, Krista Steeno
- 11/29 Rosie Burk



11/17 Jack & Rosalie Hunt

NOTE: If you see anyone missing from our birthday or anniversary list, or inaccurate dates listed, please contact Ginger at officemumc@myinestart.net or at 317-326-2460. Thank you.