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# Messenger

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## From Our Pastor

### SAINTS AND SO MUCH MORE

November is a busy month. Looking over my calendar just now, I'd say it is quite a busy month indeed. How busy? Here's what my calendar shows: All Saints Day, Pizza making party, Daylight saving time ends, All Saints Day celebrated (on Sunday) along with a baptism and communion, Trustees meeting, a Listening Session, OCC shoebox packing party, Veterans Day remembered, Veterans Day observed, Missions Team meeting, Worship Team meeting, Bishop's Day at our Central District, Finance Team meeting, Trustee work day, Sunday worship, SPRC meeting, Administrative Council meeting, annual Charge Conference, Thanksgiving Sunday with Mohawk's fabulous Thanksgiving dinner, Thanksgiving Day, and Black Friday.

Whew! I got tired just writing all of that down!

The month begins with our celebration of the saints of the church. All Saints Day honors and remembers "the saints of the church" who have gone on to be with the Lord. On All Saints Sunday this year, we will also celebrate a baptism as well as communion. It will be a very special day, indeed.

This November nears its end on Thanksgiving Day, since that holiday is the latest date it can possibly be. Only a few

days later, we begin our Advent journey to Christmas together.

We all have much to do, and we all have even more to thank God for. As for me, I am thankful for you. I think of you as a blessing, in much the same way the Apostle Paul wrote of his fellow Christians in the first chapter of Philippians, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel..."

You all are busy at doing the work Christ calls us to do. You ARE the church. For that, I thank my God every time I remember you.

His,

Pastor Kerry

### CHARGE CONFERENCE 2019 IT'LL BE HERE SHORTLY!

This year's Charge Conference will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, November 23. It will be held at the Mt. Comfort UMC, 3179 N 600 W.

Please plan on coming, especially if you chair a committee. Everyone is invited - *and chairs are expected* - to this important annual meeting.

## MISSIONS NEWS

### OPERATION SHOEBOXES

Now is the time to take all that has been donated and FILL the BOXES. Join us on Saturday, November 9 for a packing party. Let's see if we have met our goal of 125 boxes this year. Please consider joining us for the party. Snacks will be provided.

### HATS & MITTENS

The Missions Team is collecting hats and mittens again for toddlers (3-4 yrs). Donations needed by December 15. Our goal is 60 sets, so please give us a hand.  Look for the donation box in the Fellowship Hall.

### GOODBYE *and* HELLO

Carri Alexander has been our Administrative Assistant for the last 18 months and did a great job. With regrets, she has left our employ; her final official day was October 3. Thank you to all who gave cards, notes, letters, and words of thanks, as well as to those who gave to her going-away love offering. We were able to give her two special gifts and \$240 in cash that she will use in her new home. We say goodbye to Carri and wish her and her family God's blessings.

Carolyn Swinford is our new Administrative Assistant. She began officially on October 7. A daughter of Marge Credille, Carolyn (some know her as Cookie) lives nearby and brings a wealth of experience, skills, and knowledge. Once she gets through the learning curve, she will bring many blessings our way. Please be sure to welcome Carolyn to Mohawk UMC as you are able.



## PASTOR'S ADVENT STUDY

Pastor Kerry invites those who wants to deepen our appreciation of Advent and Christmas to his Advent Study. The book "Christmas Gifts that Won't Break" will be used in this four week study. You can either come on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings. The Sunday classes run during our normal Sunday School time of 10:15-11:00am for the first four Sundays of December. The Monday evening classes are 6:30-7:30pm the first four Mondays of December, in the Genesis Room at the church.

If you're not already part of a Sunday School class, come to the Sunday sessions. If you want to be part of the pastor's Advent study but are already part of a Sunday School class, plan to attend the Monday sessions. Of course anyone is welcome to come to whichever day and time is best for you.

Put your book order in via a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or by contacting the church office. Books are \$12 each. Hope you can take part!

### FOOD PANTRY for NOVEMBER



CANNED PROTEIN is the giving item for November. (Think tuna, chicken, canned ham, beans, etc...) Thank you for your continued support of this important mission outreach!

### Pendleton Christmas Party

Please be in prayer about joining us for the Christmas Party at the Pendleton Juvenile Corrections. The party will take place some time the first couple of weeks in December. (Still working out the details.) Look for further information in the announcements and sign-up sheet in the Fellowship hall.





## *birthdays*

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

## **November** *Anniversaries*

- 17 Jack & Rosalie Hunt**



### **Feast of Plenty**

The Missions Team is still collecting individually wrapped candy for the Greenfield Feast of Plenty. Look for

the tote in the Fellowship hall. Don't know what to do with the overabundance of Halloween candy? Bring it to the church for the candy bags. Donations will be taken until November 24.

### **FALL WORK DAY** **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16** **8 AM**

Your time and talents are requested on Saturday, November 16 beginning at 8am. Everyone is encouraged to attend to help prepare the church building and grounds for the upcoming winter season. Please plan to attend even if you are unable to arrive at 8am.

We will be tackling the usual indoor and outdoor cleaning and maintenance routines, including landscaping, washing windows, cleaning out the refrigerator, etc. We are actively looking to reduce clutter in several areas of the building. Your attendance will prevent the trustees from tossing or donating "important" church treasures.

There are a few indoor painting projects that will hopefully happen at this work day. For planning purposes, Ashley Thompson would love to hear from you in advance if you would be willing to help paint.

Come for donuts, fellowship, and to serve our Lord! Questions: Ashley Thompson, 317.697.1336, b.thompson.ash@gmail.com

### **MANY THANKS!!!**

Dear Mohawk UMC, I am at a loss for words on how to thank everyone, but here is my best attempt. The outpouring of prayers, cards, phone calls, love, hugs and much more have filled my heart to the brim with gratitude! All this kept my spirits high and lifted through this scary time! I can think of no other church or group of people to worship the Lord with than those of you. I am SO blessed. We have an awesome God and I can't praise Him enough. God is good—love to all,

**Karen Clark**

Dear Mohawk UMC, we would like to sincerely thank you for your donation to Hancock County 4-H Junior Leaders. Your support helps us to fund our many activities and events. Community sponsors like you ensure that our youth have a quality 4-H experience!

Signed by all the Hancock County 4-H Junior Leaders.



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**MOHAWK**  
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**Thanksgiving Dinner**  
**Sunday, November 24**  
**11:30 am**

**Mohawk United Methodist Church**  
**2045 W 400 North**  
**Greenfield, IN 46140**

*Church to provide:*

Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes,  
gravy, chicken & noodles, dress-  
ing, rolls, drinks and place  
settings. Please bring a side or  
dessert to share.

