

January 2018



Words Through Woody

As most of you know, I serve on the United Methodist Central District Board of Ministry. The Board's function is to review and interview potential candidates seeking to serve as pastors in the UMC. Each time we meet with a candidate, we seek to help them clarify how and where God is calling them to serve the church. Is it ordained ministry or a specialized ministry such as music or Christian education? Are there other gifts God has given them to serve in other forms of ministry?

Each time the Board meets, I come away asking myself (with God's help) the same question: What is my role in God's Kingdom? How can I serve God with the gifts God has given me? Will I use my gifts unselfishly or for power and recognition? Sometimes I become frustrated when I ask these questions. But, God comes to the rescue and returns me to the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. (Luke 4:1-2)

The 40 days in the wilderness was a period of time Jesus needed to reflect on the unique and saving role that God had for Him. It was a time for waiting and reflecting. His wilderness wait, nurtured by self-reflection, helped Him make the important decisions about God's purpose for Him and created a commitment that never wavered.

Hopefully, by the time you receive this edition of Woody's Words, you have been through a similar period of waiting and praying. We have been asking for all our church family to be in prayer for the upcoming "Dreaming Retreat." At the beginning of this New Year, the leaders and those of you who wish to attend will be discussing, reviewing, and looking to the future of Mohawk UMC. What is the

role of Mohawk UMC in God's Kingdom? What gifts do we possess as a church to fulfill that role? It will be a time for us to make important decisions about where God is leading the Mohawk family in ministry and your input is important as we look to God for a fresh vision and unwavering commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we seek to serve God, join with me to pray that God will help us refine our ministry as the church of Jesus Christ in the Hancock County community. And then come to our "Dreaming Retreat" on January 13, 2018.

In Christ's love,



Contacting the Pastor: Feel free to contact Pastor Woody either at the office (317.326.2460) or at the parsonage (317.326.2350) or by email woody.thompson@inumc.org. **Pastor Woody keeps Sabbath on Fridays.** In the event of an emergency and you can't reach him immediately, please call Lay Leader Armin Apple. 317.694.8475 or 317.326.3251

Office Hours

The Mohawk office is typically open M, Tu, Th, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm and Friday mornings when needed. If you're coming a distance it's best to call ahead. 317.326.2460 or officemumc@myninestar.net

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January Volunteers

Please Help Fill in the Blanks...
Check in at the SIGN UP table on Sunday.

Greeters

DeWayne & Kelly Paugh

Fellowship Hosts

YACS Class

First Sunday Communion Helpers

Gail & Mike Stanley

Food Pantry Delivery

Musselman family

Liturgists

7 Armin Apple
14 Burl Bearhope
21 Megan Addison
28 Rosalie Hunt

Children's Worship Leaders

7 Rhonda Beeker
14 Gail Stanley
21 _____
28 Heidi Bobb
31 Megan Addison

Worship Assistant

Dan Bauer

Nursery Volunteers are needed each Sunday
during Worship and Sunday School.

Jan 7: Worship – Kelly Paugh; SS - _____
Jan 14: Worship – Renee Street; SS – Ashley Schenck
Jan 21: Worship – Jim Lovins; SS – Tammy Bearhope
Jan 28: Worship – Rosie Hunt; SS – _____

Sunday School – 10:15 am

Nursery – Angel Linville
Pre-K & K – Chris Gray
Intermediate – Heidi Bobb
Sprint – Kyle Fellerman
High School – _____

Genesis – Meeting the Spirit
YACS – H2O: A Journey of Faith
3D – Revelation
Young Adults – The Wired Word

Birthdays

1. Connie Wilson
2. Elaine Cox
3. Lucinda Blair
5. Ed Clark
9. Alyssa Cain
14. Michelle Bricker
16. Robert Phares
17. Scott Cole, Armin Apple
21. Katie Hooker, Kaitlyn Hartzog, Susan Edwards
24. Greg Cain
25. Elizabeth Holliday, David Holman
29. Dan Bauer
30. Shelley Vail, Mikala Gillespie
31. Robert Jackson



If you don't see your January birthday or anniversary on the list please let us know so we can celebrate with you next year.
(Ph: 326-2460 / E-mail: officemumc@myninestar.net)

*Following
Sunday School
January 7*



**everyone is invited to help take down the
Christmas decorations and return them to
their storage spaces**

Youth Fellowship



Mohawk's Youth Fellowship will meet

January 14, 11:15 – 1

January 28, 11:15 – 1

Lunch is included

(Save the dates: February and March, 11th & 25th)

Mohawk's Youth will be sponsoring the

Souper Bowl of Caring

Youth will be accepting donations of canned soup or loose change **on TWO Sundays, January 28 and February 4**

The YOUTH would like to thank everyone who participated in CHRISTMAS CARD EXPRESS 2017

Your support is greatly appreciated throughout the year.

Dear Friends at Mohawk UMC,

We want to thank you for your donation of blankets, fabric, and school bags to Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Many lives have been touched throughout the United States and in developing countries around the world through shipments made from the Center. Your gift allows this work to

continue. It is due to the generosity of people like you that MMDC can carry out its mission. Thank you so much for your support!

In Christ, Pat Wright, MMDC Executive Director



Missions Minded

January Food Pantry emphasis:
Canned Vegetables



Midwest Missions Distribution Center

Five of us made the journey over Chatham, IL to work at the warehouse for two days. These two days were busy. The first day, there was another group of 12 ladies that joined us in rolling trash bags. We sorted out 12 trash bags in a pile, and then rolled them into a tight bundle. Each of the cleaning buckets that go out have two rolls of 12 trash bags. The 17 of us rolled 812 rolls. With what was rolled and placed in cleaning buckets, it would fill about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a semi. On the second day it was just the five of us, and we unpacked donated hygiene kits. All items donated must be sorted and counted. Not all kits that come in have the correct items or all the items that go in them. We unpacked and sorted 1425 kits. Even if there are items that can't be used, the unusable items are sent somewhere that they can be used. No items are thrown out. A couple of us also cut sponges for the cleaning buckets. Fun was had by all. The work is fulfilling, but the fellowship with whom you travel with is even more fulfilling. Keep an eye out for the next trip (still to be scheduled). We learned that if some people can only work half days that is just fine with them. We also brought back some material to have a few more sewing parties to make more one handed school bag. Watch for signup sheets. – Leslie Dalton

Fill the Barnyard/Nothing but Nets

We don't know the year-end total for your contributions, but watch for display in the fellowship hall and celebrate all you've accomplished!

2018 Projects

There's not an exact plan in place yet for 2018, but a major push will be on the food pantry. Watch for information on a clothing drive in February.

Continued →

Missions continued

2017 Follow-up

For two years in a row, you, the church, answered the call for a year-long mission project. You have amazed us with your donations to the Hope House in 2016, and Heifer International and Nothing but Nets in 2017. You also backed all the smaller projects: Flower sales, Pizza Sales, Souper Bowl of Caring, sewing parties, cookies for many occasions, and food pantry contributions. I am sure I forgot a couple items, but you stepped up and made sure everything was taking care of. Thank you for ALWAYS supporting the mission projects of Mohawk United Methodist Church. –Leslie D.



February 2018 Mohawk Messenger

Information for the **February 2018**
Mohawk Messenger is due no later than **Monday, January 15.**
Newsletters will be prepared for mailing on
Monday, January 22 at noon.



Join us on Facebook
Mohawk United Methodist Church

30 Day Prayer Vigil

January Prayers

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 – Cassidy Kimble | 7 – Ron Boes |
| 2 – Annalee Kimble | 8 – Connie Wilson |
| 3 – Tracy Fellerman | 9 – Tracy Fellerman |
| 4 – Mary Jo Thompson | 10 – Dan Bauer |
| 5 – Rick Edwards, | 11 – Jenny Musselman |
| Tammy Bearhope | 12 – Debi Lane, |
| 6 – Jan Webb, Leslie Dalton | Janet Bearhope |

Finance Team

2018

Financial Commitments to date: \$99,740

Budget

Trustees (Kelly Paugh, chair)	33,700
SPRC (Tim Plank, chair)	156,000
Youth & Children's Ministries (Heidi Bobb, chair)	2,170
Evangelism (chair vacant)	500
Worship (Gail Stanley, chair)	2,800
Member Care (Sandy Plank, chair)	2,000
Missions (Leslie Dalton, chair)	<u>2,400</u>
2018 Budget Total	\$ 199,570

Commitments/Budget Shortfall (\$ 99,830)

Your financial commitments to support the ongoing ministry of Mohawk UMC in the year 2018 are greatly appreciated.

YEAR TO DATE FINANCIALS through November 30, 2017



Total Income	\$148,722.82
Total Expenses	<u>\$178,503.04</u>
Shortage	\$ 29,780.22

Reminder: To comply with IRS regulations, contributions need to be dated this year and received or postmarked this year in order to be included on this year's contribution statement.

Strategic Retreat

A STRATEGIC RETREAT
is planned to help rejuvenate and renew
our members and our church



SATURDAY,
January 13, 2018

10 am – 2 pm

Lunch provided
Child Care available
(12 and under)

Mohawk UMC will gather, with **EVERYONE** invited to participate. Your input and involvement are needed. Share your hopes and dreams for Mohawk United Methodist Church. Strategize how to make those dreams a reality.



Everyone, **YOUTH through SENIORS and everyone in between**, is invited to consider ideas for renewing and revitalizing our church to prepare us for the ministry we are called to in the new year and beyond. Mark your calendar...plan to participate. **Child care is available.**



To prepare our hearts and minds for the retreat day, you are urged to participate in a **30 DAY PRAYER VIGIL**. One or two people are needed each day leading up to January 11, to lift up the church and the upcoming retreat in prayer. A sign-up board is available.

ADDITIONALLY, on **January 12 – 13**, there will be a **24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL** with opportunities to pray at the church (enter through east doors) or where you are, during a concentrated 24 hour period. Sign up for 30 min or 1 hour slots and make our petition known to God.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Pray-ers

Friday, 1.12.18

10 am Tracy Fellerman
 10:30 Leslie Severance
 11 Lillian Kissel
 11:30 Rhonda Beeker
 Noon Janet Bearhope
 12:30 Donna Cain
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 4 Connie Wilson
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