



THE MESSENGER

November 2024



[From Our Pastor: Thanksgiving Generates Faithful Giving]

As autumn fades into the crispness of November, our hearts turn to thoughts of Thanksgiving. We gather with loved ones, offer gratitude, and share meals. It's a time to reflect on the many blessings that God has poured into our lives.

What if Thanksgiving became more than just a day? What if our gratitude to God moved us toward action, expressing our thanks in ways that reach beyond ourselves? Scripture reminds us, "Every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). These gifts from God aren't just meant to fill our homes or hearts, but to be shared with the world around us. That's why I'm excited to introduce a simple giving plan—an opportunity for each of us to live out our gratitude.

1. Spreading God's Word. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus gave us the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations." One of the most powerful ways we can express our thankfulness is by supporting the spreading of God's Word. Whether it's through Bible distribution programs, missions, or outreach efforts, our giving ensures that more people come to know the love of Christ. Think of how many hearts could be transformed if each of us contributed to sharing the Gospel message with someone who has never heard it!

2. Caring for Children. Jesus welcomed children, saying, "Let the little children come to me" (Matthew 19:14). Our giving should reflect that same invitation, helping children both here in our community and across the globe. By supporting ministries like foster care programs or global initiatives like orphan care, we become part of God's loving care for the next generation. These children are the future, and our gifts help ensure they're nurtured and protected.

3. Helping the Poor. Proverbs 19:17 tells us, "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord." Poverty remains a painful reality for many, but our giving can make a profound difference. By donating to food pantries, sponsoring families in need, or contributing to relief efforts, we follow Christ's example of caring for "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40). Together, we can lighten the burden for those who are struggling and reflect God's compassionate heart to a hurting world.

4. Supporting the Church Throughout the World. Lastly, let us not forget our global brothers and sisters in Christ. The early Church grew because believers supported one another. Paul wrote to the Philippians, thanking them for their generosity in spreading the Gospel (Philippians 4:15-18). Today, we have the opportunity to do the same by giving to churches in areas of persecution, hardship, or those planting new congregations. When we support the Church worldwide, we contribute to a movement that transcends borders and builds the Kingdom of God in every corner of the earth.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, let our gratitude for God's blessings overflow into faithful giving. Our gifts are a tangible way we say "Thank you."

In Christ,
Pastor Charles

DONATE CANDY FOR THE FEAST OF PLENTY

The 3D Class is collecting candy for Greenfield's Feast of Plenty. They will be filling bags on Sunday, November 24th during Sunday School. There is a basket behind the Scrip table to donate any individually wrapped candy. Thank you!!



PIZZA



The Outreach Committee had successful pizza sales last month. They sold and created 69 pizzas!



MOHAWK UMC FALL PARTY



This year's Fall Party was hosted by the Pelc Family. It was a great evening of fellowship and fun!



IDEAS OF HOW YOU CAN LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

1. **Practice Gratitude** – Write a card for your neighbor with something specific about them for which you are thankful. Bring your neighbor a small gift of appreciation.
2. **Practice Hospitality** – Invite neighbors over for dinner, dessert, or a game. Initiate a holiday party for your neighborhood. Invite a neighbor to go to church with you.
3. **Practice Listening** – Introduce yourself to a neighbor. Invite a neighbor to go on a walk. Lend a book to a neighbor and ask for their thoughts.
4. **Practice Generosity** – Help a neighbor with a home project. Bring a meal or dessert to a neighbor. Offer to babysit for a neighbor in need of a break.
5. **Practice Sharing the Good News** – Ask someone about their faith. Pray for an opportunity to have a spiritual conversation.



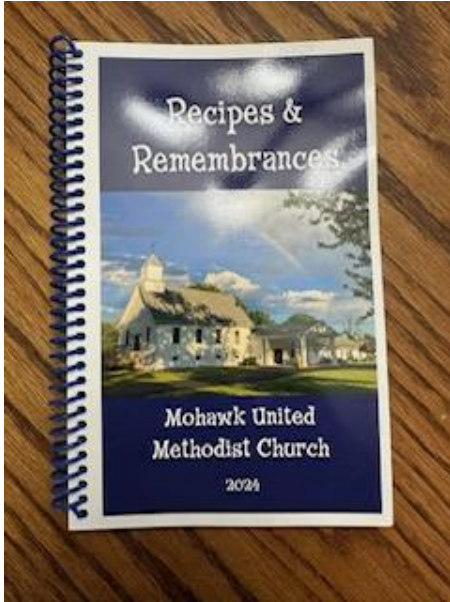
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	DeWayne Paugh	2	Gentry Plank	9	Karen Clark
11	Caleb Paugh	12	Grace Gray	13	Joshua Plank
17	David Wenning	19	Myra Williams	21	Megan Addison
22	Jeff Musselman	22	Leslie Severance	22	Easton Schenck
23	Abel Wenning	23	Pastor Charles Pelc	24	Rory Lou Hooker
24	Jack Hunt	28	Krista Steeno		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

NOTE: *If you notice any birthday or anniversary dates missing, please contact us in the office.
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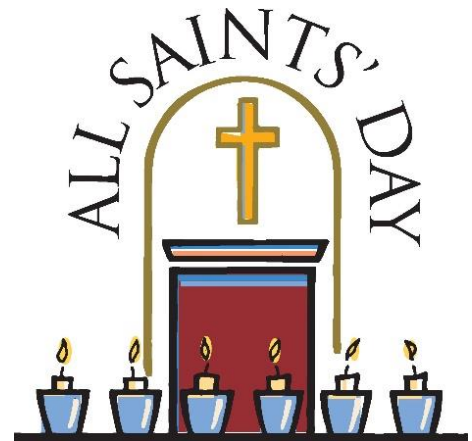


THE COOKBOOKS ARE IN!!!!!!

See Laura Phares, Rhonda Beeker, or Myra Williams to get yours. We do have a few extras; they are \$10.

ALL SAINTS' BREAKFAST IS NOVEMBER 3RD

The 3-D Sunday school class will be providing a delicious breakfast in the fellowship hall, 10am-Noon. It's a day to invite people to come to church with you.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

There will be four college boxes and one military box out for donations in the Fellowship Hall on November 17th and 24th as the students get ready for the end of 1st semester and finals. See Rhonda Beeker with any questions.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Mohawk UMC had its first Trunk or Treat on October 26, 2024. Children and adults all had a wonderful time! They enjoyed games, a movie, music, and contests! Mohawk UMC is looking forward to another trunk or treat next year!



Betsy Bandy was at the top of the charts with best costume!

Leslie Dalton topped the list of best decorated trunk with Charlie Brown decor!



There was hot apple cider, roasting of hot dogs and other foods.



FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

September was a super month! It includes interest income and grant income for a new AED, but also an increase in offering. We are truly blessed!

Mohawk United Methodist Church Finances

2024										2023	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income:											
General Offering	9,833	12,525	17,254	10,116	10,259	18,998	11,209	8,880	16,307	115,381	109,944
Other	183	7,254	1,963	272	1,806	324	661	350	12,174	24,987	16,333
Total Income	10,016	19,779	19,216	10,388	12,065	19,322	11,870	9,230	28,481	140,368	126,276
Expenses:											
Tithe	-	-	4,555	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,555	7,032
Utilities	2,331	951	859	1,208	233	786	1,477	1,104	1,121	10,069	10,258
Other	1,081	2,729	2,923	3,319	10,602	4,764	6,386	732	3,869	36,404	32,133
Wages	9,336	9,357	9,383	14,315	9,357	8,218	8,024	8,125	12,209	88,324	88,314
Total Expenses	12,747	13,037	17,720	18,842	20,192	13,769	15,886	9,961	17,199	139,352	137,736
Net Income (Loss)	(2,730)	6,741	1,497	(8,454)	(8,127)	5,554	(4,017)	(731)	11,282	1,016	(11,460)

Budget Comparison

General Offering Budget	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	16,485	148,365	144,015
Over (Short)	(6,652)	(3,960)	769	(6,369)	(6,226)	2,513	(5,276)	(7,605)	(178)	(32,984)	(34,071)

Non General Fund Restricted Donations

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