



Menville United Methodist Church

February 2024

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Our Mission is to:

PREACH the Gospel of Jesus Christ

TEACH love and forgiveness

REACH out in service

(Matthew 28:19-20)

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Y-T-D Expenses Through December	\$73,194	\$85,100
Y-T-D Income through December	\$101,802	\$85,100
January Income Received	\$3394	\$8220
Wkly Ave Inc Rcvd (Last 4 wks)	\$848	\$2055

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: WHO IS JESUS?

We enter the month of February with joy and hope that spring is coming. We celebrate Valentine's Day and Black History Month. This month, we also prepare our hearts for lent in journeying with Jesus cross to work of Jesus Christ on the cross.

Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending at sundown on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter. The purpose of lent is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus- His life, ministry, suffering, sacrifice, death, burial, and resurrection. It is a time for self-reflection through prayer and fasting.

Also, it is an opportunity to serve others through the love of Christ. Our Lenten sermon series will be based on "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John. Everyone is invited to read the Gospel of John during the Lenten season. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives us the "I am" sayings and meaningful images to reveal his mission and purpose. One by one, the "I AM" statements not only grab our imagination about the identity of Jesus but also help us experience the power of God in our lives. Join us for this insightful Lenten study and preaching.

God is good. All the time, God is good!

God bless you,

Pastor Eric



Pastor

Reverend Eric Sayonkon

Office Administrator

Holli Countryman

Music Director

Elizabeth Ross

Accompanists

Christina Canning

Rochelle Wilson

Lay Leader

Treasurers

Jeff & Mary Krejci

Ad Council Chair

Susan Hunting

Finance

Chair:

Gene Groetken

Vice-Chair:

Scott Gernhart

Member Support & Ed

Co-Chair:

Diane Weaver

Co-Chair:

Becky Dahna

Co-Chair:

Kristi Baier

SPRC

Chair:

Kirk Scheelhaase

Vice-Chair:

Deb Sitzmann

Trustees

Chair:

Jody Weaver

Vice-Chair:

Randy Petersen

UWIF

Janice Schlotman



Ash Wednesday service will be at Menville at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 14th.

Grace UMC from Correctionville will join us. Ashes will be distributed at this service.

~ Cookies and coffee will be served after the service. ~



Thank you Denis Stubbs for clearing our parking lot each time it snows!! And to everyone who has helped with shoveling the sidewalks!!

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, January 11, 2024

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Pastor Eric Sayonkon, Janice and John Schlotman, Diane and Jody Weaver, Mary and Jeff Krejci
Opening prayer by Susan Hunting

Minutes from December 12, 2023, were read with no corrections noted. Motion to accept by Diane, 2nd by Janice; motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT - Weekly giving for 2023 was \$101,626, which was \$16,800 over budgeted weekly giving for 2023. The overage was primarily the result of \$6000 year-end giving for 2022 deposited in January 2023 and a nearly \$10,000 Maxwell family gift to the general fund in February 2023. Expenses for 2023 were \$73,194, which was \$11,900 below budgeted expenses for 2023. The savings were mainly the result of having an interim pastor for seven months (-\$7500), reduced music director time and volunteer custodian for five months (-\$2000), and lower natural gas costs (utilities) (-\$3000) than anticipated.

Beginning 2024, we will roll the parsonage rent into the church's general account balance.

At some point, the council would like an accounting of the results of our pledge card appeal.

PASTOR'S REPORT - Pastor Eric has been looking ahead to our upcoming Lenten and Easter seasons. **Grace UMC from Correctionville will join us for Ash Wednesday service here in Merville at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 14th.** Ashes will be distributed at this service.

There will be a Maundy Thursday service at Grace United Methodist Church in Correctionville on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

The Correctionville and Merville church choirs will combine and perform at both locations for both services.

Pastor Eric is planning to lead a Lenten Study on the gospel of John.

OLD BUSINESS

Mileage reimbursement has gone up effective 2024. The new rate is \$.67 per mile.

The cost of postage will also be increasing effective January 21, 2024. The new rate is \$.68 for first class forever stamps.

Randy has canceled our old safety deposit box rental. Jo Etler will go through the old historic documents that were contained there and decide what should be filed in our church and what should go into a new box at the bank's new location.

The application for the Maxwell Family Educational Fund has been finalized and copies are available in the church.

Wiatel Solution Center has recommended that we change the church email to a GMAIL account. We are researching this issue.

NEW BUSINESS -

If anyone has changes to be made to the 2024 Yearbook, please get those to Holli immediately.

TRUSTEES - We had some expenses at the parsonage due to a clogged sewer. The issue of tree removal in the backyard of the parsonage needs to be decided.

UWIF - The speaker did not make it to the monthly luncheon yesterday due to the weather but will be here next month. It will be Donna Young, an author from Lawton.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Email Addresses

The best way for us to stay connected with our members and friends, and for you to receive Sunday worship information/sermons, updates and news, is through our weekly emails. If you are not receiving church emails, please email the church at Movilleunitedmethodistchurch@gmail.com or call the church office at 712/873-5117.

SEND EMAIL



Offering & Gifts

OFFERING
WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

If you are unable to worship with us in-person we encourage you to continue to mail in your offering and gifts so that we may continue to pay staff, bills, apportionments and take care of the upkeep of the church building. If you would like to contribute through online giving, please contact Holli in the church office by phone or email. There is a form to be filled out and a voided check will need to be obtained.

Community Basket

For the month of February we are collecting personal care items that will be given to the Community Basket. You may bring your donations to church on Sunday's or you may drop them off at the Community Basket. Thank you for helping those in need!



A variety of animals are made available to families seeking a better life. Animals provide adequate and a cash income to struggling families. Support the work of Heifer Project with your quarters. Place them in "Rosie" the Cow on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



United
Women
in Faith

February 14, 2024
Luncheon at 12:30 pm

Lunch: Mary Krejci &
Kathy Petersen

Program: Donna Young

"He will judge everyone according to what they have done. He will give eternal life to those, who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers." *Romans 2: 6-7*

Mission Moment

Living Heritage Foundation Scholarship Program

Each Sunday you have an opportunity to give a monetary gift to help support Lesly, a student from Guatemala in her education journey. A container is available at the back of the sanctuary to place your donation in. If you are unable to worship with us, you may mail in your monetary gift to the church office. Please continue to keep Lesly and her family in your prayers during this time.



MIDWEST MISSION INGATHERING KIT

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 Adult toothbrush - no multipacks
- 1 Bar soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12-19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 Lotion - 8-10 oz
- 1 1-gal resealable plastic bag
- \$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag, per kit.

Place items in resealable plastic bag
Give separate \$2 donation for razor & tooth paste

Build a complete kit or give individual items
Place in tote under table in entry hallway

Moville UMC Social Media Sites

For news and updates regarding Moville United Methodist Church, please go to:

You Tube channel: www.youtube.com/MovilleUnitedMethodistChurch

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/movilleumc>

Website: <http://movilleumc.org> or

Instagram: at movilleumc



Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays

- 1 Dana Flewelling
- Beatrix Colyer
- 11 Jodi French
- 13 Alex Hornoff
- 15 Diane Everhart
- 20 Deb Sitzmann
- 22 Jim Utesch
- Jake Dennison
- 23 Carter Schultzen
- 24 Jodi Petersen
- Tami Jenness
- 25 Anthony Gallagher
- 27 Pam Clark
- Adam Petersen
- Norma Scheelhaase
- 28 Nate Bauer
- 29 Nancy Hone

Anniversaries

- 8 Tony & Danielle Jensen
- 13 John & Diane Weaver



Community Lenten Breakfasts: Breakfast served at 7:30 am with devotional message following.

Date	Host Church	Speaker
February 21	Trinity	Pastor Eric
February 28	ICC	Pastor Jane
March 6	UMC	Pastor Nate
March 13	New Hope (Community Center)	Fr. Randy

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

February 4:

Isaiah 40: 20-31
Psalm 14 7: 1-11, 20
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23
Mark 1: 29-39

February 11

2 Kings 2: 1-12
Psalm 50: 1-6
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6
Mark 9: 2-9

February 18

Genesis 9: 8-17
Psalm 25: 1-10
1 Peter 3: 18-22
Mark 1: 9-15

February 25

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22: 23-31
Romans 4: 13-25
Mark 8: 31-38

February 2024

Worship at 9 am each Sunday/ Sunday School at 10 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Communion	5	6	7	8 Ad Council 5 pm	9	10
11	12	13	14 UWF 12:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm	15	16	17
18	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Lenten Breakfast 7:30 am at TLC	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Lenten Breakfast 7:30 am ICC	29		

The Warming Shelter

What makes the Warming Shelter different from any other location that supports the homeless is that it welcomes any and all who need shelter. Once an individual comes into the Warming Shelter, there is support to help them get their life on track by providing shelter, food, hope and stability. In 2021, 231 persons were identified as homeless in Sioux City. The Shelter provides compassion, help and direction to those who need it most.

Warming Shelter needs:

Paper or styrofoam plates, cups, bowls
Plastic utensils
Winter gloves
Men's jeans & sweatpants (size 30-38)
All sizes women's underwear
Backpacks & drawstring bags
Bath towels
Travel size shampoo
Men's & women's deodorant

A donation box is in the entryway



ENDOWMENT FUND

MUMC has a Permanent Endowment Fund. Your charitable gift will continue to work forever. Gifts can be made outright, can be memorials to family or friends, or bequests within your estate planning. You may designate the gift to a specific fund within the endowment: General, Building, Missions, Special Ministries, or Education. The fund's interest earned may then be used. After the fourth quarter of 2023 the approximate interest values for each were: General \$22,400; Building \$4500; Missions \$300; Special Ministries \$200; Education \$1900. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the MUMC Endowment Fund.

MEMBER CARE

The most useless thing to do is worry
The greatest joy is giving
The greatest loss is loss of self respect
The most satisfying work is helping others
The most endangered species are dedicated leaders
The greatest shot in the arm is encouragement
The greatest problem to overcome is fear
The most effective sleeping pill is peace of mind
The most crippling disease is excuses
The most dangerous pariah is a gossip
The most powerful force in life is love
The world most incredible computer is the brain
The worst thing to be without is hope
The deadliest weapon is the tongue
The two most powerful words are I can
The greatest asset is faith
The most worthless emotion is self pity
The most prized possession is integrity
The most beautiful attire is a smile
The most powerful channel of communication is prayer
The most contagious spirit is enthusiasm
And the most important thing in life is God.



*The Church
has a NEW
email address*

movilleunitedmethodistchurch@gmail.com

We are switching from Wiatel to:



Report on the 2023 Mission Ingathering

The November 2023 Ingathering is history. Donations of cash and in-kind items brought to the five collection sites were valued at \$506,486.47.

Total value at the Cherokee site was \$78,467.44. Of this amount the Menville Church contributed \$1,289.10.

\$395 to Heifer Int'l

\$310.10 to blankets

\$100 to hunger grants

\$90 for processing and additional kit items

14 Personal Dignity kits worth \$224

17 Student School kits worth \$170

Thank you to all who contributed to the Ingathering and making life better for others.



LIVING HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Dear Sponsor:

I hope you are in good health.

Thank God I and my family are doing well.

I am very happy to have completed another school year and I am proud of myself because I did very well in my studies and I got very good grades. I was the escort of the national flag. And now I am waiting for the next year to continue studying since I will be going to high school.

I want to thank you for the help you have given me. It is very useful for my studies.

May God and the Virgin Mary keep, guide and protect you always.

Sincerely,

LESLIE MELISSA XUM JIMENEZ