



Menville United Methodist Church

April 2021

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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 Received	Budgeted Need
Year-to-Date	\$26,406.00	\$25,407.72
Last Month	\$10,462.00	\$9,175.00
Weekly Average (Last 4 wks.)	\$2,669.50	\$2,117.31

From the Pastor's Desk

Many of us have scars we wish would disappear. I have a large scar on my wrist from putting my hand through a glass storm door when I was five years old. I have other scars from surgery that I wish I did not have. And I, like many of you, have scars that are invisible to the eye. They are from wounds to our spirits that reach deep within our past, shaped by heartache, grief, doubt or remorse. They are a lingering reminder of what we've been through, and of what we have become as a result.

People in the Bible had their scars. There's Jacob's limp from wrestling with the angel, King David's remorse over his affair with Bathsheba and Paul's unnamed thorn in the flesh. Contemporary cultural figures have their scars. Luke Skywalker has his hand; Alice has her scrapes from Wonderland and Harry Potter has the mark on his forehead.

Our scars recall wounds. But within them there is encouragement. They remind us that we could have played it safe or chosen the easy way out, but we decided to stay and struggle. When times are tough, we did not run or hide. Instead, we persisted through the pain and survived to talk about it.

Sometimes, the experiences that shape us the most are not the triumphs on the mountain top, but the struggles in the valley of our deepest anguish. These are the times that stretch us until we think we will break. We are bruised beyond being bloody and pushed down until we think we will never stand again. These scars remind us that we did more than survive. We experienced Resurrection.

In John's Gospel, the resurrected body of Jesus still showed his scars. The nail prints in his hands and feet, the wound in his side, the thorn marks on his forehead were all real. Even though he walked through closed doors and ascended into the clouds, when it came to proving the resurrection, Jesus pointed to his scars. "Jesus showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." (John 20:20)

When we look at our lives, we know we have been through a lot. Probably more than we feel we deserve and at the time more than we thought we could handle. But look at those scars and bruises, especially the ones so deep inside that only you and God can see them. There is no reason to be ashamed of them; no reason to hide them. They are the proof that God's grace in Jesus has seen you through!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Harold

- Interim Pastor**
Reverend Harold Werley
- Office Administrator**
Hollie Countryman
- Treasurers**
Jeff & Mary Krejci
- Council Chairman**
Susan Hunting
- Finance & Stewardship**
Scott Gernhart
- Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations**
Carolyn Smith
- Education**
Blake Stubbs
- Sunday School**
- Youth Fellowship**
- Endowment**
Randy Petersen
- Lay Leader**
Kevin Fouts
- Missions**
Bev Arvin
- Member Care**
Janice Schlotman
- Memorials**
Jo Etlar
- Music Director**
Lisa Fouts
- Accompanist**
Christina Canning
Rochelle Wilson
- Trustees**
Wes Smith
- UMW**
Janice Schlotman

April Sermons

April 1 - Holy Thursday: John 13: 1-15, "Humility"

April 4 - Easter: John 20: 1-9, "YES!"

April 11 - 2nd Sunday of Easter: Acts 4: 32-35, "Never a Needy Person Among Them"

April 18 - 3rd Sunday of Easter: Acts 3: 12-19, "A Passion for Christ"

April 25 - 4th Sunday of Easter: Acts 4: 5-12, "No Other Name"



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, March 11, 2021

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Wes Smith, Janice Schlotman, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Randy Petersen, Bev Arvin, Pastor Harold Werley, Kirk Scheelhaase, Jody and Diane Weaver

Opening prayer by Pastor Werley.

Minutes from the February 18th Ad Council meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to accept minutes by Janice, second by Wes; motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Nothing out of the ordinary to report for the month; we are still running close to budget. We received \$1000 from MidAmerican Energy's "Global Days of Service" program. Our church received the money due to the hours of service Jeff puts in working for our church. Motion by Bev to accept financial report, 2nd by Jody; motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Harold is very appreciative of the support he received from the congregation last Sunday.

We will be having a Maundy Thursday service on April 1st. Please check the church bulletin for the time.

We will begin having fellowship in the fellowship hall after service on Easter, April 4th. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend; we will observe social distancing.

Hymnals and bibles have been returned to the pews for use during service on Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS

Wes has received the new sign for the front of our church and will be getting that secured shortly. It will replace the old one on the front lawn, near the bell. Thank you, Wes!

NEW BUSINESS

Harold will bring the church laptop in to Wiatel to have it cleaned and serviced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION – Adult Sunday School has been having very good sessions. Please feel free to join the group on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

ENDOWMENT – Randy will have the various fund options printed in next month's newsletter, along with the 2020 year-end report. There are brochures in the church lobby that contain information for those who are interested. If you have any questions, Randy is available to assist you.

UMW – There were 10 people at this month's meeting. They shared lots of laughter and fellowship. The best part of the meeting is the social interaction and encouragement each member receives from the group.

SPPR – has met to assist Harold get settled in his role as our interim pastor. John Neely has been video recording the Sunday service and putting it on the church website. Thank you, John! Susan has been preparing the Power Point for each church service. Thank you, Susan!

MISSIONS – Bev received a thank-you message from Living Heritage Foundation. Earlier this month we issued a check for \$450 to the "Lifting Up Our Student" program. That represents half of the yearly payment to assist Guatemalan students in this Covid pandemic. After this payment, we have a balance of \$619.00 in our Mission Fund. Thank you all for your generous contributions to this cause.

Next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. We will be social distancing within the hall. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Krejci

Online Sunday Worship

We realize how important it is to stay connected and how important it is for everyone to have an opportunity to worship. You can find our Sunday worship services on our website at movilleumc.org under the sermons tab or on our You Tube channel and Facebook page at Movable United Methodist Church. If you know of someone who does not have a community of faith or is unable to attend worship at this time due to the pandemic, please share our online worship information with them.



Mission Moment

Each Sunday you have an opportunity to give a monetary gift to help support Yennifer, 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 Yennifer and her family in your prayers during this time.

Church Building Visitors

We ask that you continue to refrain from coming into the church or the church office Monday's – Friday's.

We want to make sure that we are taking all precautions to keep our staff and members safe during this time. If you need to speak to or set up an appointment with Holli or Pastor Harold, please call the church office. If you are unable to attend Sunday worship services, please mail your gifts and offerings to the church instead of dropping them off. We appreciate your help and patience as we navigate our way during this pandemic.

IMPORTANT
CHURCH
UPDATE

Offering & Gifts

Thank you so much for your continued support of our ministries and missions at Movable UMC.

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. We understand that for some this may be a time of financial struggle and burden on you and your family due to job loss or being laid off. Please know that we are praying for you.

MEMBER CARE

Philippians 3:13-14, "forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

In his book "Forward", David Jeremiah shares the words to a song by Tommy Walker titled

"Forward"

"It's been a long, long road, It's been a crooked path with many twists and turns.

But I'm not looking back, I'm walking straight ahead. Believing what You've said, Lord

That you're gonna be with me no matter what life brings.

Forward, I'm going forward to the plan You have for me, to horizons yet unseen.

Forward to Your new mercies I will find as I'm pressing toward the prize. I'm going forward."

This is what we have to do as individuals and as a church. Keeping our eyes on Jesus as we do the work He has called us to.

Endowment News

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. At year end 2020 the approximate interest values for each were: General \$13,250; Building \$5750; Missions \$420; Special Ministries \$250; Education \$3330. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the MUMC Endowment Fund.



April 14, 2021 - 12:30 Luncheon
Luncheon: Mary Bruce & Janice

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give you glory to your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Bath Hand Towel – No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth – No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush – No multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap – 3-4 oz.
- 1 Shampoo – 15-18 oz
- 1 Deodorant – 2-3 oz. stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1 gal Resealable Plastic bag

Community Basket

For the month of April we are collecting table condiments 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!



Safety Requirements for In-Person Worship at Merville UMC

You may find the list of safety requirements on our website at <http://mervilleumc.org> under the News tab. We understand that not everyone will agree with the safety requirements that have been implemented. We hope that you will understand that our first priority is keeping those who worship in our sanctuary safe and well. We pray that respect and grace will be given and received during this time.



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 mumchurch@wiatel.net or call the church office at 712/873-5117.

Merville UMC Social Media Sites

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

You Tube channel: www.youtube.com Merville United Methodist Church

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

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

Instagram: at mervilleumc



The Warming Shelter

The Warming Shelter seeks to provide temporary emergency shelter for men, women, and families who have no other shelter options in the Siouland Area. If you would like to donate any of the items on the shelters wish list, please place them in the tote marked Warming Shelter that is located in the church foyer. The Warming Shelter also accepts monetary donations.



Food/Beverages: Coffee, Microwave Popcorn, Juice Boxes, Fruit Cups, Ramen cup-o-noodles, Granola bars, Individual wrapped snacks.

Paper Products: Styrofoam/Paper cups, plates, and bowls, plastic cutlery (No knives), Napkins, Paper towels, Toilet paper.

Personal Care Items: Foot powder, Hand warmers / Foot Warmers, Shampoo, Body wash, Shaving supplies, Mens / Women's Deodorant Clothing: Gloves, Boots, Men's Jeans

Laundry/Cleaning Supplies: Laundry Soap (Liquid or Pods), Bleach, Floor Cleaner, Toilet Cleaner, Disinfectant Wipes, Air Freshers

COVID19 Supplies: Face Masks (Washable or Disposable), Hand Sanitizer, Medical Gloves Large/ Extra Large), Temperature Scanners

(NO PILLOWS, NO BLANKETS, NO COMFORTERS)

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays

- 1 Ashton Eaton
- 2 Abbi Franson
- 3 John Weaver
Holli Countryman
- 5 Jase Manker
- 6 Joyce Rawson
Jane Logan
Sally Gallagher
- 11 Becky Schultzen
Kim Heck
Kirk Scheelhaase
- 13 Howard Logan
- 14 Tyler Bauer
- 15 Russ Spotts
Kaytlin Jensen
- 19 Denis Stubbs
Bonnie Johnson
Linda Flewelling
Kendall Fouts
- 22 Buddie Ann Spotts
- 24 Grady Gallagher
- 26 Dr. Stee Maxwell
Keaton Gernhart
- 27 Lee McElrath
Kennison Countryman
Tim Nielsen

Anniversaries

- 2 Larry & Betty Ann Epling
- 4 T & Holli Countryman
- 14 Dr. EE & Helen Maxwell
- 15 Lloyd & Tami Jenness
Kirk & Tam Scheelhaase
- 21 Doug & Kim Heck
- 25 Arvin & Bonnie Daniels
- 27 Blaine & Lori Borland
- 29 Russ & Buddie Ann Spotts
- 30 Denis & Jaine Stubbs

Lectionary readings for April

April 4
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 70
John 13:1-17
John 20:1-18

April 11
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 18
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 25
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Maundy Thursday Service, April 1

at 7:00 pm. The Lord's Super will be shared using the individual communion cups.



Easter Sunday Worship, April 4 at

10:15 am. Holy Communion will be observed.

A "coffee fellowship" will be held following our Easter service. Sandy's cinnamon rolls will be served. We will keep covid safety protocols of social distancing, required masks and sanitizing.

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm	2 Good Friday	3
4 Communion Easter 10:15 am	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6	7	8 Ad Council 7 pm	9	10
11	12	13	14 UMW Luncheon 12:30 pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

ARE YOU PREPARED TO HELP IN A HEARTBEAT?

It happens in a split second. A person collapses — the victim of sudden cardiac arrest — and the clock starts ticking. You call for help and the medical personnel are on their way. But precious seconds are racing by. The victim's best chance for survival is immediate CPR and a rescuer with an automated external defibrillator (AED).



We are happy to announce that Merville UMC has purchased an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for use in our building.

The latest guidelines are clear: successful defibrillation must be supported with high-quality CPR. The AED's first heart analysis is critical. If it calls for no shock, only high-quality CPR can lead to a shockable rhythm on the next heart analysis. High-quality CPR provides a struggling heart with oxygenated blood needed to help restore a normal rhythm. The AED defibrillator guides you through the process of performing high-quality CPR and will, if needed, deliver a potentially lifesaving shock to the heart.

The AED includes: Enhanced Real CPR Help, touch screen display, integrated pediatric rescue, Wi-Fi connected, long-life consumables, CPR Uni-padz, & a Smart Battery.

Although we hope we never have to use it, we know that if we do, the use of the AED, may save a person's life.

The cost of the AED is \$1600. If you would like to help with the cost of the AED, please send your monetary gift to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Any amount is appreciated. Please mark your check or envelop "AED".

Jeff's 10x10 Project – 10 Marathons in 10 Days – 262 Miles M.O.M. – Marathon of Marathons



Bold research and results require bold fundraising events. In cooperation with The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Team-in-Training program, I will be running solo, the equivalent of ten marathons in ten consecutive days (26.2 miles/day for a total of 262 miles in ten days) from my house in western Iowa to Mom and Dad's final resting place in Cedar Rapids, IA, completing the tenth marathon on May 1, my 60th birthday.

While all the major marathons, including Boston, have been cancelled or postponed over the last year due to Covid 19, blood cancers have not shut down, nor has the need for ongoing research. Please join me with a generous donation to the LLS. Kindly consider

donating \$25, which would be just under 10 cents per mile of the 262-mile total. Or get creative with \$5/day for \$50 total, \$10/day for \$100 total, or a dollar per mile for a \$262 total, etc.

Of course, donations of all levels are greatly appreciated. It took contributions of all sizes to raise the total of \$25,000 in previous years. Again, this year as in the past, I will be covering all of my own expenses so all the money raised will go directly to LLS.

You may donate by check made out to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and sent to my address below OR you may donate online at <https://pages.lls.org/tnt/ia/yourway21/jkrejci> OR you may donate online through my Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/jeff.krejci.1>

I would again like to provide additional recognition for major contributors of \$100 or more by printing your name and, if you choose, the name of a person you would like to honor or memorialize, on the support vehicle throughout the event. If that appeals to you, please send me the name of the person you are honoring or memorializing with your check or email me the information if you are donating online. My email and address are listed below.

I sincerely and deeply thank you for your past and present support. Together, we can benefit all who are impacted by cancer. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

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