



Menville United Methodist Church

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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	\$45,536.25	\$55,050.06
Last Month	\$5,225.00	\$9,175.00
Weekly Average (Last 4 wks.)	\$1,306.25	\$2,117.31



I should not be surprised at how God's purposes work out after 50 years of ministry. When I retired for the third time in 2019 had served as pastor of the Rock Branch church for three years and I thought I was done working.

However, when the District Superintendent asked me to serve as interim pastor at Menville I said yes but only from March through June. When the Superintendent told the Pastor-Parish Committee chair in mid-June that he has no one to send to the church as pastor, I felt God tap me on the shoulder again and a proposal was drafted by the committee and presented to the Administrative Council in a called meeting after worship on Sunday, June 27.

The Council approved a compensation package, preaching schedule and a list of administrative responsibilities. I will conduct worship three Sundays per month, one of which will include Holy Communion with the remaining Sunday(s) filled by a guest speaker or preacher.

I am reminded of the words of a hymn written by William Cowper, and English hymn writer who lived 1731-1800. It seems to fit the situation. The hymn encourages us to trust God's greater wisdom in the face of trouble or inexplicable events.

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill;
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints fresh courage take,
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, June 10, 2021

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

Opening prayer by Pastor Harold.

Minutes from the May 13th Ad Council meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to accept minutes by Janice, second by Diane; motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly giving continues to be less than budget. Monthly giving for May was \$3100 below budget. So far, \$945 has been collected for the AED; this leaves a remaining balance of \$680. Motion to accept finance report by Janice, 2nd by Bev; motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

As of July 1, the Iowa Annual Conference will transition from eight districts to five. The districts will be renamed in honor of United Methodist camps and retreat centers that are now closed. The new district names are Riverview Park, Pictured Rocks, Golden Valley, Aldersgate Districts, and the former Northwest District (Moville's District,) Camp Clear Lake District.

Pastors and lay leaders continue to work together on plans for Circuit Ministry.

There has been no word yet from the District Superintendent as to our church's July 1 pastor appointment.

OLD BUSINESS

Support for our church software, Roll Call, has been discontinued as of May 31, 2021. Holli researched other software to replace it that would track member contributions and be capable of handling other support and reporting tasks that our church requires. It was decided that Realm offers what we need and would also convert our current Roll Call records to Realm for a one-time fee of \$79. Monthly software charges after that would be \$33. Motion by Janice to move forward with Realm, 2nd by Jody; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Janice mentioned that the money received each week at fellowship is currently going to missions or the Community Basket. Whoever provides fellowship treats may designate where they would like the donations for that week to be sent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION – Sunday School for this summer ended on May 30th. Diane is meeting with other churches to make arrangements for this summer's Vacation Bible School. It will be held at the Lutheran church. Our church will be providing the meal on one night. Diane will make announcements if she is in need of more volunteers. Tentative date for this year's bible school is the week of July 18th.

Dessert and Discussion is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Come for dessert, stay for discussion.

ENDOWMENT – One graduating senior has been given a United Methodist Scholarship application to fill out; Randy is waiting for it to be completed and returned.

MEMBER CARE – A reminder from Janice that we need to continue to support and care for each other.

MISSIONS – The May mission collection totaled \$137.83, bringing the balance in that account to 304.71.

TRUSTEES – Shane's Glass replaced the Plexiglass in our church sign. The boiler has been turned off and AC units are operational. Larry Etler worked with our insurance company to keep the costs on the parsonage insurance policy as low as possible. There is always grass trimming and other yard work to be done if anyone wishes to help Cassie. THANK YOU, CASSIE, for all you do to keep our church grounds so pretty! Wes removed the tape from the pews on the right side of the sanctuary so as to return to "closer to normal" seating arrangements for Sunday services.

UMW – The group talked about how to proceed as we "get back to normal." Suggestions for get-togethers included a pancake breakfast, an ice cream social, Soup-er Bowl meal, gospel concerts, and a church birthday party. They are looking for ways to have fun together with fellow church members and members of our community. Do you have any ideas of fun things to do? Let one of the ladies in UMW know.

UMW won't meet again until September. Their next planned activity is Homecoming Soup and Pie.

Next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, July 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Krejci

SPECIAL CALLED AD COUNCIL MEETING – SUNDAY, June 27, 2021

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

The following resolutions were passed:

We wish to keep Harold Werley on as our pastor at the rate of \$1500 per month. Harold will preach three Sundays per month and also have communion one of those Sundays. We will have a guest speaker on the Sundays that Harold is not preaching. Harold will continue to handle the administrative duties he currently does. Harold will line up the lay speakers. Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Bev; motion passed.

We recommend paying lay speakers \$100 per speaking session and also travel expenses at 50 cents per mile. Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Janice; motion passed.

Iowa Conference Renamed Districts

As the Iowa Annual Conference downsizes from eight districts to five (each district will cover a larger geographic area), the district will be renamed to honor the legacy of the Iowa United Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Camp and Retreat Centers that were closed and the land sold.

Our current District Superintendent, the Rev. Ron Carlson, will assume oversight of the new district on July 1, 2021. It will encompass 27 of Iowa's 99 counties.

The districts will be renamed as follows:

- The Northwest District will become the Camp Clear Lake District
- The Northeast District will become the Pictured Rocks District
- The Southeast District will become the Golden Valley District
- The Southwest District will become the Aldersgate District
- The Central District will become the Riverview District



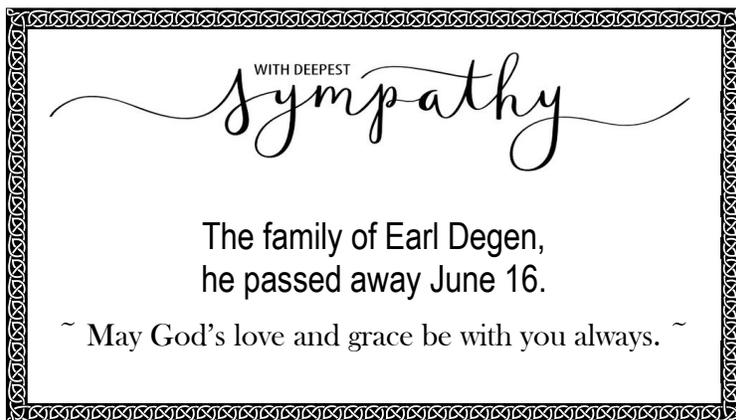
NO MEETINGS JULY OR AUGUST

Next meeting September 9—12:30 pm luncheon

September 17—Homecoming Soup & Pie Luncheon

Student Kits

- 3 Notebooks, - 1 subject spiral 8 x 10.5
- 1 ruler 12' long with metric
- 6 unsharpened pencils
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pencil eraser 2' or larger
- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pair of student round tip scissors
- 1 one handle cloth bag



July Sermons

July 4: 6th Sunday after Pentecost/Independence Sunday –Mark 6:1-6, "Rejected at Home"

July 11: 7th Sunday after Pentecost – Ephesians 1:3-14, "Adopted"

July 18: 8th Sunday after Pentecost - 1 Peter 1: 13-16, 22-23, 2: 1-3, "Growing in the Lord"

July 25: 9th Sunday after Pentecost - John 1: 1-14, "One Giant Leap"

Email Addresses

SEND EMAIL



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

Mission Moment

Please continue to mail in your monetary gifts to the church office, as we help sponsor and support Yennifer, a 9th grade student from Guatemala. Please keep Yennifer and her family in your prayers as she continues her education.



Community Basket

For the month of July we are collecting household paper products 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!



Offering & Gifts

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



A BIG thank you to Cassie Colyer for taking over the mowing for the church yard. Everything looks great!!

Menville UMC Social Media Sites

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

You Tube channel: [www/youtube.com Menville United Methodist Church](http://www.youtube.com/Menville%20United%20Methodist%20Church)

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

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

Instagram: at menvilleumc



MEMBER CARE

Something to think about

- What if God couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank Him yesterday?
- What if God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today?
- What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain?
- What if God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?
- What if the door of the church was closed because we did not open the door of our heart?
- What if God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love & care for others?
- What if God would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him?
- What if God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?



The "Caregiver Stress-Busting Program" is a 9 week class for family caregivers. You will explore coping strategies and stress management techniques. Attend an online program to help you, as a caregiver.

Tuesdays, July 13 through August 17, 2021—1:30– 3:30 pm

For More info call 800/432-9209 ext. 8116

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays

- 3 Tammy Fowler
- 4 Mike Dahill
- 5 Gary Chapman
Kelly Chapman
- 9 Jo Etlar
Ryan Fouts
- 10 Dr. EE Maxwell
- 15 Dallas Jensen
- 16 Betty Ann Epling
- 17 Colton Warren
- 23 Tonya Bauer
Delaney Gernhart
- 27 Harper Nielsen
- 30 Danielle Jensen
- 31 Paul Gallagher

Anniversaries

- 8 Larry & Jo Etlar
- 10 Tim & Beth Sitzmann
- 22 Glenn & Pam Clark
- 25 Jeff & Jeannie Crick



July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Communion 	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6	7	8 Ad Council 7 pm	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31