



# Menville United Methodist Church

January 2022

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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 November	\$85,895	\$100,976
Y-T-D Income through November	\$81,578	\$100,833
November Income Received	\$8098	\$9175
Wkly Ave Inc Rcvd (Last 4 wks)	\$3617	\$2117

A new year, a new calendar and new opportunities. Where to go, what to do, a whole new agenda lies before us. What does God have for us, what does God want for us, what does God want from us, what does God want us to do?



Each of these questions is yet to be determined/answered. It all depends on our discerning God's will for us as individuals and collectively as the church. Be much in prayer

Peace- Pastor Harold

- 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**  
Melissa Dahna
- Youth Fellowship**  
Matt Smith
- 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

## PROTOCOL MINI-MEETINGS

In anticipation of the General Conference Session meeting in late August 2022, our Administrative Council has asked for informal meetings for the congregation to begin to understand "The Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation and Restructuring".

For reference go to the Menville Church website. This issue was briefly touched on in the October 2021 Newsletter.

Simply put, although it is not simple, the Protocol addresses the issues related to human sexuality and what is or is not the policy about same sex unions performed in the church building, ordination of homosexual persons, weather the local church will accept a gay or lesbian pastor as well as property issues if there is a division of the denomination. And much more.

Two meetings are scheduled for January. Each meeting will be limited to 12 persons in attendance. Reserve your place by contacting Pastor Harold.

Meeting number one: January 9 at 6:30 pm. Meeting number 2: January 12 at 10:30 am.

## *January Sermons*

Jan 2: Epiphany Sunday (Holy Communion), Isa. 60: 1-5a; Mt. 2: 1-12, "The Light Still Shines"

Jan 9: Baptism of the Lord, Jer. 4: 1-10 "Purpose Driven"

Jan 16: 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany (Human Relations Day), 1 Cor. 12: 1-11, "Are You Using Your Gifts?"

Jan 23: 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany, Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10, "The Joy of the Lord Is Your Strength"

Jan 30: 4th Sunday after the Epiphany, Guest Pastor Edgar Rodriguez



## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, December 9, 2021**

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

Harold opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the November 18<sup>th</sup> Ad Council meeting were reviewed. Harold noted that the minutes mentioned a monthly “District Asking.” That should read “United Methodist Special Days” offerings. Motion to accept minutes with this correction by Janice, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev; motion passed.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly giving for the month of November was up. We are very close to the monthly budgeted amount.

Jeff had received a couple of inquiries regarding “In and Out” income on the monthly reports so he gave a brief description of how that is handled.

Mission collection for November was \$100.25, bringing the account balance to \$1032.30.

Motion by Jody to accept financial report, second by Wes; motion passed.

### **PASTOR’S REPORT**

Next year we will be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our current church building. The founding of the actual congregation was 150 years ago. We would like to plan some type of recognition ceremony to honor these milestones. We will look at having a “Birthday Party” celebration of sorts in the summer of 2022.

Harold made the motion to extend the term of current church committee members until March 10, 2022, at the latest, in order to allow the Nominating Committee to get new committee members in place. Janice made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion; motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

We have received a recommendation from the Council of Bishops conference to vote NO on the bankruptcy Plan of Reorganization of the Boy Scouts of America. Jeff moved, per Council of Bishops recommendation, that the:

*Moville United Methodist Church votes **NO** on the BSA Plan of Reorganization because the plan as proposed does not have a release for charter organizations. If prior to the hearing to approve the plan, charter organizations, including United Methodist charter organizations, receive appropriate release from BSA abuse claims relating to scouting activities, the Moville United Methodist Church reserves the right to change its vote and authorize lawyers representing United Methodists in the BSA bankruptcy to vote in favor of the plan.*

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane; motion passed. Jeff will enter the NO vote for MUMC online.

Janice asked that we give some serious thought to setting up explanatory meetings within our congregation to discuss the protocol for the division of the church.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Super Bowl 2022 is set for February 13, 2022, so we will be planning our church’s “Soup”er Bowl meal to be held then. We will get some sign-up sheets ready for volunteers.

The family who rents our church parsonage is still running behind in their monthly rent payments. Wes made a motion to grant them forgiveness of their remaining rent for the balance of 2021 and begin anew in the new year. 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion was made by Kirk; motion passed. Harold will write a letter to this effect and deliver it to the tenants.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

EDUCATION – Adult Sunday School is going well with good attendance.

UMW – Had a very enjoyable Christmas potluck in the Fellowship Hall yesterday.

MISSIONS – We will be paying the first half of Yennifer’s tuition in January.

Next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Krejci

## 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](mailto:mumchurch@wiatel.net) or call the church office at 712/873-5117.

SEND EMAIL



## Offering & Gifts

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

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. 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.

## Mission Moment

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



## Community Basket

For the month of January 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!



## Movable UMC Social Media Sites

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

**You Tube channel:** [www.youtube.com Movable United Methodist Church](http://www.youtube.com/MovableUnitedMethodistChurch)

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

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

**Instagram:** at movilleumc



January 12, 2022

12:30 Luncheon: Bonnie Daniels  
& Janice Schlotman

*"The United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church"*

WITH DEEPEST  
sympathy

The family of Shirley Robinson who passed away  
December 20.

~ May God's love and grace be with you  
always. ~

## POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN DECEMBER

### Given by

George Allan  
Kristy Baier  
Sandy Baker  
Judy Chesley  
Jeff & Mary Krejci  
Howard Logan & family  
Randy & Kathy Petersen  
Craig & Deb Sitzmann  
Wes & Carolyn Smith  
Rochelle & Roger Wilson  
Jody & Diane Weaver

### In Memory of

Wife—Vi, Parents, Brother-Bob, Sister-Beverly  
Gene Baier  
Gary Baker  
Don Chesley  
Family who has gone before them  
Ila Jean Logan & Chuck Logan  
Helen Logan & Charles Logan  
Bernedine Petersen  
LeRoy, LaVonne & Roger Miller  
Pete & Mary Lou Leisinger  
Floyd Sitzmann  
Adam Smith, Jim & Betty Geer  
Lester Sr. & Ida Smith  
Keith & Fanchon Haddock  
Earline & Floyd Wilson  
All of their heavenly family members

## Human Relations Day - January 16, 2022

One of six special Sundays observed churchwide, with a voluntary offering, is Human Relations Day on the Sunday before the observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

This offering supports ministries of social justice and outreach like the Community Developers, Volunteer Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

## **MEMBER CARE**

**As the New Year is now under-way, these are some questions to ask ourselves:**

### **ARE YOU WILLING.....**

To close your book of complaints & to open the book of praise?

To believe other people are quite as sincere as you are & treat them with respect?

To ignore what life owes you & to think what you owe life?

To stop looking for friendship & to start being friendly?

To be content with such things as you have & to stop whining for the things you have not?

To enjoy the simple blessings of life & to cease striving for the artificial pleasures of the day?

To forget what you have accomplished & meditate on what others have done for you?

To cease looking for someone to help you & devote yourself to helping others?

To consecrate your life to the service of an imperfect church & to remember that Christ chose 12 imperfect men to be His disciples?

To accept Jesus Christ as your Savior & to let your life be an outlet for joy, love, and peace?

### **THE UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF**

UMCOR comes along side those who suffer from natural or human caused disasters—be it tornado, hurricane, flood, fire, famine, war or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left vulnerable by disaster. UMCOR provides relief, response and long term recovery grants when those events, overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development. UMCOR is there to aid and assist when you and I are not able to be there for those in need. Give generously to the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

### **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 Siouxland Area. All services and assistance are offered in context of the furtherance of human dignity with the primary goal of harm reduction during the coldest weather months.



This year we will again be collecting and donating items from their urgent wish list. At this time they would prefer cash donations. There is a basket on the "giving table" at the back of the church labeled Warming Shelter where you can leave your cash donations OR Send a check to: The Warming Shelter PO BOX 3556 Sioux City, IA 51102. A receipt can be issued/mailed to Donors if needed. For the people delivering items to 916 Nebraska St.: Donations are accepted Fridays and Sundays from 11 am to 2 pm. We will be focusing on cash donations and the urgent need items for the month of December.

There will be an updated list of items for the months to come. Thank you to everyone who donates!!

#### **This is the list for urgent need items:**

- Liquid laundry soap
- Plastic cutlery
- Styrofoam bowls
- Paper plates
- Ramen noodle cups
- Bottled water
- Men and women razors
- Men and women travel-size deodorant

**BIRTHDAYS**

*Birthday & Anniversary Blessings*

- 2 Mike Crawford
- 4 Kathy Crawford  
Lloyd Jenness
- 5 Steven Smith
- 6 Ruth French
- 9 Judy Chesley
- 10 Lisa Tincher
- 11 Kennedy Countryman  
Micah Koele
- 14 George Allan  
Josh Sitzmann
- 15 Linda Petersen
- 16 Levi Chapman  
Cody Crawford  
Tad Maxwell
- 17 Glenn Metcalf
- 20 Mary Livermore  
Justin Crick
- 22 Jesse Scheelhaase
- 23 Bev Arvin  
Tracy Countryman  
Jay Warren
- 25 Lori Borland
- 26 T Countryman
- 31 David Flewelling  
Barry Wahlberg  
Fred Sands  
Erin Harris

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
17 Matt & Laura Smith

**MEMBER CARE**

There will be a Member Care meeting Sunday, January 16th after church in the Fellowship Hall.

**January lectionary 2022**

January 1 & 2

John 1: 1-3  
John 1: 14-18

January 3-9

Isaiah 43: 1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8: 14-17  
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

January 10-16

Isaiah 62: 1-5  
Psalm 36: 5-10  
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11  
John 2: 1-11

January 17-23

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a  
Luke 4: 14-21

January 24-30

Jeremiah 1: 4-10  
Psalm 71: 1-6  
1 Corinthians 13  
Luke 4: 21-30

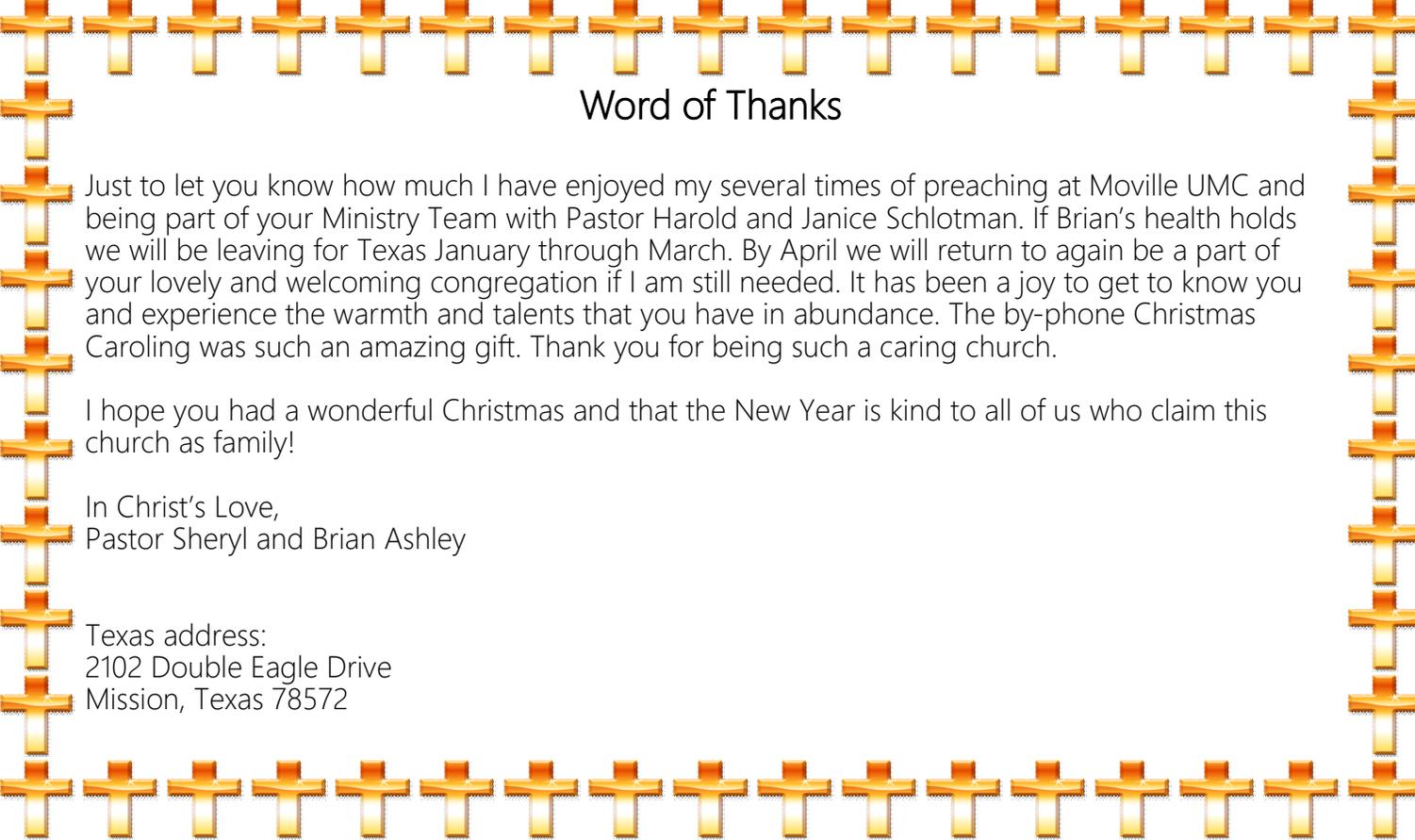
January 31

Psalm 138

**January 2022**

Worship at 10:15 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communion						
9	10	11	12 UMW 12:30 pm	13 Ad Council 7 pm	14	15
16 Member Care Meeting (after church)	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	30					



## Word of Thanks

Just to let you know how much I have enjoyed my several times of preaching at Menville UMC and being part of your Ministry Team with Pastor Harold and Janice Schlotman. If Brian's health holds we will be leaving for Texas January through March. By April we will return to again be a part of your lovely and welcoming congregation if I am still needed. It has been a joy to get to know you and experience the warmth and talents that you have in abundance. The by-phone Christmas Caroling was such an amazing gift. Thank you for being such a caring church.

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year is kind to all of us who claim this church as family!

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Sheryl and Brian Ashley

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Mission, Texas 78572

November 10, 2021

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at UMC—Menville, IA

Thank you for your generous donation of Student Kits and Personal Dignity Kits. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you and others. Your donation will leave Midwest Mission and be a practical example of God's love in the world to the "least of these. "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25: 40 NIV



It is due to your generosity and partnership with Midwest Mission that we can touch so many lives for Christ around the world and around the corner. Thank you so much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission!

Yours in Christ,

Chantel Corrie  
Executive Director