Moville United MethodistChurch

November 2026

What are you Grateful for?

November is a special time to reflect on what we're grateful for. I feel blessed in so many ways. For many in the US, Thanksgiving brings back wonderful memories. Sharing meals and celebrating God's goodness with family is something I'll never forget. John Wesley said, "Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it."

Giving thanks is just as important for our spiritual growth as prayer. Here are some quotes to remind us to be thankful:

· "I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual." —Henry David Thoreau
· "What if, today, we were grateful for everything?" —Charlie Brown
· "Be present in all things and thankful for all things." —Maya Angelou
· "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." —Oprah Winfrey

· "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life." —Melody Beattie
· "Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other." —Randy Pausch

Gratitude is a key theme in God's word. Both the Old and New Testaments tell us to give thanks. The word "thanks" shows up 100 times in the King James Bible. I'm grateful for our church family, for our Leadership, and each member of our church family, God's grace, and for all the blessings we share. What are you grateful for?

"To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever" (Psalm 30:12.)



With Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Eric Sayonkon

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day	2	3	4	5	6	7 Ingathering 8-11
8	9 Ad Council Meeting 6 PM	10	11 UWiF Luncheon 12:30	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 GNO Doosky's 5:30	20	21 Food Distribution
22 Thanksgiving Service @ MUMC 5PM	23	24	25	26 	27	28
29	30					

Celebrating Life Together



Birthdays

1 Tammy Kreisel
4 Cassie Colyer
5 Joseph Groetken
8 Susanne Weaver
9 Julianne Scheelhaase
11 Randy Petersen
13 Donna Roeschke
18 Lily Hirsch
20 Glen Clark
Carol Logan
24 Janice Schlotman
Charles Clark
29 Susan Chapman

Anniversaries

27 Gene & Jill Groetken

The Basket of Crumbs

A farmer once complained that his harvest was too small. Each evening he looked at his basket and wished it were fuller.

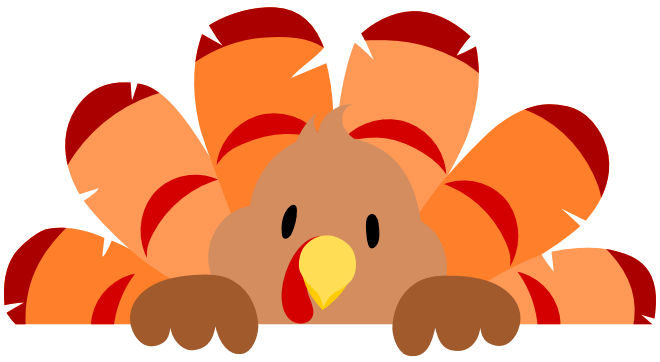
One day, as he walked home, he noticed birds gathering around the crumbs that had fallen from his basket. The birds sang, the seeds they carried spread across the fields, and flowers soon bloomed where there had been only bare ground.

An old traveler said to him, “You spend so much time looking at what is missing that you cannot see what has been given.”

The farmer began to give thanks each day for what was in his basket, not what was absent from it. Over time, he found that gratitude made even a modest harvest feel abundant.

Moral: Thanksgiving begins when we stop counting what we lack and start noticing the blessings already in our hands.





HOPE ON THE HORIZON: UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Thanksgiving

The Moville Ministerial Association's Community Thanksgiving Service for 5:00 pm on Sunday, November 22 at the Moville United Methodist Church. Fr. Michael Erpelding is preaching and Pastor Ed Pease is putting the service together.



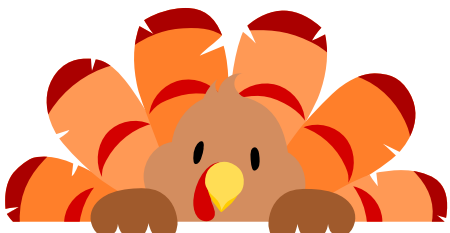
On Saturday, Nov. 7, our church will be one of five collection sites for the 2026 Iowa Ingathering. That morning will see a flurry of activity as United Methodists from northwest Iowa deliver kits and monetary donations. Boxes will be loaded into a semi-trailer, and people will be able to attend the Ingathering Information Fair inside the building. Come and be part of the action and experience the scope of the Iowa Ingathering. Hours are 8:00 to 11:00 am. For more info, check the newly revised website: www.iaumc.org/ingathering. (iaumc.org in Bing)

This is an exciting moment for our church—it is our first time hosting the Ingathering, and we are grateful for the opportunity to welcome so many visitors through our doors. We want to show everyone an amazing, warm Moville UMC welcome, and we could use volunteers to help greet guests, guide traffic flow, and support the morning's activities. If you'd like to help, please contact Pastor Werley or the church office.



There are plenty of Upper Room Devotionals in the entryway of the church placed in the magazine rack. If you would like a copy but can't make it to church Janice would be happy to deliver one to you. Please contact her or the church office, 873-5117 if you would like one delivered to you.

***Come help assemble Blessing Bag Meal Packs at the Nov. 7th Ingathering. Sign-up for one or more 30 minute shifts. Schedule is on easel at back.**



Joyful Journeys

A Gift of Love for Our Church Family

With grateful hearts and deep love for our church, we are pleased to announce our gift of the new church sign for our cherished Moville United Methodist Church.
Our church is much more than a building. It is a place where faith grows, friendships flourish, prayers are shared, and God's love touches lives. We are blessed to be part of this special congregation and the fellowship we share.
We offer this gift in honor of our beloved church family, with the hope that the new sign will serve as a welcoming symbol of our faith and a reminder to our community of the love, hope, and grace found within our church.
It is our prayer that the sign will warmly welcome all who pass by and those who come seeking a church home, and that Moville United Methodist Church will continue to be a beacon of God's love for generations to come.

With love, gratitude, and heartfelt appreciation for our church family,
Jeff and Mary Krejci



Treasury Talk

2026 Q3 TREASURY TALK

2026 Income and Expenses

Income
With two months remaining in 2026, we are about $9000 (a little over 10%) below our budgeted weekly giving for the year-to-date. Hopefully the remaining two months of giving will see an increase in giving that brings us back in line with our budgeted giving for the year.

Expenses
Unfortunately, our expenses, year-to-date, are about $12,000 above budget. This is due primarily to boiler repairs for our church building ($6500) and our half of a new roof on the parsonage in Correctionville ($5500).

2027 Budget

Our 2027 budget, as recommended by the Finance Committee, was approved by the Administrative Council on October 12, 2026, and submitted for the October 18, 2026, Charge Conference. The 2027 budget reflects a modest 1.7% increase over the 2026 budget. It includes a 3% increase for our half of the Pastor's salary and an across-the-board 3% increase for our staff. On the income side of the 2027 budget, Weekly Giving was held to only a $225 increase (from $89,750 to $89,975), while an increase in Parsonage Investment Interest of $1500 (from $13,500 to $15,000) paid for the Pastor and staff increases.

Cost of Building and Grounds Improvements

You may have noticed some improvements recently around the outside of the building, in addition to the landscaping done last summer. The latest improvements include a new storage shed, twice the size of the old one, that will be shared by the church and daycare. On the north side of the building, new screening and pavement was installed to accommodate and hide the daycare dumpster. And last but not least, a large new sign identifying "Moville United Methodist Church" fills the wall space to the right of the front door created by the removal of windows for the daycare remodeling and made even more visible by the tree victimized by last summer's wind storm. I have been asked how much these items are costing the church, especially during this year's budget shortfall as noted above. I am happy and thankful to be able to answer that these improvements are costing the church not one penny. The new shed and dumpster improvements are being covered by MCDAI as part of the daycare project and the sign is a gift to the church in honor of our church family. (Article elsewhere in this newsletter.) Praise the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding your church finances, please don't hesitate to let me know!

Blessings,
Jeff



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES –

Monday, October 12, 2026

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Gene Groetken, Jody and Diane Weaver, Deb Sitzmann, Cassie Colyer

Susan opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES

Minutes from the September 14, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Jeff to accept the minutes, 2nd by Deb; motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Weekly giving for September was $8408. The budgeted giving for the month was $7479

Our $139,432 CD from the sale of the parsonage has been renewed at 4% for 12 months. It previously was in a 6-month CD at 3 1/2 %.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor is currently on a mission trip in Africa. However, he has updated the council by email informing us that he is busy teaching students in seminary and working with the Liberia Annual Conference UMC. His health is well and he thanks us for our continued prayers and support. And, of course, reminds us that "God is Good all the time - All the time, God is Good!"

OLD BUSINESS

CHURCH SIGNAGE UPDATE - Avery Brothers Sign Company has completed the installation of our new church sign on the front of our building. All agree that it is a beautiful addition to our church frontage.

CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORTS - Have been completed. The Council reviewed all reports that will be submitted, including the 2027 budget. A 3% increase was approved for our church staff, including Office Administrator, Music Director, Accompanists, and Custodian. A 3% increase was also approved for our half of the pastor's salary.

NEW BUSINESS

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT - We have been invited to participate with the daycare in a Trunk or Treat event in the church parking lot on Tuesday, October 27th. Cassie has ordered various church-related handouts for that night. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. Please feel free to come and be a part of it. We also plan to be a part of Main Street Mayhem on October 31st.

CHECK - We reviewed the procedures for how checks from the general account are written and signed, and who has the capability and permission to do so. Typically, checks are written by the treasurer and signed by a different individual whose name is on the signature card at the bank. Currently, Susan, Jeff, and Randy Petersen are on the bank's signature card. However, in extenuating circumstances, particularly when time is of the essence, a check can be written and signed by the same person whose name is on the signature card. The Book of Discipline allows this. It was also pointed out that the checking account is balanced every month against the bank statement. The monthly bank statement includes an electronic photo of each check.

CASSIE - Cassie reported to the committee that her teaching requirements with the Sioux City School system have changed somewhat. She will be covering for a co-worker who has had surgery and will be out of the office for the next 2-4 months. Cassie's office hours will be changing to accommodate this. She assured us that she will stay on top of her requirements in the office. We know she is very dedicated to her office work and we will help her in any way we can. We will keep her in our prayers.
Cassie has been contacted with an invitation for our church to take part in the "Tour Of Steeples" that is held in our area each year. People tour the participating churches at their leisure to view the beautiful and interesting architecture, stained glass, and other offerings of each church. The event is scheduled for December 4th and 5th, 2026. A freewill offering is taken at each church. Proceeds go to the Soup Kitchen and the Warming Shelter in Sioux City. Motion by Diane to participate, 2nd by Gene. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
MEMBER SUPPORT/EDUCATION - Sunday School is up and running for fall, 2026. In addition, four students are involved in Confirmation classes this year.
SPRC - Had a joint meeting October 4, 2026, with members of Correctionville SPRC to discuss 2027 Budget and salary increases.
TRUSTEES - Larry Etler is looking over our new insurance policy to make sure we have adequate coverage as it relates to the daycare. A new shed has been delivered and placed on the south side of our property. It is twice as large as our previous shed and will be shared by the daycare and us. We are open to gifting the old shed to any interested party.
A concrete pad has been installed on the north side of our building to accommodate the daycare dumpster. A screen has been installed surrounding it for aesthetic effect. All costs associated with the new shed and dumpster pad are being covered by MCDAI funds as part of the daycare project.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Krejci

November 2026 Lectionary

All Saints 1 Nov
Revelation 7: 9-17
Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 1
John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 Nov Continuous
Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78: 1-7 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13
Related Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-16
or Amos 5: 18-24
Canticle:
Wisdom of Solomon 6: 17-20 or Psalm 70 1
Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13 or for
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Isaiah 25: 1-9 or Isaiah 52: 7-12
or Micah 4: 1-8
Psalm 9: 9-20 or Psalm 46
Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39 or Revelation 22: 1-5 Matthew 5: 1-12 or Matthew 5: 43-48
or John 15: 9-17
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 Nov Continuous
Judges 4: 1-7
Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Matthew 25: 14-30
Related Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18
Psalm 90: 1-8 (9-11) 12
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Matthew 25: 14-30
13 Sunday before Advent 22 Nov
Christ the King
(Sunday before Advent)
Continuous/Related
Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95: 1-7a or Psalm 100
Ephesians 1: 15-23
Matthew 25: 31-46
4th Sunday After Epiphany
November 28, 2027:
First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14–16 |
Psalm: Psalm 25:1–1
1 Thessalonians 3:9–13
Luke 21:25–36

MUMC

Girl's Night Out

November 19, 2026
5:30 @ Dooskys
Come Join us for Companionship, fellowship and laughs

Everyone is Welcome to Join Us!

United Women in Faith 2026 Bible Verses

Psalm 9:1 CEB) "I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart; I will talk about all your wonderful acts."



November 11, 2026
Hosted by
Luncheon 12:30

United Women in Faith

"There are different kind of gifts but the same spirit."

1 Corinthians 12:4 (NIV)

Pastor
Reverend
Dr. Eric Z. Sayonkon

Office Administrator
Cassie Colyer

Music Director
Elizabeth Ross

Accompanists
Rochelle Wilson
Peggy Hammer

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:
Kristy Baier

SPRC Chair:
Deb Sitzmann
Vice-Chair:
Terri Koehn

Trustees Chair:
Jody Weaver
Vice-Chair:
Randy Petersen

UWIF
Janice Schlotman

Ministry Corner

Giving Back to the Community

Our Mission:
Preach the Gospel of Christ
Teach Love and Forgiveness
Reach Out in Service

Community Basket

We are collecting BAKING 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! November food distribution will be on the 21st at The Kingsley Community Center at 10AM.

Permanent 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 third quarter of 2026 the approximate interest values for each were: General $37,400; Building $7000; Missions $530; Special Ministries $310; Education $4100. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the MUMC Endowment Fund."

Heifer Highlights

Heifer helps farmers build profitable agribusinesses by first organizing them into self-help groups or cooperatives where they can identify challenges and plan solutions together. The organization then provides market connections, skills training in production and business management, and essential extension services like animal health support. By working collectively and leveraging these resources, farmers are able to increase the value of their products, boost incomes, and strengthen their communities.

Midwest Mission

Midwest Mission responded to communities in Indiana and Illinois that were hit hard by flooding in August which created an urgent need for hygiene supplies. Among other needed supplies, 96 hygiene kits (we call them Personal Dignity Kits) were delivered. These are the type of kits we prepare for the Ingathering each November. Thank you for helping MM be ready to respond.