



Menville United Methodist Church

September 2020

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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	\$67,333.10	\$69,504.16
Last Month	\$6,106.00	\$8858.00
Weekly Average (Last 4 wks.)	\$2,127.75	\$2044.00



I came across this prayer from www.lovinghouston.net and wanted to share it with all. Please pray for students, teachers, staff and administrators as they navigate the beginning of this new school year.

A Prayer for Back to School

Dear God, with a new school year upon us, we pray for our...

STUDENTS, that You would ease their anxiety about going back to school amidst the pandemic. We pray for safety for those returning to in-person classes, and for the needed technology, self-discipline, and adult oversight for those learning online. Would you ensure that every child has enough to eat, a supportive network of friends and family, and perseverance to face every challenge with Your strength?

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS, that You would grant them wisdom about which schooling option to choose. We pray for your provision physically, spiritually, emotionally, and financially. We pray for a support system that they can turn to when the challenges of life are overwhelming. We pray for churches and believers to surround local families with more prayer and support this year than ever before.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF, that You would grant them supernatural peace and discernment. We pray for wisdom for school district leaders, and for the safety of every staff person on every school campus. May the community rally around our schools to provide the sanitization, supplies, and emotional support needed by our teachers and school staff as they educate our children.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Blessings & Peace,
Pastor Jill



A friendly reminder that worship starts at **10:15 am** starting September 6!

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

September Sermons

- September 6: 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Exodus 12:1-14 (Holy Communion)
- September 13: 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Exodus 14:19-31
- September 20: 16th Sunday after Pentecost, Exodus 16:2-15 (Confirmation Sunday)
- September 27: 17th Sunday after Pentecost, Exodus 17:1-7



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, August 13, 2020

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Pastor Jill Clem, Wes and Carolyn Smith, Janice Schlotman, Randy Petersen, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Bev Arvin, Jody Weaver

Opening prayer by Pastor Jill.

The July 16, 2020, Ad Council minutes were reviewed. Bev noted that the Missions Committee did not formally meet in person in June: Bev contacted each member by phone to make the decision to fund the "Lifting Up our Student" program. With this correction, there was a motion by Janice and second by Carolyn to accept the minutes; motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT

Giving in June was about \$2500 below what we needed to meet budget. Hopefully, with Sunday church services in person resuming, we will see the weekly giving return to what it was before the pandemic.

Motion by Jody, second by Janice to accept financial report; motion carried.

During the first half of 2019 we were drawing about \$3000 per month out of the Corey Gifford account to help cover operating expenses until we could go to a part time pastor and no health insurance on July 1, 2019. To assist us to better align our expenses and income during that time of reorganization, the conference asked the Board of Pensions to waive their billing for four months for a savings to the church of \$8572. We were instructed by District Superintendent Ron Carlson to hold payment to the Board of Pensions for March through June 2019. He also noted that they will continue to show it on our bill, which it has, but to consider it waived.

A year has passed and the reorganization has put us back on solid ground financially for the foreseeable future. With that in mind, along with the fact that this money was originally billed for a pension fund, there was much discussion as to whether we should pay it back, even though it was waived, out of a spirit of paying it forward to help another church that may be in our position in the future.

In order to repay the pension fund, while at the same time not exceed our current year budget, it was suggested that we pay it off using the budgeted money that we have been repaying to the Corey Gifford and Building funds. That would mean \$2143 per month would be sent to the Board of Pensions, Inc. for the next four months, leaving \$161.05 per month being sent to each of the other accounts (Corey Gifford and Building.) At that rate, we will have the pension money repaid by the end of 2020.

With these conditions, motion was made by Wes, second by Janice to approve this process. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor is still working on the date for Charge Conference; nothing has been set yet.

We had 38 in attendance at church service Sunday, August 9th.

Pastor has begun sending out a mid-week devotional email on Wednesdays.

OLD BUSINESS

Re-entry Review – it was suggested that members would like to have the words to hymns on the overhead so they are able to reflect on the words even though they are not singing along.

Overall, comments regarding the return of Sunday services has been positive.

NEW BUSINESS

Group will be meeting later this month in regard to this year's In-Gathering. Pastor will email out a list of needed supplies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MISSIONS – Bev has spoken with Diane Drevs regarding the conditions in Guatemala. The report from Diane was not positive; there has been very little actual schooling going on due to the pandemic. Also, there is no medical care for those who are sick. We will continue to pray for the people in those villages.

Bev mentioned that Diane would be open to addressing our congregation again later this fall.

UMW – The monthly meeting will be held at the park across from our church. There will be no homecoming soup and pie luncheon this year.

TRUSTEES – Wes has ordered a cross to be installed on the front of our church. It should arrive soon.

Wes got a quote on replacement cost for our skylights. He is meeting another company at the church tomorrow for a second quote. He also has someone coming out to look at the fascia on the front of our church.

Wes received an estimate to repaint all seven of the church's exterior doors.

There was a motion by Wes, second by Jeff to move ahead with the painting and to get that process scheduled. Motion passed.

SPPR – Group will be meeting after service on August 23rd to complete yearly paperwork.

Next Administrative Council meeting is planned for Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be social distancing within the hall. Please feel free to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Krejci

Sunday Worship



Summer is coming to an end and with that we will be going back to our 10:15am start time for worship beginning, Sunday, September 6th. We hope you will join us each Sunday as we worship together as a community of faith praising God through his Word, message, prayer and music. ALL are welcome so invite your friends and family to join us!!!

IMPORTANT
CHURCH
UPDATE

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 Jill, please call the church office or you may call Pastor Jill's cell phone at 712-251-3728. 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 as we navigate our way during this pandemic.

SEND EMAIL



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.

Welcome back,
Moville UMC!!!

We are committed to your safety.



Safety Requirements for In-Person Worship at Moville UMC

You may find the list of safety requirements on our website at <http://movilleumc.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.

MEMBER CARE

I was listening to Dr. David Jeremiah on the radio when he was talking about the Beatitudes in Matthew 5.

Verse 6 says, "Blessed are those who hunger & thirst after righteousness" Since only God is holy & righteous, this is saying we need to hunger & thirst for God. Dr. Jeremiah made a comment that we only have as much God in our lives as we want.

We know where to look for God's Word but do we seek to feast upon His Word. The Sunday morning Scripture lesson is not enough to feed us for the whole week.

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.

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

Abilit Senior Living:

Helen Leinbaugh

Kingsley Rehab & Nursing Home:

Dale Schreiner

Whispering Creek Retirement Community:

Willa Manker

Sunrise Nursing Home:

Phyllis Prodehl

Pioneer Valley Living & Rehab:

Betty Robinson

Please keep these members in your prayers.

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

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

Website, <http://movilleumc.org>

Instagram @movilleumc.



Confirmation Sunday

We will be celebrating our confirmands during worship on **Sunday, September 20th** as they become members of Movable United Methodist Church. Our confirmation class worked hard to finish confirmation in the midst of a pandemic and we are so happy that they are finally having the opportunity to fulfill their confirmation requirements by being confirmed. I hope that you will continue to pray for them as they take this last and final step on their confirmation journey: Kennison Countryman, Aleyah Dixon, Keaton Gernhart, Logan Jensen, Lexi McElrath and Bella Moodie.



September 9 Luncheon ~

We will meet at 12:30 pm at the park on the hill above the swimming pool.

Bring your own drink. Bring a lawn chair if that will be more comfortable

than the picnic bench. Janice will bring lunch with Bev Arvin's help. If you have questions please call Janice, 876-2859.



The Homecoming Soup & Pie luncheon has been canceled.

Student Kits

3 Notebooks, - 1 subject spiral 8 x 10.5

1 pair of student round tip scissors

1 ruler 12" long with metric

1 box of 24 crayons

1 pencil eraser 2" or larger

1 pencil sharpener

1 box of 12 colored pencils

6 unsharpened pencils

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."
1 Corinthians 15: 58

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. If you are unable to worship with us in-person 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.

Birthdays

2 Donna Chapman
 3 Halle Dennison
 5 Peggy Keizer
 Josh Koele
 6 Lori Watts
 8 Tiffany Manker
 Suzi Larson
 10 Sharon Sands
 11 Donna Flewelling
 13 Chuck Eskov
 14 Shirley Crawford
 Ethan Schultzen
 15 Derl Petersen
 16 Tony Jensen
 21 Haylie Borland
 22 Danielle Betsworth
 24 Deb Petersen
 25 Bobbie Wahlberg
 26 Brittany Kelsheimer
 Terry Waugh
 28 Vicki McElrath
 29 Diane Weaver
 Gene Groetken



Anniversaries

4 Jason & Tiffany Manker
 8 Gary & Susan Chapman
 12 Gary & Mary Bruce
 13 Derl & Linda Petersen
 22 Fred & Sharon Sands
 23 Tom & Shawna Dennison
 Joe & Deb Petersen
 25 Kelly & Donna Chapman
 27 Bill & Becky Dahna
 29 Maurice & Beverly Arvin
 30 Randy & Kathy Petersen

Mission Moment

On **Sunday, September 6th** you will have an opportunity to give a monetary gift to help support Jennifer, a student from Guatemala in her education journey. A container will be available at the back of the sanctuary to place your donation in. If you are unable to worship with us on August 9th, you may mail in your monetary gift to the church office. Please continue to keep Jennifer and her family in your prayers during this time.



Holy Communion – Sunday, September 6th

On Sunday, September 6th we will be observing Holy Communion. We are still working on making Holy Communion a sacred and safe part of our worship service. In September we will be giving each person the communion elements as they arrive for worship. During the time of Holy Communion, the congregation will be asked to hold their juice/wafer cup, as Pastor Jill blesses the communion elements, the congregation will be invited to partake of the juice and wafer. We hope this will provide a better way to be in community with one another as we observe Holy Communion. Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to anyone who desires a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. All are welcome at the table.



September 2020

Each Sunday: 10:15 am worship

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