



Phone: 873-5117

Menville United Methodist Church

December 2020

450 S. 1st ~ P.O. Box 801 ~ Menville, IA 51039

Email: mumchurch@wiatel.net www.menvilleumc.org

Facebook: Menville United Methodist Church

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	\$91,290.47	\$98,123.52
Last Month	\$5,828.00	\$8858.00
Weekly Average (Last 4 wks.)	\$1,681.09	\$2044.00

Church Building Update

As of right now we will not have in-person worship until January 17. We ask that you refrain from coming into the church or the church office until we feel it is safe. 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 Holli, please call the church office, she is in the office Mondays from 9 am—3 pm ONLY. If you need to speak to Pastor Jill, you may call her cell phone at 712/251-3728. Please mail your gifts and offerings to the church instead of dropping them off. We appreciate your help and patience as we continue to find our way during this pandemic.



MISSION PROJECTS

Our church is closed again because of the rise of COVID-19. But we are the Church not the building so we must carry on. We have three areas of mission to stress in December.



- 1. Mitten Tree** - hats, mittens, scarves and socks to be given to the elementary school
- 2. Boxes of Cereal** - Cereal to be donated to the Community Basket.
- 3. Warming Shelter** - items including snacks, paper products, personal care, face masks, hand sanitizer, cleaning products, clothing: gloves, boots. Check the entire list of needs in the monthly newsletter.

Perhaps because the church doors are closed our hearts should be open. Mission should be alive! There will be plastic tubs labeled for each of these projects in front of the church on Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday 9am to 5:30 pm please be sure the lid is on tight after you place your donations. **We will continue the collections until Saturday December 14th.** If you have something to donate but need someone to pick it up, please call Bev Arvin at 873-3834 or Janice Schlotman at 876-2859. Let's do what we can to help others in whatever way we can.

- 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
- 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

Offering & Gifts

Thank you so much for your continued support of our ministries and missions at Menville UMC during this time of online worship. 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.



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, November 12, 2020

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Pastor Jill Clem, Wes and Carolyn Smith, Janice Schlotman, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Bev Arvin, Randy Petersen, Kevin Fouts. Opening prayer by Pastor Jill.

The October 8, 2020, Ad Council minutes were reviewed. Motion by Janice to accept, second by Bev; motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT

Automatic transfers from the General Fund to the Corey-Gifford and Building Funds have been corrected through the end of 2020. October monthly giving was almost \$3000 below budget; however, we believe we still have an adequate balance to carry us through the pandemic.

Balance in the account for our Guatemalan student is \$1090.28. We received \$107 in donations during the month of October.

Earlier this year, the Boy Scouts of America filed for bankruptcy to protect itself against a growing number of sexual abuse claims made against it. This bankruptcy process is intended to allow the BSA to deal with these claims – through the creation of and payment from a victim's compensation fund – and still continue its operations. It has only recently been clarified that Chartering Organizations like our church have potential standing in the BSA bankruptcy proceedings and should file a Proof of Claim to protect their interests. Jeff has filed the necessary paperwork for this.

Our church received \$7400 through the Payroll Protection Program earlier this year. Jeff has completed filing the documentation necessary to have that loan forgiven.

Motion by Carolyn to accept Financial report, 2nd by Janice; motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor received a letter from Bishop Laurie in regard to the increase in Covid 19 cases in Iowa and surrounding states. Pastor asked for input from Ad Council members whether to continue meeting for in-person Sunday services. The Council recommended that we continue as we are now, taking the current measures to ensure a safe place to worship.

OLD BUSINESS

Charge Conference 2020 was held virtually November 1st. It went smoothly.

NEW BUSINESS

Members of the Ad Council had been asked to review the 2019 Church Yearbook and turn in any corrections they found. Pastor Jill will be going over the booklet with Holli to make necessary corrections as they ready the 2020 Yearbook.

This year's contributions to the Mitten Tree will be donated to Woodbury Central students. During the month of November monetary donations will be taken to purchase turkeys for the Community Basket. In December, we will ask for donations of cereal for the Community Basket. Throughout the next year, we will either collect cash donations or specific items that are needed by the Community Basket.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPPR – Members of the committee interviewed and recommended hiring a custodian to clean the church. Pay will be the same as it was for our previous custodian. Motion was made by Carolyn to hire him to begin ASAP, 2nd by Bev; motion passed.

MEMBER CARE – Janice welcomes any “heads up” if you know of someone who is depressed or needing a good ear to listen.

MISSIONS – Bev has prepared a letter to go with the next payment to Living Heritage in support of Jennifer. We will send her letter along with the \$325 for our first payment of 2021.

TRUSTEES – Wes has contacted Mullin about the church fascia. They have us on their list and should be able to start in 3-4 weeks.

UMW – has sent their updated information to Holli for printing in the upcoming church yearbook.

Next Administrative Council meeting is planned for Thursday, December 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



NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

We will not be meeting in December, but hopefully we can meet in January. It is important that we support one another through cards, phone calls or by some other way that God leads us. I am not good about making phone calls but I am a good listener. Call anytime. 876-2859 Janice

"Glory to God in the heavenly heights, Peace to all men and women on earth who please him." *Luke 2:14*

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

Whispering Creek Retirement Community:
Willa Manker

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

The family of Craig McElrath, who passed away
November 15.

~ May God's love and grace be with you always.
May He fill your heart with consolation,
Strength and peace. ~

MEMBER CARE

We all need words of encouragement. This time I turned to a booklet put out by my oldest Sisters church in Hot Springs Village, AK.

You'll Never Walk Alone by Perry Tankley

I said, "The path is steep." He said, "I'm at your side."

I said, "But I am weak." He said, "For you I died."

I said, "Dark valleys come." He said, "I'll guide you through."

I said, "But I'm not brave." He said, "I'll walk with you."

I said, "Be light to me, and strength as I go on."

He said, "I'm more, I'm love, You'll never walk alone."

Mitten Tree~



We are still going to be collecting for the Mitten Tree! This year the collection will go to the Woodbury Central Elementary school where there is a great need for items such as hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks. There will be fotes outside the church on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from **9am to 5:30 pm**. Please bring your donations of hats, mittens, scarves and even socks!

Please have all your donations at the church no later than Saturday, December 12 All items will be delivered by Monday, December 16th. Thank you!!

Moville UMC Social Media Sites

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

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

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

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

Instagram: at movilleumc



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 wish list.



Wish List:

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)

Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays

- 2 Wes Smith
- 4 Jason Manker
- 5 Jeff Crick
- Bob Seitzinger
- 6 Nic Scheelhaase
- 7 Ryder Koele
- 10 Suzy Chapman
- 11 Harold Werley
- 12 John Schlotman
- 15 Jeff Jaacks
- 17 Nancy Ferdig
- 18 Miah Manker
- 19 Larry Epling
- 20 Marcia Neely
- 21 Donna Belknap
- 26 Scott Gernhart
- 29 Loren Neville
- David Clem



PRAYER FROM CHURCH BULLETIN

by Mike Seitz

My Lord God,

I do not see the road ahead of me.
 I cannot know for certain where it will end.
 Nor do I really know myself, and
 the fact that I think that I am following Your will
 does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please You, does,
 In fact please You.
 And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.
 I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
 And I know that if I do this,
 You will lead me by the right road, though I may
 know nothing about it.

Therefore, will I trust You always, though I may
 seem to be lost & in the shadow of death.
 I will fear not, for You are ever with me, and
 You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen

Anniversaries

- 22 Mark & Sherri Harris

December 2020

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