



Menville United Methodist Church

January 2021

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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	\$101,011.47	\$106,300.48
Last Month (5 weeks)	\$8,573.77	\$8858.00
Weekly Average (Last 4 wks.)	\$2,430.25	\$2044.00

Return to In-Person Sunday Worship

We will return to in-person worship on Sunday, January 17th at 10:15am 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!!!



Safety Requirements for In-Person Worship at Menville UMC

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

Welcome back, Menville UMC!!!

We are committed to your safety.



- 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

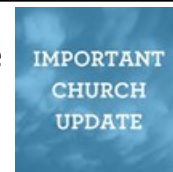
Online Sunday Worship

We realize how important it is to stay connected and how important it is for everyone to have an opportunity to worship. You can find our Sunday worship services on our website at menvilleumc.org under the sermons tab or on our You Tube channel and Facebook page at Menville 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.



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 navigate our way during this pandemic.



WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

The family of Shirley Klemmensen, who passed away December 2.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, December 18, 2020 (Via ZOOM)

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

Opening prayer by Pastor Jill.

The November 12, 2020, Ad Council minutes were reviewed. Motion by Carolyn to accept, second by Diane; motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT

Weekly giving for November was slightly below budget but we are fortunate to have the balance that we do right now, given the impact of Covid 19 on our worship service and the economy.

We received official word that our PPP (Payroll Protection Program) loan in the amount of \$7400 was forgiven.

With our December payment, our 2020 apportionments will be paid in full.

We made our first semi-annual \$325 payment of the 2020-21 school year to our Guatemalan student on November 22nd. \$66.95 was collected on November 2nd, leaving us with a current balance in that account of \$832.23.

Motion by Jody to accept Financial report, 2nd by Randy; motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Christina and Lisa have been providing music for the services. Pastor will be recording the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve services tomorrow.

Holli and Pastor have reviewed the 2021 yearbook and made necessary corrections. The books will be ready to be distributed on January 17th, 2021, when we return for our church service. Those will be handed out then to church members who are present. Pastor Jill will disburse the balance to those who are not able to make it to church.

Pastor and Holli will begin working on yearly statistical reports. They are due by February 15th, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

The cereal collection for the Community Basket was a success. Randy reported that there were a number of churches who contributed, along with the Woodbury Central community and the faculty from Lawton Bronson School. In January we will be collecting laundry detergent. We will prepare the collection tubs again for dropping off at the church. You can also drop off any contributions at the pantry if you are passing by when they are open. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS

Jill reported that we did not have the names of Trustees available when Charge Conference met. We have those now so we will need to approve them. The names of the Trustees are Wes Smith, Brad Koele, and Denis Stubbs. Also, Susan Hunting's name was inadvertently omitted from the Memorial Committee so we must approve that too. Motion by Jeff to approve all those members, 2nd by Janice; motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENDOWMENT – The market is doing well. If you would like to see reports or visit with someone personally, please contact Randy.

MEMBER CARE – Janice will be making her deliveries of The Upper Room and newsletters this week. Bev asked Janice to report on the results of our December collections. Twenty-seven boxes of cereal were collected for the Community Basket; 167 hats, mittens and gloves were delivered to Woodbury Central students; and several boxes and bags of much-needed donations were delivered to the Warming Shelter in Sioux City. THANK YOU to all who contributed.

SPPR – Orlando has cleaned the church twice. However, now, with services on hold until January 17th, he will suspend that cleaning until later in January.

TRUSTEES – Wes spent some time cleaning up pine tree branches that had come down during the last ice storm. He will ask Holli to send out a note in the next newsletter asking people to sign up for snow removal.

UMW – Janice said the group was saddened not to be able to meet during December but hope to resume their meetings in January.

Wes recommended purchasing an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the church. All members agreed that was a good idea. Wes will look into pricing for one to be kept in our church.

Next Administrative Council meeting is planned for Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, weather permitting. We will be social distancing within the hall. Please feel free to attend.

On behalf of the Ad Council, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2021!

Respectfully submitted, Mary Krejci

"A Prayer to Keep God First This New Year" by - Debbie McDaniel



Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no", "not yet", or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, hissing his lies and attacks our way, we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger, as you remind us we are safe with you and your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on your level ground.

We ask that you would provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us, we pray that you would help us to prosper and make every plan that you have birthed in our heart to succeed. We pray that others would take notice of your goodness and could not help but to say, "These are the ones that the Lord has blessed."

Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own.

May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set you way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Blessings & Peace,
Pastor Jill



POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN DECEMBER



Given by

Sandy Baker
 Kristy Baier
 Judy Chesley
 T & Holli Countryman
 Dave & Jolene Dixon
 Donna Flewelling
 Larry & Terri Koehn
 Howard Logan & family
 Jane Logan

Vicki McElrath

Randy & Kathy Petersen

Craig & Deb Sitzmann

Wes & Carolyn Smith

Rochelle & Roger Wilson

In Memory of

Gary Baker
 Gene Baier
 Don Chesley
 Kelly Livermore & Bobby Hayes
 Bob Dixon & Wes Carter
 Marvin, Tom & Lily Flewelling, John, Helen, David Cross
 Jeff Koehn, Stewart & Helen Daly
 Ila Jean Logan
 The teachers that inspired me:
 Dean C. VonBergen, Tom Cooper
 Myron Armour, Vi Hughes
 Craig McElrath
 Christina McElrath
 Willard & Lois Countryman
 Lyle McElrath, Glen & Ester McElrath
 Bernedine Petersen
 LeRoy, LaVonne & Roger Miller
 Pete & Mary Lou Leisinger
 Floyd Sitzmann
 Adam Smith, Betty Geer
 Lester Sr. & Ida Smith
 Keith & Fanchon Haddock
 Earline Wilson

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. What does the Warming Shelter provide for those who seek shelter?



Daytime and overnight emergency shelter for the homeless.

Shelter for 80 men, 20 women, and 4 families totaling 16 people.

A place for the communities homeless to rest and rebuild.

Separate sleeping areas for men, women, and families

A day shelter with rolls in the morning and access to the area soup kitchen

Local churches and organizations provide a snack every night of the week at 7:00 p.m.

Lunch Monday thru Friday

Coordination of services and encouragement to local Sioux City agencies to take part in support of the homeless.

If you would like to donate any of the items on the wish list, please place them in the tote marked Warming Shelter that is located in the church foyer. The Warming Shelter also accepts monetary donations.

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)

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Mike Crawford
- 4 Kathy Crawford
Lloyd Jenness
- 5 Steven Smith
- 6 Ruth French
- 9 Judy Chesley
- 10 Lisa Tincer
- 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
- 24 Bob & Virginia Seitzinger



AD COUNCIL

Administrative Council Meeting

Members of the Ad Council are encouraged to attend the January meeting on **Thursday, January 14 at 7:00pm.**

Holy Communion – Sunday, January 17

On **Sunday, January 17** we will be observing Holy Communion. As each person arrives, they will receive the communion elements. During Holy Communion, the congregation will be asked to hold their juice/wafer cup, as Pastor Jill blesses the communion elements. The congregation will then be invited to partake of the juice and wafer. 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.



January 2021

Worship at 10:15 am

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



January 13, 2021: 12:30 Luncheon
Luncheon: Sharon Sands

HYGIENE KITS

- 1 new hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27")
- 1 new washcloth
- 1 large, sturdy comb (at least 6 inches of teeth)
- 1 toenail or fingernail clipper – no emery boards/ metal nail files
- 1 bath-sized bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz. bar or larger);
No Ivory or Jergens
- 1 new adult size toothbrush in original sealed wrapper
- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4" by 3") common household bandages acceptable

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

Whispering Creek Retirement Community:
Willa Manker

Community Basket

Starting this year we are going to start something new. We will be collecting item(s) each month to help support the needs of the community basket. We have received a list of items they are in need of. The month of January we will be collecting laundry detergent.



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](http://www.youtube.com/Moville%20United%20Methodist%20Church)

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

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

Instagram: at movilleumc



Offering & Gifts

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

Moville 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.



January Sermons

January 3: Matthew 2:1-12, Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

January 10: Mark 1:4-11, Baptism of the Lord

January 17: John 1:43-51, 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24: Mark 1:14-20, 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31: Mark 1:21-28, 4th Sunday after the Epiphany



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.

Thank you to EVERYONE who dropped off donations for the mitten tree, warming shelter and community basket. We had a great amount of donations for each collection. Thank you to Wes Smith for taking all the donations to the warming shelter, Kennedy Countryman for delivering the mittens, hats and scarves to the school and Randy Petersen for taking the cereal to the community basket.

