



# Menville United Methodist Church

February 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	\$5,927.00	\$8,469.24
Last Month	\$9,721.00	\$9,175.00
Weekly Average (Last 4 wks.)	\$1,975.67	\$2,117.31

## “What Does Lent Mean in the United Methodist Church?”

The season of Lent lasts forty days, begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent come from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means “spring.” The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a “mini-Easter” and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection. This year as you journey through the days and weeks of Lent, I pray you take time to reflect on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Blessings & Peace,

*Pastor Jill*



## 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](http://menvilleumc.org) under the sermons tab or on our YouTube 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.



- 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

## February Sermons

February 7: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany: Mark 1:29-39, “A Quiet Place”

February 14: Transfiguration Sunday: Mark 9:2-9, “Mountain Tops”

February 21: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent: Mark 1:9-15, “Believe”

February 28: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent: Mark 8:31-38, “Walking with Jesus”



## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, January 14, 2021 (Via ZOOM)**

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Pastor Jill Clem, Wes and Carolyn Smith, Janice Schlotman, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Randy Petersen, Jody and Diane Weaver, John Neely  
Opening prayer by Pastor Jill.

One correction was noted on the December 18, 2020, Ad Council minutes; the payment that was made to our Guatemalan student's education was actually for the school year of 2021. Their academic year runs from January through October. With that correction, motion to accept the minutes was made by Janice, second by Diane; motion passed.

### **AED PRESENTATION BY JOHN NEELY**

**At the request of the Ad Council, John Neely had gathered and presented information regarding purchasing an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for our church.**

A sudden cardiac event can happen anywhere and at any time. An AED guides you through the process of performing high-quality CPR and also delivers a potentially lifesaving shock to the heart if one is needed.

There will be a presentation given during church service in the near future to explain the purpose and use of an AED.

It was agreed to purchase the AED now using general fund dollars. We will ask for donations to cover the cost and if there is a shortage, memorial funds would be used for the balance.

There was motion by Wes to purchase the Zoll AED3 for our church, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jody; motion passed.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Jeff has updated payroll spreadsheets to reflect a 3% salary increase for all employees beginning January 1, 2021. W-2 forms will be sent out before the end of January 2021.

Motion by Wes to accept financial report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janice; motion passed.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

We will be holding our first in-person Sunday service in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. We will have communion during that service.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Wes presented information regarding replacing our sign out front by the bell. It is broken and needs replacement.

It was decided to keep the design as simple as possible, for easy reading, and to use large letters for clarity. There was a motion by Wes to move ahead on replacing the sign; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane, motion passed. Wes will proceed with that.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Reminder for all: Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Easter is April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Yearbooks should be ready for distribution on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Janice suggested we keep track on the sign-in sheet of those who receive their yearbook at this time so no duplication takes place. Then we will work to distribute the rest to those members who do not receive them at that time.

Jill will check to see if it's possible to make available an electronic copy of the yearbook to those who wish to have that.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**EDUCATION** – Diane will teach Bible School this summer but will be stepping down from her Sunday School duties in the fall. Adult Sunday School will be starting up again. It will be held in the fellowship hall at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The group will be finishing up the discussion of Ecclesiastes.

**ENDOWMENT** – Randy reported our endowment is up 13-14% from what it was last year at this time. If you have questions regarding the endowment, please let Randy know.

**MEMBER CARE** – If anyone knows of someone who is not getting the church newsletter and would like one, please let Janice know. She continues to deliver them to those who would like a copy but cannot access them electronically.

We will continue to list in the bulletin items that are needed for the Warming Shelter, the Community Basket, and also for health kits for in-gathering. Randy reported that the Community Basket was very appreciative of all the laundry detergent that has been donated. For February, the items on their “Wish List” are personal cleanliness care items such as shampoo, bar soap, body wash, etc. Also, as we look ahead to Easter, the Community Basket will be purchasing and distributing hams. Cash donations are very much appreciated as they make the biggest impact. They are able to purchase 13 pounds of food for just one dollar from the Food Bank of Siouxland. Please know that each and every contribution is greatly appreciated.

**SPPR** – Carolyn’s term on the SPPR committee concluded in 2020. We thank her for all her hard work while serving as chair on this committee for the past two years. She has books containing records and reports from that committee and will hand them over to the new chair once that person is selected.

**UMW** – Janice said the group met and had a good discussion and sharing time. They are discussing the possibility of placing the money from their Kitchen Fund into the UM Foundation in order to earn a better return on their investment. They welcome advice from the congregation.

Next Administrative Council meeting is planned for Thursday, February 11, 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Krejci

### ARE YOU PREPARED TO HELP IN A HEARTBEAT?

It happens in a split second. A person collapses — the victim of sudden cardiac arrest — and the clock starts ticking. You call for help and the medical personnel are on their way. But precious seconds are racing by. The victim’s best chance for survival is immediate CPR and a rescuer with an automated external defibrillator (AED).



We are happy to announce that Merville UMC has purchased an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for use in our building.

The latest guidelines are clear: successful defibrillation must be supported with high-quality CPR. The AED’s first heart analysis is critical. If it calls for no shock, only high-quality CPR can lead to a shockable rhythm on the next heart analysis. High-quality CPR provides a struggling heart with oxygenated blood needed to help restore a normal rhythm. The AED defibrillator guides you through the process of performing high-quality CPR and will, if needed, deliver a potentially lifesaving shock to the heart.

The AED includes: Enhanced Real CPR Help, touch screen display, integrated pediatric rescue, Wi-Fi connected, long-life consumables, CPR Uni-padz, & a Smart Battery.

Although we hope we never have to use it, we know that if we do, the use of the AED, may save a person’s life.

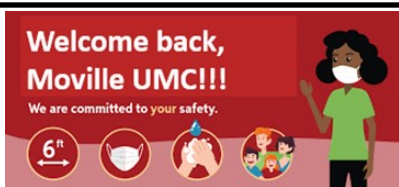
The cost of the AED is \$1600. If you would like to help with the cost of the AED, please send your monetary gift to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Any amount is appreciated. Please mark your check or envelop “AED”.

## Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash  
Wednesday 

*Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. During the Ash Wednesday service, we focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. Please join us on **Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in our Sanctuary as we observe the beginning of Lent through song, scripture, message and the imposition of ashes.*

## 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.

## 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.

## 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. If you would like to donate any of the items on the shelters 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.



**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)

## Community Basket

For the month of February, we are collecting soap (bar soap or body wash), shampoo & conditioner 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!



## 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.



## Sunday Offering Counters Needed

Our Book of Discipline states that we need at least two people to count the offering each week after Sunday worship. If you are able to volunteer, please email Holli at [mumchurch@wiatel.net](mailto:mumchurch@wiatel.net) or by phone at 712/873-5117. Thank you for your assistance!



# Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

## Birthdays

- 1 Dana Flewelling  
Beatrix Colyer
- 2 Ray Clause
- 11 Jodi French
- 13 Alex Hornoff
- 15 Diane Everhart
- 20 Deb Sitzmann
- 22 Jim Utesch  
Jake Dennison
- 23 Carter Schultzen
- 24 Jodi Petersen  
Tami Jenness
- 25 Lisa Fouts  
Anthony Gallagher
- 27 Pam Clark  
Adam Petersen  
Norma Scheel-  
haase
- 28 Nate Bauer

## Anniversaries

- 8 Tony & Danielle Jensen
- 12 Bob & Carol Logan
- 13 John & Diane Weaver
- 28 Wes & Carolyn Smith

A HUGE thank you to Denis Stubbs for clearing our church parking lot every time it snows!! And to everyone who has been clearing the sidewalks!! We appreciate you!!



## Holy Communion

On **Sunday, February 7** 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.

## Administrative Council Meeting

Members of the Ad Council are encouraged to attend the January meeting on **Thursday, February 11 at 7:00pm.**



## February 2021

Worship 10:15 am

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

## Mission Moment

Each Sunday you have an opportunity to give a monetary gift to help support Yennifer, a student from Guatemala in her education journey. A container is available at the back of the sanctuary to place your donation in. If you are unable to worship with us, you may mail in your monetary gift to the church office.



Please continue to keep Yennifer and her family in your prayers during this time. Following is a letter we received in December from Yennifer extending her gratitude for the monetary support she has received from the members of Movable UMC.

*Dear Godparents,  
Receive an attentive greeting hoping that you are in good health and are enjoying the abundant blessings of our almighty God.*

*The reason for this letter is to thank you for the support given since my wish is to continue with my studies, be able to graduate and become an important person. At present, I do not have the financial resources to cover expenses, but with the financial support that you provide me, I can make my dreams come true.*

*My purpose is to be a teacher and with your support I will be able to reach my goal. Very grateful for the attention and support that you have given me. I say goodbye with love and my God bless you.*

Sincerely,

Yennifer Karina Suhul Simaj

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## 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.



February 10, 2021  
12:30 Luncheon  
Luncheon: Terri Koehn

### "PDK" - Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Bath Hand Towel – No kitchen towels
- 1 Adult Tooth Brush – No multipacks
- 1 Bath Washcloth – No kitchen dishcloths
- 1 Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger
- 1 Comb – sturdy - no rattail or picks
- 1 Bar Soap – 3-4 oz.
- 1 Razor – with guard
- 1 Shampoo – 15-18 oz
- 1 Nail Clippers – no files or emery boards
- 1 Deodorant – 2-3 oz. stick, roll on, or pump
- 10 Band-aid—3/4 x 3

"Fill us with your love every morning. Then we will sing and rejoice all our lives." (Psalm 90:14)

## 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/Movable%20United%20Methodist%20Church)

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

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

**Instagram:** at movable-umc

