



Menville United Methodist Church

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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	BUDGETED
Y-T-D Expenses Through March	\$19,139	\$22,225
Y-T-D Income through March	\$20,337	\$22,225
April Income Received	\$7361	\$7508
Wkly Ave Inc Rcvd (Last 4 wks)	\$1840	\$1733

From the Pastor's Desk

WHERE IS THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GOING?

The Administrative Council of Menville UMC wants you to be aware and informed as to what the Bishop and Appointive Cabinet of the Iowa Annual Conference are calling "Leading Now and Into the Future". Hopefully, after reading this you will have a better understand of what the future of the Iowa UM Church will look like. To read more about this go to the iaumc.org website and follow the link "Leading Now and Into the Future". The quote below is from the documents you will find there.

"Bishop Laurie Haller, and the Appointive Cabinet, in consultation, conversation and collaboration with a representative body of Iowa United Methodist traditional, centrist, and progressive compatibilists, the Ezekiel Team, and our conference Boards of Trustees, Pensions, and Finance and Administration (CFA), offer a new way forward as we live into the future of the Iowa Annual Conference. The way forward is informed by Bishop Laurie's "Vision 2032: where relationships are more important than theological convictions, innovation, creativity, and imagination is more important than stagnation, rigidity, scared cows, and the status quo, and our primary focus is on the Great Commission and the Great Commandment."

The vision focuses on the topic of how to move forward in our ministry as a church of Jesus Christ in light of the stagnation we face related to same gender marriage. With the decision to again postpone General Conference to 2024, there are those who feel the need to become unstuck as a church.

In summary, if a local church or pastor sees hosting or officiating at a same gender wedding as an expression of their ministry of the Gospel then they need to be allowed to do so. Likewise, if a local church or pastor do not see that as authentic to their mission and ministry, they will not be forced to do so.

This does not reflect a change to The Book of Discipline (only the General Conference can do that). What this means is that the Bishop and the Appointive Cabinet will no longer prosecute pastors who perform same gender marriages or local churches that host same gender marriages.

What this means for us here in Menville is that a decision will need to be made to either adhere to the Book of Discipline or to disregard it. Your Administrative Council believes that this is not a decision to be made by the small number of people, but by the larger congregation after thorough discussion and vote on whether or not to allow same gender wedding ceremonies on local church property. The direction that the leaders of the Iowa Annual Conference have chose is clear.

WHAT ABOUT the GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH?

The Wesleyan Covenant Association (the Traditionalist group within the United Methodist Church) holds it's Sixth Global Gathering on Saturday, May 7, 2022 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The event will be simulcast and will be an opportunity to understand more about the Global Methodist Church which will be formally launched May 1, 2022. The simulcast site nearest us is Wesley United Methodist, 3700 Indian Hills Dr., Sioux City.

The newly formed Global Methodist Church differs from the present United Methodist Church on many key issues. Specifically, on the issue of human sexuality, the Global Methodist Church prohibits openly non-celibate homosexual or transgender bishops and clergy. The United Methodist Church allows openly non-celibate homosexual or transgender bishops and clergy. In the Global Methodist Church clergy are not allowed to perform same-sex marriages if they so choose.

For more information and/or to register to attend the simulcast, contact Wesley UMC at 712/239-2382 or www.wesleyumcsiouxcity@gmail.com

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, April 21, 2022

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Jody Weaver, Wes Smith, Pastor Harold Werley, Janice and John Schlotman, Randy Petersen

Harold opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the March 10, 2022, Ad Council meeting were reviewed. Motion by Janice to accept minutes, 2nd by Jody; motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Expenses for 2022 thus far are running very close to budget. Expenses are \$19,139; income is \$20,337. If anyone has specific questions about church finances, please feel free to contact anyone on the Ad Council.

Jeff prepared a comparison of fuel costs used during the time we worshiped in the fellowship hall vs. that used on a normal Sunday in the sanctuary. The difference between the two was quite small. While using the smaller space in the fellowship hall, we saved about \$60 per month or \$15 per Sunday.

Motion by Janice to accept financial report, 2nd by Randy; motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Harold introduced a letter to be included in the newsletter this month. The first section, "Where is the Iowa United Methodist Church Going?" provides information passed along from Bishop Laurie Haller. The second part of the letter gives information about the newly formed Global Methodist Church. For more information on the subject, Wesley UMC in Sioux City will be presenting a simulcast on Sunday, May 1st. Details on how to register for that informative session are included in the letter from Harold.

OLD BUSINESS

We reviewed the current COVID policy that is found on our website and is posted in our church. Motion by Janice to remove the current policy and put together a concise statement regarding "illness" safeguards rather than aimed specifically at COVID. 2nd by Jeff; motion passed.

Jody has four bids for window replacement in our fellowship hall and kitchen area. Some of the bids were for windows only with no installation included. Jody moved to accept the offer from Mullin Awning and Siding which includes windows and installation. Jody, Susan, and Randy will meet with the Mullin representative to finalize the decision on color for the trim and any other outstanding questions. 2nd by Jeff; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

May 8th is Mothers' Day. UMW will be handing out flowers and also serving refreshments in the fellowship hall.

May 15th will be Senior Recognition Day. Reverend Sheryl will perform service that day as we recognize and honor our graduating seniors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENDOWMENT – Committee members met and approved a scholarship for John Groetken at Morningside University.

MISSIONS – Balance in the Guatemalan Student account as of March 31, 2022, is \$614.30.

TRUSTEES – Wes, Jeff and Mary did some outdoor cleanup and trimming of bushes on Saturday, April 9th.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, May 12th, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Krejci

Email Addresses

SEND EMAIL



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.

Community Basket

For the month of May we are collecting peanut butter and/or jelly 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!



Offering & Gifts



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.



United Methodist Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

May 11, 2022 - 12:30 Luncheon
Served by Rochelle Wilson & Sheryl Ashley

"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church"

Ingathering Personal Dignity (health) Kits for Midwest Mission Distribution Center

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| 1 Hand Towel | 1 Shampoo, 15-18 oz. |
| 1 Washcloth | 1 Deodorant, 2-3 oz. |
| 1 Bar Soap, 3-4 oz. | 1 One gallon resealable plastic bag |
| 1 Adult Toothbrush | |

Place all items in the gallon plastic bag.
An additional \$2 donation supplies razor and toothpaste from MMDC



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 first quarter of 2022 the approximate interest values for each were: General \$19,500; Building \$4100; Missions \$300; Special Ministries \$200; Education \$1700. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the MUMC Endowment Fund .

SPECIAL SUNDAY

Native American Ministries

GIVE NOW

Support Native American Awareness Sunday, May 1, with a special offering. Envelopes are available in the foyer and on the offering table at the rear of the sanctuary. This special day offering supports Native Americans. It allows the UMC to collaborate with existing Native ministries, create programs and provide seminary scholarships for UM Native Americans.

SHESLER HALL

Providing transitional housing, life skills, and holistic health to women in need.

In a covenant relationship with the United Methodist Women, National Office

Women with on going mental health needs and those facing homelessness find a safe, caring Christian environment at Shesler Hall. Donations of paper towels, toilet paper, hygiene products, tall kitchen garbage bags, dishwasher powder, paper plates, cleaning supplies, liquid hand soap are needed and of course your prayers for the residents and staff.

Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays

1 Jeff Krejci
John Neely
2 Jeff Schultzen
4 Earl Degen
5 Eric Harris
Ken Mahaney
13 Jan Countryman
15 Larry Koehn
16 Ellen Gallagher
17 Margaret Nissan
18 Rachel Bracy
22 Beth Nielsen
28 Robin Beck
30 Abbygail
Flewelling

Anniversaries

12 Kelly & Susanne Weaver
17 Jim & Mary Utesch
31 Terry & Linda Waugh



Early reminder that worship time will change Sunday, June 6 to 9:30 am.

May 2022 Lectionary

May 2-8
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17

May 9-15
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 23-29
Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14,
16-17
John 17:20-26

May 30- June 5
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, 25-27

May Sermons

May 1 - 3rd Sunday of Easter: John 21: 1-17, "Be a Big Fish for God", Holy Communion
May 8 - 4th Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day): Acts 1: 12-14, "Observer to Believer"
May 15 - 5th Sunday of Easter: Scripture: Acts 11:1-18, "A Clean Sheet"
May 22 - 6th Sunday of Easter: Psalm 67, "Let Us Pray"
May 29 - 7th Sunday of Easter: Revelation 7: 9-17, "Knowing God", Memorial Sunday

May 2022

Each Sunday: Worship 10:15 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10	11 UMW Luncheon 12:30 pm	12 Ad Council Mtg. 7 pm	13	14
15 Senior Recognition	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day	31				

MEMBER CARE

Capsule Sermons

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.
If you're lonely, maybe you're building walls instead of bridges.
There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.
Fortune may find a pot, but your industry must make it boil.
You'll find dollars always do better when accompanied by some sense.
Folks with lots of brass are seldom polished.
Set personal goals, but don't set them in concrete.
Don't itch for things you aren't willing to scratch for.
You can fail many times, but you aren't a failure until you begin to blame someone else.
Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted.

Easter Lilies

Name:	In Memory of:
Chapman Families	Jeannie Crick
Irene Clause	Ray Clause
Larry & Jo Etler	Luke Etler
Donna Flewelling	Marvin Flewelling & David Cross
Jeff & Mary Krejci	Family who has gone before them
Randy & Kathy Petersen	Bernedine Petersen
	LeRoy, LaVonne & Roger Miller
Craig & Deb Sitzmann	Their parents & loved ones
Wes & Carolyn Smith	Their parents & Adam
Diane & Jody Weaver	All their Family that has passed
Rochelle & Roger Wilson	Fanchon & Keith Haddock
	Floyd & Earline Wilson

Mission Moment

Living Heritage Foundation Scholarship Program



Each Sunday you have an opportunity to give a monetary gift to help support Lesly, 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 Lesly and her family in your prayers during this time.

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.



Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month but is welcome any time before that date. 😊

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Class of 2022 seniors will be recognized on May 15th at 10:15 worship service.



Seniors: Halle Dennison, Abby Flewelling, Dallas Jensen
Please wear your cap and gown to worship.
You will sit with your families.

Please keep these young adults in your prayers as they start new adventures in their lives.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." *Joshua 1:9*



The church will be holding it's 60th Celebration on Sunday, August 21. More details to come in future newsletters.

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

