



Menville United Methodist Church

April 2023

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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 February	\$11,033	\$13,986
Y-T-D Income through February	\$32,195	\$14,182
March Income Received	\$5,934	\$6544
Wkly Ave Inc Rcvd (Last 4 wks)	\$1483	\$1636

Sharing the Good Word

by Pastor Sheryl



Words! Aren't words beautiful! I love to use them. I love to hear the sound of them. I love to share them in communication. Words can uplift you to great heights and teach you and bore you, and smash you into the ground. You can do it all with words. What a gift! **God's word calls us to "speak to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs" using our words for "building up in order it might give grace to those who hear." Eph 4:29, 5:19.** It makes you close to God and others to interact on such a level. And what a joy it spreads even after worship for our people to gather over coffee and cookies to share words and ideas with one another.

Preaching God's word is a privilege that is beyond measure. It is like the sound of music and as precious as gold. Well, I pretty much lost this gift recently when I contracted bronchitis. What an ugly word! That word culminates into the word, "Cough, Cough, and Cough." After that the vocal cords feel shredded and become devoid of making any human sound. You are onto; antibiotics, gargling salt water, drinking tea with honey, and not speaking. Finally even Codeine. Not speaking means not communicating, and for me not communicating means not preaching God's Word. What a beautiful gift; God's Word! and what a joy to use it to interact with God and other human beings. From an extrovert's point of view, not being able to communicate means they might as well shrivel up and die.

After missing two worship services and a special community Lenten opportunity to preach, I do feel shriveled up and dying a little. A pastor without words is a Pastor without power. I thank you all for praying for my healing. I believe in healing through prayer but when I don't receive it right away, I wonder if the message is, "Slow down and listen to me for a while." I've been trying, and I hope that by the time you receive this I am talking up a storm of Words of New Life in Jesus Christ!

Coordinating Pastor
Reverend Sheryl Ashley

Office Administrator
Holli Countryman

Music Director
Lisa Fouts

Accompanists
Christina Canning
Rochelle Wilson

Lay Leader
Kevin Fouts

Treasurers
Jeff & Mary Krejci

Ad Council Chair
Susan Hunting

Finance Chair:
Gene Groetken
Vice-Chair:
Scott Gernhart

Member Support & Ed Co-Chair:

Diane Weaver
Co-Chair:
Becky Dahna
Co-Chair:
Kristi Baier

SPRC Chair:
Kirk Scheelhaase
Vice-Chair:
Deb Sitzmann

Trustees Chair:
Jody Weaver
Vice-Chair:
Randy Petersen

UWIF
Janice Schlotman



Palm Sunday worship with Palms - April 2

Come and wave palms with the crowd when we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

Good Friday Worship – April 7, Good Friday

We are trying a Good Friday worship this year. At 7:00 p.m. we will gather to join with Jesus to experience that time of passion before He gives up His life for us.

Easter Breakfast Shared from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

An Easter breakfast will be provided by some great volunteers and you are invited! Join us in the lovely decorated Fellowship Hall

Easter Celebration – April 9, at 10:15

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY, March 21, 2023

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Janice Schlotman, Jody Weaver, Bev Arvin, Gene Groetken, Deb Sitzmann, Kirk Scheelhaase, Lisa Fouts, Pastor Sheryl Ashley, District Superintendent Michel Lundula

Pastor Sheryl opened the meeting with prayer.

REV. DR. MICHEL LUNDULA – expressed his gratitude to all of us for serving on the Ad Council and in other roles in our church. He has been searching for a new pastor for us and feels that God is working with us on this search. Dr. Lundula is hopeful that he will have found a new pastor for us by July 1, 2023. He feels that the best option for us may be to share a pastor with another local church. He recommended keeping the tenants in our parsonage now as that income is very beneficial to us. If the issue of needing a parsonage for a new pastor should become important in the future we will discuss it at that time. He stated that the Conference has resources to move someone forward in the process if there is someone who feels called to serve as a minister, lay preacher, or any other role in the United Methodist Church. He urged us to stay in touch with him as we move forward.

Lisa Fouts wanted to know if the disaffiliation voting that took place in December 2022 was a straw poll and what it means going forward. As noted in both the ballot title and introductory notes of the ballot, the vote was a straw poll to gauge the interest of the members of Merville United Methodist Church in disaffiliating from the United Methodist denomination. With 71% of those voting indicating a desire to remain affiliated with the United Methodist Church, the council will not pursue disaffiliation.

Minutes from the February 9, 2023, meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to accept by Janice, 2nd by Bev; minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We have received very substantial gifts from Doc and Helen Maxwell. The Youth account received \$45,000, bringing that account total to \$70,000. We are extremely grateful to them for this donation and are in the process of coming up with meaningful ideas on how some of the money can be spent.

We are in receipt of \$510 as proceeds from the Souper Bowl meal earlier this year. We will apply this toward the MidAmerican Energy bill for the parsonage to help out our tenants. The tenants have paid rent for December, 2022, and January, 2023; they are still owing for February 2023.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Sheryl thanked all the members of the congregation for filling in for her while she has been out ill with bronchitis.

OLD BUSINESS

The Lenten Breakfast on March 8th in our church was a big success with 40 people attending. Thank you to all who put that together and prepared, served, and cleaned up.

We will be having a breakfast on Easter Sunday from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., followed by Easter worship at 10:15.

Diane will now be the contact for any weather cancellations for services or events. Sheryl will provide Diane with the necessary information to get things posted online and in the media.

NEW BUSINESS

We would like to have a Love Offering to help out the Kim and Larry Hamman family. We have learned of their financial hardship due to medical issues. Anyone wishing to donate may do so during church service. Motion by Bev, 2nd by Jody; motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – Committee will be meeting this Sunday, March 26, after service.

EDUCATION – We have one more Sunday of this session of Adult Sunday School.

MISSIONS – Balance in Guatemalan student account is \$769.57.

SPPR – Still trying to find a custodian for the church. During the interim, Doug Seitzinger has volunteered to clean until June, 1st. Thank you, Doug!

TRUSTEES – Working on getting the automatic doors installed for the handicap-accessible entrance as well as the main church entrance. Randy has worked up the plans and will be meeting with a contractor. Next, the group will be looking at what needs to be done this spring.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH - Hope to have a good turnout at the next monthly meeting, April 12th. Berth Lundula will be the guest speaker and will talk about mission work in the Congo. Potluck meal.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, April 13th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Krejci

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.

SEND EMAIL



Community Basket

For the month of April we are collecting laundry soap 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

OFFERING
WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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
Women
in Faith

April 12, 2023 - 12:30 Luncheon
Potluck

** Berth Lundula will be a guest at UWIF meeting. She will be talking about her mission work in the Congo. All women are invited.

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.

MIDWEST MISSION INGATHERING KIT

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Hand Towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - no multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12.5 - 19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz, stick, roll on or pump
- 1 1 gal Resealable Plastic Bag

Place items in resealable plastic bag
Give separate \$2 donation for razor & tooth paste
Build a complete kit or give individual items
Place in tote under table in entry hallway

A variety of animals are made available to families seeking a better life. Animals provide adequate and a cash income to struggling families. Support the work of Heifer Project with your quarters. Place them in "Rosie" the Cow on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



Moville UMC Social Media Sites

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

You Tube channel: www.youtube.com/MovilleUnitedMethodistChurch

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

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

Instagram: at movilleumc



WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

The family of Loren Neville who passed away January 4
The family of Joyce Rawson who passed away January 22.
~ May God's love and grace be with you always. May He fill your heart
with consolation, Strength and peace.

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.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays

1 Ashton Eaton
 2 Abbi Franson
 3 John Weaver
 Holli Countryman
 5 Jase Manker
 6 Jane Logan
 Sally Gallagher
 11 Becky Schultzen
 Kim Heck
 Kirk Scheelhaase
 13 Howard Logan
 14 Tyler Bauer
 15 Russ Spotts
 Kaytlin Jensen
 19 Denis Stubbs
 Bonnie Johnson
 Linda Flewelling
 Kendall Fouts
 22 Buddie Ann Spotts
 24 Grady Gallagher
 26 Dr. Stee Maxwell
 Keaton Gernhart
 27 Kennison Countryman
 Tim Nielsen

Anniversaries

2 Larry & Betty Ann Epling
 4 T & Holli Countryman
 15 Lloyd & Tami Jenness
 Kirk & Tam Scheelhaase
 21 Doug & Kim Heck
 27 Blaine & Lori Borland
 29 Russ & Buddie Ann Spotts
 30 Denis & Jaine Stubbs



April Lectionary

April 2, 2023

Isiah 50: 4-9a
 Psalm 31: 9-16
 Philippians 2: 5-11
 Matthew 26: 14-27:66

April 9

Acts 10: 34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 Colossians 3: 1-4
 John 20: 1-18

April 16

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32
 Psalm 16
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 John 20: 19-31

April 23

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
 Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
 1 Peter 1: 17-23
 Luke 24: 13-35

April 30

Acts 2: 42-47
 Psalm 23
 1 Peter 2: 19-25
 John 10: 1-10

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion	3	4	5	6	7 Good Friday Service 7 pm	8
Palm Sunday 9 Easter Breakfast 9 –10 am Easter Service 10:15 am	10	11	12 UMW Luncheon 12:30 pm	13 Ad Council 7 p	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

MEMBER CARE

Where to look in the Bible when you...

need rest and peace Matthew 11:28-30
worry Matthew 6:19-34
are lonely or fearful Psalm 23
need peace of mind John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-8
are disappointed by people Psalm 27
grow bitter or critical 1 Corinthians 13
have sinned Psalm 51, 1 John 1
are discouraged Psalm 34
feel God seems far away Psalm 139
think the world seems bigger than God Psalm 90
are sick Psalm 41
feel sorrowful John 14, Psalm 46
are in danger Psalm 91
want courage Joshua 1:1-9
need assurance Romans 8
forget your blessings Psalm 103
are looking for joy Colossians 3
leave home to travel Psalm 121
think of investments Mark 10:17-31
need guidelines for living Matthew 5-7, Romans 12
need rules of conduct Exodus 20:1-17
need to know God's will for your life ... Proverbs 3:1-6

Things to know:

The offering for UMCOR Earthquake Disaster Relief in Turkey was \$246.

The offerings for the Movable Ministerial Transient Ministry from two Lenten Breakfasts totals \$387.

The deadline for Iowa UM congregations wanting to disaffiliate from the denomination is approaching. Those wanting to exit must have held their Special Church Conference in order to be considered for disaffiliation at the Special Annual Conference held in November 2023. To date, 71 Iowa congregations have met the criteria. This is almost 10 percent of Iowa congregations.



Join us for a powerful Passover experience you'll never forget.

The link to the registration is simply: <https://jewsforjesus.org/passover2023>

The broadcast times are: April 5, 2 pm; April 6, 2 pm; April 6, 6 pm; April 7, 2 pm; April 7, 6 pm

Jews for Jesus Executive Director, David Brickner,

will lead you through the connection between the ancient Jewish feast of Passover and the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples. Israel's redemption from slavery through the blood of the Passover lamb is not only one of the central narratives of the Hebrew Scriptures, but it also **paints a powerful portrait of the Messiah who was to come.**



Register online: www.iaumc.org/camps

Moville UMC has available funds to cover the cost of camp events.

Ask Jeff or Mary Krejci for information.



It does not seem like it now, but summer is coming and that means Church Camp. Registration is open for the 2023 camping season at Lake Okoboji UMC Camp. Last year over 400 kids attended an event or week at camp. Some events/weeks fill up quickly, so now is the time to check the camp web site for the list of camp opportunities offered this year.

Midwest Mission News

MM has responded to the devastating earthquake in Turkey. When a disaster strikes, MM does not automatically begin sending items. MM waits for a call from a partner organization in the area. This is because MM never wants to cause more chaos in the affected area, and never assumes what is needed in a particular disaster.

The first shipment of disaster relief left MM on March 10 and contained 24,027 MREs valued at \$40,846. This is part of a \$500,000 donation of Ready to Eat meals (MREs), a totally self-contained complete meal designed for military use.

Later shipments of aid to Turkey will contain Personal Dignity Kits (PKDs), perhaps from Iowa and maybe from Moville.

For more information visit:
<https://www.midwestmission.org>



Marking repentance with the Imposition of Ashes, Sunday, February 26.



Many thanks to Randy Petersen for doing the Carpenter work to create for us a Lenten Candle Cross. One candle is snuffed out each week until on Good Friday when the Christ candle goes dark.



Becky Dahna leading Young Disciples in song.



Lisa Fouts leading worship with music the 3rd Sunday of Lent. Thank you Lisa!!

THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to Jeff and Mary Krejci for stepping in and cleaning the church when we didn't have a custodian.

Thank you to Doug Seitzinger for volunteering to clean for the months of March and April.

WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL!!!