



Menville United Methodist Church

May 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 March	\$15,652	\$20,979
Y-T-D Income through March	\$38,133	\$21,273
March Income Received	\$5,934	\$6544
Wkly Ave Inc Rcvd (Last 4 wks)	\$1437	\$1636

SHARING THE GOOD WORD PASTOR SHERYL ASHLEY

Isn't May one terrific month? We're so ready for it. You never know if it will rain or shine on you, but while my son dedicates his time to planting, right now I'm waiting for apple blossoms to come on the tree that hangs down over my picture window. It's like God handing me a bouquet from heaven. Soon after bursting into bloom they fall onto my sidewalk like a fragrant snow. Maybe it's the amazing aroma of May that makes it so desirable.

May is such a busy time, and of course Mother's Day and graduation and Memorial Day and a wedding or two...all of them requiring flowers.

May brings to mind the verse from Ephesians 5:1-2, "Therefore be imitators of God as beloved children, and live in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

God loves good smells too. He made the world to be full of the perfume of his Son's loving sacrifice for us. To some that sacrifice smells better than to others, depending upon whether you desire to inhale the scent of heaven or not. And Pentecost (also in May this year) reminds us that we are to carry that life-giving scent forward, empowered by the wind of God's Holy Spirit.

Above all things that waft upward and outward emulating from us that God treasures, is our praise to him. I once attended an Evangelism workshop and was privileged to hear Royal Speidel, who served as a "Distinguished Evangelist in Residence for the General Board of Discipleship." What a blessing he was. It touched my soul when he shared the words of a prayer that he spoke daily and often, that had made a difference in his life. He said that he has prayed it thousands of times and it has even brought him healing from pain. It is simply this mantra:

"Father God, I love you. Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior, I love you. Holy Spirit, God, I love you."

As the church, we might try saying it to see what pours down from heaven when we offer up praise to God in such a supreme love language. When I offer up that love message to God, I can feel the warmth of His Spirit sweep over me like a fragrance of falling apple blossoms.

The uniqueness of May could last a long time if we praised God so fully and completely. It could make laying down our lives for Christ and others smell like the sweetness of a privilege rather than the scentless odor of obedience.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY April 13, 2023

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Janice Schlotman, Jody and Diane Weaver, Deb Sitzmann, Kirk Scheelhaase, Pastor Sheryl Ashley, Randy Petersen

Pastor Sheryl opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the March 21, 2023, meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to accept by Janice, 2nd by Jeff; minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jeff noted that the year-to-date income exceeds budget due to year-end giving deposited in January and a single major gift to the General Fund. March giving was \$5900 – budgeted amount is \$7000.

The Building Fund activity shows us paying \$1674 for the second half of parsonage property taxes. Like most other properties in Woodbury County, the assessment of the parsonage has gone up from \$187,000 in 2022 to \$245,000 in 2023.

The March collection for our Guatemalan student was \$45, bringing the account total to \$814.57.

Motion by Kirk to accept financial report, 2nd by Jody; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A letter of thanks to the Maxwell family was written by Gene. Mary will write it up on church stationery and have all members of the church sign it on Sunday. Then it will be sent to the Maxwell family.

We discussed the situation with the renters at the parsonage. As of this date, they are three months behind in the rent. We have collected love offerings to assist in paying their city utility bills and have donated the profit from our Souper Bowl meal earlier this year to pay their MidAmerican bill. Jody will ask Harold to visit with them to let them know we are unable to provide any more financial assistance and to ask them what their intentions are for getting the rent caught up. Kirk made motion to move forward on this, Diane 2nd; motion passed.

No NEW BUSINESS was introduced.

FINANCE – Committee met March 26, 2023, and discussed the Maxwell gift to the Youth Account. The committee plans to meet again Sunday, April 16th.

EDUCATION – VBS this summer expects approximately 150 students. Volunteers may be needed – Diane will stay in touch regarding this. The dates for VBS are June 25 – 29.

If youth wish to attend Summer Bible Camp at Okoboji, we will pay the full base cost for them to do so. Any additional charges will be the responsibility of the youth's family. There will be more information coming out about this soon. Older youth under the direction of Becky Dahna will also have their entrance fee to "Risefest" covered by the money in our Youth Group. Motion by Kirk, 2nd Janice; motion passed.

MEMBER SUPPORT AND EDUCATION – Sunday School will be ending on May 7th. Summer service hours of 9:30 will begin on June 4.

SPPR – Still trying to find a custodian for the church.

TRUSTEES – Harold did a walkabout at the parsonage and sent a list of needed maintenance items. Jody reported that some of the items have already been completed and others are in the works.

Randy has been working on getting the automatic doors installed. There is one piece of hardware that we are waiting for and then the work should begin. Contractors have been lined up and will be working once the part has arrived.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – We had a great meeting yesterday with Berth Lundula speaking about her non-profit corporation Compassion Educational Pursuits. Twenty-seven women attended the potluck and program. We will have a voluntary offering at service on Sunday for anyone who would like to contribute to the organization.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, May 11th, 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 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
Women
in Faith

May 10, 2023 - 12:30 Luncheon
Served by Terri Koehn
& Kristy Baier

1 Corinthians 16: 13-14 (NLT)

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous be strong; Do everything in love."

Ingathering News

The Ingathering Task Force has awarded 80 hunger grants to hunger projects across the state of Iowa. Mowile's Community Basket was sponsored by the Mowile UMC and was granted \$250. The awarded funds came from donations contributed to the November 2022 Ingathering.

Midwest Mission Distribution Center News

Midwest Mission has opened a new distribution site in Jefferson, Iowa to better serve in the collection and distribution of supplies for disaster relief and humanitarian aid from the heartland. All future Iowa Ingathering donations of Kits and other items will go to the Jefferson facility instead of the Illinois site and will help decrease transportation costs of donated items.

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

Native American
Ministries

GIVE NOW

Native American Ministries Sunday

This Church wide Special Sunday offering is to recognize and support Native Americans. Gifts allow the UMC to collaborate with existing native ministries, create programs and support seminary scholarships for UM Native Americans. Give any time during May. Info cards and giving envelopes are on the table in the entry hall.

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.



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 2023 the approximate interest values for each were: General \$20,000; Building \$4200; Missions \$300; Special Ministries \$200; Education \$1500. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the MUMC Endowment Fund.

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.



Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays

1 Jeff Krejci
John Neely
2 Jeff Schultzen
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 4 to 9:30 am.**



May 2023 Lectionary

May 7, 2023

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 14, 2023

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 21, 2023

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 28, 2023

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20: 19-23

May 2023

Each Sunday: Worship 10:15 am

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

MEMBER CARE

It's Up To You!

God gave you this day to do as you would.
You can throw it away - or do some good.
You can make someone happy or make someone sad.
What have you done with the day that you had.
You can hand out a smile, or just give them a frown,
You can lift someone up or push someone down.
You can look for a rose or just gather weeds.
What did you do with your beautiful day?
God gave it to you, did you throw it away?

Author unknown

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. 😊

Easter Lilies

Name:	In Memory of:
Sheryl Ashley	Brian Ashley
Donna Flewelling	Marvin Flewelling
Carol Logan	Bob Logan
Howard Logan	Ila Jean Logan
Randy & Kathy Petersen	Bernedine Petersen
	LeRoy, LaVonne & Roger Miller
Craig & Deb Sitzmann	Their parents
Rochelle & Roger Wilson	Fanchon & Keith Haddock
	Floyd & Earline Wilson

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Class of 2023 seniors will be recognized on May 14th at 10:15 worship service.



Seniors:

Delaney Gernhart & Joseph Groetken
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.

UNITED WOMEN of FAITH

27 people attended the potluck and program by Berth Lundula. Though the Congo is rich in minerals it is the poorest country. French is the official language and there are 4 national languages but 100 different languages are spoken in the Congo. There are 110 million people, 400 tribes, 26 Provinces.

Matthew 9:36—When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

In 2015 she started Compassion Educational Pursuits because the girls in the Congo were not getting a chance to go to school. Later she also included boys that needed help. They needed uniforms, shoes, supplies plus tuition of \$20-100. Other things they have donated are sewing machines, and food—corn meal, oil and fish. The schools have 10 desks for 100 children. Last year they provided for 180 tuitions and 140 uniforms.

Her daughter was exposed to malaria just before they moved to the United States. She recovered because of the good care she received. She was so grateful that she started to sell cookies to raise money to buy mosquito nets back to the children of the Congo. Her mission continues to grow.

If you would like to support this mission or just to learn more:
Compassion Educational Pursuits
PO Box 234, LeMars, Iowa 51031



Moville UMC Social Media Sites

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

You Tube channel: www.youtube.com/MovilleUnitedMethodistChurch

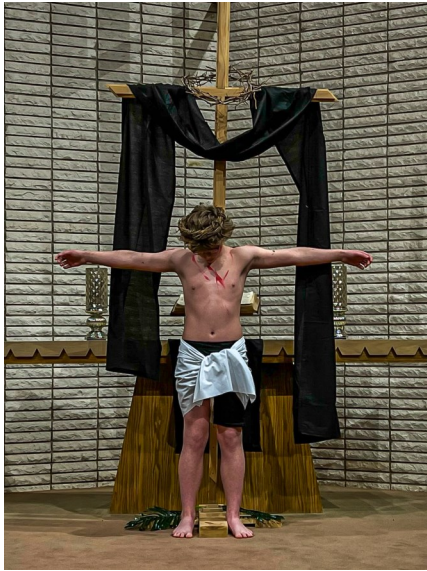
Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/movilleumc>

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

Instagram: at movilleumc



The Good Friday presentation of the Stations of the Cross was uplifting with Dana Flewelling as Jesus on the cross. Scripture reading by Denis Stubbs, meditations by Pastor Sheryl, and prayers by Kathy Petersen. The choir added wonderful music and sound effects. Lisa Fouts sang two touching Solos and many thanks to Susan Hunting for the power pint of each scene of the cross. Thank you to all for this evening that set the stage for the death and resurrection of our Lord.



Good Friday Service.
Dana Flewelling as Jesus
Pictures by Pam Clark



Thank you to all of those who help prepared and shared in our Easter Sunday breakfast. It was wonderful!



Thank you to our young adults for the Easter readings and helping in the kitchen with Easter breakfast. Dana Flewelling, Delaney Gernhart, Keaton Gernhart, Joe Groetken and Kaytlin Jensen. Also thank you to Becky Dahna for organizing it.



Young Disciples helping Pastor tell the Easter story from the contents of their Easter Eggs.