



Menville United Methodist Church

August 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 June	\$31,025	\$43,058
Y-T-D Income through June	\$58,037	\$42,546
June Income Received	\$6963	\$6544
Wkly Ave Inc Rcvd (Last 4 wks)	\$1309	\$1636

Starting August 6th worship service will be held at 9 am.



*Come and meet
Pastor Eric
Sayonkon
Pronounces
SAY-awn-kawn
August 6th, 9am*

Please join us welcome Pastor Eric along with his wife Pastor Eboni, and children Luke and Abigail.

Pastor
Reverend Eric Sayonkon

Office Administrator
Holli Countryman

Treasurers
Jeff & Mary Krejci

Council Chairman
Susan Hunting

Finance & Stewardship
Scott Gernhart

Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations
Kirk Scheelhaase

Education

Sunday School
Melissa Dahna

Youth Fellowship

Endowment
Randy Petersen

Lay Leader
Kevin Fouts

Missions
Bev Arvin

Member Care
Janice Schlotman

Memorials
Jo Etler

Music Director
Lisa Fouts

Accompanist
Christina Canning
Rochelle Wilson

Trustees
John Weaver

UMW
Janice Schlotman

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR ERIC SAYONKON

Revelation 21:13 reminds us that God is the Alpha and the Omega, The First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. We are in a time of transition to new beginnings.

I am grateful for the ministry of Pastor Sherly Ashley and the care and leadership team of Menville UMC. We trust that God is present with us at all times and places. Our faith tradition embraces transformation and new beginnings. Regardless of what changes occur, our hope is in Christ, and his love binds us together.

As I begin my ministry with you, I am committing to hope in God's power to make everything new. There will be new blessings, trials, and challenges, but God will work all things for our good and His Glory. New beginnings always remind us of our limitations and our need to trust in God. God has a plan for our life. (Jeremiah 29:11)

May God's grace be with us every step of the way to share his love and mission with our community. My family and I are excited to be part of your Menville United Methodist Church.

Grace to you, and God bless you!

Pastor Eric Sayonkon

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY July 13, 2023

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Janice Schlotman, Jody and Diane Weaver, Kirk Scheelhaase, Pastor Sheryl Ashley, Harold Werley, Bev Arvin, Gene Groetken, Deb Sitzmann

Sheryl opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the June 8, 2023, meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to accept by Gene, 2nd by Janice; minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly giving for the month of June was about the same as our budget amount.

Monthly activity in the Building Fund: \$40 paid for boiler certificate, March parsonage rent of \$1100 was received. The current balance in the Building Fund is \$56,344.

Guatemalan Student collection for June was \$81.00, bringing that account total to \$531.51.

We received a letter from Security Bank telling us the Corey Gifford account has been changed to a Money Market Gold Plus account. It will now receive a higher interest rate and we must maintain an account balance of at least \$25,000 to avoid a monthly maintenance fee.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE NAME - For clarification, moving forward we will refer to the committee chaired by Kirk as SPRC (Staff, Parish Relations Committee) rather than the former SPPR title. Motion by Gene, 2nd by Sheryl; motion passed.

RISEFEST - Becky Dahna submitted a written report that Risefest was a huge success. She provided photos that have been included in the July newsletter.

VBS - Diane shared that VBS this year was also very successful and fun! 89 youngsters took part in the activities. She had many “helpers” who volunteered to assist her. Thank you to all who helped make these events so enjoyable for our youth.

DOORS – Most of the work on our automatic doors has been completed. The electrician will be hooking up the “push plates” soon.

TENANTS – Our parsonage tenants are currently 4 months behind in rent. Harold sent them a letter and received a text message that they are unable to make up the payments as requested. He will speak with our attorney in regard to moving forward with the termination of their rental lease. Motion by Jody, 2nd by Kirk; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Janice reported that the Movable Senior Center needs major repairs to its structure. She asked that they be allowed to use our fellowship hall for fundraisers. According to our church yearbook, they would be allowed to use it at no charge to them.

Kirk reported that he has been working with District Superintendent Michel Lundula and they have lined up a shared pastor for our church. We do not have the name of the new pastor at this time. We do know that we will be sharing the pastor with Grace United Methodist Church in Correctionville. The total salary package for the new pastor will be split between the two churches with Movable UMC being responsible for 43%, and Correctionville covering 57%. Church service at Movable will be at 9:00 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. in Correctionville. The minister will live in the parsonage in Correctionville. He will begin his duties on August 1st, with his first church service held here in Movable at 9:00 a.m. August 6th, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MISSIONS – Leslie, our Guatemalan student, will be going into 10th grade this year. We will be paying \$650 for her annual tuition. Our contribution for the “Lifting Up Our Student” program this year is \$1100. Diane Dreves will come speak to our women’s group later this year about the Guatemalan student sponsorship program.

We are collecting school supplies for Woodbury Central Elementary School students. A list of needed supplies is available in the church hall and in the weekly bulletin.

EDUCATION – Diane announced that there will be a fundraiser ball game to raise funds for Woodbury Central students. It will involve adults and children. All Menville churches will be included.

Becky hopes to be done with Confirmation classes by fall. Then we will set a time for the Confirmation church service.

Diane and her group have been working on plans for this year’s Sunday School. The kickoff will be September 10th. The menu will be taverns and side dishes.

Diane made a motion to send \$300 to the VBS account for our share of expenses this year, 2nd by Kirk; motion passed.

FINANCE – Committee met June 29th. They will be setting guidelines for the use of the funds from the Maxwell family. Those funds will be available for post-secondary education. They will meet again July 30th after service. Please send your interest to the church office by August 10th .

Deb will send a personal note to Terri Radig thanking her for playing at the Father’s Day service. It was a beautiful way for her to honor her father, George Allan, as well as all our fathers.

Jeff reported that we have paid three bills for our electronic doors; \$718 to Burke Engineering (door parts), \$6640 to Shane’s Glass (door openers), and \$720 to Klemmensen Commercial Doors (panic bars.) We have a balance in the Ray Clause Memorial Fund. Motion by Diane, 2nd by Janice to move this money into the Accessibility Account to apply toward the new doors. Motion passed.

He reported that we have been carrying a balance of \$1840.06 in the Anniversary Fund. Motion by Kirk, 2nd by Gene to move that money into the Building Fund to be applied toward the new windows in the Fellowship Hall. Motion passed.

TRUSTEES – The old copier has been removed from our church. The neighbors have their fence up and it looks nice. We have a large tree limb down in front of the church. Jody will get that removed soon. He will be working on getting the exit walk-through of the parsonage scheduled.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – Annual Soup and Pie will be September 15th.

SPRC – We will pay Sheryl additional salary for the dates she has preached beyond two Sundays per month. This should amount to a total of eight Sundays at \$175.00 each. Motion by Kirk, 2nd by Janice; motion passed.

Sheryl noted that she has thoroughly enjoyed her time spent at our church and working with our Ad Council. The feeling was mutual. We wish her the very best.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, August 10th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Krejci

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 second quarter of 2023 the approximate interest values for each were: General \$19,300; Building \$4000; Missions \$300; Special Ministries \$200; Education \$1400. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the MUMC Endowment Fund."



ENDOWMENT FUND

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 August we are collecting socks 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.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The finance committee is looking at utilizing a financial gift from the Doc and Helen Maxwell family targeted to youth to provide scholarships to post-secondary members of our church. This includes vocational and formalized education in a community college or a four-year school. More details will be forthcoming, once we have an approximate idea of who would be wanting to apply for the scholarships. If you have a youth that has completed high school and are interested in being considered for these funds, please send an inquiry to the church e-mail (mumchurch@wiatel.net) no later than August 10th. Thank you.

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.



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.

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.

Ingathering Student Kits for Midwest Mission Distribution Center

Student Kits

- 3 Notebooks, - 1 subject spiral 8 x 10.5
- 1 ruler 12' long with metric
- 6 unsharpened pencils
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pencil eraser 2' or larger
- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pair of student scissors
- 1 one handle cloth bag



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](https://www.instagram.com/movilleumc)



Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays

- 9 Donna Strohbehn
- 11 Shawna Dennison
- 17 Darlene Davis
Mary Bruce
- 18 Brad Koele
- 24 Dax Weaver
- 25 Logan Jensen
- 27 Gene Belknap
- 30 Waneta Van Drunen little
- 31 Kathy Petersen
Gloria Koele

Anniversaries

- 1 Jeff & Becky Schultzen
- 2 Curt & Leneah Havlicek
- 6 Scott & Lori Watts
- 9 John & Marcia Neely
- 11 John & Janice Schlotman
- 15 Jason & Denise Petersen
- 26 Mike & Kathy Crawford

August 6, 2023

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 13, 2023

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 20, 2023

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

August 27, 2023

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 31, 2023

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



UMW Soup & Pie Luncheon

Friday, September 15th 11:00 am - 1:00 pm



A bake sale will be held at the same time as the luncheon. Baked items are needed. Volunteers are needed to help cook soup on Thursday morning, set up on Friday morning, kitchen help during the luncheon, dining room workers, a couple people to work the bake sale and cashier for the bake sale.

Sign up sheets will be sent around during worship. Thank you!

A reminder that worship service is now at 9:00 am

August 2023

Each Sunday: 9:30 am

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

A Word of Thanks to my dear friends at Moville UMC – July 23, 2023

I sat down tonight to read the lovely letters and notes you gave me at my farewell. Before I get any farther out of your presence I want to thank you for all the spoken and written words that let me know how much our time together meant. Thank you also Sandy for all the delicious acts of love you baked up for my farewells and every Sunday's fellowship. To those who have worked the sound, the videos, the visuals, the music, what marvelous dedication you have. And for all of you who have entrusted me to pray for your joys and concerns on Sundays and all through the week, what a blessing. As for the children and Lily's drawing, well you know I loved that best:-) Thank you all for sharing this piece of the Kingdom with me. – Pastor Sheryl



MEMBER CARE

God Speaks

The man whispered "God, speak to me"
And a meadowlark sang
But the man did not hear.

So the man yelled "God speak to me!"
And the thunder rolled across the sky
But the man did not listen.

The Man looked around & said,
"God let me see you",
And a star shone brightly But the man did not notice.

The man shouted "God show me a miracle,"
And a life was born.
But the man did not know.

So the man cried out in despair
"Touch me God & let me know that you are here!"
Whereupon God reached down & touched the man.
But the man brushed the butterfly away & walked on.

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way you expect.

A few pictures from VBS that was held the last week of June. (Pictures by Becky Dahna)

