



# Menville United Methodist Church

March 2024

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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
YTD Income (incl rent) thru January	\$7,422	\$8,905
YTD Expenses thru January	\$7,331	\$8,557
February Member Giving	\$5771	\$7,638
Wkly ave. Member Giving (last 4 wks)	\$1435	\$1763

## EASTER IS OUR GREAT HOPE

"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you (Matthew 28: 5-7

Easter is about renewal and promise, the promise of spring, the renewal of life to nature around us and our renewal in celebration of Easter. Easter, for the church, is the most important climax of our story. N. T Wright writes, "The message of Easter is the God's new world unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're invited to belong" Each of us belong because of the complete work of Jesus on the cross for our redemption and reconciliation.

Death is not the end of our story and the resurrection is our faithful promise. We have hope to live for because Jesus defeated death and is victorious.

Thanks be to God! Have a blessed Happy Easter!

Christ is our Hope,

Pastor Eric Sayonkon

**Pastor**  
Reverend Eric Sayonkon

**Office Administrator**  
Holli Countryman

**Music Director**  
Elizabeth Ross

**Accompanists**  
Christina Canning  
Rochelle Wilson

**Lay Leader**

**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

## Community Lenten Breakfasts

Join with members of Menville's faith communities for Wednesday morning breakfast gatherings. The host congregation will provide breakfast and one of the pastors will lead in a devotion and worship time. Breakfast time this year is **7:30 am** and the program will conclude around 8:15 am. A free will offering in support of the Menville Ministerial Association's Transient Ministry will be received in the food line. You are invited to make this part of your Lenten journey.

### Breakfast Schedule:

Breakfast Schedule:	Host church	Devotional Leader
March 6	UMC	Pastor Nate
March 13	New Hope (Community Center)	Pastor Eric



**LAKE OKOBOJI**  
UNITED METHODIST CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Another summer camping season will soon be here. LOUMC is gearing up to receive this year's campers noting that over 350 campers age 4 to 70's were served last year and as it has served campers for over 107 years. Check the camp website ([okoboji.camp2iaumc.org](http://okoboji.camp2iaumc.org)) for the camp schedule. Menville UMC has funds available to help pay the cost of attending camp. Contact Pastor Harold for information.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY February 8, 2024**

PRESENT: Pastor Eric, Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Janice and John Schlotman, Gene Groetken, Kirk Scheelhaase

Susan opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the January 11, 2024, meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to approve by Janice, 2nd by Gene; minutes approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Holli provided us with an update on the pledge cards that were mailed out: 16 have been returned, with 8 of those having an increase in their giving. Monthly contributions increased by \$420 per month.

Jeff made changes to the financial table that appears in our weekly bulletin. It will now differentiate how the parsonage rent is shown.

Both giving and expenses for January, 2024, were below budget.

We will be working on conducting an annual financial audit of our church records.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Ash Wednesday service will be held February 14th, at 6:30 p.m. in our church. The choir from Correctionville will be performing with our choir. Members from Rock Branch have been invited. Pastor Eboni Sayonkon will assist Pastor Eric with the service. Cookies and coffee will be served afterwards.

Pastor will be leading a Lenten Study at 6:00 p.m. on the Thursdays of Lent beginning February 22. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all sessions.

Pastor would like to have a sign-up list for anyone who is interested in doing the scripture readings on Sundays.

Pastor will be involved in interviewing annual conference candidates for ordination.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Gene reported that eight scholarship applications have been processed and checks written.

Mission donations are on target for us to be able to meet our requirements for our Guatemalan student's tuition for the upcoming year. Our current balance in that account is \$1361.60.

The 2024 Yearbook has been updated, printed, and is available in the church lobby. Thank you, Holli. It looks good! Next year we will begin the update process earlier with Holli providing the council a draft version to review and update where necessary. We will return any updates to her in time to get the Yearbook printed and available in January.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Community Lenten Breakfast will be held in our church on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 a.m.

Pastor Nate will give the devotional message.

Thank you to all the "snow movers" who cleared our parking lot and sidewalks.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

TRUSTEES – Motion by Jeff, second by Gene to move ahead with the removal of the tree in the backyard of the parsonage.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – Meeting is on Wednesday, February 14th. We will be having a guest speaker, author Donna Young.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, March 14th. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. in order to have time to attend the Lenten Study that evening at 6:00 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 [movilleunitedmethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:movilleunitedmethodistchurch@gmail.com) or call the church office at 712/873-5117.

SEND EMAIL



## Community Basket

For the month of March we are collecting paper products 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

March 13, 2024

12:30 luncheon

Served by Rochelle Wilson and Mary Krejci

"And whatever you do; whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus; giving thanks to God the Father through Him." *Colossians 3: 17*

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.



## 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 - 12-19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 Lotion - 8-10 oz
- 1 1-gal resealable plastic bag
- \$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag, per kit.

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

## 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.

## Easter Lily Orders



Flower orders have to be sent in by **Tuesday, March 12**. The cost is \$20.00 and must be prepaid before the order is sent in. There will be a clipboard in the entryway of the church along with an envelope to place your money in. You can also mail your order to the church office. The flowers will be delivered **Tuesday, March 19** and will be available to take home Easter Sunday. Thank you.

## Moville UMC Social Media Sites

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

**You Tube channel:** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) Moville United Methodist Church

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

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

**Instagram:** at [movilleumc](https://www.instagram.com/movilleumc)



# Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

## Birthdays

4 Chance Guthridge  
 5 Jaydin Haggin  
 Sawyer Nielsen  
 6 Blaine Borland  
 9 Nicole Jensen  
 11 Terri Koehn  
 12 Arvin Daniels  
 13 Keaton Fish  
 15 Austin Flewelling  
 20 Chuck French  
 21 Sherri Harris  
 24 Larry Etler  
 Willa Manker  
 Mary Lou Tabke  
 26 Susan Hunting  
 Lacey Stubbs  
 28 Leneah Havlicek  
 29 Maurice Arvin  
 31 Jaine Stubbs

## Anniversaries

4 Jeff & Mary Krejci  
 20 Larry & Terri Koehn  
 23 Brad & Gloria Koele

### UMCOR SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERING

The official date of UMCOR Sunday is March 10, 2024, but the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief is ongoing and support is always needed to respond to human need. The Special Sunday offering underwrites the operating costs of UMCOR for personnel, transportation shipping of actual supplies to where needed. This allows UMCOR to 100 per cent of disaster donations to work in the field. Information cards and Special Sunday offering envelopes are on the table in the entry way.

## March Lectionary 2024

### March 3

Exodus 20: 1-17  
 Psalm 19  
 I Corinthians 1: 18-25  
 John 2: 13-22

### March 10

Number 21: 4-9  
 Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22  
 Ephesians 2: 1=10  
 John 3: 14-21

### March 17

Jeremiah 31: 31-34  
 Psalm 51: 1-12  
 Hebrews 5: 5-10  
 John 12: 20-33

### March 24

Isaiah 50: 1-9a  
 Psalm 31: 9-16  
 Philippians 2: 5-11  
 Mark 14: 1-15; 47

### March 31

Acts 10: 34-43  
 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-224  
 I Corinthians 15: 1-11  
 John 20: 1-18



Tuesdays from 9 am—3 pm.

## March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 <i>Communion</i>	4	5	6 Lenten breakfast At MUMC 7:30 am	7 <b>Lenten Study 6 p</b>	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12	13 Lenten breakfast At Community Center (New Hope) 7:30 am <b>UWiF 12:30 pm</b>	14 <b>Ad Council 5 pm</b> <b>Lenten Study 6 p</b>	15	16
17	18	19	20 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	21 <b>Lenten Study 6 p</b>	22	23
24 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	25	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday Service at Grace Methodist at C-ville	29 Good Friday	30
31 <b>Easter Service 9 am</b>						