



Menville United Methodist Church

August 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 June	\$41,412	\$53,432
YTD Expenses thru June	\$50,211	\$53,757
July Member Giving	\$8075	\$7,638
Wkly ave. Member Giving (last 4 wks)	\$2018	\$1763

The month of August is full of transition. There is school shopping, the state fair, Labor Day, and everything else. It is also a time to start focusing on returning to the routine. I hope that as we get deeper into August, you will be sure to get connected to the church in different ways in serving. Starting August 11, our new Sermon Series will be from the book **Ephesians: We're Family**"



Life is challenging but more complicated when we do it alone. That is why it is so amazing to live a life of faith, as we live and serve together as a church family. We are never alone because God is with us. The scripture says, **"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up"** (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10.)

Our calling as followers of Jesus Christ is always to take the next step in our faith journey to grow and build each other up in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. God continues to do amazing things here through our many different ministries. I am thrilled to be a part of the community we've established and to support all of you as you join in on the ministries throughout the church. God is at work; can you see it?

God is good all the time! May God bless you as we work together for God's glory!

Serving Together,
Pastor Eric Sayonkon

- Pastor**
Reverend Eric Sayonkon
- Office Administrator**
Hollie Countryman
- Music Director**
Elizabeth Ross
- Accompanists**
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:
Kristy Baier
- SPRC Chair:**
Kirk Scheelhaase
Vice-Chair:
Deb Sitzmann
- Trustees Chair:**
Jody Weaver
Vice-Chair:
Randy Petersen
- UWIF**
Janice Schlotman

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 2024 the approximate interest values for each were: General \$24,300; Building \$4800; Missions \$340; Special Ministries \$200; Education \$2100. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the MUMC Endowment Fund.



ENDOWMENT FUND

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY July 11, 2024

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Janice Schlotman, Diane and Jody Weaver, Harold Werley, Bev Arvin, Deb Sitzmann

Susan opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the June 13, 2024, meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to approve by Janice, 2nd by Diane; minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

With the end of the second quarter, we are halfway through the year. The good news is that our general account balance is \$101,500. The bad news is that balance is declining on average nearly \$2000 per month. So while the current balance is good, the declining trend is not good. June weekly giving was \$4700 and budgeted amount is \$7600. We must give some thought to what more we can do to encourage financial growth for our church through increased membership.

We have sent in the bi-annual payment of \$550 for our Guatemalan student. June collection was \$70, leaving a balance of \$800.75 in that account.

OLD BUSINESS

Harold will continue to attempt collection of \$5500 back rent from our previous parsonage tenant. He has a current address for her and will make contact with her in an attempt to negotiate payment arrangements on this back bill as well as the unpaid utilities from her time in the parsonage.

NEW BUSINESS

It is time to look at replacements for current committee members whose terms are coming to an end in 2024. Committee chairs should contact those whose terms end in 2024 to see if they want to serve another term or take a break. That will give us an idea of how many committee vacancies will have to be filled. Nominations for those vacancies will be coordinated by SPRC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE - Committee met July 1. Free-will offerings at Fellowship each week will be designated as follows: Week 1 - Community Basket; Week 2 - Guatemalan Student Scholarship; Week 3 - Heifer Fund; Week 4 - Iowa Disaster Fund (from April - September) and The Warming Shelter (from October - March). From the contributions each week, \$10 will be used for fellowship food and supplies for our growing Fellowship meal. For the 5th Week (in months when it is present) the free will offering will be used for Fellowship food and supplies. Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Janice; motion passed.

MEMBER SUPPORT AND EDUCATION - Vacation Bible School had an excellent participation this year; over 90 children attended. Liz provided the musical accompaniment. We will contribute \$300 to the VBS fund at the bank, as we have in the past. Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Deb; motion passed.

SPRC - Denis Stubbs has agreed to serve as Lay Leader for 6 months of the year. We are looking at filling the other 6 months with a combination of two others from our congregation.

TRUSTEES – Have replaced a battery in the front door. The north door was rubbing on its threshold so that was fixed also. It was suggested that there should be a walk-through of the parsonage soon.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – Are not meeting this month or next. The first event of the fall period will be the Homecoming Soup and Pie on September 13th.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, August 8th, 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 or call the church office at 712/873-5117.

SEND EMAIL



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.

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.

MEMBER CARE

Cell Phone vs. Bible

What would happen if we treated our bible like we treat our cell phones?
What if we carried it around in our pockets?
What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
What if we used it as we traveled or in case of an emergency?
Unlike our cellphones, we don't have to worry about our Bible being Disconnected.....
Because Jesus already paid the bill!

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!



Mission Moment

Living Heritage Foundation Scholarship Program

Another school year, February to November, has begun for Leslie Jimenez who lives in Western Guatemala. Menville UMC is providing scholarship funds for a third year as Leslie enters 10th grade. We also fund her participation in "Lifting Up my Student" which provides support with online courses and private tutors to help with subjects at school. Leslie's scholarship is totally funded by your donations (no money comes from the church budget). One-half of Leslie's yearly scholarship of \$1,100 has been paid. A container remains on the table at the back of the sanctuary for your donation. Your help is really appreciated for the 2024 school year.



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

Place all items in the plastic grocery bag
A separate \$2 donation helps with shipping costs

Menville UMC Social Media Sites

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

You Tube channel: [www.youtube.com Menville United Methodist Church](http://www.youtube.com/Menville%20United%20Methodist%20Church)

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

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

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



Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays

9 Donna Strohbehn
 11 Shawna Dennison
 17 Darlene Davis
 Mary Bruce
 18 Brad Koele
 24 Dax Weaver
 25 Logan Jensen
 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 LECTIONARY

August 4

2 Samuel 11: 26-12:13a
 Psalm 51: 1-12
 Ephesians 4: 1-16
 John 6: 24-25

August 11

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19
 Psalm 130
 Ephesians 4: 1-16
 John 6: 24-25

August 18

1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14
 Psalm 84
 Ephesians 5: 15-20
 John 6: 51-58

August 25

1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43
 Psalm 111
 Ephesians 6: 10-20
 John 6: 56-69



UMW Soup & Pie Luncheon

Friday, September 13th 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!

August 2024

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