



Menville United Methodist Church

September 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 July	\$51,276	\$62,337
YTD Expenses thru July	\$57,715	\$62,313
August Member Giving	\$5355	\$7,638
Wkly ave. Member Giving (last 4 wks)	\$1338	\$1763

Dear Church Family, Grace and Peace to you all!

I love back to school time. The school supplies fill sections of stores, the long days of summer transitioning to routines, school parking lots become more populated, and marching bands gather in fields to practice.



For me, the beginning of a new school year is full of possibilities and learnings. When I think about a new school year beginning, I am always reminded that our God is the God of new beginnings. Lamentations tells us that God's mercies are new each morning,

Revelation records these words of Jesus, "Behold, I make all things new", and Paul writes that "if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; The old has gone, the new is here"! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Our God is the God of new beginnings, always calling us to new life, offering us fresh starts, and giving us grace to begin each moment anew. Now is the time to renew and get reconnected with the life of the church and grow our faith in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. God is at work, can you see? Thanks be to God!

Serving Together,
Pastor Eric

- Pastor**
Reverend Eric Sayonkon
- Office Administrator**
Holli 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

Please support Pastor Eric's
LIBERIA MISSION TRIP

Teaching Seminary
Counseling
Supporting school of
the blind




ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY August 7, 2024

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

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the July 11th, 2024, meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to approve by Janice, 2nd by Deb; minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the month of July, 2024, we took in \$1000 over budget, with the help of a fifth Sunday deposit from June 30th. We collected \$37.00 for our Guatemalan student in July, bringing that account total to \$837.75.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Eric spoke about the restructuring in the church that is taking place since General Conference. Our Bishop will be sharing responsibilities for Illinois with the Michigan bishop. This will be in place for the next four years and means an increased workload for these two bishops. East and West Ohio will be combined into one conference. In his position as chairperson of the Commission on Religion and Race, Pastor Eric will be doing training of other pastors to equip them in promoting equity and racial justice in the church. Pastor gave his annual evaluation form to Kirk for SPRC to complete and submit to the Conference by September 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

- Parsonage rent: Harold received a payment plan recommendation from our parsonage renter. In order to catch up missed rent due to her car accident earlier this year, she offered to pay \$210 in addition to her monthly rent of \$1250 until the back balance is cleared up. Motion by Jeff to accept this agreement, 2nd by Jody; motion passed.

- Fall ministry activities/outreach: Pastor asked how we can show our presence in our town. He would like everyone to think of ideas along those lines. He also asked that we be thinking of Christmas outreach and plans to involve the community in that. He views this as a challenge to each one of us to think of ideas along those lines.

- Pastor's Mission Trip: Pastor Eric would like to take a mission trip to Africa soon. He would like to spend two weeks teaching at a seminary there. He said there is a blind school in that area that can use school supplies, shoes, clothing, and such. After the Civil War in Liberia, he would like to be able to counsel people there. He would like to travel there and be back before October 2nd (his birthday.) We will take a free will offering for this purpose.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE - Five scholarship applications have been received. There is some information missing on some of the applications. Gene will contact people to get these completed.

MEMBER SUPPORT AND EDUCATION - Sunday School kickoff will be October 6th.

MISSIONS - Bev read a short letter she received from the Guatemalan student we are supporting.

SPRC - We are happy to welcome Peggy Keiser back as an accompanist. She will be working with Rochelle to provide music each Sunday.

TRUSTEES – Jody had Kalins come out to check our air conditioner. Only one unit was working. Their serviceman got the other one up and running. Jody noted that the units are from 1979. We should be aware of their age as we move forward. Some parts for them are outdated and no longer available.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – Annual Soup and Pie luncheon will be Friday, September 13th. Sign up sheets are available for people to volunteer.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, September 19th, 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Krejci



LIVING HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Dear Sponsors,

Greetings.

Through this letter, I want to tell you a little bit of what I have been doing these past few months.

Thank God my family is doing well.

I'm doing my best at school. This past bimester was very good for me.

I am achieving my goals one by one.

I do my best everyday to fulfill my dreams.

Thank you so much for the support.

I bid farewell for now.

May God and our Mother Mary bless you.

Sincerely,

LESLIE MELISSA XUM JIMENEZ

**21 Avenue 2-18 "A" Zone 3, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, C.A.
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Member Care

Keep Your Chin Up

There is ever a star shining somewhere

There is ever a song in the air.

There is ever a rainbow that's glowing

And the sunbeams are shining somewhere.

There is always a brighter day coming.

There's a turn in the road further on.

For the days cannot always be dreary

And the darkest hour comes before dawn.

So let's lift up our hearts to the sunshine

And let's sing as we journey along.

For most trouble you know, is a coward

And will vanish when met with a song.

Borrowed

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.

Community Basket

For the month of September we are collecting cleaning 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!



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



United Women in Faith

September 11, 2024 - 12:30
Luncheon Served by
Janice Schlotman

All help whether it's food supplies or helping in the kitchen or dining room is much appreciated for the UWIF Soup & Pie Luncheon.

"The Lord announced the word, and great was the company of those who proclaimed it." Psalm 68:11

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.



HEIFER HIGHLIGHTS



Edith, Lubia and Clara are three women shattering gender stereotypes as part of a beekeeping cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico. Beekeeping is traditionally viewed as a male occupation in Mexico, but these women are forging their own path.

After seeing Clara, Edith and Lubia succeed as beekeepers, other women in the village started to question the stereotypes that prevent them from working alongside men. Not only have these three women become trailblazers in their community, they have also become quite successful because of help from Heifer International. Because their honey has its own organic certification, they no longer rely on middlemen for certification and sales. The price they receive for their honey has increased 280 percent.

Your financial support for Heifer allows people to better themselves and improve their lives and their communities. Please continue to "feed" Rosie the cow located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

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

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

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

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



Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays

2 Donna Chapman
 3 Halle Dennison
 5 Peggy Keizer
 6 Lori Watts
 8 Tiffany Manker
 Suzi Larson
 10 Sharon Sands
 11 Donna Flewelling
 13 Chuck Eskov
 14 Shirley Crawford
 Ethan Schultzen
 15 Derl Petersen
 16 Tony Jensen
 21 Haylie Borland
 22 Danielle Betsworth
 24 Deb Petersen
 25 Bobbie Wahlberg
 26 Brittany Kelsheimer
 Terry Waugh
 28 Vicki McElrath
 29 Diane Weaver
 Gene Groetken

Anniversaries

4 Jason & Tiffany Manker
 8 Gary & Susan Chapman
 12 Gary & Mary Bruce
 13 Derl & Linda Petersen
 22 Fred & Sharon Sands
 23 Tom & Shawna Dennison
 Joe & Deb Petersen
 25 Kelly & Donna Chapman
 27 Bill & Becky Dahna
 29 Maurice & Beverly Arvin
 30 Randy & Kathy Petersen

The newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month. PLEASE have all information into the office no later than this date. Anything turned into the office after the 20th will be in next month's newsletter. Thank you.

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER

September 1

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13
 Psalms 45: 1-2, 6-9
 James 1: 17-27
 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 8

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23
 Psalms 125
 James 2: 1-17
 Mark 7: 24-37

September 15

Proverbs 1: 20-33
 Psalms 19
 James 3: 1-12
 Mark 8: 27-38

September 22

Proverbs 31:10-31
 Psalms 1
 James 3: 13-4: 3
 Mark 9: 30-37

September 29

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22
 Psalms 124
 James 5: 13-20
 Mark 9: 39-50



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. **there will be carry outs available, call the church that morning to order them.

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Communion</i>	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 UWiF Luncheon 12:30 pm	12	13 UMW Soup & Pie Luncheon 11a—1 pm	14
15	16	17	18	19 Ad Council 6 pm	20 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					