

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-Ćhair: Kristy 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 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. Email: info@herenciaviva.org

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



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!



SEND EMAIL



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

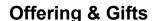
Mission Moment

Living Heritage Foundation Scholarship Program

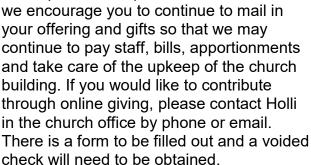
Another school year, February to November, has begun for

Leslie Jimenez who lives in Western Guatemala. Moville 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.



If you are unable to worship with us in-person



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

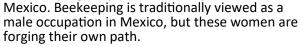
1 box of 24 crayons

1 pair of student scissors

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

HEIFER HIGHLIGHTS

Edith, Lubia and Clara are three women shattering gender stereotypes as part of a beekeeping cooperative in Chiapas,



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.

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

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

Website: http://movilleumc.org or

Instagram: at movilleumc





Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

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

Anniversaries

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

The newsletter deadline is the **20**th 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.



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.

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

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Communion	Labor Day					
8	9	10	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 SLETTER NOTABLIA	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					