



# Menville United Methodist Church

October 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 August	\$56,635	\$71,242
YTD Expenses thru August	\$68,569	\$70,870
September Member Giving	\$3973	\$7,638
Wkly avg. Member Giving (last 4 wks)	\$993	\$1763

## HARVEST BLESSINGS! KEEP SERVING!

Grace and peace to you through the love of Jesus Christ, which binds us together. I want to take this time to express my gratitude for your prayers and support toward my recent mission trip to Liberia, Africa.



I was blessed by students at the seminary where I taught each day and by the various churches where I preached and taught God's word. My heart is filled with joy despite the hardships and challenges people face. It's inspiring to see how the people of Liberia, despite their difficulties, are filled with excitement and joy in celebrating the grace of God. I am glad to be back home, and thanks for your prayers and support.

As we enter the month of October, I am filled with gratitude for our church family and excitement for your commitment to Jesus' mission. We celebrate **World Communion on Sunday, October 6th. We're one in Christ.** We're invited and called to embrace Jesus' mission for our lives as we share God's love. Each of us, with our unique gifts and talents, plays a crucial role in this mission. The Bible says,

***"Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time, we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up" (Galatians 6:9 NLT).***

I believe God will always be there for us, even when we are less sure of His presence than we should be. It can be a comforting moment when we embrace this truth and live each hour, day, week, and month in the joy of our Loving Lord of Life, who gives us every perfect gift. This month, it's the gift of creation's colors. Enjoy the view—thanks be to God!

God bless you,  
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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, September 19, 2024**

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

GUESTS: Stee Maxwell, Rebecca Thomas, Robin Beck/representing the Movable Community Development Association Inc. (MCDAI).

Susan opened the meeting with prayer.

Our guests approached the Ad Council to see if there would be any interest in partnering with the Crittenton Center to use our facilities for a daycare that would serve Movable and surrounding communities. Motion by Diane to have our church be considered for a daycare center, 2nd by Deb; motion passed.

Minutes from the August 7th, 2024, meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to approve by Jeff, 2nd by Jody; minutes approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

For the month of August, our weekly giving was \$2300 below budget.

We collected \$19.00 for our Guatemalan student in August, bringing that account total to \$856.75. Our next payment of \$550.00 tuition will be paid in February, 2025.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Kirk will ask for volunteer(s) to hand out treats from our church at the Movable Halloween Parade.
- Harold is trying to make contact with former parsonage tenant for payment of rent that is owed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Charge Conference will be held at 6:00 p.m. October 27, 2024, at Grace United Methodist Church in Sioux City. Committees should have all Charge Conference reports ready for review by our October Ad Council meeting.

- With the news that Sioux City's Warming Shelter will be closing on October 1, 2024, we discussed what to do with future fellowship donations that would have been given to the Warming Shelter. Motion by Jeff to support the Backpack Program with donations that were previously designated for the Warming Shelter, 2nd by Diane; motion passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

TRUSTEES – The parsonage tenant had trouble with the garage door. Jody contacted Overhead Door company who came out. They were able to fix the problem. The bill for the service call and repair is \$880.00.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – Annual Soup and Pie luncheon on Friday, September 13th was a big success. Thank you to all the volunteers who were a part of that!

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, October 10th, 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Krejci

### **MISSION INGATHERING**

The 2024 Ingathering will be held on Saturday, November 2, 8 am – 11 am at St. Paul's UMC in Cherokee. It is the time we bring over in-kind and cash donations "to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs." See a complete listing of projects on the Ingathering folder.

## 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.



## Community Basket

For the month of October we are collecting hats, gloves & scarves 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



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

October 9, 2024 - 12:30  
Luncheon Served by Sandy Baker

Lamentations 3: 22-23

*"Because of the Lord's great Love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

## 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). Leslie's yearly scholarship of \$1,100 has been paid for this school year. 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.



In Ecuador, Spanish colonists displaced and banished the native Quechua people to higher altitudes in the Andes mountains. Many communities remain there today inheriting the legacies of colonialism and extreme poverty. Heifer is changing that - with sheep. Heifer has helped communities set up revolving funds that provide the means for participants to buy sheep. The sheep food, milk and high-quality wool that can be made into products. For Ashley, Ariel, Margarita and Enma that means they no longer face hunger, but have a source of income and see a future without poverty.

Please continue to support Heifer International by "feeding" your quarters to Rosie the cow on the back table. Thank you.



## SUPPORT THE CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET PROJECT IN OCTOBER.

CWS supplies blankets to the victims of natural disaster and those displaced by fighting and acts of war. Sometimes the CWS blanket is the only possession a person has. Every \$10.00 donated to the blanket project allows CWS to purchase one blanket for distribution. Make your donation during October. Money given by our church will be taken to the Ingathering on November 2.

## 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)



# Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

## Birthdays

- 2 Pastor Eric  
Pert Degen
- 6 Jill Groetken  
Dasher Colyer
- 12 Brian Hamman
- 13 Irene Clause
- 20 Blake Stubbs
- 21 Mark Harris  
Roger Wilson  
Becky Dahna
- 22 Tam Scheelhaase

## Anniversaries

- 12 Barry & Bobbie Wahlberg
- 14 Chuck & Jodi French

Each Sunday:  
Worship - 9 am  
Sunday School - 10:00am

## October Lectionary

**October 6**  
Job 1:1,2: 1-10  
Psalms 26  
Hebrews 1 1-4, 2: 5-12  
Mark 10: 2-16

**October 13**  
Job 23: 1-9, 16-17  
Psalms 22: 1-15  
Hebrews 1 1-4, 2: 5-12  
Mark 10: 2-16

**October 20**  
Job 38: 1-7  
Psalms 104: 1-9, 24, 35c  
Hebrews 5: 1-10  
Mark 10: 35-45

**October 27**  
Job 42: 1-6, 10-17  
Psalms 34: 1-8  
Hebrews 7: 23-28  
Mark 110: 46-52

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

## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING IS OCTOBER 6**

Your gifts provide scholarships to racial and ethnic graduate students, both national and international who will work to transform communities around the world. The offering can be given any time in October. The special Sunday envelopes and information cards are on the table in the entry hall.

## 2024 Church Charge Conference



The 2024 Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 27 at 6 pm at the Sioux City Grace UMC.

## October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday School Kick Off  <i>Communion</i>	7	8	9 UWiF Luncheon 12:30 pm	10 Ad Council 7 pm	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Charge Conference 6 pm	28	29	30	31		