



# Menville United Methodist Church

November 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 September	\$61,203	\$80,147
YTD Expenses thru September	\$75,485	\$81,093
October Member Giving	\$6248	\$7,638
Wkly avg. Member Giving (last 4 wks)	\$1562	\$1763

## Heart of Thanksgiving!

November is upon us, a month of election and Thanksgiving. One of the scriptures resonates with me: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1Thessalonians 5:16-18)

What kind of attitude do you cultivate? With everything going on and the challenges in our world, it is essential to pause, take stock of your life, and Count your Blessings. Our God has been gracious and good to us this year. Because of that, we must give thanks and praise to our God, as the psalmist puts it. "O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever! (Psalm 107:1)

I thank God for each of you and your part in our church family. Thank you for your prayer, gift, presence, service, and witness in worship. We are all part of God's family. Give thanks to Him. Bless His name."

Starting November 10th, our Sermon Series will focus on "Generosity." All we have and are is a gift from God entrusted to our care. We are stewards of God's grace with a heart of Thanksgiving. We thank God for the ultimate blessing, the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. Let's have a Thanksgiving attitude and hearts for all the blessings of the Lord.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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

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 third quarter of 2024 the approximate interest values for each were: General \$27,700; Building \$5400; Missions \$390; Special Ministries \$240; Education \$2600. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the MUMC Endowment Fund.



ENDOWMENT FUND

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, October 10, 2024

PRESENT: Pastor Eric Sayonkon, Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Janice Schlotman, Diane and Jody Weaver, Bev Arvin, Harold Werley, Kirk Scheelhaase, Barb and Daryl Carr, Gene Groetken

Pastor opened the meeting with scripture and a prayer.

Minutes from the September 19th, 2024, meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to approve by Kirk, 2nd by Janice; minutes approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

For the month of September, income was below budget. Expenses were close to budget.

Rent for the parsonage is behind. Last rent payment was June, 2024.

We collected \$37.00 for our Guatemalan student in September, bringing that account total to \$893.75. Our next payment of \$550.00 tuition will be paid in February, 2025.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor was glad to have had the opportunity to travel to Africa and he is glad to be back with us. He sends a genuine thank you for all your support and prayers during his recent trip to Liberia.

He has been preparing for the Commission on Religion & Race's Annual Fall Retreat with the Bishop, that will be held on November 15th and 16th. He asked that we keep this event in our prayers.

### OLD BUSINESS

Charge Conference Forms - The group reviewed the 2025 Church Budget as proposed by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee worked hard to avoid an increase in budgeted expenses and income. The 2025 Budget is \$106,955.75, compared to the 2024 Budget of \$106,863.00. Motion by Janice to accept the 2025 Proposed Budget, 2nd by Diane; motion passed.

The new Mission and Ministry Plan was reviewed by the group and will be submitted at Annual Conference.

### NEW BUSINESS

Church Roof - We have been contacted by Tad Maxwell with an offer to re-roof the sanctuary of our church. He has offered to cover the cost of removing the existing roof and installing a new roof for the sanctuary. Tad has provided samples of the shingles he would recommend for the job. Motion by Jody to move ahead with this project, 2nd by Jeff; motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBER SUPPORT AND EDUCATION - Sunday School kickoff was held October 6th.

SPRC - Kirk and the SPRC committee met and did a review of the first year with Eric as our pastor.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – Results from the Soup and Pie Event were good - we made \$1712.25 this year, compared to \$1450.75 in 2023. At the meeting on October 9th, we put together our budget for 2025 and will get that to Holli for the year-book.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, November 14th, 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Krejci

### 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](mailto:movilleunitedmethodistchurch@gmail.com) 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 November we are collecting baking supplies 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). 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



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.



United  
Women  
in Faith

November 13  
Luncheon at 12:30 pm  
Program: Grace Linden  
Lunch: Marcia Neely  
Mary Bruce

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." *Philippians 4: 6*

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.

## Menville UMC Social Media Sites

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

**You Tube channel:** [www.youtube.com](http://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

- 4 Cassie Colyer
- 5 Joseph Groetken
- 8 Todd Kuebler  
Susanne Weaver  
Laurie Warren
- 10 Samantha Mahaney
- 11 Randy Petersen
- 13 Curt Havlicek  
Donna Roeschke
- 17 Casey Crawford
- 20 Glen Clark  
Carol Logan
- 23 Megan Warren
- 24 Janice Schlotman  
Charles Clark
- 26 Janna Hiemstra
- 29 Susan Chapman



## Anniversaries

- 16 Craig & Deb Sitzmann
- 27 Gene & Jill Groetken



**Day Light Savings  
November 3**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

## November Lectionary

### **November 3**

Ruth 1: 1-18  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9: 11-14  
Mark 12: 28-34

### **November 10**

Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17  
Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9: 24-28  
Mark 12: 38-44

### **November 17**

1 Samuel 1: 4-20, 2 Samuel 2: 1-10  
Psalm 113  
Hebrews 10: 11-14; 19-25  
Mark 13: 1-18

### **November 24**

2 Samuel 23: 1-7  
Psalm 132: 1-18  
Revelation 1: 4b-8  
John 18: 33-37

### **Thanksgiving Day**

Joel 2: 21-27  
Psalm 126  
1 Timothy 2: 1-7  
Matthew 6: 25-33

## **November 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion All Saints Day (daylight savings)	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 UWiF 12:30 pm	14 Ad Council 6 pm	15	16
17 Community Thanksgiving Service 7 pm	18	19	20 	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30





### Veterans Recognition

On **Sunday, November 10th** during worship we will be recognizing the members of Merville UMC who are veterans. Please contact the church office if we have missed someone who should be on the list. Thank you for your service!

George Allen  
Nate Bauer  
Blaine Borland  
Gary Chapman  
Glen Clark  
Jeff Crick  
Bill Dahna Sr.


Bill Dahna Jr.  
Briley Dixon  
Larry Etlar  
Chuck Eskov  
Tony Jensen  
Larry Koehn  
Todd Kuebler  
Dean Livermore

Brad Nash  
Derl Petersen  
Randall Petersen  
Marcia Smith  
Jim Utesch  
Barry Wahlberg  
John Weaver

Please join us for  
**All Saints Sunday**  
**November 3**

Honoring and remembering those who have passed.

Bob Seitzinger	12/15/23
Helen Maxwell	3/5/24
Maurice Arvin	4/18/24



### Poinsettias



It's that time of the year to order the poinsettias for the altar . They will be delivered Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> so we need to have our final count in no later than Tuesday, November 26th. The cost is \$21.00 and must be prepaid before the order is sent in. Please enclose a check to the church at the time of your order. They will be available to take home Christmas Eve.

*Thanksgiving Blessings to You*

*The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever*

Psalm 100:5



*Merville Community Thanksgiving Service*

**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

**5:00 pm at**  
**Trinity Lutheran**

Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Community Basket

