

# God Moments

Have you ever heard someone say I had a God moment the other day? What is a God moment? A God moment is something very personal and different for each person. It's an unusual experience that signals that something larger is at work in the lives of people around me. It can be an unexplainable moment that impacts how I see the world.

It surprises you when something you've been praying for or thinking about happens. God's moments are when God touches our lives and hearts, and we are never the same again. Our Sermon Series for February is "**Moment with the Master.**"

The old saying is true. God works in mysterious ways. God, our creator, is present, always, even if we can't feel Him. The Bible says, "**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose**" (Romans 8:28). God is at work in every moment of our lives. If you knew in the future that God would touch you in such a way, what would you do with that moment?

Life is filled with those moments. The problem is we don't recognize them. Sometimes, the heart has to see what the natural eye can't. May God help us open our eyes to the divine moments in our lives. Grace to you, and God Bless you.

With Faith, Hope, and Love,  
Pastor Eric Sayonkon

Our Mission is to:  
**PREACH** the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
**TEACH** love and forgiveness  
**REACH** out in service  
*(Matthew 28:19-20)*

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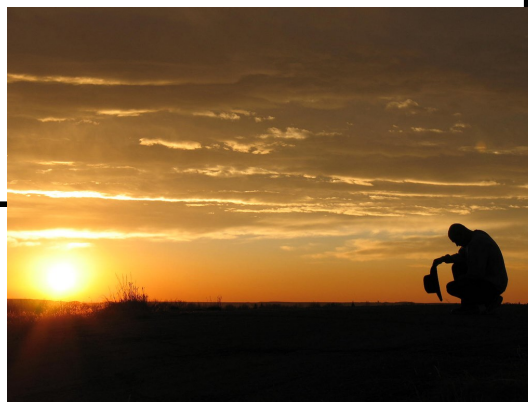
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**EVERY MOMENT THAT WE LIVE IS A MOMENT TO ENCOUNTER**



# Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

- 1 Dana Flewelling
- Beatrix Colyer
- 11 Jodi French
- 15 Diane Everhart
- 20 Deb Sitzmann
- 22 Jim Utesch
- Jake Dennison
- 24 Tami Jenness
- 26 Wyatt Jensen
- 27 Pam Clark

Iowa United Women in Faith Bible Verses

**1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."**

"GOD KNOWS QUITE WELL HOW HARD WE FIND IT TO LOVE HIM MORE THAN ANYONE OR ANYTHING ELSE, AND HE WON'T BE ANGRY WITH US AS LONG AS WE ARE TRYING. AND HE WILL HELP US." -CS LEWIS

## 2025 Lectionary

### February 2025

#### February 2, 2025

Jeremiah 1: 4-10  
Psalm 71: 1-6  
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13  
Luke 4: 21-30

#### February 9, 2025

Isaiah 6: 1-13  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11  
Luke 5: 1-11

#### February 16, 2025

Jeremiah 17: 5-10  
Psalms 1  
1 Corinthians 15: 12-20  
Luke 6: 17-26

#### February 23, 2025

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15  
Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6: 27-38

## Anniversaries

- 8 Tony & Danielle Jensen
- 13 John & Diane Weaver



**Addition to January Bulletin's Poinsettia Giving:**  
**Pam Clark - Dan and Marian Harrison ; Frank and Opal Clark**

The church office is open -  
**Tuesday 9 am-3 pm**



## February 2025

**Worship at 9 am each Sunday/ Sunday School at 10 am**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 UWIF Luncheon 12:30	13 Ad Council Meeting 6 PM	14 	15 Food Distribution Anthon Community Center 10 AM
16	17 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

# Moville Plans Day Care Center

Article from The Moville Record- Pam Clark Jan 29, 2025 Updated Jan 29, 2025

The Moville community is privileged to have a child care planning committee consisting of the following members: Dr. Stee Maxwell, Becky Thomas, Robin Beck, Marissa Molland, Nicole Jensen, Nicky Metcalf, Melissa Nelson & Bree Rogers.

The group was formed to meet a need in the City of Moville perceived through a community meeting held several years ago for the purpose of providing input on what residents felt should be Moville's top priorities.

Day care was the number one item that community members felt needed addressed. Since that time this group has been working tirelessly to first, be reassured that a need in the community did exist. This was done through a study performed by First Children's Finance, funded by the City of Moville, MCDAI (Moville Community Development Association, Inc.) and a state grant. Their report supported the assertion that Moville was in need of a child care facility. That gave the committee the green light to forge ahead with finding a suitable place to establish a day care.

The first facility considered was the Medical Clinic after it was announced that the clinic would be moving to Frontage Road and into the newly-built medical clinic.

After much consideration the committee deemed the clinic too costly to convert. Building a new facility would cost even more. The committee sought advice about finding a suitable location through Crittendon Center in Sioux City. They manage several day cares in the area. It is anticipated that once a suitable location is chosen and any remodeling is completed, Crittendon Center will be the entity that will most likely be administrators of the daycare.

The committee looked at the Moville Methodist Church's Sunday school wing as a possibility. This seems to be the best option at this time. The facility will need some major changes to meet state requirements for a day care. The committee will write for a grant(s) as soon as a possible cost can be determined.

At this time cost is the wild card. The committee would like to see a facility established in 2026 that could accommodate 55-65 children. For this to project to move forward the committee may be asking the community to help them either through monetary donations, in-kind labor donations, or by supporting fundraisers sponsored by the committee. The Methodist Church is not in a position financially to pay for any of the remodeling.

The first upcoming fundraiser will be MCDAI's annual Trivia Night on March 15, 2025. All proceeds will go towards funding the day care. Tickets will soon go on sale for this fun event. If you can't attend but would like to make a donation, don't hesitate to contact any of the committee members. Other events will be announced soon.

# Christmas Eve Service

We had an amazing turn out for our Christmas Eve Service. The service was beautiful. Thank you everyone for joining us in person or online.



## The Heifer Project

The whole month of February will be **Quarterpalooza**, in memory of Rosina Walker. We want to honor her by putting quarters in Rosie the cow for the Heifer Project. She likes Quarters but will accept any US currency that you have. If you don't know where she resides, ask one of the kids, they know where the quarters go.



## TOGETHER WE CAN:

END POVERTY, END HUNGER, CREATE SUSTAINABLE FUTURES, EMPOWER WOMEN, IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, STRENGTHEN THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF COMMUNITIES...



## CHANGE THE WORLD.



## Scholarships Program Renewal

Dear Menville UMC Beverly Arvin representatives,

The Education in Guatemala is experiencing a transformation because of your contributions through our Scholarship Program. A student and an entire family in the Western side of the country have been changed with your support.

**THANK YOU** on behalf of the Living Heritage Foundation!

### Optional additional support:

In the year 2025, the project Lifting Up my Student (LUS) will continue. This program is responding to the ongoing needs of our students. As in previous years, the program will be providing support to the students with online courses with private tutors to help with their subjects at school. We are asking you to consider offering this important extra support for your student to be enrolled again in LUS in 2025.

Muchas gracias!



### STUDENTS INFORMATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS RENEWAL:

NAME	GRADE	FEE 2025	+ OPTIONAL Lifting Up my student – LUS for 1 year	TOTAL INCLUDING LUS
Leslie Melissa Xum Jimenez	11th Grade – Highschool	\$ 930 U.S.	\$560 U.S.	\$ 1,490U.S.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 930 U.S.</b>	<b>\$ 560 U.S.</b>	<b>\$ 1,490 U.S.</b>

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, January 9, 2025** PRESENT: Pastor Eric Sayonkon, Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Diane and Jody Weaver, Kirk Scheelhaase, Deb Sitzmann, Gene Groetken, John and Janice Schlotman, Stee Maxwell

Stee addressed the group with an update of the anticipated daycare project for our church. Several people from our church and the community walked through our church Wednesday, December 8th, to gather further information in regard to using a portion of our church to house a daycare center. Stee reminded the Ad Council that there will be no monetary input from our church in order to perform any necessary updates to our facility; Crittenton Center and MCDAL would be responsible. Our church would have no liability responsibility; Crittenton would carry their own insurance.

Stee handed out a list of proposed building renovations or changes that have been identified thus far. At this point, an architect will be getting involved with drawings and detailed plans for the building. After that, there will be a detailed walk-through inspection by the fire marshal to note any other updates that might be required. Pastor opened the meeting with a reading from Proverbs.

Minutes from the December 12, 2024, meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to approve by Kirk, 2nd by Gene; minutes approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** December weekly giving was \$11,000, exceeding the budgeted income of \$7,600. The last three months have seen weekly giving exceed budgeted income, which is fairly typical for the end of the year.

Jeff gave a "2024 Year In Review", using graphs to show weekly giving, income received from the parsonage, and church expenses over the past 12 months.

**PASTOR'S REPORT** Pastor Eric is looking forward to the new year. He would like us all to ask ourselves "What is God calling us to do?" He keeps reminding folks of all God has done for us and asking ourselves to find creative ways to serve Him.

Ash Wednesday is March 5th, 2025; Maundy Thursday is April 17th. Plans are to have services as we did last year. We will invite Grace Church in Correctionville to our Ash Wednesday service, and we will join them for their Maundy Thursday service. Easter this year is April 20th, 2025.

**OLD BUSINESS** Jody met with Ryan Johnson from Johnson Plumbing to check the church boiler and thermostat in the Fellowship Hall. Ryan reported that our system looks fine. He made an adjustment to the thermostat, hoping that would help with the accuracy of that.

Parsonage - Harold was notified that the rent assistance program has approved our tenant for \$1156 in rental assistance per month. This amount would be paid for 3 past months and 6 months moving forward. Harold will supply the necessary information to let the agency know that is acceptable to us. However, this still leaves 2, possibly 3, months' rent not covered by the program. Ad Council expects full payment of all past due rent. Allowing the tenant to stay beyond the 6 months of future rent assistance payments will only be considered if all past due rent is received over the next 6 months. Harold will have the tenant sign a promissory note that she will make up the balance of the past due rent. Motion by Jeff to accept this proposal, 2nd by Jody; motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS** Ideal Roofing has provided an estimate of \$70,000 to replace the flat portion of the church roof. Tad and Stee Maxwell have offered to donate \$25,000 each if our congregation would raise the balance of \$20,000, for the total \$70,000. This would include replacing the skylights, flashing, and any other necessary repairs to that portion of the roof. Motion by Jody to accept this offer, 2nd by Kirk; motion passed.

Gene mentioned that the anniversary of Rosie Walker's passing is approaching (February 15th.) He would like the congregation to make an "extra push" to really increase our giving to "Rosie's Cow" during the next few weeks, as a way to honor Rosie's memory.

Gene announced that January is National Human Trafficking Prevention month. On Sunday, January 26, 2025, there will be a human trafficking survivor speaking at the Sioux City Public Library at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE** - Committee has completed their audit for this year. Cassie and Jeff are working on the yearly statistical report for the church.

**MISSIONS** - There is currently \$1202.75 in the Guatemalan student account. We have received notification from this program that student fees will be going up for the year 2025. The new yearly fee will be \$1490, up from the current \$1100. Payments of \$745 each will be due in February and June.

**MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AND EDUCATION** - Have been going through the Yearbook and making some edits for Cassie as she prepares the 2025 book.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH** – Met yesterday for lunch. Their goal this year will be to provide more fellowship and support for each other and the congregation.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, February 13, 2025, 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Krejci

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 fourth quarter of 2024 the approximate interest values for each were: General \$25,600; Building \$5100; Missions \$360; Special Ministries \$220; Education \$2300. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the MUMC Endowment Fund.

February 12  
Luncheon at 12:30 pm  
Lunch: Mary Livermore, Bev Arvin



United Women in Faith

All women are invited to our luncheon.

"There are different kind of gifts but the same spirit."

## Community Basket

### February Donation

We are collecting **personal care items** 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! The food distribution will be on February 15, 2025, at the Anthon Events Center at 10 AM.



## OFFERING

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### 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 Cassie 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.

SEND EMAIL



## 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

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[midwestmission.org](http://midwestmission.org)

## PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT SHOPPING LIST

- 1 hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 toothbrush (no multipacks)
- 1 bar soap - 3-4 oz.
- 1 shampoo -12-19 oz.
- 1 deodorant - 2-3 oz.  
(stick, roll-on, or pump)
- 1 lotion - 8-10 oz.
- 1 1-gallon resealable plastic bag



## HEIFER HIGHLIGHTS

The mission of Heifer International is to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers. The work of Heifer has focused on farming for more than 75 years because ending poverty begins with agriculture.



Having a secure source of income can be transformational for farmers and their communities. Cows, goats, chickens and seeds provide milk, meat, eggs and food for communities living in hunger and poverty. A gift to Heifer International is meaningful. Animal gifts provide families with food and nutrition, while also giving tangible assets that generate income and with increased incomes, families can access medicine, school, food and ultimately better lives.

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.

## Moville UMC Social Media Sites

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

**You Tube channel:** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) Moville United Methodist Church

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

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

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

