

Moville United Methodist Church

March 2025

GOD'S AMAZING

Grace

Spring is coming! I love seeing things come to life in the spring. It reminds me of God's amazing grace. God is always doing a new thing and creating a new day, calling us to a new life, and showing us a new path.

Even as we journey toward the cross with Jesus, God calls us to reach forward into the journey ahead. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5 this year, and it lasts six weeks before Easter.

When Jesus died on the cross, he expressed his love for the world. When Jesus was on the cross, the joy kept him going because of his amazing love. Jesus came to tell us we are precious in the sight of God. Darkness and sin have been defeated.

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8).

As we reflect on our relationship with Christ and his amazing love on the cross for us, let us give thanks for the hope we have through the power of Christ's resurrection. Let us recommit to sharing the love of Christ and follow him faithfully as our Lord and Savior. The message of the cross is that God's love is available to each of us. Thanks be to God! God loves you, and so do I.

God bless you and have a blessed Lenten Season!

Pastor Eric Sayonkon

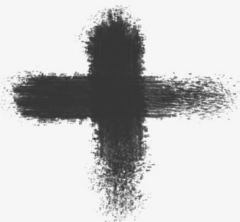
Ash Wednesday Service

March 5 at 6:30 PM

Grace UMC from Correctionville will join us.

Ashes will be distributed.

Cookies and Coffee will be served after the



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Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

- 5 Sawyer Nielsen
- 6 Blaine Borland
- 9 Nicole Jensen
- 11 Terri Koehn
- 12 Arvin Daniels
- 13 Keaton Fish
- 15 Austin Flewelling
- 20 Chuck French
- 24 Larry Etler
- Willa Manker
- 26 Susan Hunting
- 28 Maddox Jensen
- 31 Janine Stubbs

Anniversaries

- 4 Jeff and Mary Krejci
- 20 Larry and Terri Koehn
- 23 Brad and Gloria Koele

January 2025 Budget

	Actual	Budgeted
YTD Income thru January	\$7575	\$8,892
YTD Expenses thru January	\$7155	\$8,563
January Member Giving	\$7,569	\$7,621
Wkly Avg. Member Giving	\$1,568	\$1,759

Our Mission is to:
PREACH the Gospel of Jesus Christ
TEACH love and forgiveness
REACH out in service

2025 Lectionary

March 2025

March 2, 2025

Exodus 34: 29-35
 Psalm 99
 2 Corinthians 3:12-4: 2
 Luke 9: 28-36

March 9, 2025

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
 Psalm 92 1-2, 9-16
 Romans 10:8B-13
 Luke 4: 1-13

March 23, 2025


Isaiah 55: 1-9
 Psalm 63: 1-8
 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
 Luke 13: 1-9

March 30, 2025

Joshua 5: 9-12
 Psalm 32
 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

March 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 Office Hours 9-3	5 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 PM	6	7	8
9	10	11 Office Hours 9-3	12 Lenten Breakfast Immaculate Conception 7:30 UWIF Luncheon 12:30	13 Ad Council 6PM	14	15 Community Basket- River Valley School, Washta 10 AM
16	17 	18 Office Hours 9-3	19 Lenten Breakfast MUMC 7:30	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Lenten Breakfast Trinity Lutheran 7:30	27 Office Hours 9-3	28	29
30	31					

I need your help!

If you have any pictures of the church or services you would like to share in the Newsletter, please send them. We would love for you to share. I would also love for you to share your pictures and memories with the congregation.

Praying the Bible for your Children

Praying Psalm 23

Lord, You are my child's Shepherd. Because her care is Your personal concern, she will never be Without anything she truly needs.

Please lead her, today and every day, into places and experiences where her soul will be revived and her spiritual passion will be continually restored.

When daily life weighs her down of the fear of death somehow casts a shadow over her spirit, make Your loving presence known to her. By Your own hand carry her along, comfort her, and nudge her toward maturity.

In her times of crises, surrounded perhaps by those who want and expect her to fail, come through for her, God. Display Your lavish affection for her. Prove to all that she is Your chosen one, the apple of Your eye, and that You have nothing but overflowing blessings in store for her.

Yes, Lord, may Your unfailing goodness and tender mercies surround her all the days of her life and may she find her true home in Your presence forever. Amen

United Women in Faith
2025 Bible Verses
March Psalm 46:10 (KJV)
"Be still, and know that I am
God: I will be exalted among
the heathen, I will be exalted

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



March 12
Luncheon at 12:30 pm
Lunch: Janice Schlotman
Irene Clause



United
Women
in Faith

All women are invited to our luncheon.

"There are different kind of gifts but the same spirit."
1 Corinthians 12:4 (NIV)

Pastor

Reverend Dr. Eric Z.
Sayonkon

Office Administrator

Cassie Colyer

Music Director

Elizabeth Ross

Accompanists

Rochelle Wilson
Peggy Hammer

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, February 13, 2025

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Kirk Scheelhaase, Gene Groetken, John and Janice Schlotman, Stee Maxwell, Robin Beck, Daryl and Barb Carr, Harold Werley, Randy Petersen

Susan opened the meeting with prayer.

DAYCARE PROJECT- Stee updated the group regarding the anticipated daycare project for our church. It was recommended the flat roof project be delayed until the fall so it can be included in the daycare project. Rasmussen Mechanical will be at our church February 19th to perform an analysis of our current boiler. Tad Maxwell has spoken to Mullin Awning and Siding in regard to obtaining an estimate to replace the remaining windows in our church. Mullin is about 4 months out in their work load. Tad offered his own estimate of approximately \$65,000 for window replacement. Tad will work on getting asbestos testing done on the floor tiles in the classroom wing.

Jeff brought to the attention of the group that there was an error in the latest blueprint that had been supplied by the architect. An interior wall in the hallway was positioned incorrectly. Robin will bring that to the attention of Brian Crichton (CMBA architect.)

Regarding funding - Robin envisions “community fund raising” for the daycare project. Our church should focus our fundraising on the \$20,000 balance for our portion of the flat roof and also sharing in the cost of new windows.

Stee said MCDAI is identifying what needs to be done by June. Grants are awarded in August. The project cannot begin until the grant is approved.

MINUTES Motion by Janice to accept minutes from last month’s meeting, 2nd by Kirk; motion passed.

PARSONAGE-Harold has been in touch with the Sioux City housing authority in regard to rent assistance for Sara McCormick in our parsonage. He reported that as soon as an inspection of the premises is done, Sara should be approved for \$1250 per month for October, November, and December, 2024; and for 6 months moving forward at \$1156 per month. He will let Sara know that we are requesting she make a good faith payment of at least \$800 by March 1st, 2025, toward the 3-4 months that she will still owe after the emergency grant payments. The remainder of the past due will be paid over the next several months. Motion by Janice to accept this agreement, 2nd by Gene; motion passed.

TREASURE’S REPORT- January weekly giving was above budget, making it 4 months in a row that weekly giving has exceeded budget. We have upgraded our version of Quickbooks. This is the first upgrade in 14 years. Monthly reports may look a little different due to the change in software.

We have completed raising the \$4000 for our balance of the sanctuary roof. Now we must concentrate on the \$20,000 for the flat portion.

Jeff has transferred the \$50,000 flat roof donation from Tad and Stee Maxwell from the general account to the building account.

There was no OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 5th and ashes will be distributed there. Susan will find out from Pastor what time the service will be held. We will invite the members of Grace Church in Correctionville to our church for the service and for refreshments in our fellowship hall following the service.

Lenten breakfasts are as follows: March 12th at the Catholic Church; March 19th at our church; March 26th at the Lutheran Church. Each breakfast will start at 7:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FINANCE - Bev will be stepping back from serving as the Mission coordinator. We hope to finish

up supporting our current student and then re-evaluate the program.

We should look at ideas for fundraising for the flat roof.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AND EDUCATION - We have plans to have special celebrations for both Mother’s Day and Father’s Day this year.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – Met 2-12-25 for lunch. Their goal continues to be to provide more fellowship and support for each other and the congregation.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Krejci

Ministry Corner

Giving back to your community



Community Basket

March Donation

We are collecting **paper 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! The food distribution will be on March 15th at the River Valley School in Washta at 10 AM

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.

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.

Mission Moment

Living Heritage Foundation Scholarship Program

We provide a scholarship for Leslie Jimenez a student in Western Guatemala. She is in grade 11. Her school year is from February to November and we provide tuition assistance plus funds for her to participate in the Lifting Up My Student program which provides online courses with private tutors to help with subjects at school. Your gifts make a difference in Leslie's life.

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 2025 school year.



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



Support UMCOR

Your financial gifts during March to the United Methodist Committee on Relief ensure that UMCOR can respond quickly and in compassion to disaster and devastation.

This March offering appeal supports the daily workings of UMCOR allowing it to keep the promise that 100% of any gift will go towards the designated project. A UMCOR collection container is on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Heifer Highlights

Rofait Ibrahim farms on the Nigerian island of Dadi Louis where the salty water makes it hard to grow crops. Yet despite the challenges she is determined to provide for her family. Thanks to Heifer's support she is successfully growing tomatoes (which are a staple in Nigerian dishes). The sale of her tomatoes allows her family money and a better life.

Heifer provided tomato seeds and training to Rofait and other farmers to increase their production. There are plans to dig a new deeper well on the island to reach water with a lower salt content.

Rosie the cow welcomes your gifts. Please continue to "feed" Rosie the cow located on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



**This is from a church bulletin
dated 8-10-2081**

To the older Christian
You may be growing older
And your step a mite bit slow
You may not move as fast as once
But oh, God loves you so.

You may think that you're not needed
That your work down here is through
But, my beloved oldster
God has a plan for you.

Your white hair shows the wisdom
You've gathered through the years
Your patience stands for victories
Proves You've conquered many fears.

Your sweetness shows that Christ instills
His love in you abides.
As these virtues flow out from you
You're blessing other lives.

Oh don't ever be discouraged
If others must wait on you,
You've done your share of service
Just let His light shine through.

So rejoice and live for Jesus,
And to others his kindness show
You're still wanted and still needed
You're God's Messenger, you know.



The church office is open -

Tuesday 9 am-3 pm



Any changes to the office schedule will be posted on Facebook. I will also try to add them to the monthly calendar, if I know ahead of time. Thank you for understanding.

Just a side note:

There is a first aid kit, gloves and biohazard clean up kit by the communion glasses, in case of emergencies.

You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've *already begun*.

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ST. JOSEMARÍA ESCRIVÁ

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