

# Moville United Methodist Church

## April 2025



### **Notice**

The Pastor will conduct a short class for adults who are interested in becoming members of our church. Contact the office if you're interested.

### **Death is Defeated! There's Hope Forever!**

Spring is here, and new life is all around us. The story of the Resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of the church. The Apostle Paul says that without the Resurrection, our faith is in vain. Easter is a time to reflect on what God has given us. It is a tremendous opportunity to respond to God's greatest gift, his Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sake- yours and mine- for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of everlasting life. Indeed, it is God's gift to us.

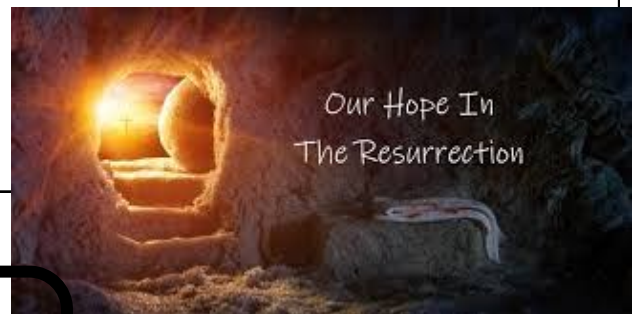
**The Bible says, The angel spoke to the women: "There is nothing to fear here. I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross. He is not here. He was raised just as he said. Come and look at the place where he was placed. "Now, get on your way quickly and tell his disciples, 'He is risen from the dead. He is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' That's the message." (Matthew 28:5-7)**

Because of the Resurrection of Christ, we have hope. It changes the disciples' witness testimony; the invitation is also ours to tell the story. The Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, is the victory of life over death, light over darkness, good over evil. Without the Resurrection, the cross and its suffering make no sense. Easter reveals to us the power of God and the source of our faith, hope, and love. Death doesn't have the last word. Hope is Alive because Jesus lives.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Have a Blessed renewed Hope! Happy Easter!

Pastor Eric Sayonkon



**Quarterpalooza** was a great hit in February. You managed to give Rosie 528 quarters, equaling \$132. Thank You for donating to The Heifer Project. Rosina Walker is smiling down right now

## BIRTHDAY

## ANNIVERSARY

3 John Weaver  
 Holli Countryman  
 5 Jase Manker  
 6 Jane Logan  
 12 Kirk Scheelhaase  
 15 Russ Spotts  
 Kaytlin Jensen  
 19 Denis Stubbs  
 Bonnie Johnson  
 Linda Flewelling  
 22 Buddie Ann Spotts  
 26 Dr. Stee Maxwell  
 Keaton Gernhart  
 27 Kennison Countryman  
 Tim Nielsen

4 T & Holli Countryman  
 15 Kirk & Tam Scheelhaase  
 27 Blaine & Lori Borland  
 29 Russ & Buddie Ann Spotts  
 30 Denis & Jaine Stubbs

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



## 2025 Lectionary

### April 2025

#### April 6, 2025

Isaiah 43: 16-21  
 Psalm 126  
 Philippians 3: 4b-14  
 John 12:1-8

#### April 13, 2025

Isaiah 50: 4-9  
 Psalm 31: 9-16  
 Philippians 2: 5-11  
 Luke 23: 1-49

#### April 20, 2025

Acts 10: 34-43  
 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24  
 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26  
 John 20: 1-18

#### April 27, 2025

Acts 5: 27-35  
 Psalm: 150  
 Revelations 5: 11-14  
 John 20: 19-31

## APRIL 2025

Due to the winter weather, the Lenten Breakfast at the MUMC was postponed to April 2.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Office Open	2 Lenten Breakfast at MUMCHURCH 7:30	3	4	5
6 Church Potluck 4:30	7	8 Office Open	9 UWiF 1230 Mary Krejci	10 AD Council 6:00 PM	11 WC Middle School Community Service at the church	12 Passover Begins
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17 Maundy Thursday Service 6PM Correctionville Office Open	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Brunch After service	21 Office Open	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Office Open	30			

## Recent Happenings:

MCDAI had their Annual Trivia Night. This year's proceeds will be going toward the new Daycare Center. Several members of the church attended and one group represented MUMC at a table. It was a great time. (If you can't read Diane's sign it says First Place Picture Contest, Last Place Trivia)



The Sunday School children sang for the church on 3/17. Thank you to all the people who work with the Sunday School every week. We love seeing them.



### A Thank You Poem

We thank thee, O God, for thy love through each day  
We thank thee for friends, & for work & for play,  
For fathers & mothers, and helpers who share  
In Showing Thy love and Thy constant care.

We Thank thee for life with its laughter & fun,  
For bodies that grow straight & strong in the sun;  
We thank thee for minds that all children may know  
How best to keep happy & well as they grow

Ash Wednesday service was successful, despite the harsh weather earlier in the day. We had about 60 joining us in service from our congregation and Grace UMC.

**United Women in Faith  
2025 Bible Verses**

April 2025 Romans 14:13

“Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another.”

**Words of Wisdom, Faith and Inspirations to Enrich Your Day:**

“ God could not be everywhere, and therefore He created mothers.”  
Jewish Proverb

“ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Colossians 3: 23-24

I want to be so full of the Holy Spirit that when a mosquito bites me he goes away singing “There is Power in the blood.”

April 9  
Luncheon at 12:30 pm  
Lunch: Mary Krejci



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)*

**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.**

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.

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

**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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, March 13, 2025

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Kirk Scheelhaase, Gene Groetken, Janice Schlotman, Stee Maxwell, Pastor Eric Sayonkon, Diane Weaver

Susan opened the meeting with prayer.

DAYCARE PROJECT- Stee updated the group regarding the anticipated daycare project for our church. We have received a preliminary report on the tile sample that was taken. It measured within the legal limit for asbestos. More samples from piping and ceiling tiles have also been taken. The report on those should be back within the next week. Tad Maxwell has received an estimate of \$40,000 to replace the classroom wing windows. Brian Crichton took measurements earlier this week. The area at the top of the stairs leading to the classroom wing measured, which is adequate for a security door to be installed there and to separate the daycare wing from the rest of the church.

Missouri River Historical Development grant applications are due at the end of June, 2025.

MINUTES- Motion by Janice to accept minutes from last month's meeting, 2nd by Diane; motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Rent assistance of \$7218 for our tenant at the parsonage has been received. This amount represents \$1250 for each month of October, November, and December, 2024 - along with \$1156 per month for January, February, and March, 2025. We should still receive \$1156 for the next three months of 2025. Our tenant still owes \$2620 in back rent that is not covered by the \$7,218. Harold has sent a letter to her asking for that full amount by the end of June, 2025. The letter states she must pay that amount if she wishes to continue living in that house.

We sent out five \$250 second semester checks for the college students who qualified for the Maxwell Family Educational Scholarship.

PASTOR'S REPORT- Pastor met with Kirk and Vern Knaack from Correctionville in regard to his duties. He felt it was a good conversation. He has paid a visit to some members of our church who are no longer able to get out and attend church service. Those families report that they do feel the support of our church. He plans to continue reaching out to the homebound. He has met with the Bishop. Planning for Annual Conference is going on. Pastor's mother is still hospitalized in Omaha. Pastor would appreciate prayers for his family. Pastor would like to meet with the entire congregation to hear about our hopes and dreams and our feel for how we are doing as a congregation. Also, he would like to discuss stewardship in our church and finding ways to help each other and our community. He would like to have this conversation at a gathering on Sunday, April 6th, at 4:30 p.m. in our fellowship hall. We will make it a potluck for all to participate and enjoy.

OLD BUSINESS- The snow policy for church events was reviewed. In consultation with a member of the Ad Council, Pastor will make the decision if church service or a particular event will be held. He will communicate if there is a need to cancel. A team of Cassie Colyer, Mary and Jeff Krejci will make sure to get the notification out via KTIV, our church website, and Facebook. Motion by Jeff to accept this proposal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gene; motion passed. Church members should check one of those methods of communication to confirm if the event or service will be cancelled. It is to be assumed that the event will happen unless there is a notice of cancellation.

NEW BUSINESS- We discussed having a confirmation class for eligible young people in our congregation. We also would like to get a list of names of adults who are interested in becoming members of our church. He will have Cassie put an announcement about this in the bulletin. Cassie's office hours have been changed from Tuesday, March 25th to Thursday, March 27th, due to school hours changing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE - Gene thanked Harold for all his work in obtaining the rental assistance for our parsonage. It has been a long, drawn-out affair.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AND EDUCATION - George Allen suggested conducting a short prayer service for Craig Sitzmann outside Craig and Deb's house on Wednesday, March 13th. It was very much appreciated by the family. Gene suggested it would be a nice thing to send cards to Craig and Deb from time to time to boost their spirits.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, April 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Krejci

# Ministry Corner

Giving back to your community

## Community Basket April Donation

We are collecting **peanut butter and jelly** 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 April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Menville Community Center 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. Leslie's scholarship is totally funded by your donations (no money comes from the church budget). Leslie's scholarship for 2025 is \$1490.00. We have paid the first half and second is due June 1st. We need about \$300.00 to full fill this commitment. 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



Copies of the Midwest Mission Personal Dignity Kit Shopping Lists are available on the table in the entry way.

## 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.



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