

May 2025 Newsletter



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Rejoice in the Lord always:
and again I say, Rejoice.

~ Philippians 4:4 ~



Where's your Joy?

We just celebrated Easter with the joy and hope of the resurrection. Do you still have joy? In a world that is preoccupied with happiness, as the outcome of our personal achievements, we are called to look beyond what is temporal and set our eyes on Jesus Christ the source of our joy. The Apostle Paul places Christ at the center of his being and calls us to do the same with a heart of Joy. The reality of joy is dependent on the willingness to surrender our all to Christ and live a life of grace and love. God's love and assurance is the road map that leads us with a deep sense of joy in Christ. Life is a roller coaster, the seasons change, and we are subject to the imperfect world we live in. In the midst of everything that is going on in our world, our life must be rooted in the unshakable joy that is in Christ. I believe true joy is what God calls us to, and it is a joy that endures. May the Risen Christ be the source of our joy and living.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11).

God bless you and grace to you!

Pastor Eric Sayonkon

May 2025 Dates and Calendar



BIRTHDAY

ANNIVERSARY

1	Jeff Krejci	12	Kelly & Susanne Weaver
	John Neely	17	Jim & Mary Utesch
15	Larry Koehn	31	Terry & Linda Waugh
17	Margaret Nissan		
22	Beth Nielsen		
27	Bella Moody		
28	Robin Beck		
30	Abbygail Flewelling		

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Office Open		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Office Open Ad Council Meeting 6PM		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Presentation of Graduates Mothers Day			Office Open UWiF Luncheon Rochelle Wilson and Mary Bruce	Girls Night Out Crankshaft 5:30 PM		Food Distribution 10AM Kingsley-Pierson School in Pierson
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Office Open				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Office Open				

United Women in Faith 2025 Bible Verses

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV) "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"



2025 Lectionary May 2025

May 4, 2025
Acts 9: 1-20
Psalm 30
Revelations 5: 11-14
John 21: 1-9

May 11, 2025
Acts 9: 36-43
Psalm 23
Revelations 7: 9-17
John 10: 22-30

May 18, 2025
Acts 11: 1-18
Psalm 148
Revelations 21: 1-16
John 13: 31-35

May 25, 2025
Acts 16: 9-15
Psalm 67
Revelations 21: 10, 22-22:5
John 14: 23-29

May 29, 2025
Acts 1: 1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24: 44-53

Easter Lily Memorial

Terry and Linda Waugh - Gene and Bettey Barth; Leonard Waugh
Kirk and Tam Scheelhaase - Sandra Gutheridge, Norma Scheelhaase
Dona Flewelling - Tom and Lily Flewelling, John and Helen Cross, Marv Flewelling

Diane and Jody Weaver - In memory of our Family in Heaven
Russ and Buddie Spotts - Kay Chapman, Jeanie Crick, Bud Chapman
Randy and Kathy Petersen - Bernedine Petersen, LeRoy, LaVonne and Roger Miller

Carol Logan - Bob Logan, Howard Logan, Helen and Doc Maxwell
Beatrix, Cassie and Dash Colyer - Papa, Nana, Grandma and Grandpa Weaver

Deb Sitzmann- Craig Sitzmann, Floyd Sitzmann; Pete and Mary Lou Leisinger

Rochelle and Roger Wilson - Keith and Franchon Haddock, Floyd and Earlene Wilson

Tammy and Robin Kreisel - Gene, Donna and Terry Belknap

May 14
Luncheon at 12:30 pm
Lunch: Rochelle Wilson and Mary Bruce



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

Church Budget	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
YTD Income (incl rent) thru February	\$13,289	\$17,784
YTD Expenses thru February	\$13,846	\$17,126
March Member Giving	\$6,220	\$7,621
Wkly avg. Member Giving (last 4 wks)	\$1,811	\$1,759

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.

Recent Happenings:

April 2- MUMC held a town Lenten Breakfast. It was a cold but successful morning.

April 6- A Potluck was held in the evening for any church member. We made lists of favorite hymns that we'd like to hear in service and what we hope for the church. The Pastor is looking to make it a seasonal event.

April 12- A funeral for Craig Sitzmann was held. Thank you for everyone who came to pay respects to Craig and Family. Also, thank you for everyone who helped with the huge service. The size of the gathering was a testament to Craig's impact in the community. Our prayers are with the family.

April 13- Palm Sunday Service was held. The Sunday School Children sang and children 3rd grade and older were presented bibles.

April 20- Easter Service and Brunch



Lenten Breakfast



Palm Sunday



Pot Luck



List of bible recipients 2025:

**Beatrix Colyer
Dasher Colyer
Colton Dahna
Lily Hirsch
Gage Jensen
Wyatt Jensen
Jaxon Scheelhaase
Josie Scheelhaase
Kaiden Schubert**

O Christ our Lord, Physician of salvation, grant all who are sick the aid of heavenly healing.

Look on all faithful people who are sick and who love to call on your name, and take their souls into your keeping, and deliver them from all sickness and infirmity; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

No Prayer, no Power
Little Prayer, Little Power
Much Prayer, Much Power

Nothing happens without Prayer.
Have I been Praying for this Church?

Pray the hardest it's hardest to Pray!

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, April 10, 2025

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

Susan opened the meeting with prayer.

DAYCARE PROJECT

Stee, Jody and Jeff were joined by Daryl Carr, Randy Petersen, and Larry Etler for an online meeting Wednesday, April 9, 2025, with a representative from MidAmerican Energy in regard to our plans. This audit of energy is being done at no cost to the church. Dave Brockshus has been assigned by CMBA as the architect for this project. Angel House Preschool in Sioux City has closed recently and we will be receiving some of their furniture for our daycare. We plan to store it until our facility is ready. The project team is currently working through options for providing heating, cooling and fresh air for the daycare rooms.

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 13th meeting were reviewed. Motion by Kirk to accept the minutes, 2nd by Diane; motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income from March was again approximately \$2000 below budget; we received \$5425, budgeted amount is \$7620.

We should still be receiving \$1156 per month for April, May, and June, 2025 for the balance of our tenant's rent assistance. The tenant is still responsible for the remaining unpaid rent balance.

During the month of March, we paid \$2124 quarterly liability insurance for the church property and \$1792 in property taxes for the parsonage.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Eric has been preparing for Annual Conference. He has met with the bishop regarding the French Ministry congregation of Sioux City, which is largely made up of immigrants from French-speaking African nations. Recently, the ministry has been meeting at Wesley Global Methodist Church in Sioux City and they would like to find a more permanent location in which to hold their services.

He continues to visit with 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.

Pastor would like to thank all who prepared food and met for the recent potluck. He thought it was very productive and it gave him a chance to meet with us and to hear any concerns we might have.

There will be a Maundy Thursday service at Correctionville Grace UMC at 6:30 p.m. on April 17th. All are invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Susan will order copies of songbook The Faith We Sing for Liz, Rochelle, and Cassie.

Woodbury Central will send over a group of students on Friday, April 11th, to assist in cleaning up the church grounds.

Graduating seniors this year are Keaton Gernhart and Logan Jensen. We will honor them at our Mothers' Day service on May 11, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE - Camp scholarship applications are available now. Fees will be paid from the Youth fund.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, May 8, 2025, 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Krejci

Ministry Corner

Giving back to your community

Community Basket May 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 May 17 at the Kingsley - Pierson School in Pierson 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 first quarter of 2025 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.

Heifer Highlights

One heifer can help a family escape hunger and poverty Here is how:

1. A family receives a heifer from Heifer International.
2. The cow can provide more than six gallons of milk to drink and sell.
3. Heifer connects the family with a cooperative where they can sell their milk for fair prices.
4. With a sustainable source of income, the family can now plan for the future.

Please continue to support Heifer with your gifts. "Feed" Rosie the Cow with your quarters.

Other gifts larger than 25 cents are welcome at any time. Our total collected during the year will be sent at the Ingathering on November 1, 2025



Midwest Mission- "Sending hope and empowerment around the world and around the corner"

In September of 2024 hurricane Helene brought unprecedented flooding to western North Carolina as almost 14 inches of rain fell over three days causing rivers to flood washing roads, homes and businesses away.

In October 2024 five shipments of supplies were shipped but disaster relief was still needed. In March 2025 another shipment was sent, containing among other things, 280 Personal Dignity Kits. There is a possibility that the Kits Menville UMC sent to the Ingathering were in this shipment to North Carolina.

Bring hope to people in crisis. Help Midwest Mission have supplies needed to respond to disasters. Gifts through Menville UMC will help Midwest Mission replenish supplies and be ready for the next disaster

Attention Parents:

Rock Branch will be holding their Vacation Bible School from Sunday June 20 to June 22
All Children are welcome to attend.

More information will follow for Menville's Combined Churches VBS, in following Newsletters.

Mother's

I dreamt of going shopping
With a daughter of mine.
By the back door of my house,
Stand muddy shoes to shine.

I dreamt of a tea party
With toy dishes and a song.
All I find are dirty jeans,
And where they don't belong.

I dreamt of pretty dresses to sew,
With laces and a ruffle.
I'm busy going to "Little League"
Games,
Where sometimes there is a scuffle.

I dreamt of dolls with pretty hair
And dresses, oh, so sweet.
Bats, Balls, and baseball gloves,
Lay 'round my feet.

I dreamt of things galore
A daughter and I could do.
I guess they are all daydreams,
That never will come true.

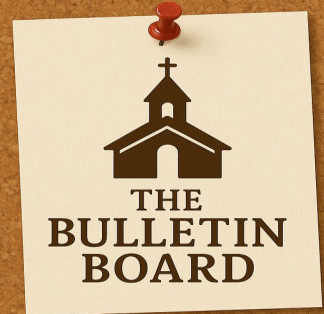
For after all this hoping
My house is filled with noise.
The laughing and the joking,
Of my three handsome boys.

MUMC Girls Night Out

Thursday May 15 at 5:30 PM

Crankshaft Menville, IA
Come join us for companionship, fellowship and laughs
Everyone is welcome to join us
Rides are available if needed. Contact the office or Diane Weaver.

**THE
BULLETIN
BOARD**



God sets his rainbow in the cloud-
A promise strong and sure,
To show us that His covenant
Forever shall endure.
We may forget the promises
We make time and time again,
But our loving Father ne'er forgets

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.

Snow Policy update- 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, church website and Facebook.

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.

Little to Give
By Angie Scheerer

You say you have little to give,
That your talents are meager,
That your shortcomings define you?
A harsh judgement, my friend.
For who among us
Have gifts in full measure?
Who among us can be content
With his own abilities?
Life is not what we become.

You say you have little to give?
Who among us has more?
Offer the little you have
With a generous heart.
Someone will accept it.
Perhaps many will accept it,
And treasure it,
And see your beauty,
And bask in your Light.

Offer the little you have.
Little is more than enough.
For what is the moon
But a pitted mass
Of rock and clay,
Yet, how beautifully
She reflects the light
Of Creation-
And oh, how constantly
We love her!



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN
A MOTHER TO SOMEONE**

Mother's Day

One of our modern writers, William Ross Wallace (1865) wrote:

“For the hand that rocks the cradle,
Is the hand that rules the world.”

The Mothers Day act was passed by both branches of our national Congress and approved by resident Woodrow Wilson on May 8, 1914. The Bill Authorized the President to issue a proclamation calling upon all government officials to display the American flag on all government buildings on the second Sunday in May. Furthermore, the President was empowered to designate this second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and to request its observance.

Selected

A Mother's Prayer

I wash the dirt from little feet
And as I wash I pray,
“Lord Keep them ever pure and true
To walk the narrow way.”

I wash the dirt from little hands,
And earnestly I ask
“Lord, may they ever yielded be,
To do the humblest task.”

I wash the dirt from little knees,
And pray, “Lord, may they be
The place where victoris are won,
And orders sought from Thee.”

I scrub the clothes that soil so soon,
And pray, “ Lord may her dress
Throughout eternal ages be
Thy robe of righteousness.”