

The Movable United Methodist Church

June 2025 Newsletter



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Come Holy Spirit

This year Pentecost Sunday is June 8th. Pentecost Sunday is the Sunday that is seven weeks (50 days) after Easter Day. Pentecost is the day on which we remember the story given to us in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. The story goes: 40 days after the resurrection, Jesus ascends into heaven. But before he ascends, Jesus promises that he will not leave us "comfortless" but will send the Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide us, to guide the church. Ten days later, on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the people gathered. We wear RED to remind us of the fire of the Spirit.

Pentecost is a powerful day in the life of the church. We hope you will join us and wear red to church on Pentecost Sunday. Our Sermon Series is "HOLY SPIRIT"

We must be filled by the Holy Spirit! The Apostle Paul says, **"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things"** (Galatians 5:22-23). Bearing fruit is life in Christ — God's love poured into us for the transformation of the world.

May God continue to gift, guide, and guard us! Come Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts with the fire of your Spirit and love.

God Bless you,

Pastor Eric Sayonkon



June 2025 Dates and Calendar

Birthday

Anniversary

2	Rochelle Wilson	3	Roger & Rochelle Wilson
3	Scott Watts	5	Chuck & Cheryl Eskov
8	Elizabeth Ross	15	Dean & Mary Livermore
11	Dean Livermore		
12	Craig Sitzmann		
18	Ray Scheelhaase		
20	Gary Bruce		
21	John Groetken		
24	Brad Nash		
25	Linda Waugh		
28	Mary Krejci		

Please join us after service for coffee and treats. We love to have you at



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Service 9AM	2	3	4	5 Secretary Office Hours 9-3 Moville Days (5-8)	6	7
8 Sunday Service 9AM	9	10 Secretary Office Hours 9-3	11 UWiF Brunch 9AM	12 Ad Council 6PM	13	14
15 <u>Father's Day</u> Sunday Service 9AM	16	17 Secretary Office Hours 9-3	18	19 Girls Night Out- Crankshaft 5:30	20	21 Food Distribution Kingsley Community Center 10 AM
22 Sunday Service 9AM	23	24 Secretary Office Hours 9-3	25	26	27	28
29 Sunday Service 9AM	30					

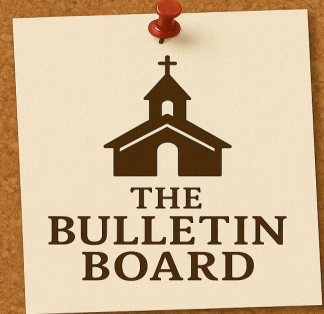
MUMC Girls Night Out

Because of the great success
and demand

We will be holding an
evening dinner the third
Thursday of every month.



THE BULLETIN BOARD



From an original “Gal’s Night Out” Program

Dated April 1, 1957

Who Can Find a Virtuous Woman?

For her price is far above rubies

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Her children rise up and call her blessed;

Her husband also and he praiseth her.

Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain;

But a woman that feareth the Lord shall be praised.

Give her of the fruits of her hands: and let her own works praise
her in the gates. Prov. 31; 10-31

A Graduation Prayer for High School Students

Gracious and Loving God,

We thank You for bringing these students to this significant milestone—their high school graduation. As they prepare to step into a new chapter, we pause to celebrate their hard work, perseverance, and growth over the years.

Lord, we ask that You guide their steps as they move forward. Give them courage in times of uncertainty, strength in moments of challenge, and humility in their successes. May they carry the lessons they’ve learned not only in the classroom but also in friendship, responsibility, and character.

Bless them with wisdom to make good choices, compassion to serve others, and a spirit of integrity that honors You in all they do. Surround them with supportive mentors, true friends, and opportunities that lead to purpose and fulfillment.

Let them know they are never alone, that Your presence goes before them, walks beside them, and stays within them. May their journey ahead be filled with hope, faith, and the knowledge that they are deeply loved.

In Your holy name we pray,
Amen.



Keaton Gernhart



Logan Jensen



LIVING HERITAGE FOUNDATION

April 8th, 2025

Myself By Edgar Guest
 I have to live with myself, and so,
 I want to be fit for myself to know;
 I want to be able as days go by,
 Always to look myself straight in the eye;
 I don't want to stand with the setting sun
 And hate myself for the things I've done.
 I don't want to keep on a closet shelf.
 A lot of secrets about myself,
 And fool myself as I come and go
 Into thinking that nobody else will know
 The kind of man I really am;
 I don't want to dress myself up in sham.
 I want to go out with my head erect,
 I want to deserve all men's respect;
 But here in this struggle for fame and pelf,
 I want to be able to like myself.
 I don't want to think as I come and go
 That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.
 I never can hide myself from me,
 I see what others may never see,
 I know what others may never know,
 I never can fool myself, - and so,
 Whatever happens, I want to be
 Self-respecting and conscience free.

Dear representatives of Moville United Methodist Church,

We are deeply grateful for your generous gift of \$745.00 to Living Heritage Foundation. Your support will have a direct impact on the lives of Guatemalan students and families who lack access to essential resources. Your contribution will help us provide immediate improvements to their education and well-being.

We look forward to sharing updates on the Foundation's impact with you. As a reminder, you will receive a formal, end-of-year donation receipt letter for tax purposes.

Once again, we extend our sincerest gratitude for your trust and support. Your generosity is making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve in Guatemala.

With appreciation,

Michael Dichiser
 President
 Living Heritage Foundation

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 Executive Director
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Your Giving At Work

Your support through the ingathering is coming full circle—benefiting the community we all share.



May 1, 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

With great joy, the Ingathering Hunger Grant Task force read your application for a program your congregation supports and/or partners with to help alleviate hunger in your community. We had 32 applicants. Your request is being awarded \$410.80 for this work.

Blessings to you and all the volunteers your church encourages, the partnerships established, and most of all, for those you are helping. Our prayers are for full bellies, and to know the hope that we through our faith can provide. Thank you for all you're doing.

In Christ,

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July 11
Brunch at 9 AM
Lunch: Sandy Baker



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)



United Women in Faith 2025 Bible Verses

Psalm 37:7

Be Still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not
fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out
their wicked schemes.

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

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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

2025 Lectionary

July 2025

June 1, 2025

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-
14, 16-17, 20-21

June 8

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 24-34,
35B
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, 25-
27

June 15, 2025

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-
31
Psalm 8
Romans 5: 1-5
John 14:8-17, 25-
27

June 22, 2025

1 Kings 19: 1-15a
Psalm 42
Galatians 3:23-29

June 29, 2025

Luke 8: 26-39
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-
20
Galatians 5:1, 13-
25
Luke 9:51-62



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.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, May 8, 2025

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Kirk Scheelhaase, Janice Schlotman, Stee Maxwell, Pastor Eric Sayonkon, Jody and Diane Weaver, Gene Groetken, Harold Werley
Susan opened the meeting with prayer.

DAYCARE PROJECT

Stee updated the group about the daycare project. The project continues to move forward. Missouri River Historical Development grant applications are due at the end of June, 2025.

PARSONAGE FIRE

Harold said Sara is concerned about getting her possessions out of the parsonage. Servpro has taken bags of clothing for her and the children and has cleaned and returned them to her. The two weekly collections from our church for Sara totalled \$1263.36. That has been given to her. The fire was April 21st, but we have not received any rent assistance for the month of April. We must decide how to proceed with her lease and how to handle the past due rent amount of \$2620.00. We currently are holding a deposit from her in the amount of \$1250.00.

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 10th meeting were reviewed. Motion by Kirk to accept the minutes, 2nd by Diane; motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We had five deposits in the month of April which resulted in weekly giving (\$8300) exceeding the budget of \$7620. Our year-to-date giving is \$3400 below budget.

The balance in our Guatemalan student account is \$524.82. In order to fulfill our commitment, we will be sending a payment of \$745, which is due by June 1st. For 2025, there has been a downward trend in donating to this cause. We hope to turn that around soon.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Eric has been preparing for Annual Conference. It will be held June 13 - 15, 2025. The Conference focus this year will deal with the question: "How do we equip our churches as we move forward?"

The Easter service was very good. Pastor appreciates our participation in the Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services that were held.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE - Gene would like to remind everyone of the need to continue to support our Guatemalan student through to her graduation in another year. Currently we are short about \$200.

MEMBER SUPPORT/EDUCATION - VBS will be held July 20th-24th. No theme has been determined yet.

SPRC - District Superintendent Michel Lundula will be holding meetings in the fall to bring churches together.

TRUSTEES - The fire inspector has done an analysis of our parsonage and is unable to determine the cause of the fire, other than it was not the car in the garage. Jody is waiting for an update from the insurance adjuster.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, June 12, 2025, 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Krejci



WEAR RED
SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH
FOR PENTECOST

TREASURY TALK

We are initiating a new quarterly newsletter column this month to discuss church treasury topics. Communicating church finances can be a tricky balancing act. As with any organization, financial stability is critical to the church's ongoing existence, but at the same time, we don't want it to be a dominant theme of worship and our church family. Church finances need to be transparent and available to everyone, so both personal giving and organizational short- and long-term spending and planning decisions can be made with confidence.

Through this regular quarterly column, I hope to be able to inform, elaborate, share questions and answers, and discuss financial events and expenditures "behind the numbers."

So, with a little introduction behind us, this quarter's topic of discussion is the chart you see in the bulletin every week. I briefly discussed this last year during our worship service, so it may be review for some and new for others.

	Actual	Budget
1. YTD Income(Inclu rent) thru April	\$30, 775	\$35,569
2D YTD Expenses thru April	\$32,257	\$36,052
3. April Member Giving	\$7,137	\$7,621
4. Wkly. Avg. Member Giving (last 4 weeks)	\$1,704	\$1,759

Background:

In October of every year, an annual budget is developed by the Finance Committee for the upcoming calendar year. The proposed budget, including both income and expenses, is then recommended to the Ad Council for final

approval. The budget is created as a balanced budget, meaning for the year, income and expenses are both budgeted to equal one another so that at the end of the year, all the expenses incurred during the year are covered by income during the year.

Line Descriptions:

- ☒ Line 1 displays year-to-date actual and budgeted income (including parsonage rent).
- ☒ Line 2 displays year-to-date actual and budgeted expenses.
- ☒ Line 3 displays member giving only (no rent included) for the previous month (actual and budget).
- ☒ Line 4 displays a weekly average (actual and budget) over the last four weeks of member giving (no rent

Questions and Answers:

Q1: Why is our actual year-to-date income through April (line 1) \$4800 less than budget?

A1: The \$4800 income shortfall is comprised of \$3450 for member giving and \$1550 for parsonage rent, with \$200+ unbudgeted fellowship hall rental income and interest offsetting some of the shortfall.

TREASURY TALK Cont.

Q2: Why are our actual year-to-date expenses through April (line 2) \$3800 less than budget?

A2: While our income comes primarily from two sources, member giving (85%) and parsonage rent (15%), there are well over 30 different expense categories. Some are easier to predict than others, so there will be some variance likely with each expense category. Having said that, there are three categories that have contributed to most of the \$3800 expenses less than budget through April: Utilities (milder than normal weather and fellowship windows), Music Director (Volunteer time), and Parsonage Maintenance.

Q3: What happens when income and expenses are above or below budget?

A3: Just like your home finances, when income is higher than expected and/or expenses are lower than expected, that's a good thing! And of course, it's not so good when income is less than expected and/or expenses are more than expected. Making a direct comparison between income and expenses, our actual expenses through the end of April (line 2) have exceeded actual income through the end of April (line 1) by about \$1500. So again, just like your checking account at home, that resulted in the balance of our general account going down by \$1500. Obviously, that's not a trend that can last indefinitely.

If you're still with me, congratulations and thank you! I don't intend to be so long-winded for every Treasury Talk, but I wanted to introduce the quarterly column and elaborate on the chart you see in the bulletin every week. If you have any questions or comments regarding your church finances, please don't hesitate to ask. I am typically available after church during fellowship or you can email me at icjerk@wiatel.net. Thank you all for your part in keeping us financially secure so that our focus can remain on that which brings us all together as a church family!

Blessings,

Jeff

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

I dreamt of going fishing,
With a son of mine,
But over the bathtub in my
house-
Ten nylons on a line.

I dreamt of going hunting,
With a son to tag along,
But all I find are high heeled
shoes,
And where they don't belong.

I dreamt of camping out,
My son and I would boat,
But sailing though the house
are,
Five ruffled petticoats.

I dreamt of playing ball,
My son and I would toss,
But in and on the furni-
ture,
Are curlers by the gross.

I dreamt of many things,
A song and I could do,
But I guess its just a sill
dream,
And never will come
true.

For after all this dream-
ing,
I sill see head of curls,
I guess I'll always be-
The father of five girls!

Only A Dad

Only a dad, with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame,
To show how well he has played the game,
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice
To see him home, and to hear his voice.

Only a dad, with a brood of four,
One of ten million men or more.
Plodding along in the daily strife,
Bearing the whips and scorns of life,
With never a whimper of pain or hate,
For the sake of those at home who wait.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd
Tolling, striving from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way,
Silent, whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad, but he gives his all
To smooth the way for his children small,
Doing, with courage, the stern and grim,
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen,
Only a dad, but the best of men.

Edgar Albert Guest

Ministry Corner

Giving back to your community

Community Basket May Donation

We are collecting **LAUNDRY DETERGENT** 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! June food distribution will be on June 21st, at the Kings-ley 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 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