# MOVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

## **Running for a Purpose**

I can't believe it, but it happens. Why am I doing it? Running the Des Moines Marathon was a goal of mine after I ran the half-marathon four years ago. It requires discipline, training, and purpose. Running is part of my spiritual discipline as I enjoy music and the beauty of nature. It helps me balance my emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being as a pastor.

I was running for a greater purpose: supporting cancer research. Many messages came to mind as I was running from fans and bystanders. One sign that got my attention was "Don't give up; Keep running to the finish line."

I appreciate the support and motivation from my family and churches. There's something gratifying about knowing your efforts are helping someone or a charity to make a difference. I am grateful I was able to run this year. I am grateful to God for the strength.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Crossing the finish line was a proud moment, not just for completing the marathon, but for being part of a larger community of runners in Des Moines working to make a real difference. Thanks be to God for good health and the ability to run.

Grace and Peace to you. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!



God bless you,
Pastor Eric Sayonkon

# Soup and Pie Homecoming Luncheon



# CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

# All Saints Day

# **Gary Wayne Howard**

April 18, 1946 October 3, 2024

# Sue (Nichols) Howard

June 5, 1946 November 17, 2024

## Norma Jean (Kirkholm) Scheelhaase

February 27, 1931 November 19, 2024

# Linda J. (Payne) Petersen

January 15, 1944 February 24, 2025

Craig A. Sitzmann
June 12, 1959
April 9, 2025

## November 2025 Dates and Calendar

1	Birthday Tammy Kreisel	•
4 5	Cassie Colyer Joseph Groetken	•
8	Susanne Weaver	•
11	Randy Petersen	•
13	Donna Roeschke	•
18	Lily Hirsch	•
20	Glen Clark	•
	Carol Logan	•
24	Janice Schlotman	•
	Charles Clark	•
29	Susan Chapman	_ :
	Anniversary	•

Craig & Deb Sitzmann

Gene & Jill Groetken

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Sunday	y Monda	y Tuesday	y Wednesday	y Thursday	y Friday	y Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1. <u>Ingathering</u>
2 All Souls Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Poinsettia Money Due to the office	12 UWiF Luncheon 12:30 Kathy Petersen	Council Meeting 6PM	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Girls Night Out 5:30	21	22
23 Moville Com. Thanksgiving 5PM	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving!	28	29

November 12 Luncheon at 12:30 PM Lunch: Kathy Peterson

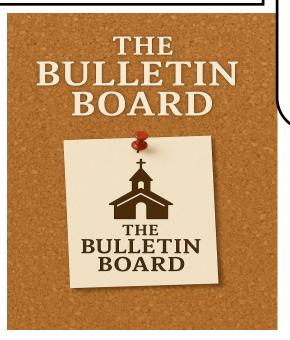


All women are invited to our luncheon.

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

1 Corinthians 12:4 (NIV)

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.







# MUMC Girls Night Out November 20

## **Sunday School**

It is held during Fellowship Time following Sunday Service.

There will be three separate classrooms:

Diane Weaver will teach P-2

Danielle Jensen will teach grades 3-6

Becky Dahna will teach the Middle School/ High School Class.

We would love to see your kids there.!

Moville Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM Hosted by Immaculate Conception Church Moville Pastor's participating in the service.

The Moville Community is invited!

## **Blessed Giggles**

## **Heavenly Rates**

A man dies and goes to heaven. Of course, St. Peter meets him at the pearly gates. St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay," the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"Three points?" he says. "Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service."

"Terrific!" says St. Peter, "that's certainly worth a point."

"One point? Golly. How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."

"Fantastic, that's good for two more points," he says.

"TWO POINTS!!" the man cries, "At this rate the only way I get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Exactly, son! Come on in!"



## **Prayer for November**

O God of harvest and home,

As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter,

we pause to remember those who have gone before us—

saints of our lives, known and unknown,

whose love shaped our days and whose faith carried us forward.

In this month of remembrance,

we give thanks for the gifts of memory and legacy.

We honor the quiet strength of those who endured,

the joy of those who celebrated,

and the grace of those who forgave.

Let gratitude rise like morning mist, softening our hearts to the beauty

• around us.

Let us gather in warmth,

sharing stories, meals, and prayers

that bind us together in love.

Bless our homes with peace,

our churches with unity,

and our spirits with hope as we prepare for the coming light.

Amen.

## **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.

## TREASURY TALK

## Parsonage Update

As most of you are aware by now, on September 23, 2025, a special church conference was held to decide whether to sell the parsonage. The conference was led by District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula with a unanimous vote to sell the parsonage. On October 2, 2025, we were notified by Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula that our request to sell the parsonage had been approved by the Northwest District Building & District Committee, the

Bishop, and the Cabinet of the Iowa Conference. These approvals gave us full authorization to proceed with the sale process, which is ongoing at the time of this writing. Proceeds from the "as-is" sale of the parsonage, along with insurance money received for damages to the parsonage, can only be used for capital projects and repairs (such as roof or boiler replacement, for example) and cannot be used for church operating expenses. But income (interest) from the investment of the sale proceeds and insurance can be used for operating expenses, just like we were using rent from the parsonage before the fire. The first insurance check of \$286,677.90 (after \$2500 rent replacement taken out) was deposited into a 3-month, 4% CD at Security National Bank (SNB) on July 11, 2025. On October

10, 2025, a second insurance check of \$52,754.45 (after \$2500 rent replacement taken out) was added to the CD for a total deposit of \$339,432.35 for 6 months at 3.9% at SNB. That will mature on April 4, 2026. Between now and then, the Finance Committee and Ad Council will explore other conservative, income-producing investment options. The 3-month, 4% CD containing the initial insurance check between July 11 and October 10, 2025, generated \$2831.05 in interest that went into the general account to be used for operating expenses. Proceeds from the parsonage "as-is" sale, when completed, will be invested to generate interest income, just like the insurance money.

As always, if you have any questions or comments regarding the parsonage or your church finances, please let me know. I am typically available after church during fellowship or you can

email me at icjerk@wiatel.net.

Blessings, Jeff



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - Thursday, October 9, 2025

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Jody and Diane Weaver, Janice Schlotman, Deb

Sitzmann, Kirk and Tam Scheelhaase

Susan opened the meeting with prayer.

**MINUTES** 

Minutes from the September 11, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Diane to accept the

minutes, 2nd by Janice; motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We received two more months of rent income from our insurance company. We also received

reimbursement for materials used to close and secure the parsonage garage door after the fire.

**OLD BUSINESS** 

CHARGE CONFERENCE - Jeff reported everyone responsible for a portion of the Charge Conference packet has finished their work. He went through the 2026 Budget as recommended

by the Finance Committee and SPRC. Motion by Janice to approve the budget, 2nd by Diane;

motion passed.

PARSONAGE UPDATE - Church members voted to sell the parsonage at a special conference held

September 23rd. Notification of approval to sell the parsonage was received on October 2, 2025.

from the District Building and Location Committee and the Conference Bishop and Cabinet. Ryan

Beardshear will be assisting us with the legalities involved in the sale.

We currently have four contractors interested in purchasing the parsonage. Discussion followed

regarding whether to advertise the parsonage to see if there are additional interested buyers, or

proceed with the contractors who have already expressed interest. With the amount of time

that has already passed since the fire and with winter coming, it was felt that the most expedient way to move forward was to pursue the sale with those contractors who have already

expressed interest. If none of them are still interested, then we can advertise.

Motion by Janice to move forward as outlined above, 2nd by Deb; motion passed.

DAYCARE UPDATE - The Sioux City Journal interviewed members of MCDAI and plan to run a story about how this will benefit our entire community. Construction is slated to begin February, 2026.

HALLOWEEN - Our church plans to participate in the annual Halloween Parade to be held October 30th or 31st, depending on the football play-off schedule.

**NEW BUSINESS** 

If anyone is planning on downsizing their Christmas decorations and has any 3-4 foot trees, we could use them in the church. Please contact Susan.

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## Admin Notes Cont. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE/MISSIONS - The first of two insurance payments for the parsonage was invested in a 3-month CD at 4% interest. That CD will come due October 10, 2025. At that time, we will reinvest it, along with the second insurance payment, in a CD for 6 months at a rate of 3.9%. Motion by

Jeff to invest all insurance money in a CD at Security National Bank at 3.9% interest, 2nd by Janice; motion passed.

TRUSTEES - Met after church service on October 5th to discuss parsonage matters.

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

Respectfully submitted, Mary Krejci

### **Pastor**

Reverend Dr. Eric Z. Sayonkon

### Office Administrator Cassie Colyer

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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

## November 2025 Lectionary

- November 1 (All Saints Day): Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Ephesians
   1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
- **November 2 (Proper 26):** Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Isaiah 1:10-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
- **November 9 (Proper 27):** Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Job 19:23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
- November 16 (Proper 28): Isaiah 65:17-25; Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
- November 23 (Proper 29/Christ the King): Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

November 30 (First Sunday of Advent): Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44



Our Mission is to:

PREACH the Gospel of Jesus Christ

TEACH love and forgiveness

REACH out in service

(Matthew 28:19-20)

# United Women in Faith 2025 Bible Verses

<sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

## **Ministry Corner**

Giving back to your community



The Community Basket monthly donation request for November will be baking items

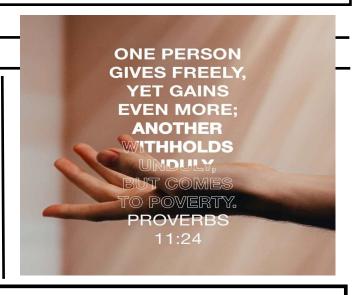
November food distribution will be on the 15th at the Kingsely Community Center

#### **Midwest Mission**

A state of emergency was declared in Milwaukee, WI after the August 9-10 flash flooding. With sewer systems overwhelmed and many basements flooded, there was a great need. Midwest Mission delivered 1,344 Hygiene (PDK) Kits and 864 cleaning kits to the Milwaukee Salvation Army for distribution to residents.

During November Financial Support is needed for:

The Siouxland Warming Shelter
The Community Basket
The Guatemalan Student Scholarship
Woodbury Central Student Needs



"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 third quarter of 2025 the approximate interest values for each were: General \$31.500: Building \$6000: Missions \$450; Special Ministries \$260; Education \$3200. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the MUMC Endowment Fund."

## 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. 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.

If we had 30 families to commit \$10.00 a month for six months to the fund we would have enough to cover the request for her education.



## Heifer Highlights

Heifer project in Cambodia is training impoverished families to become successful chicken farmers. The traditional way to raise chickens was to let them run anywhere. That meant they often got sick, died or ran away. At a Heifer Poultry Project, families learned to properly care for their chickens with resources to build chicken coops and to vaccinate chicks. Every quarter dropped into "Rosie" helps families have a better