

**MOVILLE
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
JUNE 2026**



God's gift of Creation

Summer has arrived and the sunshine and beauty of God's creation are all around us. The season of summer makes me think about some of the great psalms of praising God for creation:

“Praise the Lord from the heavens.

Praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels.

Praise him, his entire heavenly army.

Praise him, sun and moon.

Praise him, all shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heaven
and the water above the sky.

Let them praise the name of the Lord
because they were created by his command.

He set them in their places forever and ever.

He made it a law that no one can break. praise the Lord from the earth. Praise him, large sea creatures and all the ocean depth" (Psalm 148:1-7).

I believe nature is one of God's beautiful creations. Through nature, God can speak to us and teach us his love and blessings. A God that deserves to be praised for all that God created and has done for us. It is my hope and prayer that you will commit to joining us in worship during the summer month.

God is good, all the time, God is Good!
Pastor Eric Sayonkon

Celebrating Life Together

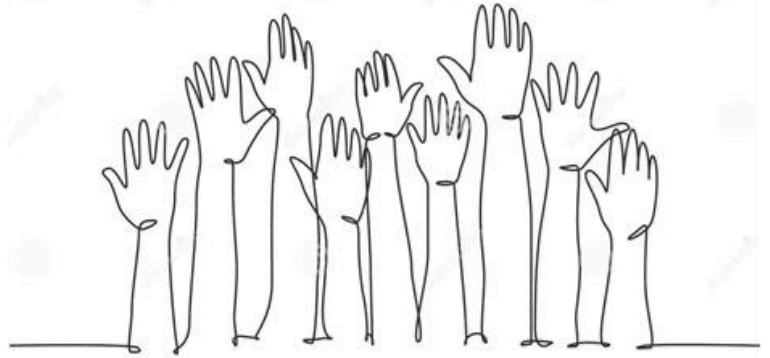
If you would like to volunteer for the Not For Only Kid's story contact the office. (I swear the kids aren't that scary)

Birthdays

Anniversaries

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

Raise the Roof



COVERING GOD'S HOUSE

We're on a mission... and this time it's raising the roof—literally!

Thanks to the generous support of the Maxwell family, we're already partway there, but we still need to raise \$2,000 (approx.) to complete our new roof. Now it's our turn to step up in faith and fellowship!



Many hands make light work—and maybe even some fun along the way.

Let's come together, trust God's provision, and build something that will shelter our church family and Daycare kiddos for years to come.

Reach out to the with your donations—and let's raise the roof together!



June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Moville Days	5 	6
7	8	9	10 UWiF Brunch Sandy Baker 9:30	11	12 Rise Fest 	13
14	15	16	17	18 Church Council Meeting	19	20 Food Distribution Kingsley Community Center 10 AM
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Disaster Ministries

Iowa Annual Conference of the
United Methodist Church



On Sunday night, May 17, 2026, as many as 21 tornados (per USGS and Local Emergency Management) raced across Eastern Nebraska and Western and Central Iowa. Leaving devastation in their wake. Many reports from several communities of trees down, power outages, roof damage, hail damage, wind damage, and some structures destroyed. We are thankful that there have been NO reports of injuries.

Like many of you my first instinct is to pack the car and GO HELP! BUT PLEASE DON'T. In the days (and weeks) to come, we will have information and opportunities for you to help. The reality is that all available resources are being used. We will simply be in the way at this time.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

PRAYING for those affected, and those responding.

DONATING a financial gift to Iowa Disaster Response, Special Advance #223

REACH OUT - If you know someone who is impacted by disaster, reach out, call them, send a note or text. Knowing that others care and are praying makes a huge difference. It's the best of who we are as a connectional church.

MAKING CLEAN-UP BUCKETS and HYGIENE KITS: Go to UMCOR.org or Midwest Missions Distribution Center for information how to make Clean-up Buckets and other kits.

GET TRAINED AND GET A TEAM TOGETHER so that when the time is right you can go and help. Emergency Response Training (ERT) and United Methodist Volunteer in Mission (UMVIM) will help to prepare you for volunteering. Contact Pastor Catie Newman at 712-899-4067 or disaster.response@iaumc.org to schedule ERT or Spiritual Care Training. OR Contact Pastor Derrick Okine for UMVIM Training.

GET PREPARED

HAVE A PLAN: Talk to your family, work, church, community about where to go and what to do in case of a storm.

HAVE A RELIABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Most news outlets have an app that you can download for up-to-the-minute weather information.

To Our Town

What an incredible week of love in action. After the tornado swept through our town, this community did what it always does best—we came together. Neighbors helping neighbors, friends checking on friends, and folks showing up with gloves, chainsaws, rakes, and big hearts. It has been a powerful reminder that Merville isn't just a place to live... it's a family.

A special thank-you to everyone who helped clean up the church grounds. From hauling branches to clearing fallen limbs, your hard work and willing spirits brought beauty and hope back to our space. Seeing so many hands working side by side truly showed the strength of our church family.

In times like these, we don't just talk about being the Body of Christ—we live it. Thank you for showing up, lifting each other up, and reminding us all what community really means.



Picture taken by Wyatt Jensen at the family Farm

Storm Damage May 17, 2026



A Big Thank You For All Your Donations!

Moville United Methodist Church
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Dear Moville United Methodist,

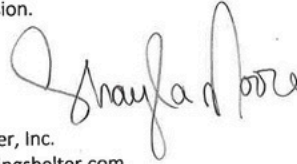
Thank you for your generous gift to The Warming Shelter, Inc. Your support helps us provide safety, warmth, and dignity to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community. Every contribution strengthens the circle of care that surrounds our guests, and we are deeply grateful.

Donation Details:

Gift Date: 03/02/2026
Amount: \$269.00

Your generosity truly makes a direct impact in the lives of those that we serve. Thank you for supporting our mission.

Warmly,
Shayla Moore
Executive Director
The Warming Shelter, Inc.
sbecker@thewarmingshelter.com
(712) 301-4638



We have also met our goal in our support of Leslie, the Guatamalan student we sponsored! The finance committee is currently looking for another giving opportunity



Our church family continues to show extraordinary generosity, and it is truly a reflection of God's love at work among us. Every gift—whether it is time, prayer, service, or financial support—becomes part of something far bigger than any one of us could accomplish alone. When we give together, we strengthen ministries, lift burdens, and open doors for hope to take root in our community and beyond. Thank you for being a people whose kindness shines so brightly; your faithfulness is making a real and lasting impact in the lives of others.

Moville UMC,
Thank you for supporting CWS!
We are grateful to have you as a partner in Mission and Ministry. Your \$310 gift will help to provide warmth, hope, and the tools needed for a brighter tomorrow.
Thank you
Tiffany

2026 Senior Recognition

Katlyn Jensen

Daughter of Tony and Danielle Jensen



Will be attending Iowa State University for Interior Design

Summer is a season of fleeting, golden warmth that teaches us a simple lesson: to stop worrying about tomorrow and appreciate the beauty of the present moment while it lasts. [1, 2]

A young gardener planted a small patch of sunflowers. One morning, the most vibrant blossom looked up at the fierce, unrelenting July sun and sighed, "The heat is too bright, and my days are passing by far too quickly."

Abigail Sayonkon

Daughter of Pastor Eric and Eboni Sayonkon



Will be attending Briar Cliff University and be part of the Charger Cheer Team!

Her plan is to study Elementary ED.

The sun paused in its path and warmed the flower's petals a little brighter. "I must shine for all the world to see," the sun replied gently. "But for every ray I give, you grow taller and turn your face toward the light. Do not weep because the days will eventually cool. Simply bloom as brightly as you can, and leave the worrying to the autumn winds." The sunflower understood. It let go of its anxiety and spent the rest of the season drinking in the brilliant warmth, realizing that the joy of summer is not in how long it lasts, but in how beautifully you spend it.



Iowa Annual Conference

This year's conference theme: Connected in Vision

When: Thursday, June 11 - Sunday, June 14, 2026
Where: MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex | 6500 Grand Ave | West Des Moines, IA 50266

JUNE 2026 LECTIONARY

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7 June Continuous

Genesis 12: 1-9 Psalm 33: 1-12

Romans 4: 13-25 Matthew 9: 9-13,18-26

Related Hosea 5:15 - 6:6

Psalm 50: 7-15 Romans 4: 13-25

Matthew 9: 9-13,18-26

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 June Continuous

Genesis 18: 1-15 (21: 1-7) Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9: 35 - 10:8 (9-23)

Related Exodus 19: 2-8a

Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8 (9-23)

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 June Continuous

Genesis 21: 8-21 Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17

Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39

Related Jeremiah 20: 7-13

Psalm 69: 7-10 (11-15) 16-18

Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 June Continuous

Genesis 22: 1-14 Psalm 13

Romans 6: 12-23 Matthew 10: 40-42

Related Jeremiah 28: 5-9

Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18

Romans 6: 12-23

MUMC

Girl's Night Out

Is Paused Until Next Fall

Come Join us for Companionship,
fellowship and laughs

Everyone is Welcome to Join Us!

United Women in Faith 2026 Bible Verses

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

June , 2026

Brunch by Sandy Baker



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.

If you have any pictures you would like to share of this and any other event please feel free to send them to the Church Email!

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES –

Thursday, May 14, 2026

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Jody and Diane Weaver, Deb Sitzmann, Gene Groetken,
Pastor Eric Sayonkon

Pastor Eric opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 9, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Gene to accept the minutes, 2nd by Diane; motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Weekly giving for the month of April was \$8700. Budget is \$8300. Weekly giving year-to-date is \$29,400. Budget is \$29,900. Interest payment of \$6533 (from our matured parsonage insurance CD) has been received and deposited into our General Account.

Earlier this month we received a bill from Johnson Plumbing for \$2303 for December, 2025, and March, 2026, repairs to our boiler.

The Correctionville parsonage has had a new roof installed. Our portion for that is \$5618, which we will spread over 3-4 months.

Our "Raise The Roof" campaign balance currently is \$15,220, leaving \$4780 more to reach the \$20,000 goal.

The deductible for our church property insurance will be raised from \$5000 to \$7500 effective June 1, 2026.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor is looking forward to attending Annual Conference June 11th-14th. This year's Celebration of Ministries is kicking off with an exciting World Cup theme. The "Kingdom Cup 2026" celebration will feature creative presentations from local teams, boards, and committees from across the conference.

The French Ministry in Sioux City is looking for their own place. They have been meeting at Wesley Global Methodist Church.

OLD BUSINESS

DAYCARE WING UPDATE - Members of the Ad Council, MCDAI, and Crittenton had a walk-through of the daycare wing on April 30th. Corey Lloyd said we are still on schedule to have the construction work on the daycare completed by the end of May. The new roof on the daycare section of the building is complete.



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Continued –

Some questions still remain to be addressed:

- Regarding the light on pole near the shed - who owns it and can we change out the bulb for an LED?
- Signage: Can we add a Daycare sign near our current church sign? We will ask Crittenton to give us ideas they have.
- Skylights: MCDAI will have to reimburse us for the \$3550.91 we spent to purchase the skylights in 2024.
 - Grass seed will be planted - will we be able to keep it watered?

NEW BUSINESS

Moville Days will be held June 5-6, 2026.

VBS will be held July 19-23, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The theme is "Rain Forest."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MISSIONS - We have completed our full commitment for the Guatemalan student scholarship. Thank you to all who have contributed over the years. Finance committee will meet to decide on a new mission project.

Gene is preparing to send out information and applications to our college students.

MEMBER SUPPORT AND EDUCATION - As the attendance at weekly fellowship continues to grow, so does the cost for supplies that Sandy uses to make the meal. Motion by Diane, 2nd by Deb to have Sandy receive the money collected at fellowship on the 2nd Sunday of each month, in addition to the 5th Sunday of the month she currently receives, to help defray the cost of supplies. Motion passed. Again, we thank Sandy for all she contributes to our church family.

SPRC - Will get together after Annual Conference. All pastoral assignments have not yet been announced.

TRUSTEES - We had a group of students from Woodbury Central cleaning up our grounds for their Community Service day. They did an amazing job - we are grateful that they help us out each year.

Plains Boiler and Boiler Room Maintenance sent out technicians to evaluate our boiler. We have received one estimate from Plains Boiler and are still waiting on the second.

Pastor has proposed a church Potluck in August.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, June 18th, 2026. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Krejci

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:
Deb Sitzmann
Vice-Chair:
Terri Koehn

Trustees Chair:
Jody Weaver
Vice-Chair:
Randy Petersen

UWIF
Janice Schlotman

MINISTRY CORNER

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY BASKET

We are collecting Personal Care Items 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! May food distribution will be on the 20th at Kingsley Community Center at 10AM.

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND.

"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 2026 the approximate interest values for each were: General \$32,900; Building \$6300; Missions \$470; Special Ministries \$280; Education \$3400. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the MUMC Endowment Fund."

OUR MISSION:
PREACH THE GOSPEL OF
CHRIST
TEACH LOVE AND
FORGIVENESS
REACH OUT IN SERVICE



Heifer Highlights

The Heifer Project works to end hunger and poverty by partnering directly with the communities they serve. Their programs empower entrepreneurs worldwide, creating long-term, ground-up change. Each project begins with a seed investment—such as livestock or agricultural resources—paired with mentorship to help families build sustainable businesses.

UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF

DISASTER RESPONSE HAPPENS IN FOUR PHASES—READINESS, RESCUE, RELIEF, AND RECOVERY. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WE STAY PREPARED BY WORKING WITH UMCOR TO RECEIVE, ASSEMBLE, STORE, AND DISTRIBUTE RELIEF KITS. WE ALSO PARTNER WITH FOOD FOR THE POOR TO PRE-STAGE SUPPLIES IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA AND ACROSS 10 COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN SO AID CAN REACH VICTIMS QUICKLY EVEN WHEN TRANSPORTATION IS DISRUPTED. BECAUSE OF THIS PREPAREDNESS, WE ARE ABLE TO RESPOND RAPIDLY AND COMMIT TO SENDING RELIEF WITHIN 24 HOURS OF RECEIVING A REQUEST.

MIDWEST MISSION

On Pause until next Month