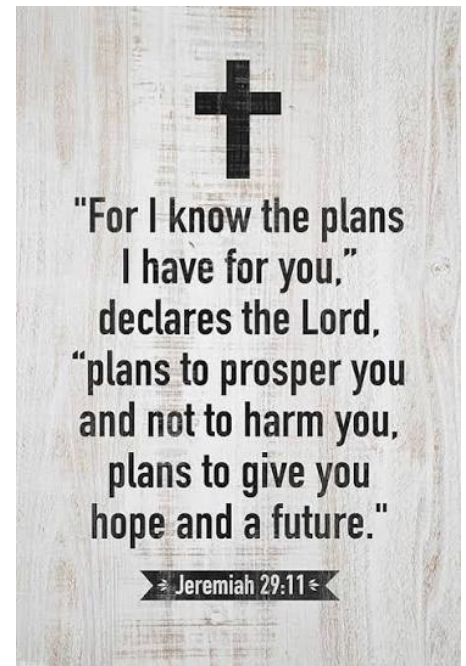


# MOVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## AUGUST 2026



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## GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

August marks the beginning of a new season. As school starts this fall, we anticipate fresh opportunities for learning. In every new beginning, we find the promise that God is with us and has a plan for our lives. This fall also brings a new chapter as we celebrate the opening of the daycare center in our church building, which will benefit our community.

As we look ahead to the fall, let us renew our commitment to worshipping God and growing in our faith. God loves each of us unconditionally and desires to give us His best. Throughout the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, we see God's plan and promises unfolding in the lives of ordinary people who trusted in Him. As we reflect on this, we remember the words from Jeremiah 29:11-14, which remind us of God's intentions for our lives.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart".

God wants to make a creative masterpiece out of you. And then God wants to use you to accomplish a unique and special plan.

God bless you  
Grace and Peace to you!  
Pastor Eric Sayonkon

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# 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)

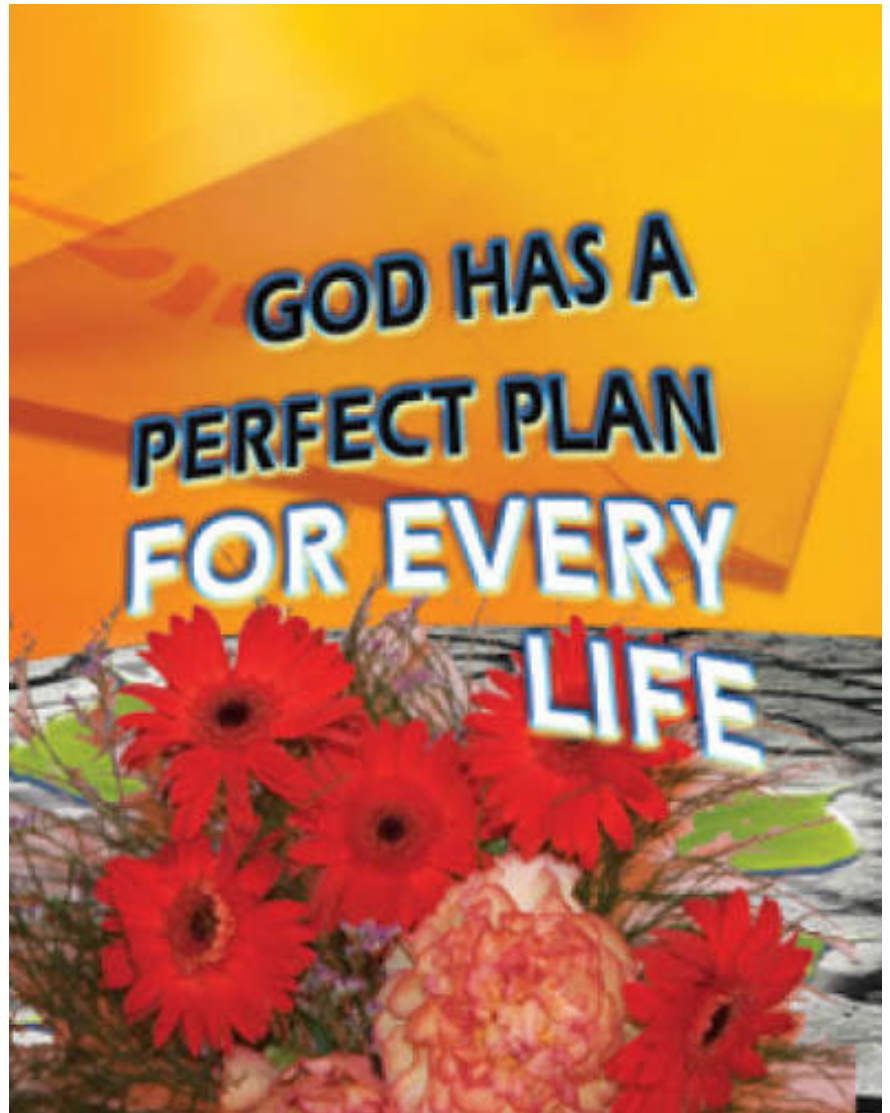
## Birthdays

|        |                   |
|--------|-------------------|
| 11     | Shawna Dennison   |
| 15     | Lincoln Hirsch    |
|        | Melissa Dahna     |
| 17     | Darlene Davis     |
|        | Mary Bruce        |
| 18     | Brad Koele        |
| 24     | Jaxon Scheelhaase |
| 25     | Logan Jensen      |
| 30     | Waneta Van Drunen |
| little |                   |
| 31     | Kathy Petersen    |
|        | Gloria Koele      |

## Anniversaries

|    |                         |
|----|-------------------------|
| 6  | Scott & Lori Watts      |
| 9  | John & Marcia Neely     |
| 11 | John & Janice Schlotman |

Holy Healer, in our weakness,  
be our strength. In our fear,  
be our peace. Bless those  
who are sick with your  
restoring touch, and bless  
those who care for them with  
patience and compassion.  
Keep us united in hope and  
in your unfailing grace.  
Amen.



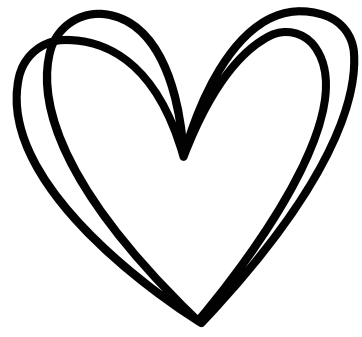
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| Sunday | Monday                             | Tuesday | Wednesday                       | Thursday | Friday | Saturday                                               |
|--------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|----------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|        |                                    |         |                                 |          |        | 1                                                      |
| 2      | 3<br>Daycare<br>Opening Day        | 4       | 5<br>Woodbury<br>County Fair -> | 6        | 7      | 8                                                      |
| 9      | 10<br>Ad Council<br>Meeting<br>6Pm | 11      | 12                              | 13       | 14     | 15<br>Food Distribution<br>Anthon Event Center<br>10AM |
| 16     | 17                                 | 18      | 19<br>Back to School<br>Night   | 20       | 21     | 22                                                     |
| 23     | 24<br>First Day Of<br>School       | 25      | 26                              | 27       | 28     | 29                                                     |
| 30     | 31                                 |         |                                 |          |        |                                                        |

# Joyful Journeys



The Montange Family joyfully welcomed their dad, Austin, home from deployment. We give thanks for his faithful service and celebrate this long-awaited reunion. May God surround their family with peace, rest, and renewed joy in the days ahead. "The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore." — Psalm 121:8



Vacation Bible School was held from July 19 to July 23. Several of our children attended or were classroom helpers. Mondak Night MUMC also served dinner to the kids.



MUMC sent 4 more boys to camp. Jody and Diane's Grandboys: Wyatt (Jensen), Gage (Jensen), Michael (Giron) and Noah (Giron) all attended Lake Okoboji Methodist Camp during the week of July 12.

Dear church

Thank you for sending me to camp!  
My favorite part was the go-carts.

-Wyatt

I had an ~~amazing~~ amazing time  
at church camp it was so fun.  
My favorite part was go-carts.

Thank you for sending me to church camp, I learned  
lot about god while having fun. My favorite  
part was go-carts.

# DayCare Open House

July 15, 2026

## Welcome Home

The Movable Child Development Center officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, marking a major milestone for the community. The new facility was created to address the growing need for childcare options in the Movable area. Local leaders, families, and staff celebrated the opening and highlighted how the center will support early childhood development. The project was made possible through strong community collaboration and investment. With its doors now open, the center aims to provide a safe, nurturing environment for children and peace of mind for working parents.



## 2026 Q2 TREASURY TALK - DAYCARE!!!

On Wednesday, July 15, 2026, a ribbon cutting and open house was held for the Movable Area Childcare Center here at our church, representing another significant event in the history of Movable United Methodist Church. What a wonderful way for us to serve our community by providing space for such an urgent need of young families throughout the area. While children and young families benefit directly, the benefits extend further into the community and surrounding area by providing employment and volunteer opportunities and supporting growth in the region by making childcare available to those considering a move to the area.

As I'm sure you are aware, we are not receiving direct rent (other than \$1/mo) at this time for use of the Sunday School wing, however, the direct and indirect financial benefits are extensive, in addition to the more intangible benefits of goodwill and service. As Christians, we are called to use our abilities, resources, and talents to benefit others and strengthen our community. 1 Peter 4:10 – "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others..."

In addition to serving the community, there are numerous other ways the daycare project benefits our church:

- † Potential new members and friends of MUMC
- † Reduced utilities:
  - Water bill for the entire building paid by Crittenton (we were previously using the minimum each month)
  - Electricity for classroom wing paid by Crittenton
  - Natural Gas for all hot water and classroom wing heating paid by Crittenton
- † New Energy Efficient Commercial Windows for the classroom wing
- † New High Efficiency heating, air conditioning, and ventilation for the classroom wing
- † New flooring in classrooms
- † New paint on walls and ceilings throughout classroom wing
- † New toilets, sinks, and fixtures in classroom bathrooms
- † New staff bathroom and office in classroom wing
- † New security system including indoor and outdoor cameras in classroom wing
- † New fire detection system throughout the entire church
- † Liability insurance for the daycare provided by Crittenton
- † Snow removal shared based on area of need and day of the week
- † Lawn mowing inside fenced play area provided by Crittenton
- † Classroom wing cleaning provided by Crittenton
- † Reduced load on our boiler due to new heating for classroom wing
- † New landscaping around classroom wing and sign by the road
- † Shared cost of cleaning outdoor brick surface
- † New kitchen dishwasher available if we ever have a need for it
- † Parking lot lighting improvements near daycare entrance
- † Water softener providing soft water for entire church
- † New water heater serving entire church
- † Front and back outdoor spigots serviced and working
- † In the "Just as a Reminder" category:
  - Our church maintains priority use of the kitchen and fellowship hall for our weekday events
  - Up to three classrooms remain available for our Sunday School classes

As we soon move into the operation phase of the daycare, there will likely be some things to iron out, even though everyone has worked hard to anticipate questions in advance. Communication is key. Should you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to let me know and I will do my best to answer or get an answer! This is a new chapter in our church's story. We're blessed to all be a part of it!

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## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES –

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THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026

PRESENT: SUSAN HUNTING, MARY AND JEFF KREJCI, JODY WEAVER, PASTOR ERIC SAYONKON,  
DEB SITZMANN

PASTOR OPENED THE MEETING WITH PRAYER.

### MINUTES

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 18, 2026, MEETING WERE REVIEWED. MOTION BY JODY TO ACCEPT  
THE MINUTES, 2ND BY DEB; MOTION PASSED.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

WEEKLY GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE WAS ABOUT \$2000 BELOW BUDGET.

\$1055 IN INTEREST FROM OUR PARSONAGE CD WAS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED INTO OUR  
GENERAL ACCOUNT.

WE PAID \$1500 TOWARD THE CORRECTIONVILLE PARSONAGE ROOF. \$2618 REMAINS TO PAY  
OFF OUR SHARE.

GIVING FOR JUNE 2026 EXCEEDED JUNE 2025 GIVING BY \$400.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

OUR CHURCH WILL BE SERVING AS A COLLECTION SITE FOR INGATHERING THIS FALL. THE  
DATE FOR FALL 2026 INGATHERING IS NOVEMBER 6, 2026.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE ABOUT MOVING THE SITE OF THE  
CONFERENCE AROUND THE STATE EACH YEAR. CEDAR RAPIDS WAS MENTIONED AS ONE  
POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR NEXT YEAR.

PASTOR ASKED THAT WE REMEMBER CAROL LOGAN, DONNA ROESCHKE, AND JUDY CHESLEY  
IN OUR PRAYERS.

PEGGY KEIZER IS GONE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY SO WE ARE TRYING TO BE CREATIVE WITH  
MUSIC AT OUR SERVICES THIS SUMMER.



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# ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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## OLD BUSINESS

DAYCARE WING – MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH ASSEMBLING THE FURNITURE FOR THE NEW DAYCARE. SHELVING IS BEING INSTALLED, OTHER CLASSROOM MATERIALS ARE BEING SET UP, AND FENCING IS BEING INSTALLED AROUND THE PLAYGROUND. A RUBBER COVERING WILL BE APPLIED TO THE PLAYGROUND THAT WILL PROVIDE A DURABLE, SMOOTH SURFACE THAT IS MUCH SAFER FOR LITTLE ONES.

RAILINGS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AROUND THE ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE ON THE SOUTHWEST END OF THE BUILDING. THE BUSHES NEAR OUR SIGN BY HWY 140 HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND NEW LANDSCAPING HAS BEEN INSTALLED THERE. JEFF HAS SET UP SPRINKLERS AND HOSES WITH TIMERS TO MAKE SURE THE NEW GRASS AND PLANTS AROUND THE DAYCARE WING AND NEAR OUR FRONT SIGN ARE KEPT WATERED. TIMERS ARE SET TO TURN ON THE WATERING SYSTEM TWICE A DAY; MORNING AND EVENING.

AN OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING IS PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH, 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

VBS – CASSIE WILL POST VBS INFORMATION ON FACEBOOK.

CHURCH SIGNAGE – JEFF WILL TOUCH BASE WITH MATTHEW WRIGHT FROM HALL OF FAME IN REGARD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW SIGN FOR THE FRONT OF OUR CHURCH ON THE BLANK WALL TO THE SOUTH OF OUR FRONT ENTRANCE. HE WILL ALSO REACH OUT TO AVERY BROTHERS FOR INFORMATION.

MEETING DAY AND TIME – GROUP DISCUSSED CHANGING THE DAY WE MEET IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE GENE'S NEW SCHEDULE. JEFF MOTIONED THAT WE BEGIN TO MEET ON THE 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 P.M. JODY SECONDED THE MOTION; IT CARRIED.

## NEW BUSINESS

CONFIRMATION – PASTOR WILL PUT TOGETHER CONFIRMATION LESSONS FOR THOSE STUDENTS BEING CONFIRMED THIS FALL.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEES – BOILER ROOM MAINTENANCE COMPANY IS WORKING ON THE BOILER NOW. THEY WILL ALSO REPAIR THE RADIATOR IN THE WOMEN'S BATHROOM AND INVESTIGATE THE HEAT CONTROL ISSUE IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE.

SPRC: PLANS TO MEET SOON.

FINANCE/MISSIONS: GENE PLANS TO SEND OUT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SOON. THIS COMMITTEE WILL MEET MONDAY, JULY 13TH AT 6:00 P.M.

OUR NEXT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
MARY KREJCI

## **JULY 2026 LECTIONARY**

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Aug Continuous**

**Genesis 32: 22-31 Psalm 17: 1-7, 15**

**Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21**

**Related Isaiah 55: 1-5 Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21**

**Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 Aug Continuous**

**Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b**

**Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33**

**Related 1 Kings 19: 9-18 Psalm 85: 8-13**

**Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 Aug Continuous**

**Genesis 45: 1-15 Psalm 133**

**Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28**

**Related Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 Psalm 67**

**Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 Aug Continuous**

**Exodus 1:8 – 2:10 Psalm 124**

**Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20**

**Related Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138**

**Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 Aug Continuous**

**Exodus 3: 1-15 Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c**

**Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28**

**Related Jeremiah 15: 15-21 Psalm 26: 1-8**

**Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28**

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## **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**

"If you have faith, you will  
receive whatever you pray  
for." [1]

Matthew 21:22



Luncheon will resume in September



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

1 Corinthians 12:4 (NIV)

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!

**Pastor**  
Reverend  
Dr. Eric Z. Sayonkon

**Office Administrator**  
Cassie Colyer

**Music Director**  
Elizabeth Ross

**Accompanists**  
Rochelle Wilson  
Peggy Hammer

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Janice Schlotman

# MINISTRY CORNER

## GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



### COMMUNITY BASKET

We are collecting Condiments 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! July food distribution will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> at Kingsley Community 18th at the Correctionville Community Center

### 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 second quarter of 2026 the approximate interest values for each were: General \$38,800; Building \$7300; Missions \$550; Special Ministries \$320; Education \$4300. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about the MUMC Endowment Fund."



### MIDWEST MISSION

#### Midwest Mission

Midwest Mission provides the tools that help set students up for long-term success. As George Washington Carver reminded us, "Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom." While many of us learned with sturdy desks, safe classrooms, and all the supplies we needed, students in many parts of the world do not have those same resources. What we often take for granted can become a lifeline for a child's learning." We are currently collecting donations for school kits—lists are available on the table in the entry.

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



### Heifer Highlights

Heifer USA helps small and family farmers by investing in the infrastructure they need to earn a stable, dignified living. They train and support socially and economically disadvantaged farmers while building sustainable, regenerative farming businesses. Together, these efforts strengthen rural food systems and help rural communities thrive again.