



# Menville United Methodist Church

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Our Mission is to:

**PREACH** the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**TEACH** love and forgiveness

**REACH** out in service

*(Matthew 28:19-20)*

	Actual Received	Budgeted Need
Year-to-Date	\$29,695.10	\$26,575.12
Last Month	\$9411.00	\$8858.00
Weekly Average (Last 4 wks.)	\$2113.00	\$2044.00

## Holy Week and Easter Worship

This year, Holy Week and Easter are going to feel and look different for most of us. We won't be able to gather together for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter worship in our sanctuary, but you will still have the opportunity to worship and celebrate in your homes through videos you will be able to watch on our YouTube channel, Facebook page or email. I hope that you will take this time to discover and experience the power of a simpler Easter, just like the first Easter Sunday 2000 years ago. May the Gospel story, bring you the power of Christ's redeeming love, amazing grace and eternal life as you worship in the quiet of your home.



## Offering & Gifts

During this time as we are unable to worship together in our sanctuary, 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 Holli 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. We understand that for some this may be a time of financial struggle and burden on you and your family due to job loss or being laid off. Please know that we are praying for you.

## Email Addresses

The best way for us to stay connected with our members and friends, and for you to receive Sunday worship information/sermons, updates and news, is through our weekly emails. If you are not receiving church emails, please email the church at [mumchurch@wiatel.net](mailto:mumchurch@wiatel.net) or call the church office at 712-873-5117.



## Menville UMC Social Media Sites

For news and updates regarding Menville United Methodist Church, please go to:

You Tube channel, [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) Menville United Methodist Church  
 Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/menvilleumc>,  
 Website, <http://menvilleumc.org>  
 Instagram at [menvilleumc](https://www.instagram.com/menvilleumc).



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Reverend Jill Clem

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### Sunday School

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### Youth Fellowship

Pastor Jill

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### UMW

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As I write this, it is Monday, March 30, 2020 and we are all processing the news that we will not be able to gather for worship until at least May. Although I understand and I am thankful for the wisdom of our health officials and leaders, it is still difficult to accept.

Another month of being isolated from family and friends, social-distancing, no school, businesses closing and people being laid off, the daily news of more positive case and deaths, is beginning to weigh heavily on all of us. I've had a hard time with this "new normal" I am trying to live. I have found myself forgetting what day of the week it is because my schedule is no longer predictable. I have had feelings that range from being at peace to feeling so overwhelmed it has brought tears to my eyes. Anxiety and worry have tried to creep in and invade my thoughts.

I have longed for the days of freedom when I was able to nonchalantly go to Target or the grocery store to peruse the aisles for fun finds or pick up a package of toilet paper or bottle of hand sanitizer off of a full shelf. Instead of leading worship with 80 – 100 faces looking back at me, I now face a video camera as my husband sits alone in a quiet sanctuary supporting me. Instead of being surrounded by children during the children's message and listening to them as they share a story or question, I now face a video camera and read them a book. Instead of sitting with my confirmation class and interacting with them as they contemplate and question their faith, God and what they believe, I now speak to them through my laptop screen and plan assignments that they will complete and email me back.

Mental health experts are advising that each of us should make a schedule each day that consists of making time calling loved ones and friends, getting out doors to sit in the sun or take a walk, trying a new hobby, getting rest, eating healthy and finding things to be grateful for.

I've been trying hard to follow their advice and the one item on their list that has helped me the most has been writing down 5 things each day that I am grateful for. In this time of uncertainty that we are living in, it's easy to experience more negative feelings than positive ones. Looking for things you are grateful for helps us to literally change our brains and boost our health. Gratitude isn't just an emotion that we feel. When we intentionally recognize the positive aspects of our lives, the things that bring us joy and make our lives complete, it literally changes the molecular structure of the brain, keeps the gray matter functioning, and makes us healthier and happier.

I encourage you to begin writing down 5 things (or more) each day that you are grateful for. Let your gratitude bring light into the darkness of this time so that you can live out this "new normal" with a positive outlook, a calm presence and a peaceful attitude as we await the day when we are able to come back together.

Blessings & Peace,

*Pastor Jill*

## *April Sermons*

April 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Palm Sunday: Revelation 21:3-5, "I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body"

April 9: Maundy Thursday: Exodus 12:1-14, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17 & 31b-35, "Jesus Loved All"

April 10: Good Friday: Tenebrae Worship Service

April 12: Easter Sunday: John 20:1-18, "Who are You Looking For?"

April 19: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter: John 20:19-31, "From Despair to Hope"

April 26: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter: Luke 24:13-35, "Walking with Jesus"



## **Women's Weekend Retreat - Cancelled**

Due to the Covid-19 virus and our responsibility of keeping our social-distancing, the Women's Retreat has been cancelled.





## NO UMW LUNCHEON THE MONTH OF APRIL

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” 1 John 4:10

### Personal Dignity Kit “PDK”

- 1 Bath Hand Towel – No kitchen towels
- 1 Adult Tooth Brush – No multipacks
- 1 Bath Washcloth – No kitchen dishcloths
- 1 Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger
- 1 Comb – sturdy - no rattail or picks
- 1 Bar Soap – 3-4 oz.
- 1 Razor – with guard
- 1 Shampoo – 15-18 oz
- 1 Nail Clippers – no files or emery boards
- 1 Deodorant – 2-3 oz. stick, roll on, or pump

## NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

### Abilit Senior Living:

Pat Milbrodt, Helen Leinbaugh

### Kingsley Rehab & Nursing Home:

Dale Schreiner

### Whispering Creek Retirement Community:

Willa Manker

### Sunrise Nursing Home:

Phyllis Prodehl

### Pioneer Valley Living & Rehab:

Betty Robinson

**Please keep these members in your prayers.**

## Holy Communion

Due to not being able to worship together in our sanctuary, we will not be participating in Holy Communion in April.



### Confirmation “Confirm Journey”

Due to the Coronavirus our confirmands have needed to adjust to a new way of learning. Each week, Pastor Jill creates a teaching video along with an assignment (scripture and questions) that each confirmand is to watch and complete. The confirmands are also sending 5 care notes each week to nursing homes, members of our congregation or neighbors to share a note of encouragement and care. Sending notes is a way to help them complete their community service.

For April/May the confirmands will be studying:

- April 1:** Prayer: Talking with God  
Prayer: Listening to God  
Looking Like God: The Imago Dei
- April 8:** Hitting the Mark: Sin and Grace  
Two Natures, One Man: Who is Jesus?  
What is Salvation?
- April 15:** Divine Helper: The Holy Spirit as Guide  
What's Next? Life after Death  
From Whence We Came: The Creeds
- April 22:** A Faith to Decide  
A Faith to Confirm  
A Faith to Live
- April 29:** A Call to Follow  
A Spirit to Find
- May 6:** A Story to Tell  
A Journey to Continue
- May 10:** Confirmation Sunday (Tentative Date)

Please continue to pray for our youth as they journey through confirmation; Kennison Countryman, Aleyah Dixon, Keaton Gernhart, Logan Jensen, Lexi McElrath, Bella Moodie and Grace Ogle.

### Mission Moment

We encourage you to continue to help support Jennifer through your monetary gifts by sending them in to the church office.

Each month we take up a mission offering to sponsor and support a young person as they further their education. Our new student is Jennifer, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader from Guatemala. Please keep Jennifer and her family in your prayers as she continues her education.



HE IS NOT HERE



*He is Risen*

# Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

## Birthdays

1	Ashton Eaton	15	Russ Spotts
2	Abbi Franson		Kaytlin Jensen
3	Helen Leinbaugh	19	Denis Stubbs
	John Weaver		Bonnie Johnson
	Holli Countryman		Linda Flewelling
5	Jase Manker		Kendall Fouts
6	Joyce Rawson	22	Dale Schriener
	Jane Logan		Buddie Ann Spotts
	Sally Gallagher	24	Grady Gallagher
11	Becky Schultzen	25	Bucky Jahn
	Kim Heck	26	Dr. Stee Maxwell
	Kirk Scheelhaase		Keaton Gernhart
13	Howard Logan	27	Lee McElrath
14	Tyler Bauer		Kennison Countryman
			Tim Nielsen

## Anniversaries

2	Larry & Betty Ann Epling
4	T & Holli Countryman
14	Dr. EE & Helen Maxwell
15	Lloyd & Tami Jenness
	Kirk & Tam Scheelhaase
21	Doug & Kim Heck
25	Arvin & Bonnie Daniels
27	Blaine & Lori Borland
29	Russ & Buddie Ann Spotts
30	Denis & Jaine Stubbs

## April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	
12	13 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	Holli in the office		16	17	18
<b>Easter</b>	Pastor Jill Vacation					
19 Pastor Jill vacation	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

The Children's Message time during worship is always a fun experience for children, adults and Pastor Jill. Because we are unable to gather for worship, Pastor Jill is now creating a video each week called "Story Time with Pastor Jill." In the video, Pastor Jill will be reading a fun book for children and anyone else to hear and watch. The videos will be posted on our church You Tube channel, Facebook page and emailed to members. Please make sure to share these videos with your children, grandchildren and others.

