



Menville United Methodist Church

June 2020

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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	\$46,036.10	\$42,929.04
Last Month	\$8,096.00	\$8858.00
Weekly Average (Last 4 wks.)	\$2,061.26	\$2044.00



I pray that you are well and I look forward to the day when we are able to worship together in our Sanctuary, but until then I hope that you are worshipping with us online via Facebook, email and YouTube.

The past 11 weeks have been the most challenging weeks I have had since becoming a pastor. I never dreamed that I would be a pastor during a pandemic. In fact, I don't believe any of us ever dreamed we would be experiencing a global pandemic that has caused to date; over 300,000 deaths and infected over 5 million people worldwide, isolated people in their homes, closed businesses, schools and churches and left hospitals scrambling for ventilators and PPE (personal protection equipment). Sometimes it feels as if I am living in one of those science fiction/horror movies and I desperately want it to end, so that I can feel at peace and happy again.

These weeks have brought with them waves of emotions that at times feel as if they are crashing over our heads as we see events, family gatherings, birthday and anniversary parties, graduations and end of school year fun, sports, weddings and funerals postponed or erased from our calendars. I have to admit that there have been times in the past when I have wished for a calendar that was filled with a little more white-space, than ink. But now, I would give anything to write in a few events, meetings and gatherings. This pandemic has also taken away our ability to show human affection by holding another person's hand, hugging or kissing the cheek of a loved one.

I am a person who loves the change of seasons. I think it's because as each new season approaches it gives me something to look forward to, something to hope for. But lately, there hasn't been much to look forward to or hope for. We don't have a tangible date to know when this pandemic will end. Right now, there isn't a light at the end of the tunnel. We can't look ahead as if were reading a book to know how many more pages we have left or how many minutes remain as if were watching a movie.

And we don't know when we will be worshipping in-person in our sanctuary again and when we finally do, what will that look like? It won't look like it did before. We won't be able to be carefree, like giving each other hugs or shaking hands. Passing the plate for offering and going up front for communion will most likely not be done in the same way. Lifting our voices for songs, readings and prayers will need to be silenced. Sitting side by side and turning around to speak to those sitting behind you, will not be possible. Masks will be worn and hand-sanitizer used. Door knobs, pews, bathrooms, light switches, etc... will need to be sanitized before and after worship.

Why? Because each one of you are important to me, the church and God. And as your pastor, I don't want to take any chances that someone so dear to all of us would have their life and health compromised due to the fact that we did not protect and keep you safe to the best of our ability. So, I am asking you to please be patient as we try to figure out how to serve God, stay connected, and worship so that we can all be safe, healthy and protected. I pray that as we navigate our way, God will direct our feet as we walk this path of uncertainty, so that one day we may worship together, safely.

Blessings & Peace,

Pastor Jill

Pastor

Reverend Jill Clem

Office Administrator

Holli Countryman

Treasurers

Jeff & Mary Krejci

Council Chairman

Susan Hunting

Finance & Stewardship

Scott Gernhart

Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations

Carolyn Smith

Education

Blake Stubbs

Sunday School

Diane Weaver

Youth Fellowship

Pastor Jill

Endowment

Randy Petersen

Lay Leader

Member Care

Janice Schlotman

Memorials

Jo Etler

Music Director

Lisa Fouts

Accompanist

Christina Canning
Rochelle Wilson

Trustees

Wes Smith

UMW

Janice Schlotman

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020

Meeting was held via ZOOM, web conferencing tool.

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Pastor Jill Clem, Wes and Carolyn Smith, Janice Schlotman (via telephone), Randy Petersen, Mary and Jeff Krejci

Opening prayer by Pastor Jill.

The March 19, 2020 Ad Council minutes were reviewed: move to accept by Jeff, 2nd by Janice; motion passed. Minutes from April 23, 2020 Ad Council meeting minutes were reviewed: motion by Janice to accept, 2nd by Jeff; motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT

Giving for April, 2020, was approximately \$8100; our budgeted monthly need is \$8750. This is still good, considering we did not meet in person for the entire month. We received the amount of \$7400 from the Payroll Protection Program last month and continue to use that for payroll and utilities. Thank you to all for continuing your financial support even though we are not sharing an in-person church service each Sunday.

April rent for the parsonage has been received.

Wes moved to accept the finance report, Janice 2nd; motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Jill will be on vacation from May 23rd through May 30th. She will record services for that period of time before she leaves so you will still be able to virtually attend church service.

Confirmation is in its last two weeks. Pastor will be sending out the remaining assignments to the confirmands. We will hold confirmation Sunday at a later date.

An updated member directory will be sent via email to all church members who have given us an email address. For those who do not have email, we will mail out a paper copy.

Pastor Jill will take part with other conference pastors in a ZOOM meeting on May 19th. They will be discussing how we plan to move into "in person" worship in our churches.

NEW BUSINESS

The old computer and monitor from the church office will be stored downstairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MISSIONS – Janice brought to our attention that Midwest Missions is looking for plastic or wood small school chairs. We have some in our church basement. Jeff moved that we donate the unused small chairs to that mission project, 2nd by Mary; motion carried. Wes and Janice will work together to get them cleaned up and let the proper people know that we will donate them.

Our next Administrative Council meeting will be June 11th at 7:00 p.m. If unable to meet in person, we will have another ZOOM meeting. Please know that anyone who wishes can be added to the meeting virtually. Just contact Wes Smith at w.r.smith2700@gmail.com and he'll make sure you are included. We encourage everyone to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Krejci

MEMBER CARE

I thought we could play a trivia game.

You will find the answers in another place in this letter.

1. Who was Jacob's father?
a) Abraham b) Lot c) Isaac d) Joseph
2. Which of the following did not appear at the Transfiguration?
a) Jesus b) Moses c) Elijah d) Samuel
3. What was the name of Moses brother?
a) Abraham b) Zipporah c) Aaron d) Zebulun
4. What was the nationality of the giant warrior Goliath?
a) Phillistine b) Moabite c) Phoenician d) Ammonite
5. What vocation did the apostle Paul have in addition to his missionary work?
a) Carpentry b) fishing c) tent making d) vine dressing
6. On what island was the apostle John when he experienced his Revelation?
a) Crete b) Patmos c) Sicily d) Cyprus



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NO JUNE MEETING

"...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me

will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

Student Kits

- 3 Notebooks, - 1 subject spiral 8 x 10.5
- 1 pair of student round tip scissors
- 1 ruler 12' long with metric
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pencil eraser 2' or larger
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 6 unsharpened pencils

Church Building Update

As we await notification from our Bishop as to when we will be returning to in-person worship and what that may look like, we ask that you refrain from coming into the church or the church office until we feel it is safe. We want to make sure that we are taking all precautions to keep our staff and members safe during this time. If you need to speak to Holli, please call the church office or if you need to speak to Pastor Jill, you may call her cell phone at 712-251-3728. Please mail your gifts and offerings to the church instead of dropping them off. We appreciate your help and patience as we find our way during this pandemic.

IMPORTANT
CHURCH
UPDATE

Offering & Gifts

Thank you so much for your continued support of our ministries and missions at Menville UMC during this time of online worship. 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.

OFFERING
WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



Ad-Council

The June Ad-Council meeting will be held via Zoom on **Thursday, June 11th at 7:00pm.**

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 or call the church office at 712/873-5117.

SEND EMAIL



NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

Abilit Senior Living:

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.

Mission Moment

Please continue to mail in your monetary gifts to the church office, as we help sponsor and support Jennifer, a 9th grade student from Guatemala. Please keep Jennifer and her family in your prayers as she continues her education.



Moville UMC Social Media Sites

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

You Tube channel: [www/youtube.com Moville United Methodist Church](http://www.youtube.com/Moville%20United%20Methodist%20Church)

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/movilleumc>

Website: <http://movilleumc.org> or

Instagram: at movilleumc



with Pastor Jill

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.

Confirmation "Confirm Journey"

This year the confirmation journey for our youth has been very different compared to previous years. No other confirmation class in the history of Moville UMC, has had to journey through a pandemic. The pandemic created a challenge but it didn't stop us from completing confirmation. Creative changes were made in how the class was led, taught and how youth learned. Each week Pastor Jill created a teaching video and assignments for the youth to watch and complete. The youth also sent care cards each week to residents in local care facilities, family members, friends and congregation members as part of their community service project. And each week the youth were assigned to watch and listen to the sermon and complete a 200-word sermon summary. We do not have a date set for Confirmation Sunday but I hope you will continue to pray for our confirmation students: Kennison Countryman, Aleyah Dixon, Keaton Gernhart, Logan Jensen, Lexi McElrath and Bella Moodie.



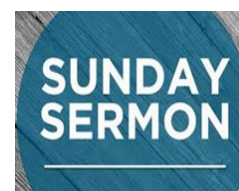
June Sermons

June 7: Trinity Sunday: Matthew 28:16-20 (Love Feast)

June 14: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost: Romans 5:1-8

June 21: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (Father's Day): Genesis 21:8-21

June 28: 4th Sunday after Pentecost: Genesis 22:1-14



Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays

- 2 Rochelle Wilson
- 3 Virginia Seitzinger
Scott Watts
- 4 Morgan Hanenberger
- 11 Kevin Fouts
Dean Livermore
Brooke Bauer
- 12 Craig Sitzmann
- 14 Carolyn Smith
- 16 Laura Smith
- 17 James Dahill
- 18 Ray Scheelhaase
- 20 Gary Bruce
Jeannie Crick
- 21 John Groetken
- 24 Brad Nash
- 25 Linda Waugh
- 27 Marvin Flewelling
- 28 Mary Krejci

Anniversaries

- 3 Roger & Rochelle Wilson
- 5 Chuck & Cheryl Eskov
- 12 Bucky & Jana Jahn
Jay & Laurie Warren
- 13 Kevin & Lisa Fouts
- 15 Dean & Mary Livermore
- 22 Pastor Jill and Dave Clem



Answers to Member Care: 1. C, 2. B, 3. C, 4. A, 5. C, 6. B

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 NOISY OFFERING	8	9	10	11 Ad Council 7 pm	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Love Feast

On **Sunday June 7th** you are invited to participate in a Love Feast during our worship service. *The Love Feast has often been held on occasions when the celebration of the Lord's Supper is not available, such as, in our present situation with social distancing.*



The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ. The modern history of the Love Feast began when Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians in Germany introduced a service of sharing food, prayer, religious conversation, and hymns in 1727. John Wesley first experienced it among the Moravians in Savannah, Georgia, ten years later. His diary notes: "After evening prayers, we joined with the Germans in one of their love-feasts. It was begun and ended with thanksgiving and prayer, and celebrated in so decent and solemn a manner as a Christian of the apostolic age would have allowed to be worthy of Christ." It quickly became a feature of the Evangelical Revival and a regular part of Methodist society meetings in Great Britain and throughout the English-speaking world. As Methodists immigrated to North America, they made Love Feasts an important part of early American Methodism.

To participate in the Love Feast you will need a beverage (juice, water, lemonade, tea or coffee) and a slice of *bread, crackers, rolls, sweet bread or muffin.* During this portion of the worship service I will give you instructions as to what you will need to do. I hope you enjoy this Methodist tradition.



Iowa Annual Conference 2020

The 2020 session of the Iowa Annual Conference will be postponed due to the current Coronavirus health crisis. Bishop Laurie Haller made the decision with the full support of the Cabinet and the Annual Conference Session Planning Committee. Preparations are underway for a one-day electronic Annual Conference Legislative Session via the Zoom platform. It will be held later in the summer or in early fall. Secure remote electronic voting by the elected lay members and clergy members of the Iowa Annual Conference will be utilized, again in accord with the Book of Discipline. "It is our intention to have an electronic town hall pre-Conference session," reported Rev. Harlan Gillespie, Assistant to Bishop Laurie. "We will share information and also practice how to vote electronically." Dates are being considered currently. "In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of our laity, clergy, and those who serve us is of paramount importance." "We are looking at the possibility of having several regional Orders Worship Services (ordination and commissioning) in different locations around the conference later in the summer," Rev. Gillespie added.

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

The family of Herb Foster, he passed away May 3.
The family of Patricia Horton-Milbrodt, she passed away May 4.

~ May God's love and grace be with you always. May He fill your heart with consolation, Strength and peace. ~

Some kid humor.....

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

'Daddy, what happened to him?' The son asked.

'He died and went to Heaven,' the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, 'Did God throw him back down?'