



# 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	\$58,822.10	\$61,327.20
Last Month (5 weeks)	\$8,919.00	\$8858.00
Weekly Average (Last 4 wks.)	\$1,526.50	\$2044.00



Last month, I made my annual trip to one of my favorite stores, Staples. I am a complete nerd when it comes to school and office supplies. I love new pencils, pens, paper clips, notebooks, journals and calendars. I love to peruse up and down the aisles looking at all of the bright colored folders, binders, post-it notes, markers and crayons. On this particular trip, my focus was on purchasing a new July 2020 – June 2021 desk calendar for my office. I'm not sure how you feel about new calendars but for me, I see the blank pages of each new month as an opportunity to add in all of the activities, gatherings and celebrations I hope to experience during each month and year. After spending time looking over and examining the array of sizes and styles of calendars, I happily chose the one I felt fit my needs the best. I was so excited to take it out of its plastic wrapping and place it on my desk, but as I began to look at all of the dates and months, I suddenly felt sad. This year isn't like the past years when I would pick up a pen or pencil and begin planning and dreaming of what new studies, classes, worship services or events that may occur. This year, I'm finding it difficult to plan ahead much farther than one week at a time. When the pandemic began and everything shut-down, I couldn't have imagined that at the beginning of August, we would be faced with questions such as; "Will teachers and students be safe going back to school?" "Will there be extra-curricular activities like football, soccer, basketball, wrestling, music, theater, dance, scouts, etc..?" "Will students and teachers be wearing masks at school?" "Will we have worship in the sanctuary?" "Will we have our annual Homecoming Soup and Pie Lunch at Menville UMC?" "Will we have Sunday school?" "Will we have youth group?" "Will there be choir and handbell practice?"

As I flipped over the pages of my new calendar I wondered, if just maybe, not being able to look ahead and plan for the future is something that God is using, to reveal something better. I do not believe that God caused the pandemic, the illnesses, hospitalizations and loss of people's lives and jobs. But just maybe, God is using the pandemic to give us a gift of showing us how to slowdown and take each day as it comes, celebrating the simple joys of life, love, friendship and family. Maybe, we got so used to cramming our lives and calendars with meetings, activities and obligations in the past, that we forgot to take time to just be still, to sit in the presence of God, listening, meditating on his word, praying and thanking him for the many blessings he so freely gives to each one of us every day? Maybe, we forgot how fun it was to spend time cooking and enjoying a meal, laughing with family and friends, reading a good book, being creative, playing, relaxing and breathing in deeply, that now, we can't imagine experiencing life any other way? Maybe, this isn't such a bad thing? Only time will tell.

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**

Kevin Fouts

**Member Care**

Janice Schlotman

**Memorials**

Jo Etler

**Music Director**

Lisa Fouts

**Accompanist**

Christina Canning

Rochelle Wilson

**Trustees**

Wes Smith

**UMW**

Janice Schlotman



## Welcome Back to Worship!!

On **Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** you are invited to join us for our first in-person Sunday worship. Worship will look and feel a little different than how we have worshipped in the past, but we look forward to gathering together in our Sanctuary. We hope you have had time to read over the Safety Requirements that the Re-Entry Team established for the safety of entering and

leaving the building and worshipping together. Social-distancing and masks are mandatory. We also know that some of you may not feel comfortable in coming back at this time, so we hope you will continue to watch our worship service online through our You Tube channel and Facebook or you may watch the sermon portion on our website. The worship service and sermon portion will be available online on Sunday afternoons beginning August 9<sup>th</sup>. If there is a need to cancel any future worship services, you will be notified by email, phone, Facebook or website.

## 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/movilleumc>

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

**Instagram:** at movilleumc



## Volunteers Needed for Sunday Worship

To help members and visitors enter and leave our facility safely on Sunday mornings, we are in need of 8 volunteers each Sunday to help before and after worship services. Volunteers are needed to:

- Open doors
- Disperse hand-sanitizer
- Write down attendee's names
- Help attendees to their seats before worship and dismiss at the close of worship
- Disperse communion elements as attendees leave on Communion Sunday's



We will be having a **Volunteer Training** session for everyone who is interested in volunteering, to help understand and implement the new ways we will be gathering and worshipping together, on **Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. Please wear a mask to the training session.

Please contact the church office by email at [mumchurch@witel.net](mailto:mumchurch@witel.net) or by phone at 712-873-5117 to let us know if you are able to volunteer for one or more of these Sunday's in August - December:

**August:** 9, 16, 23, 30

**September:** 6, 13, 20, 27

**October:** 4, 11, 18, 25

**November:** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**December:** 6, 13, 20, 27

## MEMBER CARE

1 Corinthians 13 is called the Love chapter. I was listening to a radio devotion based on this chapter. "I may be able to speak the languages of men & of angels, but if I have not love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell. I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge & understand all secrets; I may have all the faith needed to move mountains –but if I have not love, I am nothing. I may give away everything I have, & even give up my body to be burned – but if I have not love, it does me no good.

Love is patient & kind; love is not jealous, or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love

never gives up; its faith, hope and patience never fail." He suggested that we replace the word love with our name when we read this part. Janice is patient & kind; but am I always? Janice is not jealous or conceited or proud; am I sure about that? As we do this exercise we need to search our hearts, let the Holy Spirit show us where we need to correct our motives & behavior. As we grow in Love we will find ourselves walking even closer to Jesus Christ. This is what Spiritual Growth is all about.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020**

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Pastor Jill Clem, Wes and Carolyn Smith, Janice Schlotman, Randy Petersen, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Bev Arvin, Jody and Diane Weaver, Kevin Fouts

Opening prayer by Pastor Jill.

The June 23, 2020 Ad Council minutes were reviewed. Pastor Jill had additional information regarding the re-entry team. Here is her clarification to the previous minutes: *The 6 members of the team will be chosen from the congregation with a representation of at least 2 having a medical background. I am not putting this responsibility on to the Ad-Council Members.*

Motion by Janice to accept minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff; motion passed.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

Because he was not present at the previous month's meeting, Jeff provided financial reports for the months of May and June at this time. Giving in June was about \$2000 below what we needed to meet budget.

We have used up the \$7400 that was received through the Payroll Protection Program. Now Jeff will begin the process of documentation to have the loan forgiven.

We have received the June rent for the parsonage.

The Missions committee met and reviewed a request they received from the Guatemalan student scholarship program. The program was asking for a one-time donation of \$840 to their "Lifting Up Our Student" program. The purpose of that program is to assist students' families with additional need during this time of crisis due to Covid 19. The committee agreed to this payment and the check has been sent. This brings the balance in the Guatemalan student scholarship account to \$501.66.

Janice moved to accept the finance report, Wes 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Annual conference is Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020; pastor will attend it online.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

It was recommended we purchase a self-standing cooling fan for Holli's office. Cost of the fan is approximately \$365.00. Motion by Jody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janice; motion passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

MEMBER CARE/NURTURE – Janice reported that Wednesday night dessert and discussion groups are going well. Typically, six or seven folks are in attendance. Group meets outside. Please feel welcome to join them.

ENDOWMENT – Randy reported it has been about two years since we switched to the United Methodist Foundation; we feel this was a good move on the part of our church.

UMW – There will be no luncheon this year. For the September meeting, plans are being tentatively set to meet in the park instead of the church. At this time there are no plans for the annual homecoming soup and pie luncheon.

TRUSTEES – Wes has been checking into replacing a/c filters.

SPPR – Group needs to meet; Carolyn is looking at tentative dates for this.

RE-ENTRY PLAN – Pastor Jill and the Re-Entry team put together guidelines for how and when to re-open our church for weekly services. Following considerable discussion, Janice moved to accept the re-entry plan, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed. The congregation will be notified of the plan detail by email/mail. The services will continue to be video recorded and posted online.

Next Administrative Council meeting is planned for Thursday, August 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be wearing masks and social distancing within the hall. Please feel free to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Krejci

### **Confirmation "Confirm Journey"**

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.



## **Safety Requirements for In-Person Worship at Movable UMC**

On Tuesday, June 23, 2020 the Movable United Methodist Re-Entry Team met to discuss the possibility of in-person worship and the guidelines needed for the safety of those participating in the service of worship at Movable United Methodist Church. The members of the re-entry team, put together a proposal of safety requirements and a proposed date for our first in-person worship service. This proposal was presented to the Ad-Council during their meeting on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> and was unanimously approved. We will return to in-person worship in our Sanctuary on **Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 9:30am**. Please note that this date and dates of future worship services are subject to change if it becomes unsafe to gather for worship in our sanctuary. The following are the safety requirements that have been implemented for in-person worship at Movable United Methodist Church:

- People will enter in and leave through the main front door with the exception of those who park in the handicap parking spaces on the northwest side of the church, who will be allowed to use the fellowship hall door.
- Masks will be mandatory for those 2 yrs. of age and older.
- Volunteers who assist people before, during and after worship will wear masks and disposable gloves.
- A volunteer will take down everyone's name as they enter the building.
- A volunteer will be located at both entrances to open the doors and to assure that everyone is wearing a mask.
- Disposable masks will be available at each door to be given to those who do not have their own mask.
- As each person enters the facility a volunteer will place a squirt of hand sanitizer into the palm of the persons hand.
- The second set of doors at the main entry way, the glass doors leading into the sanctuary and the fellowship hall bi-fold doors will remain open while there are people in the building. This will cut down on the number of people touching the door handles.
- The pews of the church will be divided and marked off so that social distancing will be in place.
- Ushers will seat people of the same household together in a pew that is marked by social distancing.
- Ushers will seat people from the front of the sanctuary to the back.
- Ushers will dismiss pews at the end of the service from back to front so that social distancing can remain in place until people leave the building.
- Containers will be available at the back of the sanctuary for people to place their weekly offering and/or mission offering in before or after the worship service.
- Individual disposable communion cups w/wafer will be handed to each person as they leave the sanctuary on the first Sunday of each month when Holy Communion is observed.
- No communal singing, responsive readings or prayers will be done during worship.
- Bulletins will be placed in the available pews before people arrive.
- There will be no passing of the peace or shaking of hands.
- Children will remain in the pews for the children's message.
- All hymnals, Bibles, papers and pencils will be removed from the pews.
- Bathrooms will be open, and the main doors going into the bathrooms will remain open.
- The education hallway and outside door leading into the education hallway will be closed off.
- No fellowship time before or after the worship service. People who want to visit may do so outside of the building.
- The sanctuary will be closed after worship until it has been cleaned.
- A cleaning team of volunteers will come in each week to clean the church.
  - All door handles, bathrooms, drinking fountains (anywhere a person may have touched) will need to be wiped down and cleaned with sanitized cloths.

We understand that not everyone will agree with the safety requirements that have been implemented. We hope that you will understand that our first priority is keeping those who worship in our sanctuary safe and well. We pray that respect and grace will be given and received during this time.

### **Movable UMC Re-Entry Team:**

Becky Dahna, Kevin Fouts, Danielle Jensen, John Neely, Deb Sitzmann, Harold Werley.

### **Ad-Council Members:**

Bev Arvin, Kevin Fouts, Susan Hunting, Jeff Krejci, Mary Krejci, Randy Peterson, Janice Schlotman, Carolyn Smith, Wes Smith, Diane Weaver, Jody Weaver

## 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.

SEND EMAIL



## Church Building Visitors

Even though we will begin meeting for in-person worship on August 9<sup>th</sup>, we ask that you continue to refrain from coming into the church or the church office Monday's – Saturday's. 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 or set up an appointment with Holli or Pastor Jill, please call the church office or you may call Pastor Jill's cell phone at 712-251-3728. If you are unable to attend Sunday worship services, please mail your gifts and offerings to the church instead of dropping them off. We appreciate your help and patience as we navigate our way during this pandemic.

IMPORTANT  
CHURCH  
UPDATE

## Worship Survey

We are asking each member to let us know if you feel comfortable returning to worship and if you will be in attendance at our August 9<sup>th</sup> worship service. Please let us know by contacting us in the church office (712) 873-5117 or by email at [mumchurch@wiatel.net](mailto:mumchurch@wiatel.net). You may leave a message on the church answering machine if no one is available to take your call.

TAKE THE  
SURVEY

## 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

## August Sermons

August 2: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Matthew Genesis 32:22-31

August 9: Welcome Back to In-Person Worship at 9:30am!! 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Matthew 14:22-33 (Holy Communion)

August 16: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Matthew 15:22-28

August 23: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Matthew 16:13-20 (Blessing of administrators, teachers and students)

August 30: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Matthew 16:21-28

SUNDAY  
SERMON

## NO MEETING IN AUGUST

If it is not OK to have our luncheon in September I don't think we should meet at the church. If you want to get together, perhaps we could gather at the Pavilion. Let Janice know what you think.



### 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

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."  
*Ephesians 2:8*

Once again we will need a cleaning team of volunteers to come in and clean the church each week. We are asking that the volunteers come in on the Saturday before worship to this. The doors to the sanctuary and overflow room will be closed immediately following worship service and will remain closed until Saturday when the volunteers come to clean. Cleaning will consist of the same duties as before but will include cleaning of all door handles and anything that might be touched by someone with sanitized cloths. If you would like to volunteer please contact Holli in the office 712/873-5117 or email her at [mumchurch@wiatel.net](mailto:mumchurch@wiatel.net) for open dates. First opening is Saturday, August 8th.

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!



**Birthdays**

9 Donna Strohbehn  
 10 Bob Logan  
 11 Shawna Dennison  
 13 Brooke Fowler  
 17 Darlene Davis  
 Mary Bruce  
 18 Brad Koele  
 24 Dax Weaver  
 25 Logan Jensen  
 27 Gene Belknap  
 30 Waneta Van Drunen little  
 31 Wyndham French  
 Kathy Petersen  
 Gloria Koele

**Anniversaries**

1 Jeff & Becky Schultzen  
 2 Curt & Leneah Havlicek  
 6 Scott & Lori Watts  
 9 John & Marcia Neely  
 11 John & Janice Schlotman  
 12 Josh & Hanna Koele  
 15 Jason & Denise Petersen  
 17 Ray & Irene Clause  
 26 Mike & Kathy Crawford

**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

**Holy Communion – Sunday, August 9**

During this time of social distancing Holy Communion will look a little different as we strive to keep everyone safe. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the end of our worship time together. As ushers dismiss you from your pew and you exit the sanctuary, a volunteer will give you a disposable cup of juice/wafer that you may take with you to drink/eat in your car or at home. Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to anyone who desires a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. All are welcome at the table.



**Ad-Council**

The August Ad-Council meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, August 13th at 7:00pm.**



**Mission Moment** On Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> you will have an opportunity to give a monetary gift to help support Jennifer, a student from Guatemala in her education journey. A container will be available at the back of the sanctuary to place your donation in. If you are unable to worship with us on August 9<sup>th</sup>, you may mail in your monetary gift to the church office. Please continue to keep Jennifer and her family in your prayers during this time.



**August 2020**

Each Sunday: 9:30 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Communion</i> <b>NOISY OFFERING</b>	10	11	12	13 <b>Ad Council 7 pm</b>	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					