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## Menville United Methodist Church

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**September 2024**

Our Mission is to:

**PREACH** the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**TEACH** love and forgiveness

**REACH** out in service  
(Matthew 28:19-20)

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Y-T-D Expenses Through July	\$37,148	\$50,048
Y-T-D Income through July	\$63,279	\$49,637
August Income Received	\$4767	\$6544
Wkly Ave Inc Rcvd (Last 4 wks)	\$1191	\$1636



Please join us for an all church potluck to welcome Pastor Eric and his family. Sunday, September 10 at 5 pm.

**PASTOR MEET & GREET**

## New Beginnings

New beginnings often give us a sense of joy and hope. The fall season is upon us, and a new school year has started. Each day welcomes opportunities for blessings. We see new beginnings at work, home, and school.

My family and I are excited to be part of the Grace United Methodist Church family. It is a new beginning for me as I serve as your pastor. I look forward to getting to know you and serving together for God's glory. Each day we are allowed to be made new in Christ, not by our might but by surrendering and trusting Jesus, our Savior.

The Bible speaks about new beginnings because of the power of God at work. **My sermon series focus for September is: "New Beginnings." God is ready to give us a new beginning as we experience his presence.** The scripture says,

**"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19)**

New beginnings are the best time to reflect on where we have come from as we move into the future with hope in Christ. As we journey through the fall season, let us open our hearts and hands to God in serving our community with God's love. God is with us in our transitions. Grace to you, and God bless you.

Because of Jesus,  
Pastor Eric Sayonkon

### Pastor

Reverend Eric Sayonkon

### Office Administrator

Holli Countryman

### Music Director

Lisa Fouts

### Accompanists

Christina Canning

Rochelle Wilson

### Lay Leader

Kevin Fouts

### Treasurers

Jeff & Mary Krejci

### Ad Council Chair

Susan Hunting

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Vice-Chair:

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Diane Weaver

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Vice-Chair:

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#### Chair:

Jody Weaver

Vice-Chair:

Randy Petersen

### UWIF

Janice Schlotman

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY August 10, 2023

PRESENT: Pastor Eric, Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Janice Schlotman, Jody and Diane Weaver, Kirk Scheelhaase, Harold Werley, Bev Arvin, Gene Groetken, Randy Petersen

Pastor Eric opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the July 13, 2023, meeting were reviewed and one correction was noted. Regarding the MISSIONS report from July – the “Lifting Up Our Student” program is \$900 this year. It was incorrectly noted the program was \$1100. Motion to accept by Janice, 2nd by Bev; minutes approved.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly giving for the month of June was \$5200, budget amount was \$7000. It is not unusual to be below budget during the summer months.

Jeff gave a few highlights of each report that is prepared each month. He will go over them in more detail over the next few months, so people have a better understanding of what information the reports provide.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Eric thanked all in leadership positions for all they do for our church. He appreciates all the help he received in getting his family moved to the new parsonage. He would like to get together in small groups later this summer/fall to get to know each of us a little better. He feels privileged to be serving as our pastor. He considers himself a team player and wants to do God's work together with us for the good of God.

### OLD BUSINESS

TENANTS – After our meeting on August 6th, Harold and Randy posted the parsonage door with a “Notice to Terminate Tenancy”. Harold did hear back from Ashley Brand via text message that they received the notice and they do plan to be out of the house by August 31st. Harold, Randy, and Jody will plan on doing a walk-through of the home before the tenants move out and then again after they leave. They will check for any damage or problems with the house that need to be repaired before we rent it out again.

DOORS – Randy reported that the lock on the south door will be changed out to match the locks on the other doors of the church. This will be done after August 15th. We discussed having memory plates made up noting that donations for Ray Clause and Joyce Rawson were used in part for the doors. Diane will report back on her research on this.

### NEW BUSINESS

COMPUTER – Arrangements will be made with a representative from Wiatel Solution Center to assist Pastor Eric in purchasing a computer for his office. They will evaluate our needs here at the church and make suggestions for equipment.

SIGN – Jody will work on getting the sign out front changed to show Eric as our new pastor.

SENIOR CENTER – Janice asked permission to use our sanctuary for a Variety Show that will be used as a fundraiser for repairs at the Senior Center. The date for the show has been set for October 15, 2023, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Motion by Diane to allow use our sanctuary, 2nd by Gene; motion passed. Stay tuned for more information!

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – Committee met after service on July 30th to discuss the situation with our parsonage renters. It was decided to move ahead with the notice to terminate tenancy. At that meeting, Bev reported that we are still in need of more school kits for Woodbury Central students. The group is working to develop a scholarship application. Currently, Gene has had eight inquiries on this.

MISSIONS – Bev reported that the balance in our Guatemalan student account is \$632.51. We are on track to have enough money in the account to cover Lesly's expenses this year. Diane Dreves will speak at the October UWIF meeting.

MEMBER SUPPORT – Sunday School kickoff will be September 10th. More information will be coming on this.

SPRC – Kirk thanked all who helped move Pastor Eric and his family to their new home in the Correctionville parsonage.

To help congregations and Pastors Eric and Eboni continue building smooth and effective cross-cultural relationships, the Iowa Conference has what is called a "Cross-cultural Workshop." All congregations with cross-cultural/cross-racial appointments shall host a cross-cultural workshop organized by the District Superintendent at the beginning of the clergy's first appointment year.

The workshop for Merville UMC, Grace UMC in Correctionville and Rock Branch UMC will be held on Monday, August 28th, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Correctionville UMC. All members of these churches are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to help congregations and clergy know each other and build cross-cultural relationships in our congregations and the community.

TRUSTEES – Denis Stubbs has repaired the lights in our parking lot. As the sun starts to set a little earlier every night, this makes such a difference. THANK YOU SO MUCH, DENIS!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – Annual Soup and Pie meal will be September 15th. There will also be a Bake Sale. Janice will put out sign-up sheets.

Pastor Eric closed the meeting with prayer.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, September 14th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Krejci



**Join us Sunday  
September 10  
at 10 am**

Bible readings, prayer, praise, and singing by the children are some of the activities the children are involved in.

**Thank you to everyone who supported the WC school supplies mission!!  
Your donations are appreciated!!**

## 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



## Community Basket

For the month of September we are collecting cleaning products 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!



## Offering & Gifts

OFFERING  
WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

If you are unable to worship with us in-person 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.



United  
Women  
in Faith

September 13, 2023 - 12:30  
Luncheon Served by Deb Sitzmann

Psalms 68:11

*"The Lord announced the word, and great was the company of those who proclaimed it."*

## Mission Moment

### Living Heritage Foundation Scholarship Program

Each Sunday you have an opportunity to give a monetary gift to help support Lesly, a student from Guatemala in her education journey. A container is available at the back of the sanctuary to place your donation in. If you are unable to worship with us, you may mail in your monetary gift to the church office. Please continue to keep Lesly and her family in your prayers during this time.



A variety of animals are made available to families seeking a better life. Animals provide adequate and a cash income to struggling families. Support the work of Heifer Project with your quarters. Place them in "Rosie" the Cow on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

### Ingathering Student Kits for Midwest Mission Distribution Center

#### Student Kits

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

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.

The newsletter deadline is the **20<sup>th</sup> of each month**. PLEASE have all information into the office no later than this date. Anything turned into the office after the 20<sup>th</sup> will be in next month's newsletter. Thank you.

## Moville UMC Social Media Sites

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

**You Tube channel:** [www.youtube.com/MovilleUnitedMethodistChurch](http://www.youtube.com/MovilleUnitedMethodistChurch)

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

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

**Instagram:** at movilleumc





# Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

## Birthdays

2 Donna Chapman  
 3 Halle Dennison  
 5 Peggy Keizer  
 6 Lori Watts  
 8 Tiffany Manker  
 Suzi Larson  
 10 Sharon Sands  
 11 Donna Flewelling  
 13 Chuck Eskov  
 14 Shirley Crawford  
 Ethan Schultzen  
 15 Derl Petersen  
 16 Tony Jensen  
 21 Haylie Borland  
 22 Danielle Betsworth  
 24 Deb Petersen  
 25 Bobbie Wahlberg  
 26 Brittany Kelsheimer  
 Terry Waugh  
 28 Vicki McElrath  
 29 Diane Weaver  
 Gene Groetken

## Anniversaries

4 Jason & Tiffany Manker  
 8 Gary & Susan Chapman  
 12 Gary & Mary Bruce  
 13 Derl & Linda Petersen  
 22 Fred & Sharon Sands  
 23 Tom & Shawna Dennison  
 Joe & Deb Petersen  
 25 Kelly & Donna Chapman  
 27 Bill & Becky Dahna  
 29 Maurice & Beverly Arvin  
 30 Randy & Kathy Petersen

## LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER

### September 3

Exodus 3:1-15  
 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
 Romans 13:8-14  
 Matthew 18:15-20

### September 10

Exodus 12:1-14  
 Psalm 149  
 Romans 13:8-14  
 Matthew 18:21-35

### September 17

Exodus 14:19-31  
 Psalm 114  
 Romans 14:1-12  
 Matthew 18:21-35

### September 24

Exodus 16:2-15  
 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45  
 Philippians 1:21-30  
 Matthew 20:1-16



## UMW Soup & Pie Luncheon

Friday, September 15th 11:00 am - 1:00 pm



A bake sale will be held at the same time as the luncheon. Baked items are needed. Volunteers are needed to help cook soup on Thursday morning, set up on Friday morning, kitchen help during the luncheon, dining room workers, a couple people to work the bake sale and cashier for the bake sale. \*\*there will be carry outs available, call the church that morning to order them.

## September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 <i>Communion</i>	4  <i>Labor Day</i>	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday School Kick Off—10 am  Pastor Meet & Greet/ Church Potluck At 5 pm	11	12	13 <b>Women of Faith Luncheon 12:30 pm</b>	14  <b>Ad Council 7 pm</b>	15 UMW Soup & Pie Luncheon 11a—1 pm	16
17	18	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Midwest Mission is preparing to respond to the wildfires in Maui.

Wildfires in Hawaii have swept through parts of Maui, destroying entire communities. The coastal community of Lahaina has been hit the hardest, incinerating what was once a beautiful and historical community. Over 100 lives were taken, and many people are missing. An entire community has been displaced from their homes, leaving thousands without basic necessities.

The search and rescue is still in full force, with some fires in parts of the island still raging, and with many families still not united.

Midwest Mission is coordinating with partners to provide supplies as we learn about needs.

We will be partnering with Convoy of Hope, based out of Springfield, MO, who will handle the shipping and shipping costs. We will send Bed Packs, Hygiene Kits, and Rice Meals, and we will be ready to send more supplies when requested.

You can help us be prepared by donating to our Maui fund.

Your monetary donations allow us to have funds to purchase items for other needs that arise, as well as replenish supplies that will be shipped.

When you choose the "Maui Wildfire Relief" Fund, your monetary gifts will solely fund disaster relief efforts for the Maui Wildfires.

At this time, there are no specific requests for physical donations, but we will keep you informed. Needs are going to change as this disaster continues. Monetary donations allow us to be flexible and adapt to the ongoing crisis.

Donate by sending a check to 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558 with "Maui" in the memo. Online donations: <https://www.midwestmission.org/donate>

Please pray for the people of Maui, the family members of those who have lost loved ones or have yet to be reunited, and for those who have lost everything.

In times like these, people need hope.  
Help us share God's love in a practical way.



We have two big improvements at the church recently. Automatic doors have been added to the main entrance and the north entrance. These projects have been possible through donations by the Ray Clause families and Joyce Rawson families. Work on the project was done by Randy Petersen and Denis Stubbs.

Two new outside security lights have been installed outside the main entrance of the church by Denis Stubbs. Thank you to Irene, Jana Martens, Randy and Denis.

WITH DEEPEST  
*sympathy*

The family of Howard Logan who passed away August 14th.  
~ May God's love and grace be with you always. May He fill your heart  
with consolation, Strength and peace.