



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	BUDGETED
Y-T-D Expenses Through August	\$42,292	\$57,038
Y-T-D Income through August	\$68,956	\$56,728
September Income Received	\$5353	\$6544
Wkly Ave Inc Rcvd (Last 4 wks)	\$1337	\$1636

HARVEST TIME IS NOW!

The fall is upon us. It is harvesting time. The nights are getting cooler. The trees are in the midst of changing their colors. The farmers are working in the field to harvest their crops. It is harvesting time. Jesus paints a picture of the harvest and invites us to take every opportunity to share God's love with others. **Jesus says, "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvest.'" (John 4:35)**

The harvest is taking time to share the good news of Christ with others in word and deeds. Where do you see the harvest?

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38). Jesus spoke of the harvest with his disciples as he sent them to share the Good news of God's grace and hope.

The world needs a Savior. People in our community need God's love. God will use us to make a difference in His love as we pray.

The harvest is possible with the power of God working in and through us to see the expansion of God's kingdom. What will you do, or when will you start? God is the Lord of the harvest. He provides us with what we need daily to be part of His harvest of souls. Wouldn't you be part of God's harvest in love and grace? God is good, all the time, God is good!

God Bless you,
Pastor Eric Sayonkon



Pastor

Reverend Eric Sayonkon

Office Administrator

Holli Countryman

Music Director

Accompanists

Christina Canning

Rochelle Wilson

Lay Leader

Treasurers

Jeff & Mary Krejci

Ad Council Chair

Susan Hunting

Finance

Chair:

Gene Groetken

Vice-Chair:

Scott Gernhart

Member Support & Ed

Co-Chair:

Diane Weaver

Co-Chair:

Becky Dahna

Co-Chair:

Kristi Baier

SPRC

Chair:

Kirk Scheelhaase

Vice-Chair:

Deb Sitzmann

Trustees

Chair:

Jody Weaver

Vice-Chair:

Randy Petersen

UWIF

Janice Schlotman

MEMBER CARE

More Than Meets the Eye

By Max Lucado

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it. Hebrews 11:1

Faith is trusting what the eye can't see.

Eyes see the prowling lion.

Faith sees Daniel's angel.

Eyes see storms.

Faith sees Noah's rainbow.

Eyes see giants.

Faith sees Canaan.

Eyes see your faults.

Your faith sees your Savior.

Eyes see you're your guilt.

Your faith sees his Resurrection.

Your eyes look in the mirror & a sinner, a failure, a promise-breaker

But by faith you look in the mirror & see your Loving Father

welcoming you with open arms.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY September 14, 2023

PRESENT: Pastor Eric, Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Janice Schlotman, Jody and Diane Weaver, Harold Werley, Gene Groetken, Randy Petersen, Larry Etler, Barb and Daryl Carr, Deb Sitzmann

Susan opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the August 10, 2023, meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to approve by Janice, 2nd by Diane; minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jeff provided the council with a brief overview of the Actual vs. Budget table that is published each week in the church bulletin. Motion to approve the financial report by Jody, 2nd by Gene; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

PARSONAGE – Harold received an estimate of \$7397.96 from ServiceMaster to clean the parsonage. He will contact ServPro for an estimate from them to clean the carpet. It was decided that our church members will do the other cleaning required before renting it out again. Harold will advertise the property in the Menville Record and on Facebook. A tentative monthly rent amount of \$1250 was settled on for a new tenant.

The outgoing tenants owe \$5500 back rent. It costs \$95 to file in small claims court – Harold will pursue this action.

Larry Etler presented another thought on selling the parsonage for the Council to consider.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE – Diane will order the memorial plate for the automatic door on the north end of fellowship hall.

We will use funds from Ray Clause's and Joyce Rawson's funeral memorials.

KEYS – Susan wanted to remind everyone not to make copies of any church keys. We need to keep track of people who have keys to the building. Holli has a register of who received keys from Susan.

NEW BUSINESS

Deb Sitzmann presented a letter of resignation from Lisa Fouts, our Music Director. We will now be searching for someone to fill this vacancy. Any ideas or comments should be directed to the SPRC committee.

As Kevin Fouts was serving as Lay Leader, we will be searching to fill this position also.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Eric thanked all for the Meet and Greet that was held recently. He has brought his mother home from the hospital. We will continue to keep her and her entire family in our prayers.

He said that his hope for our church is that we will find ways to grow together in discipleship and spirituality. We should be thinking about mission and ministry for Charge Conference. He will speak with Holli to print out forms that must be completed for Charge Conference.

We will be going through the budgeting process for next year. He stressed that we must communicate our needs with the congregation before we are in dire need. We must look at overall trends in our congregation's giving pattern.

Charge Conference will be October 29, 2023, at Grace UMC in Sioux City.

Pastor will be attending a conference called "Facing the Future" in Atlanta from November 14-16, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE – Gene has received several names of students interested in applying for scholarships.

MEMBER SUPPORT – The first Sunday School went well. Kid Zone on Wednesday nights at the Lutheran church is well attended.

TRUSTEES – Jody will put together a list of what still needs to be done at the parsonage and ask for volunteers. We will have the carpets professionally cleaned.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – Everyone is geared up for the Annual Soup and Pie tomorrow.

Pastor Eric closed the meeting with prayer.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, October 12th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Krejci

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



Community Basket

For the month of October we are collecting hats, gloves & scarves 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

October 11, 2023 - 12:30
Luncheon Served by Sandy Baker

Lamentations 3: 22-23

"Because of the Lord's great Love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."



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.

Through the annual CWS Blanket Appeal congregations provide thousands of blankets each year. These blankets are a vital resource for persons needing support, warmth and encouragement following earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, floods, fires, displacement from conflicts or refugees fleeing oppression. For each \$10.00 contributed, CWS can purchase and distribute a blanket to someone in need. Your generosity will make a difference. Give during October.



20th of each
month

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



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.

Save the Date

Sunday, October 15th the **Senior Center** will be sponsoring a variety show at our church from 3 to 5 pm. The entertainment will include young and old. Plan to join us for a fun night and support the repairs of the building. This is a free will offering.

Moville UMC Social Media Sites

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

You Tube channel: www.youtube.com/MovilleUnitedMethodistChurch

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

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

Instagram: at movilleumc



Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Birthdays

2 Pastor Eric
Pert Degen
6 Jill Groetken
Dasher Colyer
12 Brian Hamman
13 Irene Clause
20 Blake Stubbs
21 Mark Harris
Roger Wilson
Becky Dahna
22 Tam Scheelhaase

Anniversaries

12 Barry & Bobbie Wahlberg
14 Chuck & Jodi French

Each Sunday:

Worship - 9 am
Sunday School - 10:00am

October Lectionary

October 1

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 20:23-32

October 8

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 29

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46



2023 Church Charge Conference

The 2023 Charge Conference will be held on **Sunday, October 29 at 6pm** at the Sioux City Grace UMC.



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Confirmation Baptism <i>Communion</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 UMW Luncheon 12:30 pm	12 Ad Council 7 pm	13	14
15 Senior Center Variety Show 3-5 pm	16	17	18	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Charge Conference 6 pm	30	31				

UMiF Soup & Pie Luncheon



The UMiF held their annual Soup & Pie Luncheon on Friday, September 15. Here are a few pictures of our members hard at work.

Thank you for everyone who donated, worked and help support the event in anyway!!

There was a great turn out!



A big
Thank
You

Thank you to everyone who helped in cleaning out the parsonage in any way. Hauling off furniture, cleaning, organizing - running errands, making phones to get things taken care of—your time is so appreciated!!