



Menville United Methodist Church

January 2024

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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 November	\$64,912	\$78,110
Y-T-D Income through November	\$88,413	\$78,007
November Income Received	\$6244	\$6544
Wkly Ave Inc Rcvd (Last 4 wks)	\$3138	\$1636

God is Able!!

The year 2024 is before us. The New Year comes with Resolutions! As we journey together in faith as people of God's grace, I urge you to step up in faith and grow in the grace of God. Because of Christ's birth, we have hope, love, joy, and peace. I trust you had a Blessed Christmas celebration with your family and friends. The promise of a fresh start isn't about a new calendar year but a gift given to us because of Jesus Christ. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17, **"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here."**

I believe all this newness is the direct reflection of God's mercies sent to us every morning anew. Therefore, I can say, **"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift."** (2 Corinthians 9:15).

God has a great plan for us as a church family. It is time to rebuild in the New Year. What would be changed about each of us, our community, if we rebuilt by God's grace and lived into the newness Jesus offers us?

As we celebrate a fresh start, I invite you to start 2024 with a reminder of God's grace available to you each day and an invitation to a renewed commitment to live for Jesus. It is time to grow; it is time to stretch your faith. It is time to share God's love and compassion with others and our community.

As we usher in the New Year, it is time to let go of all that has happened in the past that is holding us back. It is time to trust that God is Able. **"Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen"** (Ephesians 3:20)

Happy New Year and grace to you!

God bless you,
Pastor Eric

Pastor
Reverend Eric Sayonkon

Office Administrator
Holli Countryman

Music Director
Elizabeth Ross

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

Beauty Tips

A woman was asked by a friend what she used to make her complexion so beautiful & radiant, and how she remained so healthy & upbeat. She answered:

"I use for my lips, TRUTH,

For my voice, KINDNESS

For my ears, COMPASSION,

For my hands, CHAIRTY,

For my figure, UPRIGHTNESS,

For my heart, LOVE

For any who do not like me, PRAYER."

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 4 pm

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Jody and Diane Weaver, Bev Arvin, Janice Schlotman, Kirk Scheelhaase, Deb Sitzmann, Jeff and Mary Krejci, Gene Groetken.

Susan opened the meeting with prayer.
Minutes from the November 9, 2023, meeting were read; no corrections were noted. Motion to approve by Janice, 2nd by Deb; motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT - Jeff used his time this month to go over two of the reports that he provides every month to the Council. He reviewed the "Monthly Actuals Detail Report" and the "Month & YTD Actuals vs. Budget" report. He explained the purpose of each report and how to read the information in each one.

Balance in the Guatemalan student account through December 5, 2023, is \$1195.24. Motion by Kirk to accept the report, 2nd by Janice; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There will be two services on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023.
The choir will perform at the morning service at 9:00 a.m.
An evening candlelight service will be held at 5:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairs of each of our church committees received copies of current members of their committee. Each chair will update their list, adding the year that each member will "roll off" the committee. The chairs will then provide that information to Holli for the 2024 church yearbook.

There was discussion about having a class to assist new members in joining our church. The council chaired the discussion for now and will bring it up again after the first of the year.

The group reviewed the scholarship application that will be used for the Maxwell Family Educational Scholarship. It was decided that letters of recommendation for the student are strongly recommended but not mandatory. Gene will make changes to the application and have the group review it one more time before print.

Committee Reports

MISSIONS - All of the wishes from our Wish Tree have been filled. There was an overwhelming response from members of our church who donated money and gifts for the family at Woodbury Central. Because of the great response, Bev was able to purchase enough food for two families for Christmas. Thank you all for your generosity in this project! It was a tremendous success!

MEMBER SUPPORT - A big thank you to Becky and Danielle who are doing a wonderful job with our Sunday School children. They treated us to two Christmas songs at service last Sunday, which provided us with some very nice holiday entertainment.

Advent Study on Thursday nights is going well. The last session will be Thursday, December 21st.

TRUSTEES - Jody and Daryl got the snowblower tuned up and running so it will be ready if/when we get snow...! Jody got an estimate for removing the ash tree that is in the backyard of the parsonage.

UWIF - Will be having their annual Christmas potluck tomorrow.

Next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Respectfully submitted, Mary Krejci

The Warming Shelter

What makes the Warming Shelter different from any other location that supports the homeless is that it welcomes any and all who need shelter. Once an individual comes into the Warming Shelter, there is support to help them get their life on track by providing shelter, food, hope and stability. In 2021, 231 persons were identified as homeless in Sioux City. The Shelter provides compassion, help and direction to those who need it most.

Warming Shelter needs:

Paper or styrofoam plates, cups, bowls
Plastic utensils
Winter gloves
Men's jeans & sweatpants (size 30-38)
All sizes women's underwear
Backpacks & drawstring bags
Bath towels

Travel Size shampoo
Men's & Women's deodorant

A donation box is in the entryway



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 January we are collecting household paper 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!



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.



United
Women
in Faith

January 10
Luncheon at 12:30 pm

Lunch: Kristy Baier & Terri Koehn
Program: Donna Young

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." *Romans 6: 23*

WISH TREE

Thank you to everyone who donated to the December Mission Wish tree!! Your donations are so appreciated! You helped brighten someone's Christmas this year!! Because of your generous gift of money we were able to provide food for a second family!

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.

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.



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.

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



BIRTHDAYS

2 Mike Crawford
 4 Kathy Crawford
 Lloyd Jenness
 5 Steven Smith
 9 Judy Chesley
 11 Kennedy Countryman
 14 George Allan
 Josh Sitzmann
 15 Linda Petersen
 16 Levi Chapman
 Cody Crawford
 17 Glenn Metcalf
 20 Mary Livermore
 Justin Crick
 22 Jesse Scheelhaase
 23 Bev Arvin
 Tracy Countryman
 Jay Warren
 25 Lori Borland
 26 T Countryman
 31 David Flewelling
 Barry Wahlberg
 Fred Sands
 Erin Harris

**POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN DECEMBER****Given by**

Irene Clause

Jeff & Mary Krejci

who are

Carol Logan

John & Marcia Neely

Randy & Kathy Petersen

Elizabeth Ross

Craig & Deb Sitzmann

Terry & Linda Waugh

Jody & Diane Weaver

Rochelle & Roger Wilson

In Memory of

Ray Clause, Frank & Sally Flewelling

Lewis & Gladys Foster

In honor of friend & family member
battling illness.

Robert Logan

Loved Ones

Bernedine Petersen

LeRoy, LaVonne & Roger Miller

Pete & Mary Lou Leisinger

Floyd Sitzmann

Loved Ones

The Weaver & Rogers Family

Keith & Fanchon Haddock

Earline & Floyd Wilson

Special Sunday

Churchwide Special Sundays unite the work of the Church. Human Relations Day is observed on the Sunday nearest Martin Luther King, Jr Day. The offering supports neighborhood ministries that build community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. Offerings can be given any time in January. Information and Special Sunday offering envelopes are on the table in the entryway.

January Lectionary

January 7

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

January 21

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111:

Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

January 2024**Worship at 9 am each Sunday/ Sunday School at 10 am**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Communion</i>	8	9	10 UWF 12:30 pm	11 Ad Council 7 pm	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Newsletter Deadline
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

MOVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MAXWELL FAMILY EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAXWELL FAMILY EDUCATIONAL FUND

Award amount will be \$250.00 per semester.

Any award will be given to applicant's school in student's name after attendance verification.

Please read carefully the application requirements & complete all questions below.
Please enter information and return to the church via mail or send completed application to:
mumchurch@wiatel.net

Must be attending or planning to enroll in a college, university, trade school, performing arts school, community college, or junior college.

Minimum grade point average for high school applicant is 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and for college applicant 2.5. A screen shot of your enrollment and screen shot of the fall of 2023 semester GPA.

Applicant must be an active participant in church, school, and community service.

Applicant is encouraged to submit letters of recommendation from your pastor and an adult who know about your positive qualities.

Preference will be given to applicants who are members of the Moville United Methodist Church.

_____ I am applying for and meet the requirements of the Maxwell Family Educational Scholarship.

PERSONAL

Name_____

Permanent Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Phone_____

CHURCH AFFILIATION

Church Name _____ How long? _____

EDUCATION

High School Graduation Date _____ GPA (high school) _____

Planned College Enrollment Date _____

Name of College _____ Have you been accepted? _____

What career are you preparing? (If undecided, include possible choices)

What are your long-term goals?

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

State briefly your extracurricular interests and activities:

State briefly your community involvement:

State briefly your participation in school activities:

Briefly describe your participation in church activities:

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT I certify that all information given on this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Submit application and all required material to:

Finance Committee (Maxwell Family Education Fund)
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