



## Menville United Methodist Church

April 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
YTD Income (incl rent) thru February	\$14,447	\$17,811
YTD Expenses thru February	\$17,814	\$17,113
February Member Giving	\$5771	\$7,638
Wkly ave. Member Giving (last 4 wks)	\$1719	\$1763

### Because He Lives



How can we make Easter a day of surprises and hope for people who think they have heard it all before? Easter calls us to be amazed at the power of our loving God and at the incredible gift that God has given us: new life and new hope.

How do we live in light of Christ's resurrection? Easter allows us to make a difference in this God-blessed world. The scriptures point to the best news of the Christian year. Through the resurrection of Jesus, we, too, shall live and have hope. When we embrace the hope of the Risen Lord in our lives, we must celebrate and rejoice in the new beginnings. Eugene Peterson writes, "If you celebrate Christ's resurrection only one day of the year, you're missing something big. After the Resurrection of Jesus, nothing is the same".

The disciples share the good news of Jesus Christ through suffering and pain because they were motivated by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. No matter what stage of life you're in, you need a big vision of the Risen Lord to live daily in his power. We can trust in Christ and sing, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives, all fear is gone, because I know he holds the future and life is worth the living just because he lives."

Let us be renewed in our faith, hope, and love in the complete work of Jesus Christ. May our lives reflect the depth of our gratitude to Jesus Christ and hope in service to God's kingdom. God bless you and grace to you.

Because He Lives.

Pastor Eric Sayonkon

**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

### NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SPECIAL OFFERING

This special Sunday offering is taken each April to recognize and support Native Americans. Your gifts allow collaboration with existing native ministries, create programs and support seminary scholarships for UM Native Americans. The special Sunday offering envelope and an information card are on the table in the entry hall.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY March 14, 2024

PRESENT: Susan Hunting, Mary and Jeff Krejci, Janice Schlotman, Kirk Scheelhaase, John Neely, Jody Weaver

Susan opened the meeting with prayer.

Ad Council members moved into the sanctuary to view the area around the pulpit. It was decided to keep the microphone and stand on the lowest level to prevent any falls when the speaker is delivering the reading each week. If the reader is more comfortable with a lavalier (clip-on) microphone, we have one of those available.

Minutes from the February 8, 2024, meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Motion to approve by Jeff, 2nd by Janice; minutes approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

February income was approximately \$2000 below budget. Income for the year-to-date is \$3200 below budget.

We have paid half the tuition and half of our "Lifting Up Our Student" commitment for the year; a total of \$550.00. Current balance in our Guatemalan student mission account is \$837.60.

Parsonage rent through March, 2024, has been received.

If anyone has the current address of our former parsonage tenants, please inform Harold Werley.

### OLD BUSINESS

The Lenten breakfasts have been going well.

### NEW BUSINESS

Christina Canning has informed us that her family will be moving out of the area once the school year has ended. We will be looking for a new accompanist to replace her.

The Finance Committee will meet soon to decide a process for handling summer camp and RiseFest applications. They will devise and write down procedures to help with the process in the future.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE - All Maxwell Family Memorial scholarship checks that had been sent out have been cashed. There were eight checks, totaling \$2000, which were to be applied to tuition at various institutions of higher education.

MEMBER SUPPORT/EDUCATION - We will be having Easter breakfast after service on March 31st.

Flowers will be handed out on Mother's Day.

Maundy Thursday service will be held at Grace Church in Correctionville at 6:30 p.m. on March 28th.

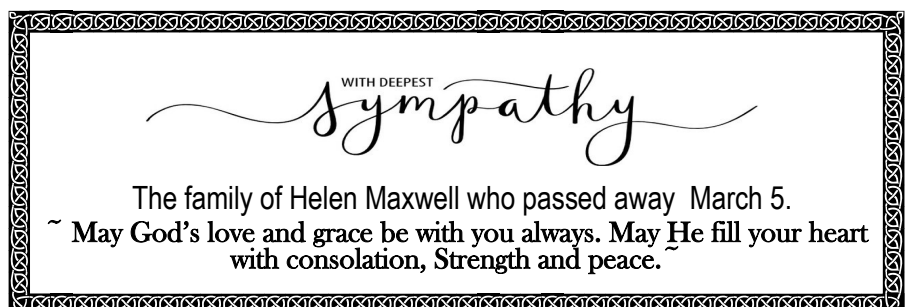
TRUSTEES – Jody has contacted the man who is to remove the tree from the back yard of the parsonage. He will get to that as soon as possible. Jody has done yearly maintenance on the snowblower and lawn mower.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – Meeting on Wednesday, March 13th, was a time of good food and enjoyable fellowship.

John Neely would like to have high-speed upload capability at his home to assist him in making our weekly church service available on the internet. He has checked with Wiatel and they can upgrade his service speed for \$20 per month. Motion by Janice to cover the cost for John to have the upgraded service, 2nd by Jeff; motion passed.

Our next Administrative Council Meeting will be Thursday, April 11th at 6:00 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 [movilleunitedmethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:movilleunitedmethodistchurch@gmail.com) or call the church office at 712/873-5117.

SEND EMAIL



## Community Basket

For the month of April we are collecting peanut butter & jelly 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

April 10, 2024

12:30 Luncheon

Served by Diane Weaver

“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.” *John 12:26*

## MIDWEST MISSION INGATHERING KIT

### Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Hand Towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - no multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12.5 - 19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz, stick, roll on or pump
- 1 1 gal Resealable Plastic Bag

Place items in resealable plastic bag  
Give separate \$2 donation for razor & tooth paste

Build a complete kit or give individual items  
Place in tote under table in entry hallway

## Mission Moment

### Living Heritage Foundation Scholarship Program



Another school year, February to November, has begun for Leslie Jimenez who lives in Western Guatemala. Menville UMC is providing scholarship funds for a third year as Leslie enters 10th grade. We also fund her participation in "Lifting Up my Student" which provides support with online courses and private tutors to help with subjects at school. Leslie's scholarship is totally funded by your donations (no money comes from the church budget). One-half of Leslie's yearly scholarship of \$1,100 has been paid. A container remains on the table at the back of the sanctuary for your donation. Your help is really appreciated for the 2024 school year.

## Menville UMC Social Media Sites

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

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

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

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

**Instagram:** at menvilleumc



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.



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.

# Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

## Birthdays

1 Ashton Eaton  
 2 Abbi Franson  
 3 John Weaver  
 Holli Countryman  
 5 Jase Manker  
 6 Jane Logan  
 Sally Gallagher  
 11 Becky Schultzen  
 Kim Heck  
 Kirk Scheelhaase  
 14 Tyler Bauer  
 15 Russ Spotts  
 Kaytlin Jensen  
 19 Denis Stubbs  
 Bonnie Johnson  
 Linda Flewelling  
 22 Buddie Ann Spotts  
 24 Grady Gallagher  
 26 Dr. Stee Maxwell  
 Keaton Gernhart  
 27 Kennison Countryman  
 Tim Nielsen

## Anniversaries

2 Larry & Betty Ann Epling  
 4 T & Holli Countryman  
 15 Lloyd & Tami Jenness  
 Kirk & Tam Scheelhaase  
 21 Doug & Kim Heck  
 27 Blaine & Lori Borland  
 29 Russ & Buddie Ann Spotts  
 30 Denis & Jaine Stubbs



## April Lectionary

### April 7, 2024

Acts 4:32-35  
 Palms 133  
 1 John 1:1-2:2  
 John 20:19-31

### April 14, 2024

Acts 3:12-19  
 Psalm 4  
 1 John 3:1-7  
 Luke 24:36b-48

### April 21, 2024

Acts 4: 5-12  
 Psalms 23  
 1 John 3:16-24  
 John 10: 11-18

### April 28, 2024

Acts 8:26-40  
 Psalm 22:25-31  
 1 John 4:7-21  
 John 15:1-8

## April 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 Communion	8	9	10 UWiF Luncheon 12:30 pm	11 Ad Council 6 p	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30		

## **MEMBER CARE**

~ *The Good Life* ~

Many of us spend time believing that the "good life" is going to begin some time in the future. It's going to be great when we've got enough money, when we meet someone who truly understands us, when we have our own business, when we retire. But life doesn't begin in the future. Right now is the time of our life! When we realize this, the hours we have take on greater worth. We see clearly that using our time well is important because each minute is a miracle that cannot be repeated.

Making the most of every moment is no accident. Those who live life to the full do so with design and purpose. They realize the value of time and see the world as a place of wonder and new possibilities.

### **UMCOR MIDWEST TORNADOES RESPONSE**

Tornadoes struck the central US overnight on March 14th flattening homes, killing three people and injuring dozens. At least 14 tornadoes were confirmed in AR, IL, MO, and OH. The first need is prayer for those affected and for those who respond. The second is financial aid. UMCOR puts disaster assistance gifts to work helping to rebuild affected communities and is usually the last agency to leave a disaster area ensuring that help is provided to those in need. Give generously to UMCOR. The collection bucket is on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

### **FINANCIAL HELP FOR CHURCH CAMP & YOUTH EVENTS**

No family should be prevented from sending children to Church Camp or Youth Events because of a lack of financial resources. The Finance Committee is recommending to the Church Council that funds be made available to reimburse families the cost of sending kids to Camp or Youth events. This offer is open to Moville UMC families and to other families in the community who would like their children and youth to experience Church Camp or Christian Youth Events.

Please contact Pastor Harold Werley (873-3555) for specific details as you plan your summer activities.

# **VOLUNTEER DAY**

## **MAY 10, 2024 • 9AM-3PM**

**COME OUT TO CAMP AND LEND A HAND  
IN A VARIETY OF PROJECTS.**

(NO SPECIAL SKILLS REQUIRED - BUT LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ONE!)



**LAKE OKOBOJI**  
UNITED METHODIST CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CHURCH OR SCHOOL GROUPS AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS!

**PLEASE RSVP AND LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN**  
CALL: 712-336-2936 EMAIL: [OFFICE@OKOBOJICAMP.COM](mailto:OFFICE@OKOBOJICAMP.COM)

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**



### **Finance Business**

The Finance Committee has approved a total of \$500.00 scholarships (paid \$250.00 each semester of full time enrollment) 2024/25 school year. Scholarship applications will be available soon.

The finance committee would like to thank Holli Countryman for the AWESOME job she did in compiling and organizing info for our church audit. Without her it would have been a much more complicated process.

The church internal audit went well. We have an idea of what needs attention and will work to improve over the next few months.