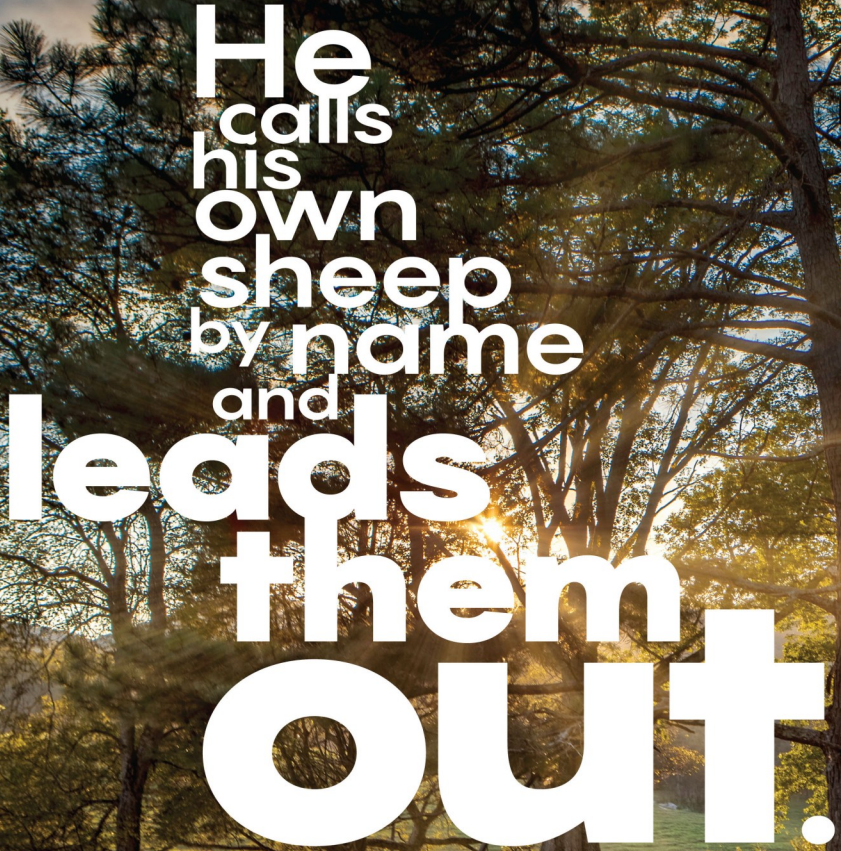


THE BREEZE

A scenic landscape photograph featuring a river in the foreground, a line of trees in the middle ground, and a sunset sky in the background. Several sheep are grazing on the grassy bank near the water. The text is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font.

He
calls
his
own
sheep
by name
and
leads
them
out.

JOHN 10:3, ESV

Our Church's Vision:

*To become a growing, difference-making, enthusiastic,
and faith-filled Christian community.*

Our Church's Mission:

Reach with Christ People Where They Are.

The Gospel Imperatives:

*Growing in Love of God and Neighbor
Reaching New People
Healing a Broken World*

Our Guiding Principle:

*Do all the good we can, by all the means we can,
in all the ways we can, in all the places we can,
at all the times we can, to all the people we can,
as long as ever we can.*

Check us out:

**Church Website with official multi-month
church calendar: www.MotleyUMC.net**

On Facebook: www.facebook.com/motleyumc



Do Some Good Every Day

The Motley United Methodist Church

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April Message from Pastor Greg

Good April Disciples,

April is a month when you finally notice the days getting longer. The air becomes fresher, the landscape begins turning green, and the signs of life begin returning all around us. After months of cold and stillness, the earth begins to wake up, buds appear on the trees, and the birds return with joyful songs. This is the season of renewal, a season when the beauty of the earth mirrors the heart of our faith.

For followers, April begins with Holy Week and the story of Jesus' death and Resurrection. It is a month that reminds us that God specializes in bringing life where there was once death, hope where there was despair, and light where darkness prevailed. The Resurrection of Jesus is not only an event we remember, but it is also a truth that we should all live in every day.

The empty tomb declares that sin does not have the final word, suffering does not define our future, and death is not the end of the story. Because Christ lives, we are invited into a new way of living—marked by forgiveness, grace, courage, and love. As Paul writes, *“If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

April also invites us to reflect personally. Where might God be calling you into new life? What habits, fears, or burdens might He be asking you to lay down so that something new can grow? Resurrection faith is not just about what happened long ago—it is about what God wants to do now, in us and through us.

As a church family, this is a meaningful time to reconnect with worship, prayer, and one another. Whether through Holy Week services, Easter celebrations, our community breakfast, or our Spring Dinner, or simply offering kindness to a neighbor, each act of faith becomes a reflection on the living Christ.

Let us be the disciples who carry resurrection hope beyond the sanctuary walls—into our homes, workplaces, schools,⁴

and community. In a world that often feels weary and uncertain, the church has the privilege of proclaiming good news: He is Risen; He is Risen indeed.

May this April be a season of spiritual renewal for you and your family. May you experience the joy, peace, and promise that come from walking with the risen Lord.

Have a great April.

Blessings,

Pastor Greg Leslie



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1 – Game Day, 1 pm

April 2 – Holy Thursday Worship Service: 7 pm

April 3 – Good Friday Worship Service, 7 pm

April 5 – ***Easter Sunday*** Breakfast, 8 am; Worship Celebration, 10 am

April 6 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am;
Circle of Friends, 1 pm

April 7 - AARP Tax-Aide Tax Prep, 9 am - 3 pm

April 8 - Game Day, 1 pm

April 12 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am

April 13 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

April 14 - AARP Tax-Aide Tax Prep, 9 am - 3 pm

April 15 – Game Day, 1-3 pm; Church Council Meeting, 3:30 pm

April 17 & 18 – Headwaters UWIF Spring Gathering at MotleyUMC

April 19 – Worship & New Member Celebration, 10 am

April 20 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am;
Mill Pond meeting, 6 pm

April 22 – Spring Chicken Dinner, 4–6:30 pm

April 25 – **CARE** Community Pancake Breakfast at 9 am,
last breakfast of the season

April 26 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am

April 27 - Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

April 29 – Game Day, 1 pm

May 1-2 – All Church Garage Sale

May 3 – Sunday Worship Celebration w/Holy Communion
at 10 am; First Sunday Potluck



Holy Week Worship

Holy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion

Thursday, April 2, at 7 pm

In-person at MotleyUMC and on Zoom. Have juice & bread ready for communion if worshipping from home.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2183526466>

Zoom Meeting ID is **218 352 6466** password: *(Contact Church)*



Good Friday

Good Friday worship, April 3, at 7 pm
at MotleyUMC and on Zoom

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2183526466>

Zoom Meeting ID is **218 352 6466** password: *(Contact Church)*

Easter Sunday Breakfast and Worship



At 8 am on Easter Sunday, we will gather in fellowship for breakfast in the fellowship hall, We will celebrate Easter worship with Holy Communion at 10 am. Please have bread and juice ready if worshipping with us via Zoom.

Sunday morning worship at MotleyUMC is at 10 am and can be attended in person at MotleyUMC or via Zoom.

Where: In person at MotleyUMC and on Zoom.

When: 10 am

MotleyUMC <https://zoom.us/j/973954278>

Meeting ID: **973 954 278** Password: *(Contact Church)*

There will be no potluck on Easter Sunday, April 5.

Monday Morning Study

Monday Morning Bible Study via Zoom
Time: Every week on Monday at 10:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86826858534>

Meeting ID: 868 2685 8534

Password: *(Contact Liz)*

Church Council Meeting at 3:30 pm on April 15.

I will be recording the meeting transcript using Zoom; the option to attend via Zoom does, therefore, exist. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting as we communicate what is going on, plan for the upcoming seasons, and conduct the business of the church .

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2183526466>

Zoom Meeting ID: 218 352 6466 Password: *(Contact Church)*



Game On!!!!!!

Every Wednesday of the month in April From 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

In April on April 1, 8, 15, & 29. (Dinner on April 22.)

Cards, Dice, Board Games, Dominos

BOARD GAMES: Aggravation, Cribbage, Rummikub

CARDS: UNO, Skipbo, Hand and Foot, 500, Golf, Phase 10

DOMINOS: Mexican train, Fives

DICE: Yahtzee, Farkle

EVERYONE IS WELCOME- No Charge

Refreshments will be served

Bring your own favorite game, and we will play with you!



April 

compassion + respect
ecumenical
accountability
CARE



C.A.R.E. COMMUNITY BREAKFAST on SATURDAY

April 25, 2026

From 9:00—11:00 AM

Community Breakfasts at MotleyUMC are on the last Saturday of each month. The final breakfast of this season is a CARE Community Meal and is on Saturday, April 25th, from 9:00-11:00 am.

There is no charge, this is an opportunity for members of the community to come together and share a meal. There will be a donation basket to support CARE ministries.



Motley United Methodist Church

847 3RD Ave S in Motley

Other Events:

**Bone Builders is meeting on Tuesday & Friday Mornings, 10 am
TOPS is meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm.**



SPRING CHICKEN DINNER

WEDNESDAY

April 22, 2026

SERVING FROM:

4:00 – 6:30 PM

Serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, corn, & coleslaw with pie.

Adults - \$15.00

Children, Ages 6-12 - \$7.00

Ages 5 & Under FREE



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Spring Chicken Dinner

Seems like only yesterday that we were last frying chicken for the Spring Chicken Dinner. This year the date of the dinner falls on Wednesday, April 22. Please watch for postcards with requests to support the dinner.

Wednesday is the big day; we will plan on doing most everything that day. There will be sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall. It takes many hands to make this dinner a success.

We thank you in advance for your help! Sherry & Jodi 9

Calling All Women

The Motley UMC and the unit (inactive) members of the Motley United Women in Faith invite all women of the church and community to attend the Headwaters Area Spring Gathering. We will host this Gathering on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 8 AM to 2:30 PM.

Rev. Brittany Radford will be our keynote speaker. The title of her speech is “Disruptive Love: Gospel Response to Immigration Injustice.” She is the Director of Racial Equity and Justice for the Minnesota Annual Conference. See page 2 of the Headwaters Updates newsletter (on the oval table in the fellowship space) for more info on Brittany and the afternoon program.

Pastor Greg will greet the group and serve communion at the end of the day. Dawn Timbs will provide music throughout the event. You can be a part of this gathering either in person or via zoom.

To attend in person, please register online at this link: <https://forms.gle/mMD1NPLtXnSuRcFq8> by April 10. The registration fee is \$20 and can be paid by check – payable to Headwaters Area UWF; mailed to Diane Bublitz, 1514 Aspen Lane, St. Cloud, MN 56303 or online at <https://www.uwfaithmn.com>.

Join the morning session via zoom to participate in the activities. Please use the following link to join by zoom – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2183526466>

Meeting ID: **218 352 6466**

Password: *(Contact Jomyla)*

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If you would like to help with this event, please review the sign-up sheet on the card table in the fellowship space. It would be fantastic and very much appreciate to have several men help with table set-up on Friday evening, clean-up and reset on Saturday afternoon for Sunday morning worship.

Jomyla will register, at a discount, all those signed up to help with the Saturday event as a group.

Contact Jomyla Choate with questions and registration at jomylac@gmail.com or 218-575-3161.



United Women in Faith

"The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances."

--Robert Flatt

Ruby's Pantry Pop-Up Pantry

Location: Central Lakes College

1830 Airport Rd, Staples, MN

Held every 1st Tuesday of the month

Time: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

\$25 Cash Donation

All are welcome to attend! Ruby's Pantry is a community food pop-up pantry where guests receive an abundance of food for a small donation.

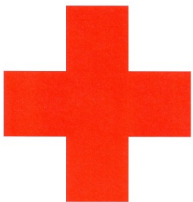
This ministry helps individuals and families stretch their grocery budget while serving our community with dignity and care



MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INDOOR RUMMAGE/FURNISHINGS SALE IS COMING

The Church Garage sale is coming on May 1st & 2nd this year. As you clean and if you have items that need new homes, please keep this event in mind; benefits will fund the church's activities. Thank you!

Give blood.
Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



Blood Drive at MotleyUMC
Tuesday, May 19th, 2026
From 12:00 – 6:00 pm

Address Updates

It's that exciting time of year when plants grow and things change. If you know of someone whose address has changed, we want to know! Please let Chris in the church office (CRosvold@motleyumc.org or (612) 221-1111) know about address changes so that he can make sure that any mailings are sent to where they are. Thanks!



Easter Flowers in Worship

Easter Lily given by LaDonna Peterson, Jan Mayer, Pam Carlson
In Memory of John Peterson & Leigh Mayer.

Tulips given by Greg and Sherry Frisk
In Honor of our Children & Grandchildren.

Cyclamen given by Greg and Sherry Frisk
In Memory of Our Parents & Loved Ones.

Begonia given by Robin Kramer
In Memory of Robert & Mable Thorn.

Cyclamen given by Robin Kramer
In Honor of Grandchildren.

Begonia given by Steve and Sharon Sandberg
In Memory of Our Family.

Begonia given by Mike & Ming Rosvold
In Memory of Our Parents & Grandparents.

Cyclamen given by Mike & Ming Rosvold
In Honor of Our Loved Ones.

Cyclamen given by Alice Sunde
In Memory of Steve Sunde.

Begonia given by Richard & Nancy Carlson
In Memory of Our Parents & Grandparents.

Begonia given by Jo Philipp, Linda Hane, Forrest Skeesick,
Christina, Angela, Julia, Logan, Sam, Chase, Jade, Jett, Josie, June
In Memory of our Parents, Grandparents, Great-grandparents,
Carrie Anderson, & Shalee Hane.

**MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES**

March 18, 2026, 3:30 pm

Present: Robin Kramer, Liz Curren, Sherry Frisk, Cindy Spilman, Jomyla Choate, Chris Rosvold, Pastor Greg Leslie, Gayle Quinn

Pastor Greg opened the meeting with a prayer at 3:39 pm.

Agenda: Approved as presented.

Liz moved to accept the January 21 minutes; Jomyla seconded, and the motion carried.

Finance Report: through February 28, 2026

The Council reviewed the statements sent by Elizabeth. Some discussion about interpreting the details of mortgage payments. Discussion on report formatting: year-to-date is more helpful in the income & expenditures report than just the current month. Also, the balance report Linda ran included associated accounts in addition to the broad categories; that would be preferable for usability. A request that finance report be sent out via email earlier before the council meeting; Chris apologized for not sending out a report that included the agenda and the finance reports prior to the meeting. Liz moved to accept the report, Robin seconded, carried.

Trustees: Robin reported that the safety deposit box lease had Mark Frisk, Jeff Wohlert, & Sharon Stone as people with access to the box. After discussion, there was a motion by Jomyla Choate, seconded by Cindy Spilman, to remove all of those names and to assign Roberta Kramer, Jeremy Reeck, & Chris Rosvold as people to sign and access the box. Motion passed unanimously.

A brief discussion on minor repairs & status of furnace repair bill (not received).

SPRC: Liz is still looking for new members for SPRC. Any assistance in asking is appreciated; need to ensure SPRC represents a cross-section of the congregation.

UWF: The Headwaters Spring Gathering executive meeting is on April 17, with the Gathering on April 18 at MotleyUMC. Jomyla will have sign-ups to assist with the event and is getting registration forms.

Not UWF, but Jomyla mentioned the sign-up for the Easter Breakfast is out on the table. Hoping to have items here by 7:45 am to serve from 8-8:45 am, with cleanup done by 9:30 am. Acknowledged that some people do come in later for breakfast, but it would be nice if most of the cleanup could be done earlier.

Haiti Partnership: Noisy offering coming up on Palm Sunday. No other recent direct updates, although there has been some other information in the news.

Memorial Committee: Still need a materials list for updating the storage in the sacristy. Not much else to report.

Pastor's Report: Holy Week services coming up on Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 7 pm both days. Easter will be serving Holy Communion. Brief discussion on the logistics of Holy Week. Looking at having a new member reception on April 19.

Old Business: Chicken Dinner: April 22nd. Planning meeting with Robin, Sherry, Jody coming up, and postcards will be going out.

VBS: Posters will be put up with QR codes for registration. There was a discussion about having direct contact with the church for people who are QR code-averse; that information will be included in Chris' promotions, and the posters will be left as is. There is a soft cap of 46 on registrations to ensure we can properly accommodate participants. Turn on registration from May 1 to June 15 so we can order supplies in advance. There will be a planned supply buffer for any walk-ins.

New Business: Garage sale happening? Liz will make a pitch to see if we can get a commitment to coordinate. Planning to align with other city sales for maximum

participation; citywide garage sale scheduled for May 1–2. Will be advertised in the next church newsletter.

Chris Rosvold received a jury summons beginning April 6th; there may be a need for a backup person if Chris is called for active duty, especially for tax preparation and coverage on Tuesdays in April. Uncertainty as to duration.

Church calendar addition: Morgan (Pastor Greg's daughter) will use the church on May 16th for a family event.

The next council meeting is on April 15 at 3:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm .

Respectfully submitted, Chris Rosvold .



It's Time To Register For Camp! Registration is open for the **2026 Camp Minnesota Summer Camp Season!**

Get ready for an amazing summer packed with outdoor fun, creative activities, meaningful worship and Bible study, and plenty of time to make new friends and unforgettable memories. Come experience **Christ, Creation, and Community** this summer! Check out the [upcoming camp sessions at Camp Minnesota](#) website and pick your favorite camp location: [Northern Pines](#), [Koronis Ministries](#), or [KoWaKan Adventures](#). Camp listings and registration information are on the [Camp Minnesota website](#). **Signing up for camp is easy! There are multiple ways to register for camp:**

ONLINE

Directly access the [Campwise online registration site](#) to register, or search through the complete list of Camp Minnesota [Camps and Events](#). Then click on “Register” in the camp description. Contact the Camping Office for login and password assistance.

PHONE

To register by phone call toll-free **855-622-1973** Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Central Time)

MAIL

Download, print, complete, and mail the [paper registration](#) form to:

Camp Minnesota
122 W. Franklin Ave, Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55404
(Make checks payable to **Camp Minnesota.**)

EMAIL

Download, print, and complete, the [paper registration](#) form. Then scan and email completed form to camps@campminnesota.org

Registration incentives for 2026!

NEW - We have **DOUBLED** the **Bring-a-Friend discount to \$50 off** for each new camper you bring to camp! Check out the details at www.campminnesota.org/incentives.

Early Bird Credit - Register by April 30 and receive a **\$25 camp store credit!**

The Minnesota Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church offers [Camp Minnesota Camperships](#) to help with the costs of camp because we believe that every child should have a Christian camping experience, and no camper will be turned away due to a personal lack of funds. We have scholarship funds available to campers who need them most, based on personal and family needs. Before registering, check with your local church to see if they assist with the cost of registration.

Serving You in April

April 5: Liturgist: Sherry Frisk

Greeters/Ushers: Vicki Schmidt & Sherry Frisk

Coffee Time: **Easter Breakfast**

April 12: Liturgist: Jomyla Choate

Greeters/Ushers: Jomyla Choate & Vicki Schmidt

Coffee Time:

April 19: Liturgist: Jo Philipp

Greeters/Ushers: Linda Guptill & Richard Vanden Avond

Coffee Time:

April 26: Liturgist: Bernice Thomson

Greeters/Ushers: Bernice Thomson & Paula Johnson

Coffee Time: Stephanie Leslie



Special Event: On April 19, we will be welcoming new members to the Motley United Methodist Church family! This special service will be a time to warmly welcome our newest members.

Upper Room Devotional

The March/April & May/June Upper Room Devotionals are available in the church fellowship hall in both normal & Large Print editions. Stop in on Sunday morning or during the week when open to pick one up.

Sign Up for Hospitality

There are many openings to sign up for Sunday morning hospitality (on the kitchen ledge). We are glad for all of the help you give in welcoming people to our church!



APRIL

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

- 1 - Sharon Leslie
- 3 - Bob Ford
- 4 - Tim Bell
- 5 - Steve Solem
- 7 - Mike Rosvold
- 7 - Al Hansen
- 10 - Fran Kokett
- 10 - Steve Harris
- 12 - JoAnn Kinzer
- 13 - Becky Smith
- 17 - Carrie Adams
- 18 - Beth Pottratz

April Birthdays (Continued)

- 22 - Derek Dickey
- 24 - Tom Sawyer
- 24 - Elise Jensen
- 24 - Carol Kramer
- 25 - Alice Sunde
- 26 - Greg Leslie
- 27 - Taylor Kavanaugh
- 29 - Linda Guptill
- 30 - Dawn Wohlert
- 30 - Cheryl Carey

April Anniversaries

You are encouraged to read and meditate on these scriptures each week as an act of personal devotion. Such a practice promises to pay rich dividends in your spiritual journey and prepare your heart for a more fruitful worship experience.

The appointed Scripture lessons for:

April 2, Holy Thursday: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 3, Good Friday: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22 (UMH 752); Hebrews 10:16-25; John 19:1-42 or Mark 14:1-15:47

April 5, Easter: Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

April 12: Exodus 15:1-11; Psalm 111; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 19: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 34:1-10; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

April 26: Ezekiel 34:7-15; Psalm 100; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Liturgical Colors: April 2: Purple or Red; April 3: Black or None;
April 5 - May 3: White or Gold