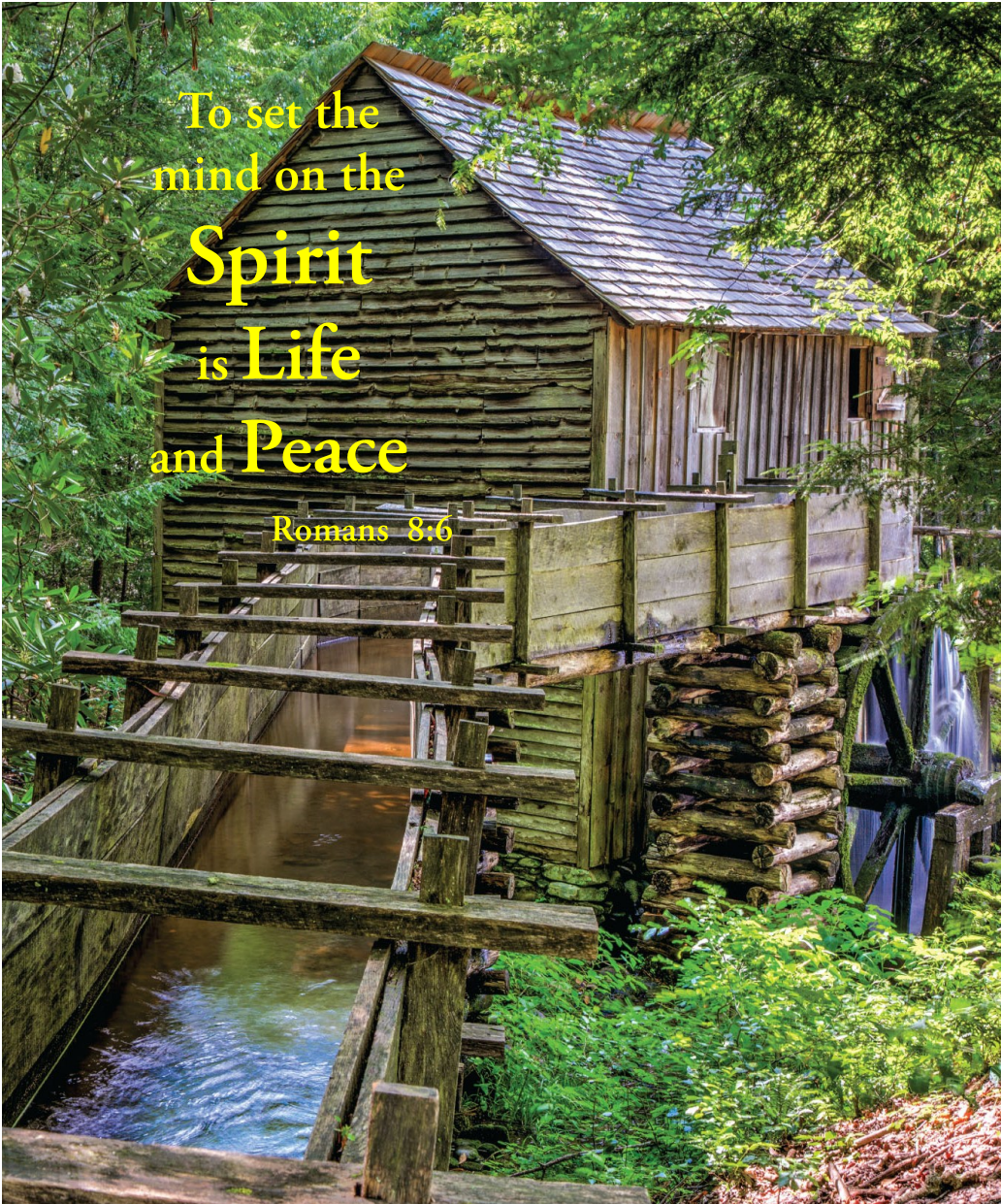


# THE BREEZE

To set the  
mind on the  
**Spirit**  
is Life  
and Peace

Romans 8:6



## **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](http://www.MotleyUMC.net)**

**On Facebook: [www.facebook.com/motleyumc](http://www.facebook.com/motleyumc)**



Do Some Good Every Day

**The Motley United Methodist Church**

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## Pastoral Appointment

To the Members and Friends of the Motley Methodist Church.

From: Liz Curren SPRC chair.

Subject: New Pastor placement announcement

Official notice:

It is the intention of Bishop Lanette Plambeck to assign Jonathan Holland as pastor of Motley United Methodist Church and Associate Pastor of Park United Methodist Church in Brainerd. Acting on behalf of the congregation, the Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee has affirmed the Bishop's intention. This assignment is pending completion of paperwork needed for Jonathan to serve on loan from another Annual Conference. The new assignment will begin August 1, 2026, with Jonathan's first Sunday in worship at Motley UMC on August 2, 2026. Each church member's supportive prayers and acts of kindness during the transition period will be greatly appreciated by all of the people involved.

As noted, Pastor Jonathan will join our congregation on August 1st and will preach on the 2nd. He comes to us from Montana/Idaho. His family lives in Great Falls, Montana and his mother is from MN. He has earned a BA degree in Physics/Astronomy, MS degree in Statistics, and a Master of Divinity from Claremont School of Theology in 2026.

Prior to the decision to follow his call to become a pastor, Jonathan was active providing projects and outreach in a variety of settings. COVID had just begun when he quit his job to follow his call to ministry. He served as a lay pastor in Montana while going to seminary. His aspirations for Ministry and serving the local church are to use his voice and self to help inspire the church to listen to the needs around us and find what God is calling us to do in this moment and place.

He has a passion for finding new ways to show and feel love in our communities. He believes "the church should be a place where we can feel love and therefore want to experience and share that love with others." He prefers to and ways to do love of God and neighbor. He defines his leadership style as empowering his laity and encouraging them to find what God is calling them to do and be. "We can do more that will 4

last longer if we work together.”

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4 – ***Independence Day***

July 5 – Sunday Worship Celebration at 10 am;  
First Sunday Potluck

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

July 8 - Game Day, 1 pm

July 9 – VBS Setup, 3:30 pm

July 12 – Sunday Worship Celebration w/Holy Communion at 10 am

July 12-16 – **VBS at Motley UMC, 5:00 – 7:30 pm**

July 13 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

July 15 – Game Day, 1-3 pm

July 19 – Sunday Worship Celebration at 10 am

July 20 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

July 21 – **Red Cross Blood Drive**, Noon – 6 pm

July 22 - Game Day, 1 pm

July 26 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am

July 27 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

July 29 – Game Day, 1-3 pm

August 1 – Scandia Valley Summerfest, bounce house 10 am -  
4 pm

August 2 – Sunday Worship Celebration w/Holy Communion  
at 10 am; First Sunday Potluck

August 3 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am;  
Circle of Friends, 1 pm

August 5 – Game Day, 1 pm

August 9 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am

August 10 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

August 12 - Game Day, 1 pm

August 16 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am

August 18 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

August 19 – Game Day, 1-3 pm;  
Church Council Meeting, 3:30 pm

August 23 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am

August 24 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

August 26 - Game Day, 1 pm

August 30 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am, ***Fifth Sunday***  
***Noisy Offering***

## Church in-person or on Zoom.

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

On July 12, we will celebrate worship with the Holy Communion. Please have bread and juice ready if worshipping with us via Zoom on **July 12**.

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

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

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## 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)*

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***We will have Potluck after service on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Bring a dish to share if you can; stay and enjoy the food either way!***

## 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!

## Upper Room Devotional

The July/August Upper Room Devotional is 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.



## Game On!!!!!!

Every Wednesday of each month From 1:00 to 3:00 pm.



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!



### Thought for the Day:

*"Freedom is not the right to do as we please,  
but the liberty to do as we ought."*

—Anon.

**let's  
glow!**

*God's Light Shines In You*

# **Vacation Bible School**

*Motley United Methodist Church*

**Sunday, July 12 to**

**Thursday July 16**

**5:00 to 7:30**

*Light Supper Provided Each Night*



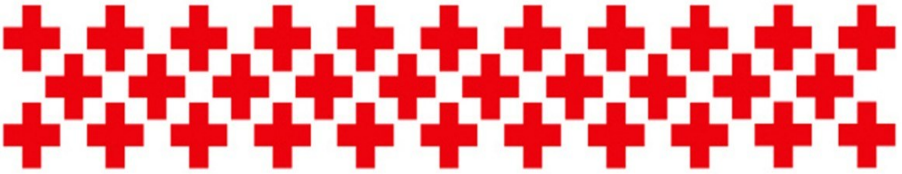
**Scan the QR Code to Pre-Register  
by June 15 to ensure we have enough  
supplies and meals.**

**-Ages 3 to 10-**

*We look forward to seeing your light shine for God!*

**American Red Cross**

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



## **Motley Community Blood Drive**

**Motley United Methodist Church**

**847 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S - Motley, MN**

**Tuesday, July 21, 2026**

**From 12:00 – 6:00 pm**



Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Motley Community to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass®

***Donations July 13-31, 2026, can receive a Fandango Movie Reward by email to see a movie on us ([rcblood.org/July](https://rcblood.org/July)).***



Scan to schedule an appointment.

***We will also have root beer floats for donors!***

**Be part of something big. Make an appointment.**

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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## Haiti Partnership Updates

Thank you for your contributions to the May Noisy Offering. It definitely helped the Partnership to sponsor the quarterly mobile clinics. Yvon had medical and dental clinics

on June 15 & 16 and in Sobier on June 22 & 23. Our next Noisy Offering will be during worship on August 30. It is not too early to start gathering up all your loose change to donate to the third Noisy Offering for 2026. We also gladly take currency or checks made payable to the Haiti Partnership.

At our Zoom meeting on Sunday, June 21, the partnership discussed how it can better sustain the quarterly mobile clinics. Several ideas were put forth, but no decision was made. Stay tuned for details of how the Partnership will go forward with future fundraising. The generous gift one of our Partnership members gave will help us fund the near future clinics, so we have a bit of time to get additional and reliable funding in place.

Again, thank you for participating in the Noisy Offering. Your donations do make a difference in the lives of our Haitian friends.

For any questions or more information, please contact Jomyla Choate (218-575-3161) or Pat Toschak (507-438-7705).

## United Women in Faith

The local unit members will serve the Sunday evening meal for those attending Vacation Bible School. If you wish to help, please contact Jomyla ([jomylac@gmail.com](mailto:jomylac@gmail.com) or 218-575-3161).

On Saturday, September 26, the Headwaters and Aurora Sky areas will hold a joint Fall Gathering at the First United Methodist Church of the St. Cloud Region. Join other UW Faith members from around our area for a day of fun, fellowship, and learning. Details will soon be available.

Also, plan to be with others from all over the state at the MN Conference UW Faith Fall Gathering at Camphor UMC in St. Paul on Saturday, October 10. More details will come in the September Breeze.



United  
Women  
in Faith

### **MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES June 10, 2026, 3:30 pm**

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

Pastor Greg opened the meeting with a prayer at 3:31 pm.

Agenda: No additions

Jomyla moved to accept the May 20 minutes; Cindy seconded, and the motion carried.

**Finance Report:** Through May 31, 2026.

Discussion focused on financial management issues and communication gaps with the church's treasurer. The discussion revealed that the treasurer's role involves coming into the office once or twice a month to handle manual checks and paper invoicing, which aligns with initial expectations, though

there have been communication challenges regarding reporting and meeting schedules. The group discussed need for a chair of the finance committee and improving communication with Elizabeth, who is now a city council person. They decided that Liz & Sherry would reach out to Elizabeth about due dates and communicate with her about necessary tasks. The group also considered asking Richard Carlson to chair the finance committee, though they noted he might decline due to his busy schedule. They postponed making a motion on the finance report until next month due to discrepancies and lack of a complete valid report.

**Trustees:** Trustees approved giving the pastor the laptop that he is using as a going away present. Gloves were ordered for the kitchen.

**SPRC:** SPRC will be meeting with Conference Superintendent Becky Jo Messenbrink soon about a pastoral possibility.

Regarding the letter about Staples UMC that was read during the announcements on June 7: we have not been contacted for input regarding any decision they are making. According to our current understanding: they have a number of options to discuss regarding their future, and we will only be approached if they decide that a merger is something that they wish to pursue. We received the announcement in the interest of transparency because that was simply one of the options that they have on the table.

A decision was made to have Communion on July 12 instead of July 5.

There was also a brief discussion on appropriate compensation and including mileage for interim pastoral support at least through July, with Chris writing them on a weekly basis.

There will be potluck on June 21 to celebrate Pastor Greg and Stephanie's ministry.

**UWF:** They will be providing a meal for Sunday for VBS. Jomyla will coordinate with the ladies.

**Haiti Partnership:** They met by Zoom last Sunday; they have reduced funding since some of their grants have run out. They have approved funding clinics coming up and are looking into some alternative methods of funding in addition to their normal fundraising.

**Memorial Committee:** Two new 120x60 heavyweight white damask tablecloths ordered; should be in church on Sunday.

**Pastor's Report:** Greg is working on packing up his office; there are number of books in there that are not his that will be left when he is done. Pastor Greg expressed his appreciation for the experiences that he has had here in Motley. He says that we have been a great group of people to work with. The one request that he wanted to leave was that we don't talk to our new pastor about what the last pastor, Pastor Greg, did, and simply ask him or her how we can work with them in the ministry.

**Old Business:** VBS: 15 or 16 preregistrations at this point. We are doing targeted Facebook advertising through June 16. Will be meeting on Wednesday, June 17, to tie up some loose ends and decide what we need to order for supplies.

Usher/Greeters: Chris has received information from Jomyla that he needs to adapt going forward, and he is being more intentional about making sure that people are notified, especially those who are offline, about upcoming schedules.

**New Business:** Do we need a July council meeting? We will probably need to have an interim meeting to approve a package for the new pastor once it comes from the SPRC.

We will be doing the bounce house at Scandia Valley SummerFest on August 1.

Leadership list: we will be following up more with this issue later; priority right now is to make sure that we have a Finance committee Chair.

**The next council meeting** is on August 19 at 3:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Rosvold.



Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the  
Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

# Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS 2026 at Motley UMC

**Let's Glow!**

**God's Light Shines in You**

**Sunday, July 12 to Thursday, July 16 from 5:00-7:30pm**

**Schedule (Sun – Wed)**

5:00 - Meal

5:20 - Opening in Sanctuary

5:40 - 7:10 Stations

7:15 - Closing

7:30 – Dismissal

**Daily Themes**

**Day 1 – God's light shines in you**

**Matthew 5:14-16:** God gives you light, let it shine for the whole world to see

**Day 2 – God's light is generous**

Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan

**Day 3 – God's light is brave**

David and Goliath

**Day 4 – God's light is abundant**

John 6:5-14 Feeding of the 5000

**Day 5 – God's light is calling**

Exodus 3:1-12 Moses and the Burning Bush

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help with Vacation Bible School. Any questions, please reach out to Cindy Spilman or Pastor Beth for a more in-depth description of duties and responsibilities.

**Everyone is welcome to come in to the Thursday night closing program at 6:50 pm.**

**We will have ice cream after!**



## AARP Smart Driver Class

**Sunday, September 20, 4 - 8 pm**  
(It's after the Vikings game)

To sign-up, contact the church office at (218) 352-6466 or mail@motleyumc.org and let us know your name and a contact number.

This class does give drivers age 55+ a discount on their automobile insurance. Also is a great way to learn about changes in driving rules due to legislation.



*Live Music in the Park*  
**FREE ENTRY** Northern Pacific Park (600 6th St NE)  
Sundays: 7pm ~ June 28 through August 23

**Official Line Up:**

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- 🎵 June 28: Farmer's Daughter
- 🎵 July 12: River Rats
- 🎵 July 19: Holy Rocka Rollaz
- 🎵 July 26: Kevin Klimek and the Sideliners
- 🎵 August 2: Eric Neznik and Jason Franzen
- 🎵 August 9: Eric E. (Motley Veterans Park)
- 🎵 August 16: Uncle Muskrat
- 🎵 August 23: Red Letter Band (2:00 pm)

**THERE IS MUSIC FOR EVERY MOOD AND EVERY SOUL**



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### BREEZE DEADLINE

In order to get the Breeze published and out in a timely manner, all Breeze articles are due on the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month.

Thank you!  
Sherry

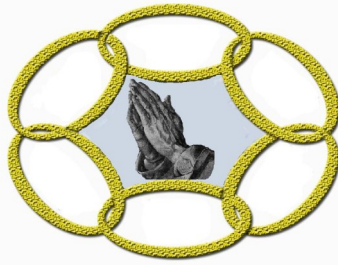


### LAPS Baby Bottle

**Campaign**  
**Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who took an empty baby bottle home to fill for

LAPS



## **Strengthening Our Circle of Prayer at Motley UMC**

Prayer has always been the heartbeat of our church. As we look toward the summer, we are refocusing our efforts to ensure that every request for prayer is shared quickly and faithfully.

**Gratitude & Transitions** We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Linda Townsend**, who retired after years of dedicated service as our Prayer Chain Coordinator. We also thank **Paula Johnson** for her recent willingness to serve. As of May 1, we are looking for a new chapter in our prayer ministry.

**The "New" Phone & Email Chains** To make sure our legacy lives on, we are updating the **Phone Prayer Chain**. If you prefer a phone call, we are creating a new, streamlined list to ensure that no request gets "stuck." Our **Email Prayer Chain** also continues to be a fast and effective way to reach dozens of members instantly.

**We Need You!** Much has changed since we last promoted the prayer chain in 2018. If you are new to the church—or if you've been here for years but haven't joined yet—now is the time!

- **To Join:** Contact the office to be added to either the Phone or Email lists.
- **To Request Prayer:** You can now [Call/Text/Email] the office at [Your Number/Email].

**A Note to Potential Coordinators** We are looking for a volunteer to help "start" the chains when a request comes in. With new technology, this role is easier than ever and can be done entirely from home. If you have a heart for this ministry, please reach out to the Church Secretary.

## Serving You in July

**July 5:** Liturgist: VeRonica Sandberg

Greeters/Ushers: Steve & Sharon Sandberg

Coffee Time: **Potluck**

**July 12:** Liturgist: Ming Rosvold

Greeters/Ushers: Vicki Schmidt & Ming Rosvold

Coffee Time: Jackie Dumpprope

**July 19:** Liturgist: Jomyla Choate

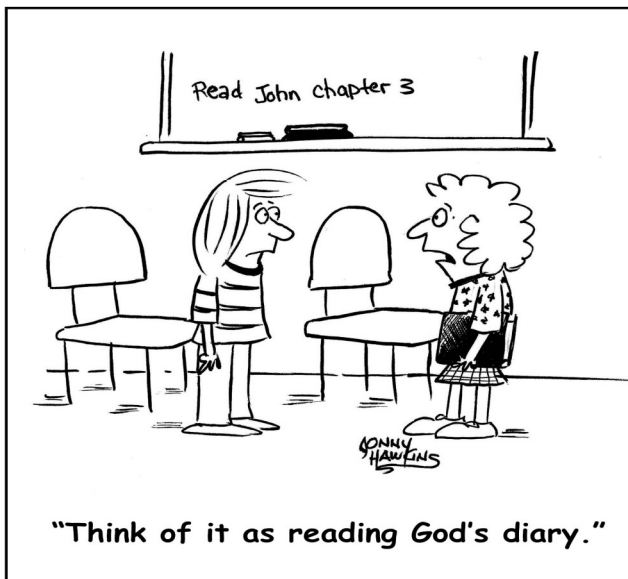
Greeters/Ushers: Bill & Fran Kokett

Coffee Time:

**July 26:** Liturgist: Harvey Macheel

Greeters/Ushers: Harvey & Connie Macheel

Coffee Time:



### Other Events:

**Bone Builders** is meeting on Tuesday & Friday Mornings, 10 am

**TOPS** is meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm.



# JULY

*birthdays & anniversaries*

## July Birthdays

- 2 - Dawn Timbs
- 2 - Rylee (Greig) Savage
- 4 - Rachel Connell
- 5 - Burt Scripture
- 5 - Michael Strain
- 6 - Terri Carlson
- 7 - KaLynn Wagner
- 9 - Russ Holland
- 10 - Alec Jensen
- 10 - Dawn Houser
- 12 - Tom Trutwin
- 13 - Ava Spilman
- 13 - Isabelle Spilman
- 14 - Millard Houser
- 17 - Kathy Gordon

## July Birthdays (Continued)

- 18 - Heather Eischeid
- 19 - Ashlyn Marie Robinson
- 25 - Garnette Noble
- 25 - Stephanie Leslie
- 27 - Dee Thompson
- 29 - Mike Hajek
- 30 - Eric Jensen

## July Anniversaries

- 3 - Greg & Linda Townsend
- 5 - Eric & Jackie Jensen
- 14 - Vern & Leticia Peterson
- 16 - Seth & Rachel Connell
- 19 - Steve & Sandi Larson
- 27 - Loren & Kathy Morey

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:

**July 5:** Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17 or Psalm 72 (UMH 795); Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 12:** Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112 or Psalm 25 (UMH 756); Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 19:** Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-2, 23-24 (UMH 854); Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 26:** Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b (UMH 828); Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**Liturgical Colors: July 5 - October 25: Green** 19