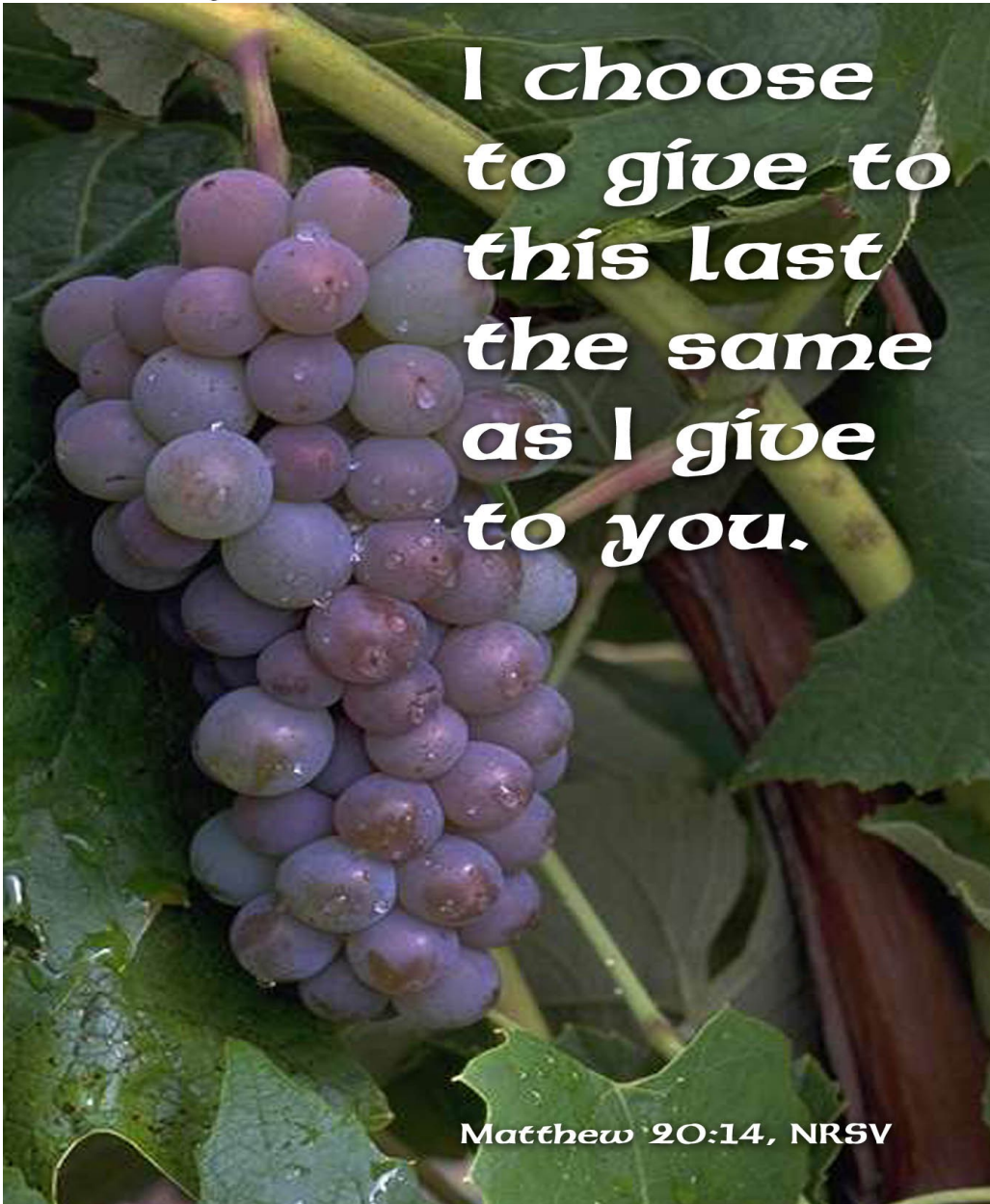


THE BREEZE



**I choose
to give to
this last
the same
as I give
to you.**

Matthew 20:14, NRSV

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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Pastor Jonathan's August Message

Dear Readers,

I wanted to lay out the typical schedule I plan to follow, though ministry needs can shift it. The schedule may shift due to conference events, pastor training, weddings, funerals, or the needs of Park UMC.

On Sunday, I plan to arrive by 9:00 AM, lead worship at 10:00 AM, and then just generally mix with people after the service, 11:00-11:30 or later. I have been going out to eat with the lunch group after that.

On Monday, I will do worship planning and general administrative work, mostly in Brainerd at the parsonage. This time may involve working for both churches.

On Tuesday, I plan to arrive around 9:30 and work in the church office until 3:30. If nothing else is happening, I may join Bone Builders during that time.

On Wednesdays, I hope to arrive by 10:00 am, stay through Game Day, and then return to Brainerd to run the confirmation class at Park UMC.

Thursdays are my Sabbath day.

On Friday, I will come to Motley to participate in Bone Builders and use it as a visit-and-connection day to connect with people in the church community and the community at large.

Saturday is mixed; I am holding this as a day to participate in any special events either church is holding. If there is a conflict, the Motley event takes precedence. I will also do extra sermon practice and preparation on Saturdays, usually at my home in Brainerd.

All these change as needed, so Park's Rally Day on September 13th will mean I leave a little early to catch as much of Rally Day as I can after preaching.

I have a local area pastor get-together September 9th, 11-12:30. I have some conference-type events September 21 and 22, so I might need to spend some time in Zoom meetings on those days.

Also, I have expressed that I would like to join the cycle of pastors serving chapel: “Chapel is held at the Care Center, Pines and Manor each Tuesday afternoon (Care Center-2:00 PM, Pines-3:00 PM, Manor 4:00 PM)”. Obviously, any week I hold chapel services, I will leave the office early. My guess is that will happen in rotation every x weeks, x being something like 7 or 8 weeks.

Feel free to contact me as needed; my phone number is 703-861-5274, and my email is jon8548pholland@gmail.com. I am usually up around 8:00 AM and go to sleep around 9:00 PM.

God Bless,
Pastor Jonathan .

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2 – Game Day, 1 pm

September 6 – Sunday Worship Celebration w/Holy Communion at 10 am; First Sunday Potluck

September 7 – **Labor Day**; Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am; Circle of Friends, 1 pm

September 9 - Game Day, 1 pm

September 13 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am;
Sunday School resumes

September 14 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

September 16 – Game Day, 1-3 pm; *Church Council Meeting, 3:30 pm (Reschedule Pending)*

September 20 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am

September 21 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

September 23 - Game Day, 1 pm

September 26 – Community Pancake Breakfast at 9 am, ***the first of the season***

September 27 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am

September 28 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

September 30 – Game Day, 1 pm

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 September 6, we will celebrate worship with the Holy Communion. Please have bread and juice ready if worshipping with us via Zoom on **September 6**.

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

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

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

Wednesday, September 16, at 3:30 pm. The MotleyUMC Church Council meeting is an open meeting where input from church members and friends is welcomed. I do record a transcript using Zoom, so you can attend via Zoom in addition to in person at MotleyUMC.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2183526466>

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

Other Events:

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



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY

September 26, 2026

9—10:30 AM

Community Breakfasts are at MotleyUMC on the **last Saturday of each month**. The first one of the season is on September 26th, from 9-10:30 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 the
Motley Area Food Shelf.



Motley United Methodist Church

847 3RD Ave S in Motley

We will have Potluck after service on Sunday, September 6th. Bring a dish to share if you can; stay and enjoy the food either way!





Annual Lincoln Community Church Service

The women of the Lincoln Ladies Aid group invites you to its annual Community Church Service on Tuesday, September 8 at 1:30 pm at the Lincoln Community Church (31177 Aster Rd, Cushing). Music will be provided by Nick Trout, and Pastor Don from the Lincoln Evangelical Free Church will give the message. The theme will be patriotic in nature, honoring America's 250th birthday. Following the service, refreshments will be served in the dining area. Hope to see you there. Off of Morrison County 7 toward Lincoln. Find on Google.

Santa Day



SANTA DAY

Santa Day was a success last year, and we are doing it again this year on December 5th from 10 am – 1 pm.

It's a day that children can shop for their family members. We need gifts in every category, especially gifts that kids will enjoy giving. Gift bags are also needed.

When you are out shopping, look for good deals this fall and pick up a few items that can be used for Santa Day. If you wish, you can make a donation, and someone else will do the shopping.

It is a fun day, and the excitement of children is priceless. Look for sign-up sheets as the date in December gets closer. Thank you!

Anna's Story

Join the Park United Women in Faith on Saturday, September 19 at 9:30 am to hear Anna Olson's story about living inside and outside of an Amish community. We can carpool from Motley UMC to Park UMC in Brainerd. Please be in the church parking lot by 8:45 am. A sign-up sheet is on a card table in the fellowship space. Please add your name to the list by Sunday, September 13. Refreshments of muffins and fruit will be served. Let's have at least a carload or more from Motley attend. If you need more information, please contact Jomyla (218-575-3161).

United Women in Faith Area **Annual Fall Gathering**

Remember to attend the Annual Fall Gathering for the Headwaters and Aurora Sky areas on Saturday, September 26 at 10 am at First UMC of the St. Cloud Region (1107 Pine Cone Road South, Sartell, MN). Amanda Hodge, Director of Family & Youth Ministry and co-chair of the Trauma Responsive Church initiative at First UMC, will speak about the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences. Chrisana Tripodi and Connie Scott will tell their story about becoming a deaconess. Lunch will be served, followed by a business meeting for each area, a memorial service, and then installation of the area officers. There will be a hands-on offering, going to Community Angels, a group that collects clothing for children and youth. Most needed is newborn size 0-3 months. If you have gently worn winter coats, bring them to the gathering for donation to Emma Norton Services. A tub will soon be available in the fellowship space to receive your donations.

A sign-up is on a card table in the fellowship space. Please add your name to the list by Wednesday, September 16. The registration fee is \$25, and registration may be **completed online** or by contacting Jomyla (218-575-3161) for help registering. To carpool on the 26th, please be at Jomyla's house (30683 Dove Rd) by 8:15 am. You can live stream the event at **www.lovefirstumc.org**. For more details, see and read the UWFaith Area Newsletter posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship space.

United Women in Faith Conference Annual Fall Gathering

Join other United Women in Faith from around the Minnesota Conference for its Fall Annual Gathering at Camphor Memorial UMC (585 Fuller Ave) in St. Paul on Saturday, October 10. The registration deadline is Saturday, September 19, and can be done online; the fee is \$25. Contact Jomyla (218-575-3161) to help you with your registration.

Three people from the Hopeful Earthkeepers will bring us the keynote address. Hopeful Earthkeepers is a United Methodist Associated Organization with ties to the Global Earthkeepers initiative. They will share with us current opportunities for impact by BEing knowledgeable regarding the realities of Climate change and BEing action oriented in our approach regarding our individual actions as well as approaches for our local churches and communities.

Watch and listen for more details about this event in the upcoming weekly announcements or speak with Jomyla. A sign-up sheet will soon be available.



United
Women
in Faith



AARP Smart Driver Class

Sunday, September 20, 4 - 8 pm

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.

MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 19, 2026, 3:30 pm

Present: Robin Kramer, Sherry Frisk, Cindy Spilman, Jomyla Choate, Pastor Jonathan Holland, Liz Curren, Florence Berndt, Kathy Gordon, Jo Philipp, Shirley Watson, Cindy Macheel, Gayle Quinn, Chris Rosvold, LaDonna Peterson on Zoom

Pastor Jonathan opened the meeting with a prayer at 3:37 pm.

Agenda: Content of a call from Mike Palmer from Staples UMC to be discussed.

Liz moved to accept the June 10 minutes; Gayle seconded, and the motion carried. Robin moved to accept the July 17 minutes; Jomyla seconded, and the motion carried.

Finance Report: Through May 31, 2026.

The council discussed the May and June financial reports; July reports were not yet available because of timing and training between Kristi and Linda. There was a question about an administrative bank charge noted in the June report. The charge appeared to be around \$6 monthly, and Jomyla noted a figure of \$2,950 in May, suggesting it was a recurring service charge of some kind. The group agreed that Christy would check on the service charge. A motion was made by Shirley, seconded by Jomyla, and passed to accept the May and June finance reports, with the understanding that the charge question would be followed up.

The group discussed finance committee leadership and confirmed that Richard Carlson had agreed to chair the Finance Committee. It was noted that Richard may have attendance difficulties because he is currently in Europe. The council then discussed the change in treasurer: Kristen Ziegler has replaced Elizabeth Blackburn as treasurer. Elizabeth was terminated, though we have not received the office key back from Elizabeth.

The group discussed getting a new key programmed for the finance office. That is something that the Trustees can do.

There was concern about also not being able to recall the front-door key though a front-door camera was mentioned as providing a 24-hour window for reviewing incidents.

Trustees: Will follow up on the key issue. There are plans to clean the carpets, though the exact timing is uncertain.

SPRC: There was an email received with a suggested format for Meet-and-Greets. The plan is to put a sign up sheet to identify people will to host the gatherings, either in homes or at the church with a goal of having them be geographically well located. Copy of the email in the supplementary notes.

UWF: There is a gathering at Park UMC on September 19 with the guest speaker talking about life after growing up in the Amish community. There will be the Fall Gathering of the Headwaters and Aurora Sky Conferences on September 26 in St Cloud. There will be sign up sheets for both events and more information on them in the newsletter. There is also the annual Lincoln Community Church service on September 8 at 1:30 pm.

Haiti Partnership: There will be a Noisy Offering on August 30. VBS made the Haiti Partnership their mission project and raised \$41.50. In Haiti, the medical and dental clinics are happening. There was a \$1000 dollars raised between Scandia Valley SummerFest, the coffee & metal art at MotleyUMC on August 2, and sales that occurred in Little Falls. Their major contact in Haiti, Wesnet, has completed his ministerial program and will travel to Jamaica for further training.

Memorial Committee: The parament closet project is going ahead, with the expected delivery of the closet/parament storage expected today after the council meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jonathan reported his expected typical week plan, which will include working from home on Mondays, being in the office at MotleyUMC on Tuesdays & Wednesdays, at Park UMC on Wednesday evenings, a sabbath day on Thursdays, and being back in Motley on Fridays, with Fridays & Saturdays including making some

pastoral visits as well as special events, and sermon prep on Saturday. Pastor Mark will do a pulpit exchange with Pastor Jonathan every 7 or 8 weeks, so that Jonathan can also meet the Park UMC congregation. His phone # is 703-861-5274 and his email address is jon8548pholland@gmail.com.

Old Business: VBS went fairly well considering it was the first time we have done one in many years, although they were short-handed for the kids that were there. We will need to ask in the future whether kids have special needs; there were several who really could have used a one-on-one helper, and we were not prepared for that.

Usher/Greeters: One area that we are currently lacking is ushers for special events, such as funerals for which there is not a funeral home.

New Business:

Mike Palmer from Staples UMC had contacted Sherry and expressed an interest in having a meeting between people from MotleyUMC and Staples UMC. There is concern that this may be quite premature, as there is a great deal of discernment/decisions to be made before any serious discussion about us working together. An extended schedule is required, including us worshipping together on September 13 & 20 before they, and then us, get together as churches to decide whether there is actually anything to move ahead with. Superintendent Becky Jo Messenbrink provided information that offers further guidance on this.

Sunday School: There was a discussion regarding availability of resources for Sunday School and the variety of ages who would be involved. Leadership and start date is still unclear. Cindy will double-check when it would work to hand out Bibles to the third/fourth graders who still need them; September 27 at the earliest.

Breakfasts on the last Saturday of the month starting in September from 9-10:30 am. Donations will go to the Food Shelf, except for the final April breakfast, which will be the CARE Meal from 9-11 am. We will still be able to get some of

our supplies through Bricks.

Turkey Dinner (Wednesday, October 14) Some questions regarding timing and the menu. Sherry will follow up with Bricks to see about prep and price options; if it looks feasible, we will go forward accordingly.

Trunk or Treat (Saturday, October 31) Will be held inside of the church. It was noted that Halloween is on Saturday; we are unsure how that may affect the involvement of city retailers. After discussion, we will stick with the times that we have used in the past.

Lefse making (pre-orders before October 28?) More planning to be done; details yet to be determined.

Fall Bazaar (Saturday, November 7); not discussed much.

Santa Day will be Saturday, December 5, 10 am – 1 pm.

Confirmation: there was a discussion of possible Confirmation candidates and the possible age range, and when it might be feasible to start a program. The short answer is not for while yet, though maybe yet this year? It was noted that Park UMC is in the middle of their two year confirmation cycle, so if there was an interest in doing anything jointly, that wouldn't be possible until next year.

The next council meeting is on September 16 at 3:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Rosvold

Conference Superintendent Update on Possible Merger with Staples UMC

Becky Jo Messenbrink, Conference Superintendent for the Headwaters District in the Minnesota Annual Conference, addressed the congregation.

She provided an update on Staples United Methodist Church's discernment about whether to merge with Motley United Methodist Church.

She reminded the congregation that Greg had previously announced in June that Staples was considering a merger, with the goal of strengthening United Methodist

presence in the region and keeping resources and assets local to bless both Staples and Motley.

Becky Jo said Staples had chosen two Sundays in September—September 13 and September 20—to suspend worship at Staples and worship with Motley as part of their discernment process.

She asked the congregation to be good hosts and get to know the visiting congregation.

She noted that Jonathan would need to leave shortly after worship on September 13 to go to Brainerd to Park Church for other events.

She explained that Staples would then discuss its experience and determine whether to continue toward a merger.

She described a two-step congregational decision process:

An initial non-official vote to gauge intent to merge.

A later official vote on merger documents.

If both congregations move forward, a merger team would be formed to handle documents, assets, and practical details, including decisions about duplicated items such as pianos.

Becky Jo had printed two-sided handouts and offered to answer questions after worship; available in the fellowship hall.

Process for Motley UMC **in Potential Merger with Staples UMC**

Staples UMC is contemplating an **Adoption / Absorption Merger**. Here is how the Church Merger Guide describes that: *An Adoption, or Absorption Merger, occurs when a smaller - sometimes stable but stuck church joins with a healthy, thriving, and usually larger church. Often these churches have similar values and DNA, making a merger possible and potentially healthy. The joining church effectively turns over*

everything to the lead church, including facilities, key programs and ministries, and often staff – all that are integrated into the strategy and vision of the lead church. The joining church usually relinquishes their church name, but their heritage, aspects of identity, and signature ministries can be carefully embraced if handled with intention by the lead church.

What has happened so far?

June, 2026-Staples UMC began a conversation with the membership of the church

Superintendent Messenbrink was present to talk with folks / answer questions, etc.

What's coming up in the process?

September 13 and 20, 2026 - Staples members will worship with Motley UMC

Suspend worship at the Staples location

Coordinated with the Pastor of Motley UMC on dates

After the experience, Staples UMC leadership will host a discussion about people's experience

If Staples UMC leadership indicates an intent to merge, ahead of an official vote, then...

1. September/October, 2026 - Each church's leadership develops a statement of intent to merge
2. October, 2026 - Each Church Holds Congregational Vote on Intent to Merge

While this is not a binding vote, it does give each church a sense of congregational support for the merger

Each church should look for a threshold for passing (75%?)

3. October, 2026 - Hold final worship at Staples UMC (proposed timeline; this can be negotiated)
4. November, 2026 (proposed timeline; this can be negotiated) - Staples UMC begins worshiping and ministry engagement with Motley UMC.

Staples UMC ends ongoing relationship with Dan Crocker

as pulpit supply

Pastor of Motley UMC assumes care for pastoral needs of members of Staples UMC

5. Begin considerations regarding selling the church building - in consultation with the Superintendent

Completing the Merger Process:

Develop Merger Plan (1-3 months)

Create a joint merger team separate from individual church transition teams.

Locate Articles of Incorporation and titles to all properties

Discuss the following issues as part of the plan development:

Name change

Effective date of merger

Staff changes

Physical property and assets

Leadership teams

Budgets consolidation

Articles of Merger

Consider combining a ministry, program, mission, event prior to the Merger Plan vote.

Acknowledge the issue of worship time as significant but not part of the Merger Plan.

Prepare the formal Merger Plan using the template; engage an attorney to review.

Approve the Merger Plan

District Board of Church Location and Building

District Superintendent(s)

Church Council and Board of Trustees recommends to Charge Conference

Congregational Vote at Charge Conference

File Plan of Merger with Articles of Merger with Minnesota Secretary of State

Prepare for the merger (2-4 months)

The joint merger team begins meeting to discuss implementation. Considerations:

Change in worship times

Historical archives

Inventory of building contents

Member database and financial rolls

Key ministries

Finances

Space allocation

Action teams are formed to support the various changes and tasks.

Communication is regular and intentional to both congregations regarding plans.

The merger date is marked by a celebration worship service.



Haiti Partnership Updates

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Noisy Offering on Sunday, August 30. Your contributions help support the projects of the Haiti Partnership and do make a difference in the lives of our friends in Haiti.

Congratulations to Wesnet, our main contact in Haiti, upon his August 22 graduation from Rock Church International College with a degree in theology. He requests prayers as he seeks God's guidance for his future.

He let us know that a food distribution was held on August 8, giving out rice, beans, and soap. In September, a mobile clinic will be scheduled, and Grace Clinic is going well.

Unfortunately, the pump on the community well & filter system has broken. The partnership has reached out to Bob Ford (not Motley UMC's Bob Ford) to see what and who could help solve this problem.



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER



Dear Heavenly Father
Please put a hand of
protection this school
year on all the
Children
Teachers
And Staff
Watch over them
Protect them
Love them
We Thank You
God
For all you do
Amen

LAPS Baby Bottle Fundraiser Thank you

On behalf of everyone at Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center, thank you for your generous support and participation in this year's Baby Bottle Fundraiser. We are incredibly grateful for the way your church stepped up in support of life, hope, and compassion. The United Methodist Church in Motley raised \$121.07. Each bottle returned was an investment in real lives and real stories. Because of your generosity, Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center can continue offering free services like pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting education, baby supplies, and emotional support to women, men, and families in our Brainerd, Staples, and Wadena communities, and beyond.

In total, as of July 20th, the Staples/Wadena Baby Bottle campaign has brought in \$25,832.62.

Your partnership with LAPS helps create a safe place where people feel heard, supported, and empowered to choose life – even when the path ahead feels uncertain. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ and walking alongside us in this important mission. Together, we are making a difference.



*The Kids are heading back to school;
please watch & stop for buses!*

Why did the chicken cross
the playground?

To get to the other slide.

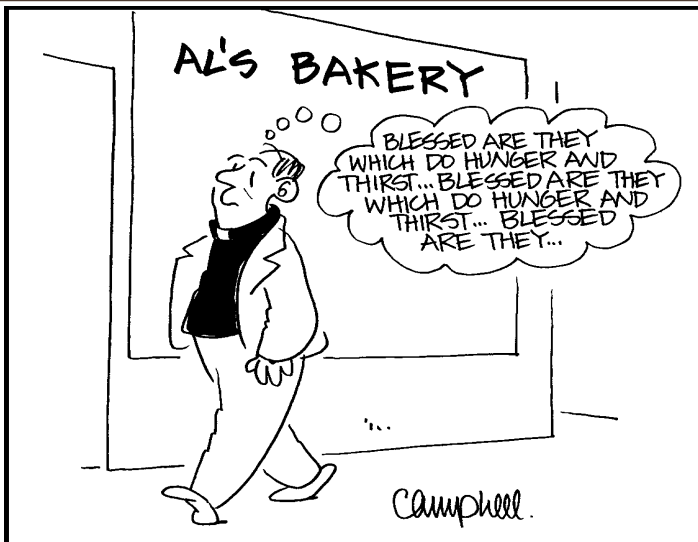
Always pray to have
eyes that see the
best in people,
A heart that forgives
the worst,
A mind that forgets the bad,
And a soul that NEVER
loses faith in God.

Which animal is
least trustworthy?
Cheetahs.

What kind of tree
could a math teacher
climb?
Geometry

***"Accepting oneself does not preclude an attempt
to become better."***

— Flannery O'Connor



Save the Date: Motley Fall Fest

Saturday, October 10, Motley fair grounds.

Sponsored by the Motley Community Events Organization.

DON'T LET ME TAKE IT FOR GRANTED

Lord, don't let me take this wonderful gift of life for granted. What a miracle it is just to wake up in the morning--to be alive another day! Just to be able to get breakfast: to crack eggs into a sizzling skillet, to pour milk for the noisy horde. Just to feel myself functioning--muscles and mind and voice. (A voice the rest of the family probably wishes didn't work so well.)

Remind me to stop sometimes in the midst of it--the often chaotic, maddening midst--and touch it, taste it, love it, feel very grateful for it. Let my heart pause to utter a little secret prayer of thanks.

Don't let me postpone my appreciation until all this may be threatened. Don't let me wait for a time when I might be ill--hurt, afflicted, in traction--and out of circulation before I realize it could be taken away. Don't let me wait till it's over--as I know one day it will be--and I look back, perhaps alone. Don't let me wait till I'm desperate, Lord.

Help me to be fully awake and aware of the wonders of my life now while I'm healthy and agile and able. Let me appreciate it while my family is all about me, in spite of the work and worries they cause. Let me keep my rejoicing current--as fresh as the eggs, as new as the morning paper, as bright as my children's faces or the sunlight dancing at the door.

Thank you for each day of our life together. Don't ever let me take it for granted.

By Marjorie Holmes

Psalms 145:2:

Everyday will I bless thee and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

(A devotional special to me for 33 years in raising a family. Pat Frisk)

Happenings Around the Area

Mary Burkett of our congregation is exhibiting her watercolor painting at the Great River Arts Gallery in Little Falls, MN, as part of the "We Are Water" exhibit. It will be on display until Friday, October 2. Jeff Odendahl of the Haiti Partnership and Bill Burkett, also of our congregation, submitted literary compositions that are paired with other artists' paintings having to do with water. Ask Bill about his composition, it's a story about his brother and himself. Both Bill and Jeff read their works at a reception held on Saturday, August 15. Either call Great River Arts 320-632-0960 or check out the website <https://greatarts.org>, pull down the calendar menu for times and dates when the gallery is open.



***"Be the reason someone smiles.
Be the reason someone feels loved
and believes in the goodness in people."***

— Roy T. Bennett, author



Greetings,

On behalf of the CARE Ministries Committee, we would like to thank you for your support and generous donations to our Back-to-School Event. Thanks to you, we were able to serve 70 children from the Staples and Motley communities this year! We served our families with \$150.00 vouchers (one per child) to be used at Wadena Walmart. Purchases were restricted to clothing, athletic shoes, school supplies, and a healthy snack. In addition, some of these children used their free haircut vouchers at a local salon. We purchased and distributed Cardinal backpacks locally from Old 10 Apparel.

The children and parents were so thankful and once again enjoyed the opportunity to purchase sizes and styles appropriate for their child.

Without your financial support, this program would not be possible. Thank you again for your generosity!

Sincerely,

CARE Ministries - Back to School Event Committee
Together we can make a difference



FALL TURKEY **DINNER**

OCTOBER 14TH

4:00 - 6:30 pm

A postcard will be mailed out asking for desserts or a donation in late September. We are very, very early in the planning stages. More information will be announced at the Sunday church services and in the October Breeze.

Serving You in September

September 6: Liturgist: Paula Johnson

Greeters/Ushers: Bernice Thomson & Paula Johnson

Coffee Time: **Potluck**

September 13: Liturgist: Harvey Macheel

Greeters/Ushers: Harvey & Connie Macheel

Coffee Time: Sandbergs

September 20: Liturgist: Ming Rosvold

Greeters/Ushers: Randy & Terri Carlson

Coffee Time: Liz Curren/Elaine Hafften

September 27: Liturgist: Jo Philipp

Greeters/Ushers: Florence Berndt & Vicki Schmidt

Coffee Time: Jackie Dumpprope

Welcoming Pastor Jonathan: Host or Join a Meet-and-Greet!

As part of welcoming Pastor Jonathan Holland, we invite you to join a small-group Meet-and-Greet! These informal gatherings of 8 to 12 people are a wonderful opportunity for Pastor Jonathan to get to know our church family and neighborhoods on a personal level.

We Need Hosts! To make these happen, we need volunteers to host a gathering at their home or at the church. Hosting is simple and low-stress:

- **Provide a space:** Set up chairs in a circle for 8–12 people.

Create a warm setting: Offer light snacks, dessert, or beverages.

Sign Up Today: Whether you can host a group or simply want to attend a gathering, your voice matters! Please contact the church office or sign up in the fellowship hall.

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Birthdays

4 - Angel Napoles
6 - Sherry (Miller) Frisk
9 - Elliott Ortloff
11 - Dawn Swartz
12 - Marie Smith
14 - Cyle Westman
15 - Eve Spilman
18 - Carla Scripture
18 - Sandi Larson
20 - Elaine Rogers
22 - Dave Rowe
22 - Rebecca Swartz
22 - Rylee Daniel Cooper
23 - Gwen Adams

September Birthdays (Cont.)

23 - Edna Hayes
25 - Peter Smith
25 - Sharla Trutwin
26 - Dorothy Halverson
26 - Gwen Lumsden
28 - Florence Berndt
30 - Rick Nadeau
30 - Gayle Quinn

September Anniversaries

1 - John & Sally Miller
2 - Terri & Randy Carlson
6 - Mike & Jeannie Hajek
15 - Jeremy & Jodi Reeck
16 - Brandon & Lindsay Fuller

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:

September 6: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149 or Psalm 148 (UMH 861); Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

September 13: Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 (UMH 135); Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 20: Exodus 16:2-25; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, or Psalm 78 (UMH 799); Acts 1:14-21, 33-35;

Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

September 27: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799); Acts 3:1-19; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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