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MOTLEY UMC

THE BREEZE

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.



Matthew 25:40

Our Church'sVision:

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 1– Daylight Saving Time ends; All Saints Sunday Worship Celebration w/Holy Communion, 10 am; First Sunday Potluck

November 2 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am; Circle of Friends, 1 pm

November 4 – Game Day, 1 pm

November 6 – Bazaar Set-up, 9 am

November 7 – Minnesota Deer Rifle Season Opener; Annual Bazaar & Bake Sale, 9 am – 3 pm

November 8 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am

November 9 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

November 11 – Game Day, 1 pm

November 12 – Finance Committee Meeting, 10 am

November 15 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am

November 16 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

November 18 – Church Council Meeting, 10 am; Game Day, 1-3 pm

November 22 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am

November 24 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

November 25 – Game Day, 1 pm

November 26 – Thanksgiving Day

November 28 – Community Pancake Breakfast at 9 am

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent Worship Celebration, 10 am; ***Hanging of the Greens***, 11 am; Beginning of Lectionary Year A; ***Fifth Sunday Noisy Offering***

November 30 – Monday Morning Bible Study 10 am

December 2 – Game Day, 1-3 pm

December 3 – Bernice Family birthday party; 2 pm

December 5 – ***Santa Day***; 10 am – 1 pm

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

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 November 1, we will celebrate worship with the Holy Communion. Please have bread and juice ready if worshipping with us via Zoom on **November 1**.
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, November 18, at 10 am. 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)*



"Could we study Exodus instead of the book of Acts?"





November

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY

November 28, 2026

9—10:30 AM

Ready for a break from turkey? Community Breakfasts at MotleyUMC are on the last Saturday of each month. The next one is on November 28th, from 9-10:30 am. 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.

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We will have a Potluck on Sunday, November 1st, after the church service. Bring a dish to share if you can; stay and enjoy the food either way!



All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 1st, we will have a very special service. We will be honoring Rod Enberg, Sally Hansen, Forest Leslie, Marilyn O'Regan, Carol Jean Kramer, and Terry Farber; saints who have gone to their heavenly home. .

Following the service will be Potluck, and all are invited to fellowship and remember our saints, both here and in heaven.

Preparations for the Bazaar

The Bazaar is on the calendar for Saturday, November 7, from 9 am – 3 pm. We will have craft vendors, white elephant items, a Bake Sale, and a Lunchroom. Help is needed in all these areas. Set-up is on Friday, November 6, starting at 9 am.

If you like to bake, how about making some tasty treats to be sold at the Church Bazaar on November 7th?

Home-baked bread is always a top seller. So, if that is your thing, consider baking a loaf or two. Some other goodies to make would be: bars, cookies, pies, candies, and quick breads. Please have your bake sale items to the church by noon on Friday, November 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Watson or Paula Johnson.

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!

"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues."

--Cicero

AnnuaL BaZaaR & BaKe SaLe

Need Special Treats or Gifts for the Holidays?

Come Join the Fun

Saturday, November 7, 2026

9 AM – 3 PM

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Lunch will be Served

Shop Homemade –-
*** Pies, Cookies,**
Bars, Muffins, Breads,
Candy, Jam, Jelly,
*** Local Crafters'**
Special Handmade Items
White Elephant Treasures

Sponsored by the Motley United Methodist Church

Upper Room Devotional

The November/December 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 the month From 1:00 to 3:00

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!



Other Events:

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

Attention all Women of Motley UMC

A letter to the women of MUMC is in process of being mailed. Please read carefully and respond of your interest and involvement in reactivating the unit of our United Women of Faith. It is hoped that we can gather in early December for a social and discussion time if the group is to move forward. Please hold this group in prayer as it discerns its future.

United Women in Faith



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.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Once again its that time of year when we decorate for the Advent season. **Sunday, November 29th**, following the church service, we will be hanging the garland and putting up and decorating the Christmas Trees. Please join us in helping to make the church festive for the holiday season.



Remember our veterans on November 11th!

Veterans Day is a public holiday that is dedicated to honoring anyone who has served in the United States military. The holiday began as a day to remember the end of World War I and was declared a holiday by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919. Originally known as Armistice Day, the holiday became Veterans Day in 1954. November 11 was chosen as the official date for Veterans Day in reference to the ending of World War I. Germany signed an armistice with the Allies that signaled the end of the war at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918.
So on this day, thank a veteran for serving his country.



Not what we say about our blessings,
but how we use them,
is the true measure of our Thanksgiving.
W.T. Purkiser

MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 21, 2026, 10:00 am

Present: Linda Townsend, Pastor Jonathan, Richard Carlson, Shirley Watson, Sherry Frisk, Chris Rosvold, Jomyla Choate, John Watson

Pastor Jonathan opened the meeting at 10 am with a prayer asking for love, calm, understanding, and wisdom as the council conducted church business.

The council approved the agenda without additions or corrections. September 16 minutes were approved.

Finance Report: The council reviewed the September 30 finance report. The checking-account balance was $5,255, and the mortgage balance was approximately $212,000. Chris explained that the report's balance may differ from the bank's balance because outstanding checks are recorded before they clear. Linda noted that earlier reporting problems included delayed trust-fund reports and software issues and praised Kristi for resolving them. After discussion of Kristi's average hours, Linda moved to increase Kristi's pay from $20 to $25 per hour, effective November 1. Richard seconded the motion. Members discussed anticipated year-end giving and the church's usual seasonal cash flow. The motion carried.

The Finance Committee discussed its membership. The list was to include Linda, Jomyla, and Shirley, with Alice removed; the existing members would otherwise remain. Richard was asked to attend the October 29 merger meeting at 10:30 a.m. Chris was asked to send Kristi the current Finance Committee list. Members also discussed providing the Finance Committee with budget-versus-actual and prior-year reports and improving access to timely bank and trust-fund information.

Sherry reported fall dinner receipts of $4,930 and approximately $800 in expenses, with an estimated net of about $4,100. The

dinner served 153 people, including 11 takeout orders. Members praised the catered turkey and discussed offering more mashed potatoes and turkey, and, where possible, separating light and dark meat next year.

SPRC: Chris presented the proposed compensation (Form 5) for Pastor Jonathan for approval at charge conference and explained the salary assumptions and how housing and benefits were treated. Members discussed the uncertainty around conference paperwork and Jonathan's health-plan enrollment. Jonathan planned to contact the conference benefits staff to clarify his coverage. The council approved the compensation package for the charge conference.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jonathan reported that he had led chapel services at the Pines and the Manor, attended several meet-and-greets, visited a family unable to attend one, completed three required trainings, and participated in Sunday school and church activities. Two meet-and-greets remained to be scheduled or held.

Trustees: The sprinklers were blown out/winterized last week. The church is considering a less expensive mowing and snow-plowing arrangement with Jess Geesey, pending confirmation of the necessary qualifications and certain details.

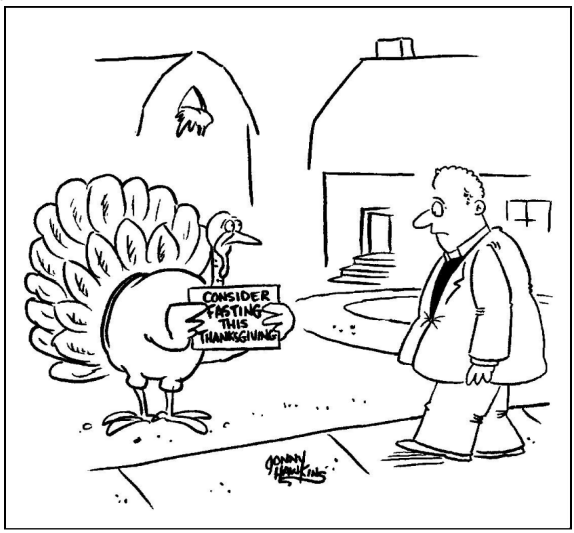
UWF: Jomyla is preparing a letter to the women of the church to support planning for the December gathering and reported attending the UWF annual Fall Gathering in St. Paul.

Haiti Partnership: November 29 will be the last noisy offering for 2026. Jomyla reported that an article and photographs would appear in the November Breeze. The group is planning coffee tastings at the shops in Little Falls in November and December and will have a table at the church's Fall Bazaar.

Memorial Committee: No Report.

Old Business: Merge intent vote result: Sherry reported the merger-intent vote results: 46 yes votes and 4 no votes; Staples had 15 votes, all in favor. Representatives from both churches and Becky Jo are scheduled to meet at 10:30 a.m. on October 29

to discuss next steps. Members discussed sharing information with the congregation after that meeting and the need for transparency as the process proceeds.
Fall Charge Conference attendees: Pastor Jonathan, Chris Rosvold, Jomyla Choate. Sherry can't go, so we need another attendee, if possible.
Lefse: The lefse fundraiser produced 119 bags from the potatoes prepared, with orders to be fulfilled and any extras offered for sale
Annual Fall Bazaar is scheduled for November 7, and preparations are underway.
Santa Day is scheduled for December 5, and we are gathering items.
Members discussed the upcoming Trunk or Treat, including promoting it and encouraging participants to visit Harmony House.
New Business: None
The next council meeting is scheduled for **November 18 at 10 am**; members will decide then whether a December meeting is needed.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am after members confirmed there was no further business.
Respectfully submitted, Chris Rosvold



A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, so often times, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray

We hurry along and make fast the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing

We're slaves to the old factory overload
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold

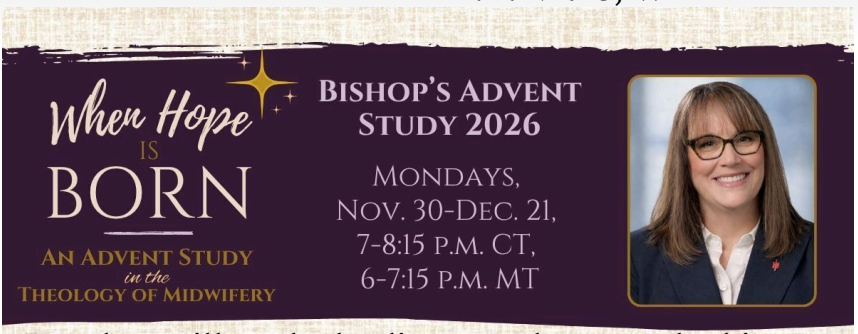
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minutes more
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for

For my family, my health, a nice soft bed
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head

I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know

""Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude. "

--A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*



Pastor Jonathan will not be leading an Advent Study this year, but you are invited to participate in the in the 2026 Bishop's Advent Study! This year's Zoom gatherings will center around a unique study, "When Hope is Born: An Advent Study in the Theology of Midwifery" by Bishop Lanette Plambeck. All are welcome to join this wonderful time of connection and conversation as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. Mark your calendar and encourage others to join you.

Links at https://www.minnesotaumc.org/

Haiti News & Noisy Offering Update

When we first met with the leadership of Yvon Methodist Church in Haiti back in 2014. One of the things they told us they needed most was to build a clinic. As we talked about their needs it became apparent that what they really needed was regular medical care for the people of the area. Together we explored ways that could happen and use the present buildings. (Like the church or the school).

In January 2026, they found they had the money to support a daily clinic with an RN and a pharmacy which they named Grace Clinic. This week they painted the old building in which many of us stayed on the trips to Haiti. It now proudly displays its new name!!



This is where the quarterly clinics are held as well as health classes.

And when you come out of the doors of Grace Clinic the second picture is what you see!!

Haiti is truly a beautiful country, full of people dedicated to being the Body of Christ — the Church.

Please continue to help fund the Haiti Partnership's mission projects with our friends in Haiti by donating to the November 29 Noisy Offering. Search your vehicles and around your house for all the loose change you can find, any amount will help. Checks are also welcomed - make payable to the Haiti Partnership and drop it into the offering plate or the glass jar on the oval table in the fellowship space.

Ask Jomyla about the firsthand experiences she had where both of the included pictures were taken.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth and your heart for love. —Unknown.

Serving You in November

November 1: Liturgist: Paula Johnson
Greeters/Ushers: Paula Johnson & Jackie Dumpprope
Coffee Time: Potluck

November 8: Liturgist: Jomyla Choate
Greeters/Ushers: Jomyla Choate & Vicki Schmidt
Coffee Time:

November 15: Liturgist: Jill Holland
Greeters/Ushers: Russ & Jill Holland
Coffee Time: Mike & Ming Rosvold; George & Pat Toschak

November 22: Liturgist: Jomyla Choate
Greeters/Ushers: Jomyla Choate & Paula Johnson
Coffee Time:

November 29: Liturgist: Sharon Sandberg
Greeters/Ushers: Steve & Sharon Sandberg
Coffee Time: Vicki Schmidt & Shirley Watson

Are you going south for the winter?

It's that time of the year when our beloved snowbirds quit this frigid climate and go to warmer places for a few months. If this is you, could you please let the office know when your address changes so we can update the mailing list? Thank you!



Remember to reset your clocks for November 1!



November Birthdays

1 – Linda Michalson
5 – Hayden Sams
5 – Tammy Westman
6 – Lane Jensen
9 – Ben Enney
9 – Payton Fuller
10 – Lindsy Spilman Fuller
11 – John Rardin
13 – Olivia Berg
14 – Austin Wohlert
15 – Jill Holland
16 – Devona Mohler
17 – Steve Sandberg
18 – Marie Blanchard

November Birthdays (cont.)

18 – Richard Hafften
19 – Jan Mayer
20 – Ming Rosvold
23 – Donna Farber
25 – Larry Adams
29 – Darcee Bell
30 – Connor Reeck

November Anniversaries

1 – Susie & Steve Harris
8 – Gary & Dawn Timbs
15 – Larry & Gwen Adams
21 – Dean & Joan Holmberg
27 – Neal & Cindy Spilman
28 – Swede & Dorothy Halverson

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:

November 1, All Saints: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (UMH 769); 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

November 8: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7 (UMH 799); 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

November 15: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (UMH 797); 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

November 22: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 (UMH 821); Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

November 29: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801); 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Liturgical Colors: November 1 (All Saints); November 8 - 15, Green; November 22, White (Christ the King); November 29, Purple or Blue (Advent)