



Motley Free Methodist Church

"In His Grip"

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A Few Words from Pastor Jim:

Daniel 3:16-18 (NIV) *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and He will rescue us from your hand, o king. But even if he does not, we want you to know o king that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up"*

Do we have that kind of faith and Hope in Christ dear friends? Will we trust in the Living God even if our lives are at stake? Life is not always

easy and it certainly is not always fair, but we need to have faith like these boys, that say "I will trust you Lord, no matter what".

July is already pretty well over. Today is our annual river baptism and tonight we have the Hartley Family here to present to us a concert. On Wednesday August 8th we will provide our last community meal to our community at Ernie Converse Park. If you have never helped with that or been a part of this outing, please consider it this last time. You will be blessed.

September is coming fast now and that means we will start a new year of Kids Club. This year we have some exciting new curriculum called Pioneer Kids Club and we pray for a great year.

May I ask you to consider helping with the Kids club this year? You noticed in your bulletin last week that there will be a staff meeting on Aug 1 at 4:30. Please pray about that and consider this ministry, we do need some more volunteers to be able to minister to the children this next season. Thank you.

May I ask one more time these questions too? How is your walk with Jesus? Do you have time for Him daily? Do you want to discuss that with either Pastor Charles or myself? Have you been born-again? Have you been filled with the Spirit? God desires his people to be Spirit led and God will help us with that.

If we are going about life by the flesh, we are missing out on the guiding, blessing, empowering hand of God's Spirit.

Are we praying for revival? 2 Chronicles 7:14 (*If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land*) is conditional. People of God must be willing to repent, seek His face and be humbly praying, or forgiveness and healing will not come.

God has blessed us here at Motley FMC. May God be glorified in all that we do and all that He wants us to do for His kingdom.

In September Linda Beebe and Sheri Johnson will begin a 13-week grief recovery class for anyone who has lost a loved one or is struggling with grief.

There will be more information coming on that soon.

If you have not met Pastor Charles and Jennifer and their 3 kids yet, please take some time to introduce yourself to them too.

God bless you as we serve the Lord Jesus Christ together and make disciples together.

Pastor Jim

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Upcoming Events:

- July 31- Aug. 8 Pastor Jim and Sheri gone to Costa Rica
- Aug. 1- All-In Kidz Club Team meeting
- Aug. 3- Youth Group Lock-in
- Aug. 8- Community Picnic
- Aug. 11- Women's Ministry Meeting
- Aug. 20- BOA meeting
- Aug. 22- All-In Kidz Club Team meeting
- Aug. 29- Youth cook-out

Small Group Information:

As a part of a growing body, the best way to have a more intimate fellowship and Bible study is to be involved in a small group. Here at the Motley Free Methodist Church we currently have 8 small group opportunities...

- Sunday morning at 9:00 Youth Bible Study with Tim Judd in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Chris Neal or Dan Rose studying "A Clash of Kingdoms"
- Sunday evening at 5:00 pm, Young Married Couples led by Ron & Dorothy Odenthal
- Tuesday mornings Bible Study at 10:00 led by Jessica Judd
- Tuesday evening Bible Study starting at 6:30 pm studying John
- Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall studying the book of 1 Samuel



- Wednesday afternoon intercessory prayer team at 12:00 pm
- Thursday evenings Men's Group at 6:30 pm with Wayne Johnson & Mike Horstmann
- Thursday evenings Women's Bible Study at 6:30-8 pm studying Worship by Henry Blackaby Led by Susie Horstmann & Barb Hirschey
- Saturday evening prayer group at the church at 6 pm with Pastor Jim

Please pray about which group you can be a part of or if you would be willing to lead a different small group please see Tim Judd-Small Group Head or Pastor Jim!



- ❖ **All-In Kidz Club:** Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 please see Val Johnson
- ❖ **Sunday School:** Sundays, 10:30-11:30 please see Jessica Judd
- ❖ **Nursery:** Sundays, 9:00-10:00 or 10:30-11:30 please see Linda B.
- ❖ **Kitchen Crew Leader:** Please see Sheri Johnson or Jessica Judd

Women's Ministry News:

Striving to be the Proverbs 31 woman (Proverbs 31:30 "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy").

July started with us welcoming Pastor Charles, Jennifer & family to our church family. We pray God's blessings on them as they start a new life here at MFMC. Hope everyone will be enjoying the potluck, river baptism, and the joyful singing of the Hartley's tonight. Thank you to everyone helping to make this a special day.

August 8 we will have another community picnic 5:30-7:30 pm. Val has been graciously leading this ministry, and she and a team of helpers have been successful

in providing food, fun, and fellowship to hundreds of people.

Praise the Lord for workers!!! We have 2 sign up sheets on back table for Back to School Fair @ Faith Lutheran Church in Staples on August 20th. One is for school supplies and the other is to help out that day assisting the children and families. This is such a needed ministry since so many children lack the family finances to purchase these supplies. God bless you all for giving.

This will be my last newsletter for the Women's Ministry since Charlie and I are being led to North Carolina by the Lord. I want to thank you all for hearing and seeing the needs of this church.

We've laughed together and cried together thru "good times" and "not so good times", but God has been and always will be faithful.

Ladies, you truly represent the Proverbs 31 woman and it has been an honor and privilege to lead this past year. I'm so grateful to call you my sisters in Christ. God bless you all. MFMC will always have a special place in my heart ♡. Estelle Poulton

*Next Women's Ministry Meeting is August 11th @ 10 am

Youth News:

July was a really busy month. The youth participated in the second community picnic on July 11th. The week of July 7th-14th sixteen youth and three leaders went on the mission trip to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation to the town of Lame Deer Montana. In Lame Deer the youth did a kid's club and also did service work. For the kids club the youth had to plan games, crafts, songs and story time. For the service work the painted a house and a porch for two days. The rest of the time the youth cleaned out a yard, cut the weeds and grass and put hand railings on two decks. We want to thank everyone for the prayers and support for the mission trip.

August starts off with the lock-in on August 3rd. The lock-in is always a great time. The lock-in starts at 6:00 pm, Friday, and goes until 6:00 am Saturday morning. Twelve hours of fun, food, fellowship and praising God! August 8th is the third community picnic that the you will participate in. The community picnics are always a great time for everyone. On August 29th we are going to have our end of summer cookout. Throughout the rest of August, we will continue with general lessons and get back to our Grow curriculum in September.

For any questions please feel free to contact Jessica Judd (218)296-2441 or Craig Weigel (218)839-0007.

August 2018

8/5- Jaurone & Mikayla/ Marisela & Ashley V.

8/12- Nick & Lonna D./ Dale & Carla L.

8/19- ___?___ & Mikayla R./ Samantha & Dayton

8/26- Linda B. & Grace J./ Ken, Hope & Sue

September

9/2- Diane J. & Deb C./ Brandi & Pat B.

9/9- Jennifer & Logan M./ Sandy & Morgan

9/16- Melaine S.& Margaret F./ Vicki G. & Diane B

9/23- Ian & Sue N./ Lisa M. & Lilly N.

9/30- Dorothy & Kristen O/ Marisela & Ashley

October

10/7- Jaurone & Mikayla/ Dale & Carla L.

10/14- Nick & Lonna D./ Samantha & Dayton

10/21- ___?___ & Mikayla R./ Ken, Hope & Sue

10/28- Linda B. & Grace J./ Brandi & Pat B.



Use your gifts and talents!

Put your love for children and your desire to serve to good use in a fun, meaningful ministry!

ALL-IN Kidz Club now has openings for club mentors, and adults who love to lead singing, coaching games, preparing meals, or working behind the scenes. We are excited to announce our new curriculum: Pioneer Clubs- DELTA- Discovering God's Way!- and Scooters! Come check out what's happening and how you fit into this ministry!



TEAM MEETING
WEDNESDAY- August 1st
@4:30 p.m.



We are 7 weeks away from kick-off night! After much prayer and research, we have picked a new curriculum! Our 1st-6th graders will be using the DELTA- Discovering God's Way- program and our Pre-K will be using the Scooter program, all from the Pioneer Clubs. DELTA- Disciples Equipped for Life Transformation and Action- At weekly meetings, kids dig into God's Word, memorize Scripture, apply God's truth to their lives and grow into young men and women who will serve Christ throughout their lives. We will once again be serving a meal after school when children arrive at the church, playing games, having large group lessons, then breaking up into small groups to help children understand how to apply God's Word to their everyday life and memorize scripture. We've been praying for you and how God would want to use you for this ministry! **Please come WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1st @ 4:30 p.m. to our first TEAM Meeting** to learn more about this program and how God will use you to help children know JESUS!

Upcoming Events ---

August 1st) Team Meeting @4:30 p.m.; **August 8th)** Community Picnic 5:30-7:30 (Last one and live Praise Music!); **August 22)** Team Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.

-Valerie Johnson, Kidz Club Director, 218-296-1706



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14



Children's Programming Meeting Agenda:

Date: July 19, 2018

Time: 5:00 pm

People Present: Linda Beebe, Barb Hirschey, Val, Wayne and Simon Johnson, Robin Johnson, Pat Biddle, Traci Birkholtz, Brandi Neal, Bev Otte, Mikayla & Jaurone Richards, Cassidy & Tammy Radueg, Kristen Odenthal, Sue Rydbom, Sheri Johnson, Jazmin Hall, Craig & Carol Weigel, Tim and Jess Judd, Dan Rose, Pat & Marilyn O'Regan, Jim & Connie Nelson, Brenda Romig=28

Discussion:

***SCRIPTURE & PRAYER-SERVE GOD WITH YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT BY PLANTING A SEED!!**

***Children's Church/Sunday School:** Going to be some changes to the teaching staff this fall! We are going back to 4 classes, Pre-K-led by Jason Caldwell and Logan Michalson (with Kristen Odenthal willing to fill in when needed!) 1st-2nd Graders with Jennifer Mallory and we will be looking for a second for her room. 3rd and 4th graders led by Grace Johnson and Brenda Romig, 5th and 6th graders led by Barb Hirschey and Dee Carlson! This will begin Fall quarter-Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018. The individual teachers are looking into curriculum and we will discuss room arrangements in the next few weeks! Children's church for the 1st service will remain as is with Sheri Johnson leading and Tasha Achermann helping! **Sunday School/Children's Church Sub list: (below!)**

***VBS 2018** – recap: 104 different children 50 different families, 18 unchurched families, 5 visiting from other churches! 20 Youth volunteers, 43 adult/parent volunteers and Staples Alliance borrowing this year's decorations/materials! Also, a church in PA using our Son Harvest County Fair materials for next year! Sent \$700.00 to Haiti as well for Missions project; Next year June 17-21, 2019 Roar or Athens (or go back to Home Town Nazareth?)

***All-In Update 2018-2019-**Valerie Johnson shared the church is embarking on the Pioneer Clubs Delta curriculum this year for our All-In Kids Club. We need many hands to help lead and come along side to disciple these children. She passes around a clip board to get help. Val mentioned the first All-In Meeting will be Aug. 1st at 4:30 pm with a training meeting on Aug. 22nd. The kick off night for All-In this year is Wednesday, Sept. 12th, we are looking to do a community event. The first real night will begin Wed. Sept. 19th. The program will continue to run 3:30-5:30 pm there is a need for help in all areas! There were questions as to why we were changing curriculum yet again, Jess tried to answer the best we could, due to questions and complaints regarding last year's curriculum.

***Bountiful Harvest Festival-** Vote taken to have Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 6th starting at noon. It will look very similar to last years! Soups and Chili Meal with Ice Cream and Pie Contest! Kids games and Activities, Jess will check with Tim Cline for music again!
Some discussion regarding Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018-what will the church do?

***Christmas Program:** December 16th during second service, Sunday school staff will discuss this and begin practice around Nov. 4th

***Nursery Updates-**Linda B gave nursery update. She is in need of volunteers for the nursery also. Questions about a light or button system to alert parents when needed, and we will continue to try and make sure our staff know our policies for signing in children and Linda will pick up name labels for children and adults alike!

***Youth Group Up-date:** (Craig Weigel) Wednesday evenings 5:30-7:30 going well, this year has been more about reconnecting as a group and moving forward in the Lord. Mission's Trip was a success!! Mission's Motley project looking into, Monthly events copy available, Lessons Craig and Jess taking turns leading, with Tim Judd and Susie Horstmann helping, asked if any other adults felt led to come along side and help facilitate small group time.

***Next Meeting-**January 2019, if not sooner... ☺

***Close in Prayer**

Name:	Telephone Number:	Class Preference:
Sue & Ian Newkirk	218-330-5580	any
Hope Johnson	218.397.2368	As a second
Marisela Vasquez	218-839-7423	any
Lonna & Nick Dille	218-838-0254	any
Brandi Neal	218-445-5388	pre-k, early elementary
Valerie Johnson	218-296-1706	upper
Marilyn O'Reegan	218-316-7570	As a second!
Traci Birkholtz	218-296-0437	any

BOA MINUTES – 06/23/2018

Present: Pastor Jim Johnson, Pastor Charles Mallory, Susie Griffith, Mary Duberowski, Craig Weigel, Dan Rose, Traci Birkholtz, Charlie Poulton, Chris Neal, Linda Beebe and Tim Judd

Guests: Wayne and Val Johnson, Marilyn O'Regan and Jessica Judd

Devotional/Prayer: "Revival Fire" Are you born again? Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?

Secretary Report - Charlie made a motion to accept the June 25, 2018 minutes and Chris seconded that motion. No further discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - The beginning balance in checking account of \$62,161.66 with deposits of \$195,166.75 for a total of \$257,328.41. Year to date expenses were \$178,335.85 leaving a balance in checking as of June 30, 2018, of \$78,992.56. Free Methodist Loan Fund is \$51,098.16 and the local Savings Account balance is \$11,810.23.

Old Business:

Youth Mission Trip– We had sixteen youth and three adult chaperones go on a mission trip to Lame Deer, MT the week of July 7-14th. The group did a couple of service projects, put on a kids' club, did two prayer walks and served a community picnic to the Northern Cheyenne Native Americans. The service projects included painting a house and porch, also at another home, putting railings on two decks, mowed and cleaned up the yard. The youth had to plan games, crafts, songs and story time for the kids' club which had approximately 30 children from the community attend. There was a daily devotion time each morning which helped each youth grow closer to the Lord. There was spiritual growth amongst the youth and adults.

Panama- Pastor Jim and Sheri will be gone to Costa Rica/Panama July 31-Aug. 8th. They will fly into San Jose, Costa Rica and travel to Panama with Don Korach Jr. Pastor Jim will speak at the graduation commencement in Panama, which we helped support, on Aug. 5th. They will travel back to Costa Rica on the 6th and stay with Don and Marjorie for the 7th and fly home on July 8th.

New Business:

Church event/van use - What/who determines a church event? When/where is the van to be used?

Chris asked, "Does our insurance provide coverage for events away from our property?"

Dan asked, "Are we ready to establish a policy?"

Charlie stated, we need to have board approval prior to being sanctioned. The board gave preapproval of regular events such as B.A.Y. rally.

It was decided that when using the van, it must be a church event and permission slips are required from parents. If it's not a church event, no van.

We will put a policy in place, we must establish criteria as to what is a church event and when the van can be used.

There has been a request to use the van for an outing at a lake with the All-In class of 5th-6th grade girls. Mary made a motion that we allow the use of the van for this event, Dan second it. No discussion, motion carried.

Kids Club Curriculum – We will be using Pioneer Club Delta. It has been ordered and it is on the way. It has a small and large group format. The have memory versus to learn. The large group is in a bible study format. We will not be doing the "award" piece.

Josh and Melanie Kaminsky – Last month Josh and Melanie had asked for support for their involvement in missions. They provided a website that they are involved in, <https://www.nmsi.org/give/kaminsky>. Dan mentioned that Josh is working on a master's degree in working with children with autism. NSMI has a children's home in Ukraine for special needs children. Josh will be working in the states. Melanie will be working in the office. Dan suggested that we help them with our 5th Sunday offering. Craig agreed that we should help them with at least their moving costs of \$3,500.

Dan made a motion to help them with the 5th Sunday offering (July 29, 2018), Craig seconded it. No discussion, motion carried

Millennials – Our goal is to reach, engage and include. Pastor Charles said this group includes 30 yr. old and younger. They are diverse, as some are single, some married, and some with kids. We need to think outside of the box. Where do they fit in? They want church outside of the walls of the church. Charlie asked how will Pastor Charles reach them? Pastor Charles replied that he has a list of names. Pastor Jim stated that this is not a new problem but a growing problem everywhere. Charles mentioned that mentorship is very important. They come from all walks of life and we need to take them as they are. Pastor Jim said we need to engage them on a spiritual journey, it may not be in Sunday morning attendance. Pray about it.

Other:

Mileage - It was brought up as Pastor Charles is making house calls is there mileage reimbursement? We can reimburse him for mileage or he can keep track of mileage and claim it on his taxes.

Room Dividers - Val asked if we could look at dividers for downstairs to make three classrooms in the large room. She has looked at an accordion style. Charlie will look into some.

Vacation- Pastor Charles asked if Pastor Jim's vacation time could be redone since he didn't really get a vacation, due to his father's health and Sheri's health. Yes, it will not be counted as vacation.

Craig inquired about clarification for van use for youth group events.

Pastor Charles closed in prayer.

Next meeting: August 20, 2018

August 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
			9:30 Bible Study 12:00 Prayer Time 12:00 AA Meeting <i>*4:30 All-In Kidz Club Training</i>	6:30 Men's Group 6:30 Women's Group	12:00 AA Meeting <i>*Youth Lock-in</i>	6:00 Prayer Time
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