



Motley Free Methodist Church

"In His Grip"

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A Few Words from Pastor Jim:

Acts 2:1 & 4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

One of my long-term prayers for the church is to seek and experience full blown Holy Spirit revival again. The kind of revival that has happened at Pentecost and many other times throughout history including in America in the Great Awakenings and in smaller settings from time to time.

Friends, it is not a surprise to anyone who is watching what is happening in America; the relevance of the church and the interest in Jesus Christ is suffering. May we, His people, travail in prayer for a new outpouring of His Spirit and a new awakening in His church, including us.

June is already here. June means it is time for our conference meetings in Montello Wisconsin, June means it is time for VBS. Please pray for these events. If you would like to help with VBS June 18-22 please see Jessica Judd soon so we can be sure we are all ready for that good week.

Once again, our church will provide 3 different community meals to this community this summer. The first one is on June 6th. Please feel free to join us at Ernie Converse park. It is a pot-luck meal where we simply invite the community to come out and eat and visit. There are some games for the kids and teens too. It is an opportunity to meet some of our neighbors and "love our neighbors" in action.

On Sunday July 1st the Mallory family will be here and Charles will assume his new role as our assistant pastor. Please pray for them and their moving and transition.

Also, on July 1st, we will be praying over our youth group, with a sort of commissioning, before they leave to go on their short-term mission trip to Montana later that same week.

I want to take time to thank all our volunteers again. These people are just so important to what we do here. If you have been teaching classes, or helping at Kids Club or youth, or nursery or praise music or cleaning or serving meals or anything else; I just want to say Thank You again. We cannot do what we do without you. Thank you!

May God continue to raise up more Kingdom workers and prayer warriors and future pastors, missionaries and more.

May God instill in all of us a desire to serve Him at some capacity and to grow closer to Him.

Lastly, may I say Thank you veterans and may we all say Thank you to those who have given their all for the USA.

Monday is Memorial Day and a good opportunity to remember that "some gave all". There are Memorial Day services scheduled all over our area. I would encourage you to go to one of them and "remember". Thank you again to all of those who have served and to those who are currently serving and to those families that no longer have a loved one because of the service and sacrifice.

Serving Jesus and swerving you. Pastor Jim

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Upcoming Events:

- May 31 Church Spring Cleaning
- June 1-2 NCC Conference
- June 6 Community Picnic
- June 9 Women's Ministry Meeting
- June 13 Youth Group at Judd's
- June 14 VBS Decorating
- June 16 Motley Junefest/Parade
- June 16 Root beer Floats @ Ernie Converse Park
- June 18-22 VBS
- June 25 BOA Meeting

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 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

**You Are Invited!
Vacation Bible School**



Date: June 18-22
Time: 4:30-7:30 pm
Place: Motley Free Methodist Church
To Register: Call Jess @ 218.296.2441

Or visit our website:
motleyfreemethodistchurch.com/vbs.html

- 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!

Join us this summer!

Community Picnic Nights

@Ernie Converse Park,
Motley, MN

June 6, July 11, August 8

5:30-7:30pm

We will be serving picnic supper*
and playing games!

Bring the WHOLE FAMILY!

*Potluck salads and desserts are needed.

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Let's clean our church

Thursday, May 31st

5:30 Potluck supper
6:30 Clean the church-
wash windows, wash walls,
wash light fixtures & anything
else that needs cleaning

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").

May has been a busy month with the Garage Sale Youth Fundraiser which was a great success. Kevin Austin spoke on Human Trafficking and a thank you to all the ladies who brought snacks. Ladies Tea was such a blessing to everyone who came. Special thank you to Jane Callis who gave such a touching and amusing testimony. Her granddaughter, Carly blessed us with a beautiful song too. Ladies, you made so many delicious dishes that everyone enjoyed. A huge thank you to Barb Hirschey for taking charge over the Tea, and huge thank you to Jessica Judd, Linda Beebe and Kristen Odenthal for the beautiful decorations. Thanks go to Sandy Korach for ordering and picking up the flowers for Mother's Day. June is coming up fast with Community picnic on June 6th at 5:30 pm @ Ernie Converse Park with reminder for people to bring salads and desserts. June Fest w/root beer floats @12 noon on the 16th at Ernie Converse Park, contact Val Johnson if you would like to help for either of these two events. Vacation Bible School is scheduled 18-22, contact Jess Judd if interested in helping. Next Women's Ministry Meeting is June 9 @ 10 am with baby shower for Jennifer Vasquez @11am w/Sheri Johnson hosting.

Youth News:

May started off with the Youth Group garage sale May 4th and 5th. We had a wonderful sale, thanks to all who helped and donated items. We made \$3,460.10 that will go towards our mission trip in July and a mission's Motley project. Also, in May, Craig has pulled the youth attending the mission trip for mission trip training, while the other half have been doing object lessons with Tim and Jess. On May 23rd we welcomed the youth that are finishing 6th grade to the Youth Group. June 6th the Youth Group will join in the community picnic at the park. June 13th we will have a fun night of devotions, games and supper at the Judd's home. June 16th we will have a float in the parade. Anyone wanting to help, be at the church at 9am to decorate, line up is at 10 am and parade is 11am. June 20th we will not have Youth Group because that is the week of VBS.

Looking ahead: July 1st, we will have prayer during both services for those going on the mission trip.

Any questions or concerns please contact Craig Weigel (218)839-0007 or Jessica Judd (218)296-2441

June 2018

6/3- Jaurone & Mikayla/Lisa M. & Lilly N.

6/10- Nick & Lonna D./Marisela & Ashley V.

6/17- ___?___ & Mikayla R./Dale & Carla L.

6/24- Linda B. & Grace J./Samantha & Dayton

July 2018

7/1- Diane J. & Deb C./Ken, Hope & Sue

7/8- Jennifer & Logan M./Brandi & Pat B.

7/15- Melaine S.& Margaret F./Sandy & Morgan

7/22- Ian & Sue N./Vicki G. & Diane B.

7/29- Dorothy & Kristen O/ Lisa M. & Lilly N.

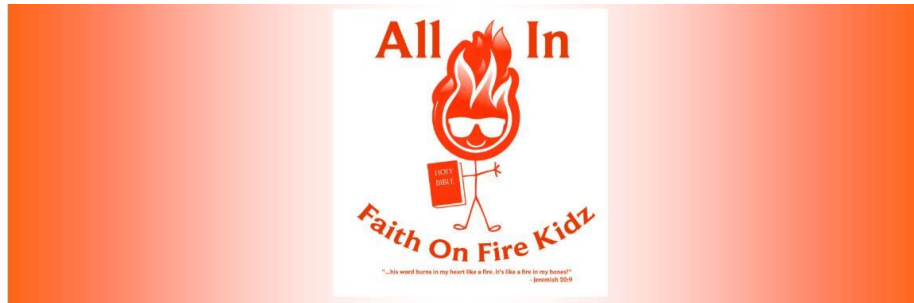
August 2018

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



"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! PRAISE THE LORD!" Psalm 150:6

Wrapping up the year is so bittersweet, we are ready for summer but sad to end our weekly times with the kids we have come to know and love. Our last three weeks were busy, but God moved in a lot of ways!

May 2nd we held our Pinewood Derby: Our winners were **Pre-2nd: 1st- Emma Gerads, 2nd- Belle Mevissen, 3rd- Jaden Carry, Best of Show- Brayden Eckel; 3rd-6th grade: 1st- Chayce Thimesch, 2nd- Adel Buscho, 3rd- Owen Winter, Best of Show- Heidi Zimmerman and our Grand Champion--- Chayce Thimesch!** A great time to have all the families here supporting their kids and fellowshiping with other families. Thank you again for all that helped pull it together!

May 9th was our Community Spring Project, our small groups all headed out to give flowers, say Happy Spring and God loves You to each of the homes in Motley! The kids enjoyed this time of blessing other people and we have heard some great comments of appreciation from some of our recipients. Great job kids and volunteers for bringing smiles to those in our community and reminding them they are loved!

May 16th our Celebration Night- we had a Pizza Party, played outside, watched one last story from our video series, "He's Here!" telling the kids about the birth of the Rescuer we have been hearing about all year long, had one last group time and to pray for our summers. We finished our night with "Make your own Ice Cream Sundaes" and some Bible gifts to the kids who hadn't yet received one, said good-bye to our sixth graders and sang songs! A lot to cram into one night, but it was a great night of fun to end our year! I just want to thank all the volunteers from the kitchen, games, small groups, putting together odds and ends, calling to make arrangements, we couldn't have a successful year with all your hard work and dedication to the kids that come each week. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus each week and showering them with love! I pray you all have a blessed Summer and we will see you again in the Fall all rested and ready to do it again!

Be sure to join us this summer for the Picnics in the Park- June 6th is our first one at Converse Park, 5:30-7:30 we will be grilling, so please bring a potluck salad or dessert and come meet your neighbors!



Children's Programming News...

Vacation Bible School will be quickly upon us! June 18-22, 2018 4:30-7:30 pm.

We are still in need of a few adults who would be willing to help with nursery care or leading a crew!

Also, a copy of what is needed for donations is attached in this newsletter!

If you are willing to donate items for VBS please bring them on or before June 10th!

Thank you for your help in any and every capacity to make VBS a success! If your children have not registered yet for VBS please consider doing so before VBS!

You can register online at <http://www.motleyfreemethodistchurch.com/vbs.html> or there are registration papers on the back table at the church! If you ordered T-shirts they have arrived as well! If you did not order shirt but would still like one please see Jessica!

During first service we continue to have children's church during the sermon with Sheri Johnson and Tasha Achermann.

During the second service we have Sunday School classes for children preschool-6th grade.

Jason Caldwell and Logan Michalson teach our preschool/kindergarten class. Barb Hirschey along with Dee Carlson teach our 1st-3rd graders. And for the summer we are still in need of teachers for our 4th -6th graders, as Danny and Sue take each summer off! If you are interested in teaching Sunday School June-Sept. 2nd please see Jessica Judd ASAP!! Thank you!

Lastly, we have nursery care available during both services for children 0-3 years of age. If you have any questions regarding our nursery care please see Linda Beebe!

BOA MINUTES – 05/21/2018

Present: Pastor Jim Johnson, Susie Griffith, Mary Duberowski, Craig Weigel, Dan Rose, Traci Birkholtz and Tim Judd

Guests: Wayne Johnson and Jessica Judd

Devotional/Prayer:

1 John 3:11 – This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous.

Jesus laid down his life for us – we should too. Let us love in action and in truth, not just in words. This is how we know we belong to the truth.

How do we love in this community in word and deed? We need to continue seeking the face of God in this. We need to continue thanking God for blessing us, just as we need to bless others when they need us. We need to love “in action”.

Lord, please guide us to be in the center of your will and to seek your face...

Secretary Report - Craig made a motion to accept the April 16, 2018 minutes and Mary seconded that motion. No further discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - The beginning balance in checking account of \$62,161.66 with deposits of \$132,384.07 for a total of \$194,545.73. Year to date expenses were \$114,839.19 leaving a balance in checking as of April 30, 2018, of \$79,706.54. Free Methodist Loan Fund is \$50,692.39 and the local Savings Account balance is \$11,808.76. Traci made a motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report and Dan seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

Old Business:

Assistant Pastor – We are waiting to see if Pastor Mallory would like housing assistance as part of his payment package.

Church Directory – If interested parties would like a directory but did not get their picture taken, the board has chosen to pass on the fee of \$10.00 p/directory.

Kevin Austin Follow Up – The board agreed to have another speaker here on “Freedom Sunday”. Ashley is working for the Set Free Movement in Kenya.

Youth Mission Trip – Approximately 19 youth and 3 adults will attend the missionary trip this summer. They have been discussing expectations and training. A group of youth will be speaking to both services on July 1st.

VBS – Donations are creeping in. We are in need of 2-3 more adult volunteers. Please see Jess if you are able to help in any way.

New Business:

New Pathways – They have lost their federal funding which results in making cuts, fundraising and a change in services. May is “double-donations” month. Brainerd's budget is approximately \$200,000 annually. The board has chosen to make a one time financial gift of \$10,000 during the month of May. Tim made the motion with Dan seconding it. All agreed, motion carried.

Panama Opportunity – Pastor Jim has been invited out to Panama for the graduation of those we helped out previously. He is looking into his schedule to see if he can attend in late July.

Symbis Training – This is a biblical approach to Pre-Marital Counseling taught by a husband and wife couple. Pastor Jim would like to become a Certified Trainer. The fee is approximately \$300.00. A motion was made by Dan to cover the fee and seconded by Craig. No discussion, motion carried.

Host Community C.A.R.E. Meal – We were asked if we would be willing to host a meal once per year. The meal would serve 100-150 people. Pastor will discuss with the ladies group and others involved.

Motley Community Swimming Lessons Bus – A bus will be picking up community children for swimming lessons from June 11 – 22nd. The cost for this community service is \$45 p/child and a bus fee of \$650. We have been asked to again sponsor this community event with a donation of \$350. Dan made a motion to donate the \$350, seconded by Craig. All agreed, motion carried.

Next Meeting: June 25, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

June 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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					<i>*NCC Annual Conference</i>	<i>*NCC Annual Conference</i>
					12:00 AA Meeting	6:00 Prayer Time
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