



# Motley Free Methodist Church

## "In His Grip"

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## A Few Words from Pastor Jim:

Romans 13:1 "let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. "

Even though some of you Facebook friends know that I posted this verse last week I do it again for 2 reasons. 1) It is important that people of God are informed and vote. 2) It is

vitaly important for us to remember that even when things don't turn out like we / I / you want them too, we must remember verses like this. God is the One in charge, even when it is uncomfortable. Please, people of God, be informed, pray and go vote this next election day. There are many voter guides out there that help you to understand where candidates stand on important moral issues. MCCL (Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life) has a good voter guide on-line and in print that will tell you exactly where candidates stand on these issues.

The last thing that I will say about elections is this; people of God are instructed by God and His word to pray for our leaders.

God does not say pray for whom you like, His word says pray for our leaders. (1 Timothy 2:2) so may we be a people who will lift up to God, in prayer, all of our leaders, at every level and every political persuasion.

November is already here. November means, among many things, it is time to celebrate Thanksgiving and be Thankful. Actually, we should be thankful daily, but this month gives us corporate opportunity to give thanks.

On Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our regular Sunday morning services at regular times. Then on that same evening we will have our Thanksgiving service at 6:00 pm. During that service we will sing and rejoice and give thanks. A special part of this service will be the testimony of two men from our church family. Matt Urspringer and Ross Bendson will both be sharing their testimony that evening.

I have asked them both to share for this service as another way for us to give Thanks to God for His great blessings and salvation. I hope you will come and be a part of that service and then have some light refreshments after the service.

Don't forget that November 4<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Daylight savings time ends so our clocks need to be set back one hour too.

I wanted to take one more opportunity to say Thank you to all of you for being a part of our church family here at Motley FMC.

Thank you for teaching kids, and leading bible studies and feeding people and cleaning the church and praying and tithing and using your spiritual gifts in all kinds of ways. God bless you and may God guide and bless this ministry.

Thank you too for all of the wonderful cards and gifts during this October (Pastor appreciation month). God bless you all. May God be glorified as we serve Him and this community and people around the globe.

Serving Jesus and serving you, Pastor Jim

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## Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 4- Daylight Savings End
- Nov. 6- Election Day
- Nov. 6- Surviving the Holidays
- Nov. 10- Women's Ministry Meeting
- Nov. 18- Shoe Boxes Due
- Nov. 18- Thanksgiving Service
- Nov. 19- BOA Meeting
- Nov. 22- Happy Thanksgiving

## 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 1 Timothy
- 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



**Pray, Be Informed**



**Election Day**

**November 6**

- 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!*

## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.



[www.griefshare.org/holidays](http://www.griefshare.org/holidays)

Tues., Nov. 6  
6:00-7:30

## Women's Ministry News:

The Women's Ministry had a very good meeting on Saturday, October 13, 2018. With October being Pastor appreciation month, the women's group gave both of our Pastors a gift from the women's group. Then, we discussed the Harvest Festival that happened on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. Everyone thought it was a good day with a new family signing up for All-In while attending the Festival! The women's ministry team also gave a marriage devotional to newly married Devrin and Alexis House who were married at the church on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the new couple! In addition, we held a beautiful baby shower for Melissa and Charlie Cory following the meeting. It was a great day!

Congratulations to Ben and Jen Goldsmith who had their new baby boy Gunner on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>!! The women's group discussed the need still for a second kitchen crew leader as well. If you are interested in this important job, please see Jessica Judd or Sheri Johnson. A couple of ladies would like to also start a prayer shawl ministry through the women's group too. If you are interested in making prayer shawls, please feel free to do so. The Women's Ministry will give them out to those in the hospital or in need as we receive the shawls. If you are interested in this, please see Jessica Judd. Lastly for October, the women's group began planning the annual thanksgiving baskets that will be put together on November 10, 2018 at the next women's meeting. We are looking to put together 25 baskets this year. If you are willing to help with supplies for these baskets, please sign up on the clip board on the back table! Thank you for your help to the body here in Motley.

Looking at November, November 10, 2018 at 10 am will be our next women's ministry meeting in the basement. We will be packing the thanksgiving baskets, planning the Christmas goodie baskets, putting out the Angel Tree project, and wrapping up shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 18<sup>th</sup>. In addition, mark your calendar as we will have our annual Thanksgiving service November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm with refreshments to follow!

If you have any questions regarding the women's ministry please call or see Jessica Judd 218.296.2441 [jessleejohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:jessleejohnson@yahoo.com) or message me on Facebook! 😊

## Youth News:

October started with Bring Your Bible School Day on October 4<sup>th</sup>. 14 youth helped and participated with this year's Harvest Festival on October 6<sup>th</sup>. October 10<sup>th</sup>, was the BAY Rally in Brainerd, 24 youth attended this event. October 19<sup>th</sup>, we held our Box City at the Church. We want to thank everyone who donated and helped make it a success. A special thanks to Tammy Radueg, Ron Odenthal and Linda Beebe, who came alongside us in chaperoning and making this event come to life. We had 10 youth raise money and 7 of them stayed in boxes. The group raised \$2000.00 for New Pathways and homeless families in Central MN.

Jess is finishing her lessons called, "Sharing" it is lessons about loving each other. The youth leaders would also want to thank Josh Horstmann for volunteering to helping out with the youth group, it is greatly appreciated!

November should be a quiet month for us. The only special event we have planed is a pizza night on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Craig starts a new lesson called "Who am I".

We want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. If you have any questions please contact Craig Weigel (218) 839-0007 [cbweigel@hotmail.com](mailto:cbweigel@hotmail.com) or Jessica Judd (218)296-2441 [jessleejohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:jessleejohnson@yahoo.com)

### November

- 11/4- Diane J. & Deb C/ Sandy & Morgan
- 11/11- Jennifer & Logan M/ Vicki G. & Diane B
- 11/18- Melaine S.& Margaret F./ Lisa M. & Lilly N.
- 11/25- Ian & Sue N./ Marisela & Ashley

### December

- 12/2- Dorothy & Kristen / Dale & Carla L.
- 12/9- Jaurone & Mikayla/ Samantha & Dayton
- 12/16- Nick & Lonna D./ Traci & Bel
- 12/23- Ken, Hope & Sue/ Brandi & Pat B.
- 12/30- Linda B. & Grace J./ Sandy & Morgan





## In Children's Ministry News:

Every year during the month of November our Sunday school classes take November and December to practice for our annual Children's Christmas Program. This year's program will be held Sunday, December 16 at 10:30 am during our second service! If you would like to have your children a part of this year's program, we ask that you have them attend weekly Sunday school classes starting Sunday, November 4th!

Thank you to our Sunday school teachers who will work very hard to make this fun event come to life in the next 6 weeks! In addition to our 6 weeks of Sunday morning practices, there will also be two Saturday morning practices right before the performance on the stage. These will take place Saturday, December 8th and 15th at 9 am! Please put these dates on your calendar if you have children participating!

We continue to have children's church during the sermon for first service with Sheri Johnson, Marisela Vasquez and Tasha Ackermann. And the church offers nursery care for both services for children 0-3 years of age! If you are interested in helping in the nursery for our 2019 year, please see Linda Beebe ASAP!

Thank you and as always for your support of our children's programming at the MFMC. If you have questions regarding children's programming, please feel free to ask Jessica Judd any time. 218.296.2441



We finished up our Unit 1 lessons titled "WHO IS GOD?" We learned that God is our Trusted Creator- Psalm 33:6a, a Promise Keeper- Psalm 33:4, Salvation Provider- Romans 6:23 and our Heavenly Father! Our next Unit will help us answer "WHO IS JESUS?"

We have seen God work in the lives of these children in just a few weeks. Going from not believing to asking Jesus to be their Savior! Praise God for 2 children this last month that have prayed to receive Jesus as their Savior! Please pray that God will continue to pour out to these kids and help them grow closer to him.

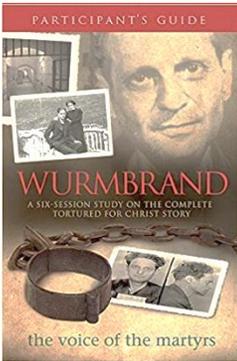
November will bring us packing shoeboxes together for OCC. Our goal is one box packed per kid attending our night, approx. 50 boxes! We invite families to join us November 14<sup>th</sup> to help their children pack a shoebox. We have been collecting items throughout the weeks and ask if you have any extra items you would like to donate, please put them in the box under the back table. We also can use help with shipping costs, if you are able/willing to donate, please see Jess or Val.

Thank you to all that have been donating and baking goodies for our suppers! Please be in prayer for the following: 1) Children and their families- that they will continue to come, and that God will prepare their hearts to make a decision to accept Jesus as their Savior and follow Him 2) Volunteers- to be healthy, to strengthen and encourage them to love these kids with a love that God fills us with. 3) That God will continue to provide all our needs for feeding and ministering to the children. 4) That more men would be raised up and willing to help mentor our 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade boys.

\*We are looking for any persons that have been through our volunteer training that would be willing to be on our sub list- please let Val know if you are willing to be on that list.

### Upcoming Events:

**October 31:** Fearless- We won't be afraid! **November 7:** Regular Night; **November 14:** OCC Shoebox Packing Party; **November 21:** NO CLUB- Happy Thanksgiving; **November 28:** Regular Night



## Young Adult Study: Wurmbrand

*Based on the life of Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand and the challenges they faced during severe persecution in Romania for their faith.*

- Six lessons – Begins November 4<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>
- Three meetings times to choose from
- Book and study guide provided *free of charge*
- Sessions led by Asst. Pastor Charles Mallory

Come and join the discussions that can grow and inspire your faith to boldly live with confidence as a witness for Jesus Christ despite any opposition or resistance to our faith/beliefs. The six sessions will also help us gain a deeper level of understanding of the persecuted church around the world!

**Send name, email and contact number along with the study (day) you will like to attend to:**

charlesmfmc@gmail.com

Come visit one of the sessions you would like to join:

1. Sunday Night: 6-7PM: Lakewood Hospital (Staples) downstairs main conference room:  
**NOV 4, 11, 25; DEC 2, 9, 16**
2. Wednesday: 11:30am-12:30pm: Church Fellowship Hall:
3. Wednesday: 6:00-7:00pm: Church Sanctuary  
**BOTH Wednesday schedules are: NOV 7, 14, 28; DEC 5, 12, 19**



## BOA MINUTES – 10/15/2018

**Present:** Dan Rose, Tim Judd, Craig Weigel, Linda Beebe, Susie Griffith, Traci Birkholtz, Pastor Charles Mallory, and Mary Duberowski

**Guests:** Jessica Judd, Wayne Johnson, Val Johnson, Sue Newkirk and Jen Michalson

Devotional/Prayer: A. W. Tozer – Leaders and Managers

1 Samuel 8:7 – And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king”.

Israel wanted an earthly king – we are just as foolish as they were. God sets the direction, we are merely managers. The biblical term for leader is Lord. We are to be good managers of our time, our marriages, families, etc. Our role as managers is to obey him and perform the roles assigned to us by God. We must follow Him and trust Him alone. We need to be open to what the Lord brings to us. His will be done – not ours.

Secretary Report - Dan made a motion to accept the September 17, 2018, minutes and Tim seconded that motion. No further discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - The beginning balance in the checking account was \$62,161.66 with deposits of \$291,782.09 for a total of \$353,943.75. Year to date expenses were \$299,256.72, leaving a balance in checking as of September 30, 2018, of \$54,687.03. Free Methodist Loan Fund is \$51,511.69 and the local Savings Account balance is \$11,811.72. Dan made a motion to accept the September Treasurer's Report and Traci seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Faith Community Nursing – Sue Newkirk would like to join Jen Michalson in this ministry. She has 29 years of nursing experience and feels her integration of faith and health experience would be a natural fit. She has requested that the board pay half of her certification fee. Dan made a motion seconded by Mary to pay \$225.00 towards her certification as requested.

Class Room Dividers – Dividers are here. Tim will enlist help to set them up.

Pastor Salik – Pastor Salik will be here on October 28, 2018. Dan and Marie will be picking him up. Pastor Jim or the Rose's will drive him back to the airport as well.

Bible Study for 19-30 Year Olds – A flyer and a trailer has been launched on Facebook and Twitter. The 6-week study (book and DVD series) is called The Voice of the Martyrs by Richard Wurmbrand. Wurmbrand was a staunch atheist in Romania who ended up a Lutheran Pastor. The study will start on November 7. There will be three weekly opportunities to join. Sunday evenings from 6pm to 7pm at the Lakewood Health main conference room. Wednesdays during the lunch hour and Wednesday nights both here in church. Plans will be to start another one (Bible Detox) in January or February.

### **New Business:**

2019 Budget – Discussed the following:

-Rearranging items (Assistant Pastor Salary and related lines to Pastoral Columns

-Janitorial – do we need to look at a full time custodial/maintenance staff member? As we grow it puts a lot of pressure on current pastors and staff. Board members will be in prayer about this and discuss at the November board meeting.

-Average monthly offerings is 30K. It is good to have a month or two in savings, do we need to be sitting on this much in checking? Could we be helping out other causes?

-Line item for the Young Adult Ministry. Tim made a motion and Dan seconded it to add \$2,500.00 for Young Adult Ministry to the 2019 budget. No discussion, motion carried.

Des Moines District Meeting – To be held on October 27-28. Jim and Sheri will be attending. Dan made a motion, seconded by Traci to cover their expenses. No discussion, motion carried.

2019 BOA Members – Positions will need to be filled for Missions, Building Grounds and Delegate.

Thanksgiving Service – Will be held here on November 18 (Sunday evening). We will have two testimonies and fellowship.

Year End Giving – Discussed different options to bless others at the end of this year.

Angel Tree/Christmas for Kids – The Women's Group will be providing an Angel Tree again this year. They are looking for names of people/kids that could benefit from this.

Paid Holidays – We did not have set holidays for the staff. Craig made a motion and Traci seconded the following paid holidays: New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day (x2), Christmas and one Floater. Also noted, each day has a two-week leeway as mentioned in the North Central Conference guidelines. Pastoral staff is also expected to take a minimum of one day off for personal time weekly.

Sabbatical/Time Off – Dan made a motion, seconded by Mary to present Pastor Jim and Sheri with a month long trip to Kenya. All agreed, motion carried.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm

# November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>
					12:00 AA Meeting	6:00 Prayer Time
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