Motley Free Methodist Church
"In His Grip"

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A Word from Pastor Jim:

"The harvest is over, the summer is ended and we are not saved. Since my people are crushed I am crushed. I mourn and horror grips me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Are there no physicians there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?" Jeremiah 8: 20-22 (NIV)

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Every year when our "summer" comes to an end I am reminded of these words from a broken-hearted prophet of God.

Of course, he was talking about the nation of Israel. The nation was disobedient to God and had been for decades and would be judged severely. Is there any balm, means is there any hope of healing?

We may ask these same questions today. "Do we see any balm for the wounded; are there any Doctors for the sick? The answer was and is, YES; Jesus is the answer for the sick, the blind, the wandering, the apostates, the weary and lost. Jesus is the answer for the "lukewarm" church. Jesus is the answer for the bed-ridden as well as the addicted. Not a casual head knowledge about Jesus Christ the Savior, but a profound surrendered faith and trust in this King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus is still the answer for the church and America.

Our summer is all but over too and our children will go back to school. Our graduates will move on. AWANA will start again. There will be seasons of joy and there will be death and sorrow. God will be glorified as we faithfully serve HIM.

Sunday night September 6th, the Hartley family will be here to sing and share with us again at the church at 6:30.

On Sunday September 13th Pastor Mujahid El-Masih will be here to share with us 3 different messages. At 9:00 am he will share his testimony. At 10:30 am he will share the difference between Christianity and Islam. At 6:00 pm he will share about Jihad (Holy War). We will have a pot-luck picnic at the Rose ranch (Dan and Marie) that day too right after the second service.

AWANA starts September 16th. If you have never helped with this before and would like to be a part of the staff this year, please see Val Johnson a.s.a.p.

We (BOA) had seen fit to hire an outside cleaning service for our church cleaning needs. The cleaning service (Optimum cleaning) will be cleaning 2 weeks per month only. We are still going to try to clean the church ourselves with volunteers the other weeks. Please see Sue or Alex Griffith if you are able to clean or continue to clean during those weeks when Optimum cleaning is not here. We have a beautiful new church and we can work together to see that it is taken care of. God calls us to be good stewards of what he has blessed us with, and thank you.

May I encourage you again in two ways? Have you tried any of the bibles study groups offered throughout the week and Sunday morning? There are many great opportunities to learn and to grow in one of these studies. They are all listed in this newsletter. Are you taking time each day to pray? Prayer moves mountains, friends. Prayer changes lives. Prayer makes a difference.

Thank you prayer warriors for praying faithfully. It will only be known in eternity as to the difference that prayer has made.

God bless you all,

Serving Jesus and serving you. Pastor Jim

Upcoming Events:

*Sept. 6-Hartley Concert 6:30 pm
*Sept. 12-Women's Meeting 8 am
*Sept. 12-Beth Moore Simulcast 9:30-4:30
*Sept. 13-Pastor El-Masih Here all three services!
*Sept. 13-Potluck Dinner at the Rose's
*Sept. 16-AWANA Starts!
*Sept. 21-BOA Meeting at 6:30 pm
*Sept. 23-See You at the Pole
*Sept. 30-BAY Rally

Starting September 16th!!

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 10:30 in the old sanctuary, see Chris Neal or Dan Rose
- Sunday Evening Service-6:00 pm
- Tuesday afternoon Women's Bible study at 1:00 pm at the church, The Names of God, starting Sept. 15!
- Tuesday evening Bible Study starting at 6:30 pm studying the book of Revelation
- Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the church basement studying the book of John
- Wednesday afternoon intercessory prayer team at 12:00 pm at Jess'
- Saturday morning men's group-on hold!
- Saturday evening prayer group at the church at 6 pm with Pastor Les Crider

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 Patric Doyle or Pastor Jim!

What's Happening in the Women's Ministry Kitchen?

Everyone is busy getting every last bit of summer squeezed out before School starts and Fall begins. We, the WM's Group have been busy as well. Thank you to all my volunteers and people who brought school supplies to make the "Back to School Fair" such a success. Oh the smiles and excitement on the faces of the little ones was intoxicating. What a wonderful project to be a part of. Thank you! But we have even more events coming up!!!

Brewing on the front burners… The Hartley's will be here Sunday, September 6th at 6:30pm to entertain us with a bluegrass concert. The ladies are in charge of bringing light refreshments for after the concert such as cookies, bars etc. If you can bring something, please let Sheri know. Also… we are hosting a Beth Moore Simulcast with Living Proof Ministries Saturday, September 12th 9:30 - 4:15. This event is free of charge and we will be serving lunch as well. We want to encourage all our ladies to invite their friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, and high school age young ladies to come be a part of this. We want this to be a complete community outreach to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Please keep this event raised up in prayer. We ask that you RSVP to me by September 6th so we can reserve a spot at the table and have materials ready for you. There are signup sheets on the table in the foyer along with invitation cards.
Other September events include Pastor El-Masih here Sunday, September 13, for all 3 services; and AWANA kick off Wednesday, September 16th at 6pm.
Simmering on the back burners…Fall Festival is right around the corner as well and if you are interested in being a part of that, please let Jessica Judd know. We are also working on having another Family Fun Night once the dust settles from the whirlwind of getting back into the routine of school.
Our next Women's Meeting will be Saturday, September 12th at 8am. (before the Beth Moore event) (please make a note of the time change for this meeting only). Thank you to ALL you ladies who go above and beyond every time to serve and show the love of Jesus to our church family and community. I appreciate all of you more than you know. Thank you!!
~Kathy Broberg… 218.397.2033 ~ 218.296.2071 ~ brobsrk@yahoo.com

Children's Programming News:

In the children's programming news…

Dear Parents,

It is that time of year again and school bells are ringing! Which means here at the Motley Free Methodist Church we are getting ready to begin our fall quarter of Children's Church curriculum! Every September those children who have turned 3, going into 1st grade, 3rd grade or 5th grade will make a change in their children's church class! The rotation will happen on Sunday, Sept. 6th for their first time in their new classes! If your child has been in the nursery and are 3 they can now join Jason in the preschool classroom, If they are going to start 1st grade they will join Kathy in the 1st and 2nd grade room, if they are going into 3rd grade, they will join Barb and Dee in the 3rd and 4th grade class and if they are going into 5th grade they will Join Danny and Sue! We thank you all for helping us make this a smooth transition over the next two weeks! If you have any questions please feel free to ask your child's teacher or see Jessica Judd! Thank you for your support!

The Motley Free Methodist Children's Church Staff ☺

Fall Festival will be coming…Saturday, October 31, 2015

5:30-7:30 pm please sign up to help or check the donation sheet on the back table in the church!

If you have any questions please see Jessica Judd!

Nursery Schedule:

September 2015-First/Second Service:	October 2015-First/Second Service:	November 2015-First/Second Service:
Sept. 6-Renee & Kristen O/Kayla N & Renee	Oct. 4-Linda S & Kurt W/Lori & Tayah S	Nov. 1-David & Nancy S/Renee & Sandy K
Sept. 13-Craig & Carol W/Jenelle C & Chloe	Oct. 11-Tammy R & Mackayla R/Renee & Callie B	Nov. 8-Lonna & Nick D/Brandi & Margaret F
Sept. 20-Dale & Carla L/Sandy K & Chris V	Oct. 18-Emily & Patric D/Diane B & Christian V	Nov. 15-Debbie C & Diane J/Kayla & Renee
Sept. 27-Brenda R &Mickey O/Renee H & Lilly N	Oct. Brenda R & Renee H/Sarah & Robin H	Nov. 22-Jen & Logan M/Marisela & Ashley V
		Nov. 29-Ian & Sue N/Ken & Hope J

YOUTH NEWS:

In August we had our last opportunity to visit Charlie and Estelle's on Aug. 12, 2015! We had a wonderful time with shooting competition, kayak racing, and bon fire! We have been SO blessed by Charlie and Estelle's along with Curt and Barb's generosity to inviting and hosting fun evenings for our youth this summer! Everyone had a great time! On August 19, 2015 we had our annual movie night, where we watched Do You Believe a good movie if you have not had a chance to see it, including movie, candy and a fun evening together!! Starting in September, we will embark upon a new study again, as well as when AWANA starts up we will become AWANA listeners for a portion of our 2 hours! I have felt the need to keep our youth volunteering and being apart of our working body for Christ here at the MFMC and I believe this is how the Lord would like us to proceed. So our schedule starting in September will be games for 40 minutes, listeners for 30 and 10 minutes of snack and announcements and closing with our last 40 minutes of lesson time! In September there is an annual event called See You at the Pole. We always encourage our youth to attend this event and pray for their schools, friends, teachers and families this fall it will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at your school's flag pole and BAY Rally will be held the next week on Wednesday, September 30, 2015. We will enjoy pizza together this year at the church at 5:30 then, we will take off for the rally which starts at 6:45 pm and return around 9:00-9:15pm! Another youth item to mark your calendar for is Tent City, where our youth raise funds for the homeless in Central MN and stay overnight in cardboard boxes! This event will be held Saturday, October 24. As always, if you have any questions please see Tim or Jess☺

AWANA NEWS:

That all children and youth throughout the world will come to KNOW, LOVE and SERVE the Lord Jesus Christ. ~AWANA prayer

We are quickly approaching the beginning of another AWANA Club year. We had an awesome training night this last Wednesday with our AWANA missionary Bill and Cindy Hoppe. Thank you to all that came, I pray that God spoke to your hearts and refreshed your spirits for strength and filled you with love for these children. A quick update, I will be meeting with volunteers on September 9th from 5:30-6:30 at the church. We will run through a night of AWANA (things will look different this year), how to do book work for anyone who has not done it before, hand out uniform shirts for volunteers, and answer any final questions before we begin. We will also discuss plans for the "Kick-Off" night. At 6:45 that night I will be training with the youth group for their positions this year. Praise God for leading Jess and myself with this beautiful opportunity to have the youth to be a part of AWANA!

I would ask all the congregation to continue to pray earnestly for AWANA- Pray for 1) the Volunteers- for strength and rest to keep them healthy, and to be filled with Love for these children each week! 2) Children and families wanting to be a part of AWANA and for all obstacles for them to be here be removed 3) For many children to come to know Jesus as their Savior and parents also!

4) Growth in their walk with the Lord.

Thank you all again for your support of the AWANA ministry! ~ Val

Upcoming events:

September 9- volunteer training 5:30-6:30 p.m.; September 16th- Family Kick-Off Night 6:00-7:30; September 23rd- Regular AWANA night; September 30- Regular AWANA night

Board of Administration Meeting Minutes:

Date: August 19, 2015
Time: 6:30 pm

People Present: Pastor Jim, Assoc. Pastor Richard Broberg ,Kathy Broberg, Linda Beebe, Judy Eggert, Chris Neal, Sandy Korach, Craig Weigel

Devotional/Prayer- 2 Timothy 3. Difficult times for Christian service. How does the church continue to move into the community and do ministry effectively for the Lord Jesus Christ in a culture of today? Preference everything with prayer. Each of us must invite people to the house of the Lord. We as a church have work to do until Jesus comes. Pray that we make a difference for such a time of this.
Secretary's Report- Craig motioned to accept secretary's report as read, Sandy seconded, no discussion, all agreed, motion carried.
***Treasurer's Report**- Sandy reported beginning balance in checking account was $24,509.96 with offerings of $158,853.70 plus May building offering of $16,136.31 for a total of $199,499.97. Year to date expenses are $169,949.08 which leaves a balance as of July 31, 2015 in checking of $ 29,550.89. Special Fund balance is $11,908.45. Loan balance is $115,606.38. Judy motioned to accept treasurer's report with two small corrections. (May Building offering reads $16,136.31 and the figure under "Building Offerings" reads $16,163.31. Sandy will double check and correct. On detail list take out $32,100.00 under janitorial services. Linda seconded, no discussion, all agreed, motion carried.

Old Business:
Pastor El-Masih (Sept 13, 2015) He has his flight booked. Richard will be picking him up as Pastor Jim has a wedding. First service will be completely different than second service and evening service. Pastor encourages everyone to attend all if possible. Chris made motion to donate $1,000.00 in addition to the offering collected for him, Sandy seconded, no discussion, all agreed, motion carried.
Communication to the congregation-Call Multiplier is up and running. Messages have been sent and received. Pastor Jim suggested that we give the contact number to a few more individuals so they can use it when they have information to get out. Richard and Linda will help to train these people who are going to have the number.
Church cleaning-The volunteer that was going to clean until October can no longer do it. There have been fewer and fewer volunteers since the new sanctuary was built and that we can no longer rely on volunteers. Sandy made motion to hire Optimum Cleaning to come every other week and get volunteers the other two weeks. Craig seconded, no discussion, all agreed, motion carried.
Hartley Concert-(Sept 6, 2015). Refreshments for after concert are arranged.
Lower Parking Lot- Discussion was done regarding if we should finish lower parking lot now or wait. Judy made motion to finish lower parking lot, Sandy seconded, no discussion, all agreed, motion carried.
Weddings and building use policies-Current by-laws do address building use. Changes that need to be done to the current wedding policy were discussed. Pastor will change policy and send out for Board approval via email.

New Business:
Morey House - Pastor will visit with individual staying in the house. A new contract will have to be drawn up as the first contract stated 6 months and that time is now up.
Roof needs-Board had approved last meeting, to help a disabled person with repairs to her roof if this person could get other organizations to help. There has been no other responses to help. Pastor will suggest to her to go to Lutheran Social Services.
2016 Budget-Tabled until next meeting
Nominating committee- Tabled until next meeting

Next meeting-September 21, 2015
Closing Prayer-Richard.

September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 *6:30 pm Bible Study	2 *9:30-Bible Study *12 pm-AA Meeting *12 pm Prayer Time *5:30-Youth Group	3	4 *12 pm-AA Meeting	5 *6 pm-Prayer Time
6 *Communion **6:30-Hartley Concert**	7 **Labor Day!**	8 ***9-11-Pastor's Mtg***. *6:30 pm Bible Study	9 *9:30-Bible Study *12 pm-AA Meeting *12 pm Prayer Time *5:30-Youth Group *AWANA Training	10	11 *12 pm-AA Meeting	12 *8 am-Women's Ministry *9:30 pm-**Beth Moore Simulcast** *6 pm –Prayer Time
13 ***Guest Speaker El-Masih with Potluck at the Rose's** *6 pm-Evening Service	14	15 *1 pm-Bible Study *6:30 pm Bible Study	16 *9:30-Bible Study *12 pm-AA Meeting *12 pm Prayer Time *5:30-Youth Group *6 pm **AWANA Starts!**	17	18 *12 pm-AA Meeting	19 *Pastor's Meeting *6 pm- Prayer Time
20 *6 pm Evening Service	21 *4 pm Worship Practice ***6:30-BOA Meeting**	22 *1 pm-Bible Study *6:30 pm Bible Study	23 ****See You at the Pole*** *9:30-Bible Study *12 pm-AA Meeting *12 pm Prayer Time *5:30 pm-Youth Group *6pm-AWANA	24	25 *12 pm-AA Meeting	26 *6 pm-Prayer Time
27 *6 pm Evening Service	28	29 *1 pm-Bible Study *6:30 pm Bible Study	30 *9:30-Bible Study *12 pm-AA Meeting *12 pm Prayer Time *5:30-Youth Group-**BAY** *6 pm-AWANA			