



# Motley Free Methodist Church "In His Grip"

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## A Few Words from Pastor Jim:

James 1:27 *Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this; to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.*

One of the goals that we at MFMC want to embark on is to take care of needy widows or orphans, just like scripture mentions.

From time to time your BOA or pastor become aware of significant needs among the widow population, and it is our wish and goal to be able to do something about that for some of them. God has been a blessing to us and we want to be a blessing to others.

We feel that, not only is taking care of widows scriptural, it is good for us to love our neighbors that way. So, if you become aware of one of our widows in some significant need, please let Pastor Jim know so that we can look into that need and perhaps come along side of that individual and be of some help.

Our Call Multiplier system is getting more use all of the time. We want to continue to expand its use and so we would like your feedback. 1) If you are currently getting Call Multiplier messages from the church from time to time and do not want to be getting them, please let Linda Beebe know so we can remove you from this communication system. 2) If you are never getting any recorded messages from someone at the church, chances are you are not in the system. If you would like to be in this system of communication, please let Linda Beebe know that too. 3) If you have a different phone number than we have for you, please let Linda Beebe know that too. We really do want to keep you informed and so we need to keep this system current. All-In Kidz Club starts soon. Thank You Val Johnson and all the rest of the volunteers who will help make this happen again this season. Please see Val if you would like to help. Please remember, all volunteers who work with children and youth in any form must now be trained in our Child Interaction Policy and have a back ground check done before working with any of our children. This new policy is in effect as of September 1, 2017. Thank you, class leaders and teachers, for leading and teaching Sunday school classes. Sunday school classes will now be starting again for our children, see those details in another part of this newsletter. May I explain, once more, the direction we are asked to take with all volunteers and child and youth workers? In an effort to keep all of our children safe and to keep the church safe, we are asking everyone (who works with children and youth) to go through this Child Interaction training and to have a back ground check. No background check and no training simply mean, you will not be able to work with kids of any age. All volunteers for these departments and all others are now asked to sign job descriptions so that we are all aware of the job at hand and we are in agreement to live in harmony with scripture and Chapter 3 of the FMC Book of Discipline.

Thank you for your willingness to be a volunteer, we appreciate you a great deal. We cannot do ministry without you. I am happy to announce that we will have another "Badge Sunday" on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We will invite our local Fire Department and our local Police department and some other local deputies and Sheriff, etc. we will have just one service that day at 10:30 am and then we will have pot-luck dinner for all of our people of the Badge after the service. May I also mention that we do have 2 corporate prayer events each week that anyone can come to? Each Wednesday at noon, there are ladies that come to church and pray. Each Saturday evening there is a mixed group that meets at 6:00 pm to pray. You are invited. We, the people of God, need to pray. Thank you for being a part of our family. Serving Jesus and serving you,

Pastor Jim

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# Upcoming Events:

- \*Sept. 3-Guest Speaker
- \*Sept. 6-Youth Parent Meeting at 7:30 pm
- \*Sept. 9-Pastor's Meeting
- \*Sept.9-Women's Meeting 10 am
- \*Sept. 13-All-In Kick-Off 6-7 pm
- \*Sept. 18-BOA Meeting 6:30 pm
- \*Sept. 20-First All-In Kidz Club Regular Night 3:30 pm
- \*Sept. 27-Youth See You at the Pole
- \*Sept. 27-Youth BAY Rally



Community Picnic #3!!

## 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 studying Hebrews
- Sunday Evenings: Young Married Couples Bible Study- 5:30 pm at the church with Ron & Dorothy Odenthal studying the 5 Love Languages
- Tuesday evening Bible Study starting at 6:30 pm studying Romans
- Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the old church studying the book of Mark

- 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!*



## A Bountiful Harvest Festival

Please save the date!!!

Our Board has voted to change the date of our Harvest Festival this year for many reasons, but one of which is we want to continue to reach out to our community as a whole, young and old alike! So we are going to try something new this fall on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 12:00-3:00pm we will have a chili lunch, homemade pie and ice cream contest, outdoor bounce house, hay-stack, looking at possible maze and/or outdoor music! We will also have some family games, cotton candy, fun and time to socialize with our church family and community! We pray you will join us for this exciting event!! If you have questions, ideas or are interested in helping/donating please see Jessica Judd!

More information coming soon on the back tables and at the next women's meetings!!

\*\*Also we will have a prayer event the evening of October 31, 2017.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The church will have a paint date on Saturday, September 9. We will meet at church 9:00 am. We will paint all of the basement including classrooms. If you have roller pans bring them. All else will be supplied. Please mark this date on your calendars. I need all the help I can get. Any questions call

Charlie Poulton at 218-296-3837.



# Children's Programming News:



## Christian Education Meeting Minutes:

\*Galatians 6:9, Ephesians 4:11-12, Psalm 133:1 and prayer

**\*Children's Church: Going back to 3 classes: prek/K, early elementary class, and upper elementary class.**

Ordered and passed out fall curriculum from David C Cook-Bible-In-Life for Barb Hirschev /Dee Carlsons Early Elementary class, & Jason Caldwell's Preschool-Kindergarten class. Danny & Sue will use stories straight from the Bible. Discussion to purchase a large flat screen TV to be encased on the end wall of the basement for further use instead of cart with projector. \*Discussion regarding snack time all together before service at 10:15 am to 10:30 am then begin classes at 10:30. Susie Horstmann asked if we could try a "social hour" from 10:00 am-10:30 am with coffee and donuts to mingle families between services and that this could provide the snack for the children and adults alike. She would like some help starting this, but would like to try it for a quarter to see if it works! \*A library on wheels, especially for the children was brought up...someone will need to head this project up

**\*Fall Festival:** (Going before the BOA on Aug. 21)

**\*Children's Christmas Program:** has been scheduled for Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 10:30 am. Two possible programs were passed out for the teachers to read over and come to a decision.

**\*All-In Update:** Val has a registration evening planned for Sept. 13, 2017 at 6-7 pm.

**\*Youth Update-**Craig shared that the youth group has been averaging around 25 kids. The youth missions trip for 2018 has been scheduled for July 7-13, 2018, with 22 Youth slots available and 3 adult slots. The current curriculum Craig has been using called Conflict is coming to a close and will start new in September. The next youth event will be a cook out at the Judd's on Aug. 30, 2017. Then in Sept. BAY Rally and See You at the Pole on Sept. 27 with looking for more information on Tent City for October.

**\*Nursery Update:** Kripa and Jessica discussed current needs and issues. Kripa looking for a few supplies like color crayons, and color pictures. Nursery staff has been dwindling. Kripa is willing to be a consistent person for the first service with rotating help for her, but we are looking for a person to be a consistent caring individual to take on our nursery during the second service, also with some rotating volunteers. All volunteers will be contacted soon to see if they would like to continue for 2018 and we will also pass around the clip board soon to try and recruit a few new volunteers! Jessica, Kripa and even Linda will be working on this for the near future!

**\*VBS Update:** There was 126 kids, 26 youth and 45 adults at the 2017 VBS. Jess asked for suggestions or ways to improve for 2018...nothing was mentioned. June 18-22, 2018 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June and we are looking at the easy VBS of Shipwrecked or the Holy Land adventure of Babylon.

**\*Outreach Ideas:** Barb would like to send notes home for her students and would like a list of names and addresses. She would also like a letter sent home with the students of expectations and contact info. We will send a letter home the next two weeks with children's church kids to inform the families of the coming changes!

**\*Other:**

-Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child to be kicked off in October- due on November 19, 2017. Some little changes again (\$9.00 shipping, no candy and no toothpaste this year!)

## Nursery Schedule:

### September First/Second Service:

Sept. 3 \_\_\_\_\_/Sandy & Morgan S

Sept. 10-Kripa & Kristen/\_\_\_\_\_ & Diane B

Sept. 17-Matt & Linda/\_\_\_\_\_ & Lilly N

Sept. 24-Lonna & Nick/Brandi & Margaret F

### October First/Second Service:

Oct. 1- Diane J & Debbie C/Jen & Doug

Oct. 8-Jen & Logam M/Kripa & MiKayla R

Oct. 15-Kripa & Kristen O/\_\_\_\_\_ & Grace J

Oct. 22-Kripa & \_\_\_/Marisela & Ashley V

### November First/Second Service:

Nov. 5 \_\_\_\_\_ & MiKayla R/Sam & Dayton

Nov. 12 Sue & Ian N/Ken & Hope J

Nov.19 \_\_\_\_\_/Chloe & Jenelle C

Nov. 26 \_\_\_\_\_/Sandy K & Morgan S

## All-In Kidz Club

Galatians 5:13-“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” How fitting to open my Bible App to this verse this morning. Thank you to all that have committed to serve children in our community through All-In Kidz Club this season! Maybe you are asking what is this All-In? All-In is our kid ministry on Wednesday nights during September-May from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Geared for children Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Kids are brought to the church with the help of busing and volunteers right after school. We feed them, play games and then dig in to the Word of God. We will also have opportunities throughout the year to participate in community service projects being the hands and feet of Jesus. We want to help children to grow in their love and knowledge of God and his son Jesus, and to put that knowledge into action through faith and serving others. Hard to believe as you read this that **we are only 18 days away** from beginning a new year of All-In!!! This is exciting to me, and I hope it is for all of you also, another opportunity the Lord gives us to minister to the children in our community who may never have had the chance to hear that Jesus loves them and God has made them for a purpose. To show them the love of Jesus every Wednesday night, show them what the Word of God says, help them learn the Word of God and how to become prayer warriors! We will be using the Jesus Storybook Bible Curriculum as our basis this year, taking the kids through the Old Testament and showing them how God has had a plan from the beginning to send Jesus to rescue us. Along with playing games, singing and learning songs, digging into the Bible and praying, **we will be serving the children dinner each week after school. This, friends, is where we are looking for your help!** We are asking if you would come alongside this ministry to help feed these kids each week? It can be as simple as sponsoring part of the meal that we have planned each week- anywhere from meat and cheese for sandwiches, fresh fruit and veggies, to goodies to go along with the meal.

Each month we will have a sign-up sheet on the back table for what we are looking for and when, if you are willing or able to help donate either grocery items or monetary to help sponsor our meals we would be so appreciative and what a way to demonstrate love! If you have questions on donating please see Valerie Johnson.

Please be in prayer for us for 1)Volunteers would be filled with the Holy Spirit and love on these kids each week. 2) That children come and all objects in the way of them being here would be removed. 3) That God would move in a mighty way through this ministry to set the kids in this community on fire for the Lord! --Thank you for all of your support for the kids in our community!

Questions?? Contact Valerie Johnson-218-296-1706 or [valeriejohnson56466@gmail.com](mailto:valeriejohnson56466@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Events:

**September 13:** Registration Night-6:00-7:00 p.m. (downstairs); **September 20:** Regular Night; **September 27:** Regular Night; **October 4:** Hat Night

## Youth News:

There is a lot of excitement happening with the youth group. We started August off with our lock-in and had 27 youth participate. We played games, went swimming in the river, watched a movie, a Bible lesson on just a little sin and had a great time. We want to thank Scott and Jennifer Michalson for helping and staying up all night. We also helped with the last Motley Family Fun Night. August 30<sup>th</sup>, we are having an End of Summer Bash at the home of Tim and Jess. We finished our study on conflicts and scheduled our 2018 mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

September starts off with new lessons, and going back to school for our youth. September 6<sup>th</sup> after youth group at 7:30 we are going to have an informational meeting about the mission trip for parents. September 27<sup>th</sup> is See You at the Pole and our first B.A.Y. rally. B.A.Y. rallies are put on by a group of Youth from all over the Brainerd lakes area. This year we are excited to have 3 of our Youth helping with the B.A.Y. rallies on the Dream Team.

If you have any Questions or concerns please contact Craig Weigel (218) 839-0007

# Board of Administration Meeting Minutes:

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

**Guests:** Wayne and Val Johnson, Jess Judd and Marilyn O'Reagan

## Devotional/Prayer:

Mathew 9:37-38

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

AW Tozer - In times of extraordinary crisis, ordinary matters will not suffice.

If a fire or flood hits, we would all come together to help. An emergency for some would become an emergency for all. Let us respond, "Lord, here I am, send me." This is a time to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit of God in ways we haven't seen before. He calls us to pray, to be salt and light, to be different from the world, to love our neighbors. Let us allow Him to take over because when we take control, we find hardened hearts and hurting communities.

What is He asking of us? That we pray like never before, that we seek the face of God. He wants to save souls, to give sight to the blind, to heal marriages. He wants to intervene on our behalf, to transform us. Let us be His hands and feet. Pray that His will be done through us.

Secretary Report: Craig made a motion to accept the July 17, 2017 minutes as is. Charlie seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Linda reported beginning balance in checking account of \$26,163.90 with deposits of \$208,803.25 for a total of \$234,967.15. Year to date expenses were \$172,774.93 leaving a balance in checking as of July 31, 2017, of \$62,192.22. Savings Account balance is \$49,763.89. The Kingdom Building Fund balance is \$5,078.95. Traci made a motion to accept the July 17, 2017 Treasurer's Report, Charlie seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

## Old Business:

Investing with FMF ( Free Methodist Foundation) – Board voted to invest our savings in the Free Methodist Investment & Loan Fund. We will invest for a 5 year minimum for a 3.19% return. The penalty for pulling early would be a 6 months' interest. Motion made by Mary, seconded by Charlie. All agreed, motion carried.

Policy Changes – Motion made by Charlie and seconded by Traci that all new policies will be in effect and enforced beginning September 1, 2017. If volunteers have not signed and returned all necessary forms by the September 1 deadline, we cannot allow them to volunteer in such positions. A reminder letter will be going out this week to anyone that has not yet returned them.

The board also voted to edit and/or adopt the following policies and job descriptions:

\*Child Interaction Policy Training – Non Negotiables #3, change to read that qualified youth can serve as one of the two adults if they have been through the necessary training, pass the background requirements and have the board's approval. \*Job Description for Greeters and Ushers \*Job Description for Janitor \*Job Description for Nursery Coordinator \*Job Description for Small Group Leader \*Job Description for Youth Leader \*Create a new policy for Youth Group Helper

## New Business

Fall Festival – The fall festival will be held on the second Saturday in October rather than on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Changes will be made to encourage attendance for all ages.

New Member –The board agreed to welcome a new member to Motley Free Methodist Church.

Emergency Response Plan – Charlie has drafted up an Emergency Response Plan and charts will be made for each floor.

Church Van – We are still interested in purchasing a van for transportation needs within our church. We have a member willing to do the research for us and bring to our attention any sales that he feels will meet our requirements and needs.

Badge Sunday – We will hold this event on October 15, 2017. We will only have one service (at 10:30 a.m.) with a potluck to follow afterwards.

Vacation – Pastor Jim will be out the week of August 28<sup>th</sup>, and Jim McGaffey will be presenting the sermon on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

LMC – Traci Birkholtz has received board's approval to become a Local Ministry Candidate.

Widow Ministry – A motion was made by Craig and seconded by Mary to help two widows out financially within our church body. One is for partial payment for headstone fees in the amount of approximately \$1,800.00 and another for medical bills in the amount of approximately \$5,000.00. We feel we have been blessed and it is our duty per Jesus' instructions to help out widows and orphans.

Pastor Dave Wold – He has asked our church the following: to support his ministry financially, to preach on September 30, 2017 this year. Due to that day being Communion Sunday, the board has agreed to allow him time to tell us about his ministry and we can decide whether to support him or not at that time. The board has also agreed to allow him use of the facilities for a potluck.

Next board meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2017 at 6:30.

## Women's Ministry Kitchen:

Striving to be the Proverbs 31 Woman (Proverbs 31:30 "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.") Barb H. is a Proverbs 31 woman. Thank you, Barb, for leading the August meeting; attending to supplies in the church pantry; setting up and working on Back to School Fair, and many more behind the scenes helping that are too numerous to say. Angie Niemi, along with her 5 children, Nick, Ben, Lucas, Katie and Lily also helped setup and serve at the Back to School Fair. What a great example Angie sets for her children working side by side!!!

Thank you to all who brought in school supplies and backpacks. We surpassed the original 13 asked for and completed 15. Praise the Lord!!!

Thank you to Sheri's and my kitchen crews for all the food and serving you ladies provided in August. If any lady is interested in getting on a crew please contact Sheri J. or Estelle P. When these grieving families come into the kitchen to thank us- it's very humbling, and you realize what an awesome privilege it is to serve Our Lord!!!!

Thank you to Valerie Johnson and her family for leading Community Family Fun Nights held in June, July and August. Thanks again ladies and men for all of your help with this important ministry. None of these ministries can be accomplished with the body of Christ!

Women's Retreat Sept 29-Oct 1, 2017 will be held at Sky Lodge Christian Camp. Registration forms are on table in lobby.

See Barb H or Estelle P

*Happy Birthday, Pastor Jim\*\*\**

The Great Coat Giveaway has started. A tub is already set up in lobby, so please bring in coats for kids, sizes 10-18, new or slightly used. More info coming at a later date.

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Also, Badge Sunday will be hosted here. Family movie night is also being discussed for October, too. Details will be discussed at our next meeting.

Congratulations to Kripa and Bryan Reese on their new baby boy!

Our next meeting will be held at 10am on September 9th, 2017. Estelle will be starting visitation after this meeting.

Please come and join us as we discuss these opportunities and more to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Estelle P. [218-296-3838](tel:218-296-3838) Barb H. [218-746-3384](tel:218-746-3384)

## Lyn LaRee Bell

Lyn "Happy" LaRee Bell went to be with the Lord on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the family farm in Motley, Minnesota. Lyn was born July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1956, in Wadena, Minnesota, and is the daughter of Marvin M Bell and Luella (Barg) (Bell) Knutson.

She was a graduate of Motley High School. Her school years were filled with cheerleading and supporting school athletics. She pursued a Child Services Technology certificate from Saint Cloud Area Vocational Technical Institute.

Lyn "Happy" the clown beamed when sharing her gift of entertainment with adults and children. Lyn had a personal relationship with Jesus and found strength in His love. She will be remembered for her infectious smile and her deep adoration for her nieces, nephews and all children. Lyn was respected as an independent woman that lived her life fully on her terms while traveling to warm destinations in her camper.

She is survived by her son Timothy Scott Seachrist. Mother Luella (Barg) (Bell) Knutson, Sisters Kay (Bell) (Leon) Trout, Sue (Bell) (Steve) Jacobs, Amy (Bell) (Ron) Dvorak, Brothers Roy (Tammy) Bell, and Les (Janene) Bell. Her beloved Nieces Lisa (Trout) English, Amanda (Trout) Winter, Katie Bell, Cody (Bell) Warmbold, Taylor Jacobs, Kassandra Myers, Sierra Milbradt, Jenna Heidemann, Alexa Heidemann, and Emma Bell. Her treasured Nephews Ryan Bell, Michael Dvorak, Colin Jacobs, Nathan Dvorak, Lee Bell, Cody Robert Milbradt, Sam Bell, and Owen Bell. She was predeceased by her Grandfather William Barg, Grandmother Theresa Barg, Father Marvin M Bell, Sister-in-law Mary Bell, Niece Tina Bell and Nephew Ty Bell.

# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 *12 pm AA Meeting	2  *6 pm Prayer Time
3 *Guest Speaker  5:30-Young Married Couples	4  *Worship Practice 4 pm	5  *6:30 pm Bible Study	6 *9:30-Bible Study *12 pm-AA Meeting *12 pm Prayer Time  *5:30-Youth Group *7:30-Parent Meeting	7  *6:30 pm Men's Group *6:30-Women's Group	8  *12 pm-AA Meeting	9 *9 am -Painting *10 am-Women's Meeting  *6 pm -Prayer Time
10  5:30-Young Married Couples	11  *Worship Practice 4 pm	12  *6:30 pm Bible Study	13 *9:30-Bible Study *12 pm-AA Meeting *12 pm Prayer Time *5:30-Youth Group *All In Kick off 6 pm	14  *6:30 pm Men's Group *6:30-Women's Group	15  *12 pm-AA Meeting	16  *Pastor's Meeting  *6 pm-Prayer Time
17  5:30-Young Married Couples	18  *Worship Practice 4 pm *BOA Meeting @ 6:30 pm	19  *6:30 pm Bible Study	20 *9:30-Bible Study *12 pm-AA Meeting *12 pm Prayer Time *All-In 3:30-5:30 pm *5:30-Youth Group	21  *6:30 pm Men's Group *6:30-Women's Group	22  *12 pm-AA Meeting	23  *Wellness in the Woods  *6 pm-Prayer Time
24  5:30-Young Married Couples	25  *Worship Practice 4 pm	26  *6:30 pm Bible Study	27 See You at the Pole! *9:30-Bible Study *12 pm-AA Meeting *12 pm Prayer Time *3:30-All-In *5:30-Youth BAY Rally	28  *6:30 pm Men's Group *6:30-Women's Group	29  *12 pm-AA Meeting	30  *Wedding at the Church  *6 pm-Prayer Time