



Motley Free Methodist Church

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A Few Words from Pastor Jim:

Mark 1:16-18 (NIV) *As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake for they were fisherman. Come follow Me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men. At once they left their nets and followed Him.*

Praise God for obedient servants like Peter and Andrew and all the rest who have answered the call to “come, and I will make you fishers of men”.

Some of you have asked, “what are we doing about replacing Pastor Charles now that they are moving to Missouri”?

So, I want to try to answer that here.

First let me say again, as I will publicly say this Sunday, Thank you to the Mallory’s for their 4-year commitment to this church and community. The 4 years have gone quickly. Kind of like life, it is going by very quickly.

The Motley FMC BOA and I are in conversation about our next pastor. I will also speak to our conference Supt. Carl Brannon about this. Carl is very aware of the Mallory’s going to another conference. Supt. Carl is also trying to find Pastors for several other churches in this conference too.

We can say this much, we are going to take some time to pray and seek God and His will for this church before any decisions are made. We would ask you to do the same. Please pray and ask God for discernment and direction as we face the future; for staff but also for all aspects of ministry here at MFMC. It is our earnest desire to do the will of God, especially when making important decisions like pastoral staff decisions. For a period of some months, we will simply wait upon the Lord and see what happens, as far as other pastors go.

You probably are all aware that we (MFMC) do have 2 men within our members who are desiring to be ordained pastors and, at some point, serving the Lord in some way, in some place.

We do want to see how God moves in their lives and see if something may develop with either of them.

So, please pray with us for our future. It is no secret that the next associate/assistant pastor here at MFMC may very well become the Sr pastor here too, in time. I and the BOA are all trusting in the Lord’s timing for all of this and simply want to do God’s will.

June is a time for summer picnics (see the schedule) and VBS and NCC meetings and Father’s Day.

We are anticipating both Matt Urspringer and Casey Reynolds (currently Local Ministerial Candidates) to be named as Conference Ministerial candidates at this NCC session. That will put them both one step closer to ordination.

There will be lots of good things happening this summer, there will be lots of other things like funerals and hardships. May we serve the Lord Jesus Christ faithfully here in our communities.

May we invite people to Jesus Christ as Lord, may we make disciples and love our neighbors like we love the Lord God. May we do it all for the glory of God.

As July rolls around, there will be river baptisms, this summer there will be guest speakers, there will be more weddings and, I am sure there will be some surprises along the way.

May I also mention, that if you would like to join us on Saturday evenings at 6pm for prayer, we sure would like to have you. One of the things I want to do this summer is walk the streets of Motley and pray for an hour during this prayer time. If you want to join in, please do so. Some will pray in the building while some will pray outside.

Thank you again for being here and part of this congregation. Thank you to all who serve so faithfully so often in so many ways. God bless you and thank you. Serving Jesus and serving you.

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Pastor Jim

Upcoming Event

- *June 6-Baby Shower for Alexis House at 6 pm
- *June 8-Community Picnic 5 pm
- *June 11-Women's Meeting at 9 am
- *June 11-VBS Meeting at 10 am
- *June 17-18-Annual Conference Meetings in Janesville WI
- *June 18-June Fest/Parade
- *June 19-Happy Father's Day
- *June 20-24-Vacation Bible School 4:30-7:30 pm

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.

- Sunday morning 9:00 Children's Church
- Sunday morning 10:30 Adult Sunday School
- Sunday morning 10:30 Youth Sunday School
- Sunday morning 10:30 Children's Church/Sunday School
- Sunday evening 6:00 Men's Discipleship Class
- Tuesday evening 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday morning 9:30 in Fellowship Hall

- Wednesday afternoon 12:00 pm prayer time
- Wednesday evening 6:00 pm Youth Group
- Thursday evening 6:00 Youth Bible Study at the Judd's house
- Thursday evening 6:30 Men's Group
- Thursday evening 6:30 Women's Bible Study
- Saturday evening 6:00 prayer group at the church



Women's Ministry News:

Woman of God was the theme of the 2022 Ladies' Tea! Susie Nundahl and Jane Callis were our hosts and Hope Johnson was our speaker. It was a beautiful morning of fellowship, faith and fun! Thank you to everyone who helped and participated!

The women's group was collecting items for the MN Adult and Teen Challenge men as the May project. In June, the women's group will host a baby shower to help Devrin and Alexis House celebrate as they are due with a baby girl this summer. Please plan to join us on June 6th at 6 pm to help them celebrate. Alexis is registered at Target and on Amazon!

Our next Women's group meeting will be held Saturday, June 11 at 9 am. we will be discussing helping with the CARE committees back to school fair and a bridal shower for Tatum Scull in July!

Thank you to those who continue to send cards of encouragement to the care facilities. Thank you to those of you who are making prayer shawls! Thank you to those of you who are helping with our Widows' Ministry. Thank you all for loving others! You are a blessing! If you have any questions regarding the Women's Ministry please contact Jessica Judd.

Youth News:

May started off with the Youth Group Garage Sale. Praise the Lord we raised a little over \$7,100. May 15th, we honored our High School Seniors. The 18th we had bump up night where we welcomed the 6th graders into the Youth group.

June starts off with Jess finishing up her lesson on the book of Ruth. June 8th is the first Community picnic at Ernie Converse Park. June 15th weather permitting the youth will do a prayer walk around Motley. June Fest is coming up and the church will have a float in the June Fest Parade on the 18th. We are looking for youth and the young at heart to man the float and to run alongside handing out flyers for the church and VBS. VBS is the 20th through the 24th and many of the youth will be helping with that.

If anyone is interested in becoming a mentor for one of our youths, please let us know. We will try and make a good match between an adult and youth.

If we can be of any help to any of the youth, please text, call or message any of the Youth Leaders and we will be glad to pray, talk or just listen to any of you!

If you have any questions, please contact Craig Weigel (218) 839-0007 cbweigel@hotmail.com or

Jessica Judd (218)296-2441 jessleejohnson@yahoo.com

Nursery Schedule- First Service/Second Service

June

6/5- Jennifer K. & Clara J./Brandi & Clara N.

6/12- Brenda R. & Clara J./Marisela & Clara J.

6/19- Diane J. & Clara J./Pat B. & Clara N.

6/26- Linda B. & Shaun L./Sheri J. and Clara J.



If you would like to help in the Nursery this coming year, please see Linda Beebe.



In Children's Ministry News:

In children's news, summer programming will remain the same as for nursery available during both services, if you would like to help in the nursery, please talk with Linda Beebe. We will continue children's church during the sermon for first service and second service we offer Sunday school classes for preschoolers-youth. Thank you to Traci Birkholtz for taking on Jennifer Mallory's teaching position. Both Barb and Traci could use someone to come alongside them as a second in their classes. If you are available or interested, please see Barb or Traci today! Thank you to Chris Neal and John Tabatt for continuing to teach our youth during the second service as well. Thank you to Brandi and Traci for this year's AWANA programming, it was a great year, and we look forward to next fall.

Vacation Bible school is right around the corner!!! Please invite everyone you know for a fun week of learning about Jesus! Our theme this year is Jerusalem! June 20-24; 4:30-7:30 pm. There are still some needed items on the list on the back table if you are willing to help purchase supplies! Thank you to all who help make VBS a success. Lastly and most importantly, please pray over this fun outreach event! Pray for our staff, pray for children to come, and again pray for children to come to Christ! May God be glorified through another fun Vacation Bible School. Our last VBS meeting is Saturday, June 11 at 10 am! Come join the fun!

If anyone would be willing to help Kevin and Melaine at the June Fest on Saturday, June 18 at Ernie converse park with games please see Kevin or Melaine today! We are also looking for help on the parade float that morning meeting at the church at 9:30 am. We need candy and freezies as well!



We wrapped up our club year on May 11th with a Pizza party and Awards Night. Most of our kids earned book awards and we were so pleased to recognize all their hard work memorizing God's Word! Our Awana club volunteer leaders disciplined over 30 kids weekly, from over 25 different families. Praise God for our leaders!

We are especially grateful for all the planning and teaching done by Jennifer Mallory; she is going to be missed! That being said, we are in need of a large group presenter, as well as someone willing to help plan the fun and learning experiences. Are you willing to let **God use you** in bringing up the next generation of disciples for Jesus? Please prayerfully consider joining us this fall! And if you took a 'heart' name back in February, please keep praying!

Finally, with summer break upon us there are still fun activities for our kids happening through our church. The first Community Picnic is June 8th at the Ernie Converse Park at 5:00. Also in June is Vacation Bible School, and even a parade float at Motley June Fest!

Schedule:

June 8th – 5:00 Community Picnic; June 18th -June Fest; June 20th -24th – 4:30-7:30 Vacation Bible School

BOA MINUTES – 05/16/2022

Present: Pastor Jim Johnson, Kevin Swecker, Traci Birkholtz, Linda Beebe, Carla Leehy, Casey Reynolds, Craig Weigel and Tim Judd.

Guests: Jessica Judd and Kim Reynolds

Devotional/Prayer: Psalm 119:9-16

Secretary Report – Tim made a motion to accept the April 18, 2022 minutes with the reflection of the extra date for the directory pictures. No discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - The beginning balance in the checking account was \$90,576.74 with deposits of \$28,630.90 for a total of \$119,207.64. Monthly expenses were \$30,294.02, leaving a balance in checking as of April 30, 2022, of \$88,913.62. Our Motley Savings Account balance is \$3,011.03. Traci made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Carla seconded that motion. No discussion, motion carried.

Old Business:

Prayer

New Business:

Church Directory – Four spots still open. Use call multiplier as a reminder

Vickie Reynen Request – Tumaini Women of Kenya. Budget changes left her ministry short. Carla made a motion, seconded by Tim to gift them with the \$3,142.18 needed. No discussion, motion carried.

Pastor Salik Visit – August 6th – 8th. Will need to be picked up from the airport – Carla volunteered. Motion made by Carla, seconded by Craig to put him up at the Timbers Hotel for two nights and he will preach Sunday morning and possibly teach Sunday evening.

NCC Meetings in Janesville – June 17th-18th. Everyone is registered. Jim and Sheri, Carla and Dale, Casey, Matt and Traci will attend.

Summer Picnics – First one is scheduled for June 8th. We will announce all dates as we get closer. We will also use the call multiplier to announce them as well. All meat has been ordered.

Virtual Memberships – There has been requests for those that are not attending in person to become members. Church is waiting to see if the superintendent will approve virtual memberships or not.

VBS Updates – The last meeting will take place on June 11th at 10 am. Over ½ the donations have been filled up.

Val Johnson Summer Swimming Request – Looking for financial donations to help with swimming lessons and bussing from Motley and Staples. The cost per child is \$70. Motion made by Craig and seconded by Traci to sponsor 10 kids at \$700.00. No discussion, motion carried.

MNTC – Will be here May 22nd with a potluck following the second services. The board agreed to give a minimum of \$7,500.00 whether the 5th Sunday offering covers that full amount or not. Traci made a motion, Carla seconded. All agreed, motion carried.

AA Request – They currently have meetings here three times per week. They would like to add hangers for their posters. Board is not in favor of this. Pastor Jim will decline the request.

Future Staff – Requesting prayer. It is planned to have the delegates in the pulpit (Casey and Matt) possibly Dale as well to assist Pastor Jim. We will also schedule a Youth Led Service. Other board members can help out with the announcements.

Other:

-Are we welcoming new people? We will start greeting each other again when time allows.

-No June meeting due to VBS. **Closing Prayer**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		9:30am - Bible 12pm - AA Meeting 12pm - Prayer 6pm - Youth Group	9am - Sewing Circle 6pm - Young 6:30pm - Men's 6:30pm - Women's	10:30am - Ladies' 12pm - AA Meeting	6pm - Prayer	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am - First Service 10:30am - Second	Alexis House Baby 9:30am - Bible 6:30pm - Bible	9:30am - Bible 6:30pm - Bible	Community Picnic 9:30am - Bible 12pm - AA Meeting 12pm - Prayer 6pm - Youth Group	9am - Sewing Circle 6pm - Young 6:30pm - Men's 6:30pm - Women's	10:30am - Ladies' 12pm - AA Meeting	Bev Larson Z. VBS Meeting 9am - Women's 6pm - Prayer
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day 9am - First Service 10:30am - Second	Vacation Bible School 4:30-7:30 6:30pm - BOA	9:30am - Bible	9:30am - Bible 12pm - AA Meeting 12pm - Prayer	9am - Sewing Circle 10:30am - Ladies' 12pm - AA Meeting	6pm - Prayer	
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