

THE BREEZE

“Let us not become weary
in doing good, for at the
proper time we will reap a
harvest if we do
not give up.”



Galatians 6:9, NIV

Our Church's Vision:

*To become a growing, difference-making, enthusiastic,
and faith-filled Christian community.*

Our Church's Mission:

Reach with Christ People Where They Are.

The Gospel Imperatives:

*Growing in Love of God and Neighbor
Reaching New People
Healing a Broken World*

Our Guiding Principle:

*Do all the good we can, by all the means we can,
in all the ways we can, in all the places we can,
at all the times we can, to all the people we can,
as long as ever we can.*

Check us out:

**Church Website with official multi-month
church calendar: www.MotleyUMC.net**

On Facebook: www.facebook.com/motleyumc



Do Some Good Every Day

The Motley United Methodist Church

10:00 am Worship Service

11:10 am Coffee & Fellowship

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 1 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am;
Circle of Friends, 1 pm
- August 3 – Game Day, 1-3 pm;
- August 6 – Scandia Valley SummerFest (bounce house set up)
- August 7 – Sunday Worship Celebration & Holy Communion
at 10 am; First Sunday Potluck
- August 8 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- August 9 – Minnesota Primary Election Day
- August 10 – UMW Gathering, 1 pm;
Ad Council Meeting, 6 pm
- August 14 – Sunday Worship Celebration at 10 am
- August 15 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- August 17 – Game Day, 1-3 pm
- August 21 – Sunday Worship Celebration w/baptism at 10 am
- August 22 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- August 28 – Sunday Worship Celebration at 10 am;
Purple Hulls Concert 2 pm at MotleyUMC
- August 29 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- August 31 – Game Day, 1-3 pm
- September 3 – Art and Craft Vendor Fair, 9-5 pm,
MotleyUMC Parking Lot
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Monday Morning Study

Monday Morning Bible Study via Zoom Time: Every
week on Monday at 10:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86826858534>

Meeting ID: **868 2685 8534**

Password: *Contact Liz*

Church in-person or on Zoom.

Sunday morning worship at MotleyUMC is at 10 am and can be attended in person at MotleyUMC or via Zoom.

On August 7, we will celebrate worship with the Holy Communion. Please have bread and juice ready if worshipping with us via Zoom on August 7.

Where: In person at MotleyUMC and on Zoom.

When: 10 am

MotleyUMC <https://zoom.us/j/973954278>

Meeting ID: 973 954 278 Password: *Contact Church*

We will have a Potluck on Sunday, August 7th, after the church service. Bring a dish to share if you can; stay and enjoy the food either way!

The July/August issue of the Upper Room is available on the table in the Fellowship Hall at the church. September/October issue will be out there in a week or so.

Other Events:

Church Council meeting will be August 10 at 6 pm.

AA is meeting on Monday nights at 8 pm.

Bone Builders is meeting on Tuesday and Friday Morning.

"Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people." — Roy T. Bennett, author

August UWIF (UMW) Gathering

On Wednesday, **August 10th**, at 1:00 pm the Motley United Women in Faith will be gathering for their unit meeting. Shirley Watson will be the hostess, Kathy Morey will be leading devotions, and Liz Curren will be doing the program.



United
Women
in Faith

Minnesota



Game Days Having too much fun to stop, so Game On!!!!!!

First, Third, & Fifth Wednesday of the month

In August on August 1, 15, & 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Cards, Dice, Board Games, Dominos

***BOARD GAMES:* Aggravation, Cribbage, Rummikub**

***CARDS:* UNO, Skipbo, Hand and Foot, 500, Golf, Phase 10**

***DOMINOS:* Mexican train, Fives**

***DICE:* Yahtzee, Farkle**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME- No Charge

Refreshments will be served



We are pleased to announce that The Purple Hulls will be in concert at The Motley United Methodist Church on Sunday, August 28, at 2 pm.

You could easily say these two musicians were born to make music together. Identical twins Katy Lou and Penny Lea Clark of The Purple Hulls were raised on a working family farm in the deep piney woods of East Texas, but that didn't stop the Texans from finding their way to the hills of Tennessee, specifically, Music City, where they began touring with various country artists and writing songs for Nashville's largest publishing company, Sony Tree.

The Purple Hulls are no stranger to road life and are now blazing the trail as a dynamic sister duo, showcasing their unique sibling harmonies while ripping the strings off any instrument they can get their hands on. If you're looking for authentic acoustic driven music delivered at its best, your search is over.

JOIN US FOR THE FIREMEN'S BBQ FUNDRAISER!

SCANDIA VALLEY SUMMERFEST

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH -

BBQ • CRAFT SALE • PETTING ZOO • BEER WAGON



FOLLOW 'SCANDIA VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT' ON 

SCANDIA VALLEY TOWN HALL
3518 320TH ST. CUSHING INFO: 218-851-2185

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT!



MotleyUMC will be setting up the bounce house at SummerFest, so bring the kids over to play in the bounce house and come enjoy the event.



The Motley Fire Department is hosting National Night Out again this year at Converse Park on **Tuesday, August 2nd** from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. They will be providing free food and drink to everyone who attends. There will be things for the family to participate in and see as there will be a number of various agencies and first responders there to show people what they do. Motley Police department will be there as well and we are looking forward to spending time with the community and answering questions.



Lyndy's Mission Minute

July 25, 2022



As I see parents and their children shop for school supplies at this time of year, I'm reminded once again of the importance of the teachers in our midst. As the son of a teacher, I learned early on the importance of education, including healthy partnerships between students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community leaders. Each have to do their part in order for our education system to work well. Church leaders can have a role to play in this dynamic. [Over sixty United Methodist Churches in Minnesota have formed some kind of partnership with a school in their neighborhood over the last few years.](#) I encourage more of you to do so.

One of the books I recommend frequently is ["The Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships,"](#) by Jake McGlothlin (Abingdon Press). Jake was the Director of Servant Ministries at Floris UMC in Herndon, Virginia for many years, and is now a church planter for them. A sub-title could be "no-nonsense help for supporting schools and their staffs," as many people want to begin partnerships, but either don't know how to do it or do it poorly, sometimes causing more harm than good. Most educators are extremely dedicated and appreciate help from the community, if done the right way—which means

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taking the time to form a strong, trusting, two-way, long-term relationship.

Jake has a graduate degree, but really learned what he has to share from a kind of “school of hard knocks” and years of experience, something he has turned in a thoughtful and intentional analysis on what really works and what doesn’t. He knows how to create functional partnerships that benefit everyone. His book is full of practical ideas for sustainable programs. It’s a great starting point for those who see part of their mission as reaching out and blessing the children in their neighborhood. It’s a well-done book that will work for all sizes of congregations seeking to do this kind of community engagement.

Jake lays out the reasons why partnerships matter. Children, particularly those in poverty, face risks in life and learning. They can face emotional and social challenges, chronic stress, hunger, and health and safety issues. There is a high mobility rate in some places. Some are learning English as a second language. Too often there is a lack of parental supervision.

Our calling as Christians aligns us with Christ, who saw the hurts of the world, who saw the pain in individuals and in communities. He sought to heal and comfort them and free them from their hurts. Our Wesleyan/Methodist identity is one of participating in acts of mercy, justice and compassion. As inheritors of this tradition, we find that our survival greatly depends on our willingness to live out the Gospel where we live, work and worship.

There are some guiding principles in his book that can help churches get started.

1. Network first with schoolteachers and administrators who are in your congregation to see who is interested.
2. Do your research. Find out what local partnerships the school has already and how they are connected to their mission and goals. You can usually find them on their website.

3. Start building relationships. Nothing is more important. Ask educators what they like about their school, what is unique about it, and what challenges there are currently.
4. Seek to be a learner, a servant, and a cheerleader.
5. Make the school's priorities primary.
6. Obtain the public support of the pastor and church leaders before you start.

Once you have established a relationship ...

1. Remember needs precede programs.
2. Start small, with an intent to expand.
3. Be adaptable. Partnerships are sacred. Programs are not.
4. Build and train a church team that will commit to the long run.

Schools have different types of needs. There could be basic needs, such as clothing or hygiene items. There could be material needs, like backpacks and school supplies. There could be school needs, such as beautifying the grounds. There could be financial needs. There could be space needs, like a room for an after-school program. Beyond these, members and friends of your congregation could be involved in mentoring, weekend meals, reading programs, or staff appreciation events.

Because you are working with children, make sure to follow your church and school's policies on child safety, including backgrounds checks. Everyone needs to go through appropriate training.

Participating in a [church-school partnership](#) will likely help transform your congregation. Transformation can happen in various ways. In my work with disaster relief and mission journeys, I've encouraged people to get to know the homeowners and others they are helping. I've encouraged them to learn their stories. Team members come home to tell these stories to others, which in turn produce future engaged supporters and participants. The same is true with church-school relationships. If we truly partner with all of those working hard every day to help our children get the best

education they can, we all win. And the “story” will get out that your church cares about your community. .

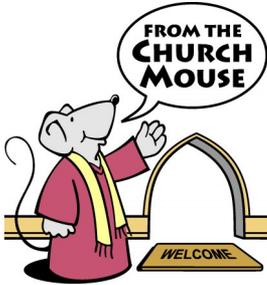
In Ministry Together,

[Lyndy Zabel](#)

Director of Community Development

Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



(August 2001)

On Sunday June 10th the U.M.W. hosted the potluck dinner and turned it into an occasion to welcome Pastor Larry and Jane to the beginning of their 6th year of ministering to this congregation. It was an opportunity for the Church Mouse to add its bits as follows:

In 1996 I was looking forward to a new pastor - they were sprucing up the parsonage - then my worst nightmare - two cats! Maybe you heard about how clever they are - once or twice from the pulpit. I can hear you all laugh - I shudder.

The Staples World reported, "Pastor Larry Hager served his first sermon in the Motley United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 30th!! He served - did that mean some kind of retribution (I used to hear that word a lot) or that he "really dished it out to the people"? I thought that sermon was very impressive - all those people at the altar with hands on blessings for the beginning of what turned out to be these last five years. That 1996 congregation was in many ways different than the congregation to-day. That congregation had been told - almost warned of a lot of things they couldn't expect to do. I miss a lot of folks from the congregation who are no longer present - they would fill several pews. But those pews have been filled with new people - young and not so young. Prayers have been answered - needs have been filled. Sounds preachy and reminds me of many pastors - and that brings to mind "filling shoes".

I'm very close to shoes. I am always afraid of getting stepped on - I've had near misses and expect more. One thing I've learned about pastor's shoes - "one size does not fit all"! But we'd be wise to follow in any of their footsteps. From boots that helped out in the hayfields to petite pumps that got some organization going - they have always been polished, even through the hard times when the soles were pretty thin. One thing I've noticed about Pastor Larry - "he doesn't let grass grow under his feet" - literally and otherwise. He tends to you fine people. You say he's been very thoughtful of you - well don't feel so special - he's been thoughtful to me, too, and from what I've overheard he's thoughtful of everybody. It takes a special skill - a warm heart - and a good wife! He travels many miles - his first confusion was figuring out what county he was in followed by who was related to who.

The first year seemed so long ago - remember the cluster meetings - the Sunday Ernie Converse and Larry Holub got some "fishy" awards - when Alyce Marlin was thanked for her playing - Kathy and Loren returned, as did Alberta Irwin. Don Corner, Tom and Delores Sawyer and Burt and Carla Scripture joined the church. There were some "crumbly" events - we always look for those - Harry and Gladys Beers had a 63rd Wedding Anniversary, Walter and Velma Rohl celebrated their Golden Wedding and Alice Rosvold's family had a party for her 90th birthday.

All 5 years have been event-full - they have taken us into a new century. Pastor Larry, you have been there for us through happy and sad times. I hope you have come to know us as even friendlier than you found us at first. We feel we know you well from those stories that you tell, but most importantly we know you are a smart man - having Jane at your side proves it! She adds charm, grace and style to every occasion - and we know she has some stories to tell.



**In Memory of Theodore John Sullivan
July 25, 1960 - July 7, 2022**

Theodore "Ted" John Sullivan, 61, of Pillager, passed away at his home on Thursday, July 7, 2022. Services were held on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at the Motley United Methodist Church in Motley, MN.

Ted was born July 25, 1960, in Evergreen Park, Illinois, the son of James and Joan (Linda) Sullivan. He met his wife while attending Pillager School and in 1980 he married Becky (Topp) Sullivan. Ted was an avid worker. In his younger years, he worked hard on his parent's farm, baling hay, planting crops, picking rock and tending to the animals.

This instilled his good work ethic. He owned and operated Northern

Tree and Landscape for 35 years. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed his time being at his lake property as well as riding snowmobile and motorcycle with Becky. Ted loved being a dad to his two daughters and cherished every second with his four grandchildren. He enjoyed seeing his properties look well-



manicured and his wood piles being the biggest in the county. As Ted would say “You can judge a man’s character by the size of his woodpile.” He will be missed by his wife, Becky Sullivan, of 42 years; his children, Samantha Sullivan, Pillager, Kassandra (Eric) Nelson, Cushing; grandchildren, Miranda Harting, Jett Nelson, Jay Nelson, and Josie Nelson; Father, James Sullivan Sr., Pillager; siblings, Tina (Dave) Bickford, Brainerd, Teresa (John) Ringle, Bemidji, James (Carolyn) Sullivan Jr., Fargo, Jennifer (Bill) Pirkl, Bemidji, and Jessica (Jerrid) Franzen, Pillager. He was preceded in death by his mother, Linda, and sister, Tammy.

2 Corinthians 1:6-7

If we are comforted, it is to bring you comfort from the experience of endurance while you go through the same sufferings that we also suffer. Our hope for you is certain, because we know that as you are partners in suffering, so also you are partners in comfort.

Thank you to everyone in our church family for all of the work that you did for Ted’s funeral and in hosting the many people that came to celebrate his life. It was a busy and hard day, and you helped more than we can say.

Becky Sullivan and family



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Motley Food Shelf is hoping to be able to help students in the area with their back to school supplies. We are looking for the basics: notebooks, glue sticks, folders, loose leaf notebook paper, pencils, pens, markers, scissors & rulers. Thanking you in advance.

I'm In

After each Sunday worship, Pastor Greg leads the benediction. He gives us God's blessing and tells us to love one another and to go out and spread God's love wherever we go. Then he says, "ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SAY" and we respond **AMEN**.

The next time you hear him say that, try responding with **I'M IN**.

Correction on Finance Report

When statements were sent in July, a financial report was included which had the heading of "Financial Report January Through June, 2020". Sorry, it should have read 2022.

Linda Townsend, Treasurer

Save the Date!

The second annual craft and vendor fair held in the MotleyUMC parking lot is scheduled for the first Saturday in September, September 3, from 9-5 pm.

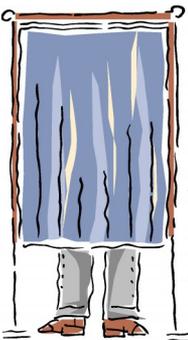
CHARACTER

To believe when others are doubting
To work when others are dreaming
To care when others are grasping
To forgive when others are condemning
To smile when others are complaining
To praise when others are criticizing
To build when others are destroying
To risk when others are hesitating
To serve when others are demanding
To persist when others are quitting

Author Unknown

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

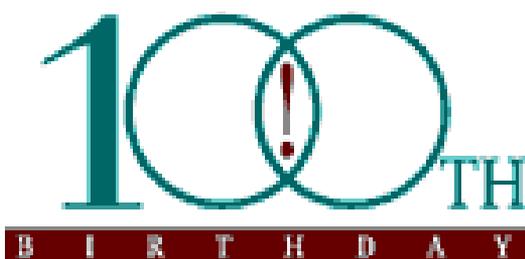
Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion,
your hands for charity, your mind for truth and
your heart for love. —Unknown



CAST
YOUR
VOTE!

Minnesota's Primary election is on August 9. Voting at the Motley City Hall (and elsewhere) will be open from 7 am to 8 pm.

Chris will not be in the church office that day as he will be acting as an election judge.



Celebrating 100 Years! Frances Christensen was born on August 5, 1922, and will be celebrating her hundredth birthday this month. Consider sending her a birthday card, as she loves to hear from people. And it's not everyday someone can celebrate 100 years!

Frances' address:

**FRANCES CHRISTENSEN
LAKEWOOD PINES
1702 AIRPORT RD APT 144
STAPLES, MN 56479-3346**



**American
Red Cross**

Thank you to everyone on the Blood Drive

The Red Cross blood drive on Friday, July 22, went very well with 51 units collected, surpassing the target of 44. Thank you to everyone who worked to make this a very successful drive! Our next blood drive is expected to be in January, 2023.

Thank you to the Moreys!

Every year, Loren and Kathy have been having the church lawn groomed, landscaping, and kept looking wonderful. This year they got the lovely flowerpots that decorate the church entrance. Thank you very much!



August Birthdays

- 1 - Carol Ford
- 2 - Verde Pepin
- 3 - Jomyla Choate
- 3 - David Owen
- 4 - Greg Frisk
- 5 - Allan Robinson
- 5 - Sue Harris
- 5 - Frances Christensen
- 5 - John Greig
- 8 - Melissa Daniels
- 10 - Josie Nelson
- 12 - Jackie Dumpprope
- 16 - Susan Smith
- 18 - Mark Frisk

Birthdays (Continued)

- 18 – Sally Hansen
- 19 – Rick Vanden Avond
- 19 – Harvey Macheel
- 20 - Cheryl Holub
- 22 - Lana Hansen
- 23 - Evan Wohlert
- 23 - Letty Fuller
- 25 - Lynn McCarthy
- 26 - Miranda Paananen
- 29 - Cara Swartz
- 30 – Aspen Gray Kavanaugh

August Anniversaries

- 1 - Bill & Fran Kokett
- 3 - Nate & Cara Spilman
- 11 - Jeff & Dawn Wohlert
- 15 - Tom & Sharla Trutwin
- 16 - Russ & Jill Holland
- 20 – Steve & Margie Solem
- 25 - Eric & Kassandra Nelson
- 28 - Joe & Heather Eischeid
- 29 - Mike & Mary Sams

You are encouraged to read and meditate on these scriptures each week as an act of personal devotion. Such a practice promises to pay rich dividends in your spiritual journey and prepare your heart for a more fruitful worship experience.

The appointed Scripture lessons for:

August 7: Isaiah 1:1,10-20; Psalm 50:1-8 (UMH783), 22-23;
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 14: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (UMH 801);
Hebrews 11:29–12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 21: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH794);
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

August 28: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (UMH 803),
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Liturgical Color: August: Green