

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7, ESV ••••

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: <u>www.MotleyUMC.net</u> On Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/motleyumc</u>

Do Some Good Every Day The Motley United Methodist Church

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Pastor Greg's October Message:

Good October All,

A couple of months ago, I told you all about the story of the lost boat card. Believe it or not, Steph actually found the card after it was no longer needed. We had a good laugh over it all. Well, now it is time to get out and explore a bit of nature; this time, it isn't a boat card but a trail camera and a pack of SD cards. We searched high and low to no avail. Thank God for Amazon! New SD cards and a new trail camera are on the way. Honestly, I can't wait to get Hazel out pheasant hunting.

October can be a busy month here at the church, so make sure you check the calendar for upcoming events. There will be the Turkey dinner, Lefse, Trunk or Treat, and even the community breakfast on the last Saturday of the month. Hope to see you all there.

Another exciting event that will be happening is on October 22^{nd} . On that Sunday, we will host Teen Challenge. Josh Solem was very helpful in getting the Choir signed up to come and be a part of the worship celebration. If you do attend, there will be a potluck after the church service, so stay and converse with the people from Teen Challenge. I am sure we will hear great music and testimonies from some of the members.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for their positive attitudes. It is great being a part of a church willing to be the hands and feet of Christ. It brings me joy each and every day knowing that what we are doing in this church and community shows people what Christ can do in our lives. When we wake in the morning, remember that your church clothes are on and that you are willing to be a part of God's kin-dom in all that you do.

Blessings, Pastor Greg Leslie

P.S. Take some time, drive around, and look at the leaves. They are beautiful.

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 29 Show N Go
- September 30 Community Pancake Breakfast, 9-10:30 am
- October 1 Sunday Worship Celebration & Holy Communion at 10 am; First Sunday Potluck
- October 2 Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am; Circle of Friends, 1 pm
- October 4 Game Day, 1-3 pm
- October 8 Sunday Worship Celebration at 10 am; Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- October 9 Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- October 11 United Women in Faith Gathering, 1 pm; Church Council Meeting, 4 pm
- October 15 Sunday Worship Celebration at 10 am
- October 16 Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- October 18 Turkey Dinner; 4:00 6:30 pm (No Game Day)
- October 22 Sunday Worship Celebration at 10 am with
 - Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge; Potluck after service.
- October 23 Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- October 25 Lefse Making
- October 28 Pancake Breakfast at 9 am
- October 29 Sunday Worship Celebration at 10 am; Fifth Sunday Noisy Offering; AARP Smart Driver Course, 4-8 pm
- October 30 Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- October 31 Trunk or Treat; 4 6 pm
- November 1 Game Day, 1-3 pm
- November 3 Fall Bazaar Set-up
- November 4 Fall Bazaar
- November 5 All Saint's Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am; First Sunday Potluck
- November 25 Pancake Breakfast at 9 am
- November 29 First Advent Study at 7 pm on Zoom
- December 9 Santa Day; 10 am 1 pm; Lunch with Santa at City Hall, 11 am – 1 pm; Camp Shamineau Community Christmas, 1 – 4 pm 5

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 October 1, we will celebrate worship with the Holy Communion. Please have bread and juice ready if worshipping with us via Zoom on **October 1**.

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)

Monday Morning Study

Monday Morning Bible Study via Zoom Time: Every week on Monday at 10:00 AM <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86826858534</u> Meeting ID: **868 2685 8534** Password: (Contact Liz)

Show N Go

SHOW up at 9:30 am on Friday, September 29, and GO to Alexandria.

We will have lunch at LaFerme Farm to Fork Restaurant then head out to Ron's Warehouse..

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend!







COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

September 30 & October 29, 2023 9:00 - 10:30 am Motley United Methodist Church

Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, & sausage

Community Breakfasts at MotleyUMC on the last Saturday of the month. No charge, this is an opportunity for members of the community to come together and share a meal. There will be a donation basket to support other good works.

We will have Potlucks on Sunday, <u>October 1st & 22nd</u>, after the church service. Bring a dish to share if you can; stay and enjoy the food either way!



<u>Game Days</u> Like having fun? Game On!!!!!! First & Third Wednesday of each month From 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. In October on October 4 only. <u>Cards, Dice, Board Games, Dominos</u> <u>EVERYONE IS WELCOME- No Charge</u> Refreshments will be served Bring your own favorite game, and we will play with you!



FALL HARVEST TURKEY DINNER

WEDNESDAY October 18, 2023

SERVING FROM: 4:00 - 6:30 PM

Motley United Methodist Church 847 3RD Ave S Motley, MN

> Turkey Dinner With all the trimmings

ADULTS - \$15.00 6-12 YEARS - \$7.00 5 & UNDER FREE

FALL TURKEY DINNER

OCTOBER 18TH 4:00 - 6:30 pm

A postcard is being mailed out now asking for desserts or a donation. Work sign up sheets are on the table in the fellowship hall. We rely on these fundraisers to help support our work. Thank you for all your help!



A MOTLEY COMMUNITY EVENT ON TUESDAY October 31, 2023 Trick or Treat from 4:00 – 6:00 PM Set-up at 3:30 pm

Sunset will be 6:05 pm in Motley, MN Motley United Methodist Church Parking Lot 847 3rd Ave S, Motley, MN Trunk or Treat is a safe way for our children in the community

to go trick or treating.

All members of the community are invited to participate, decorate their trunks, wear a costume, or even set up a game. In today's world, many parents work, it's a school night, plus school activities, and it is a great way for the community to work together to make it a safe environment for our children. Motley businesses will also be participating in Trunk or Treat. They will have an orange pumpkin in their store window to let the children know they are welcome. Will our cackling witch be there? Come and see!

Happy Halloween!



Other Events:

MotleyUMC Church Council Meeting on Wednesday, October 11, at 4 pm. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

AA is meeting on Monday nights at 8 pm. Bone Builders is meeting on Tuesday and Friday Mornings.

United Women In Faith

Come one come all to hear Pastor Dawn Houser share her Native American heritage stories. UW Faith will gather at the church on Wednesday, October 11 at 1 pm for its monthly program and business meeting. It will be an afternoon of learning what is happening with our Native American community, fellowship and food. Gayle Quinn will have devotions and Shirley Watson will treat us to a delicious dessert.

If you plan to join the afternoon of activities, please add your name to the sign-up sheet. This will help us prepare an appropriate space for the special presentation & refreshments.



United Women in Faith

Calling All Women, Men & Teens: Lefse Making

Learn to make Lefse with the Motley United Women in Faith on Wednesday, October 25. There will be a morning, an afternoon, and an evening session. Sign-up sheets will be on the welcome table beginning Sunday, October 8. Please add your name to the list of helpers & enjoy a session with lots of good conversation while making a delicious special treat.

If you have questions, please contact Shirley Godejohn 320-360-9115 or Jomyla Choate 218-575-3161.

<u>Need Special Treats or Gifts</u> for the <u>Holidays</u>?

BaZaaR & Ba

Come Join the Fun Saturday, November 4, 2023 9 AM – 3 PM Motley United Methodist Church 847 3rd Ave S

Lunch will be Served Shop Homemade --* Lefse, Pies, Cookies, Bars, Muffins, Breads, Candy, Jam, Jelly * Local Crafters' Special Handmade Items White Elephant Treasures

United Women in Faith Sponsored by Motley United Women in Faith Benefitting Women, Children & Youth

Rada Cutlery

Need a new knife or peeler? The Motley UW Faith has three types of knives & one vegetable peeler available. Purchase your needed items at the Annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 4 or contact Jomyla (218-575-3161). Regular paring knife is \$8, serrated paring knife is \$9, serrated tomato slicer is \$13, and the peeler is \$10. 11

Your Assistance Requested

Opportunities abound for you to support the Motley United Women in Faith through its Annual Bazaar & Bake Sale.

Donate your favorite Homemade Goodie (Pies, Cookies, Bars, Jams/Jellies, Breads, Candies, ect.),

Donate a White Elephant Treasure,

Help make Lefse (10/25),

Rent table space for your Special Handcrafted Items or resale products,

Volunteer your time to help with Friday (11/3) set-up,

Come on Saturday, (11/4) to purchase that Special Treasure or have a Soup & Sandwich Lunch,

Monetary gifts always appreciated.

Drop off your White Elephant donation beginning Sunday, 10/29. Please take your item(s) to the choir room. No clothing, please. Drop off Homemade Goodies on Friday, 11/3 from 9-6 or Saturday, 11/4 between 8-9 am. Please package each item ready for sale.

Contact Gayle Quinn 218-352-4060 or Jomyla Choate 218-575-3161 for more details or questions.



SANTA DAY

Santa Day was a success last year, and we are doing it again this year on December 9^{th} from 10 am -1 pm.

It's a day that children can shop for their family members. We need gifts in every category, especially gifts that kids will enjoy giving. Gift bags are also needed.

When you are out shopping, look for good deals this fall and pick up a few items that can be used for Santa Day. If you wish, you can make a donation, and someone else will do the shopping.

It is a fun day, and the excitement of children is priceless. Look for sign-up sheets as the date in December gets closer. Thank you! 12

AARP Smart Driver Class

Sunday, October 29, 4 - 8 pm.

To sign-up, contact the church office at (218) 352-6466 or mail@motleyumc.org and let us know your name and a contact number.

This class does give drivers age 55+ a discount on their automobile insurance. Also is a great way to learn about changes in driving rules due to legislation.

MOTLEY FALL FEST

October 14, 2023 @ The Motley Fairgrounds: 2 – 10 pm

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Pumpkin Decorating:** Kids can decorate a pumpkin for Halloween Decorate Trick-or-Treat Bags: All supplies provided Musical Chairs: Prizes will be given Bouncy Houses, Petting Zoo, Axe Throwing, Wood Projects Face Painters, Crazy Hair, Glitter Tattoos, Balloon Artist Take Your Photo with Our Live Scarecrow DJ ~ Free Music All Day! 2:00 - 4:00 pm**Giant Pumpkin Contest** Payout of \$0.25/pound will be paid to 1st & 2nd Place winners. 3:00 - 4:00 pm Bingo 2:00 pm - ? Corn Hole (Bean Bag) Tournament Adult and Teen brackets. Entry fee is \$20 per team. 100% payback – 70% for 1^{st} place, 30% for 2^{nd} place. Food Trucks 2:00 - 10:00 pmCoffee, Hot Mini Donuts, and More!

Beer Garden: Beer, seltzers, liquor2:00 - 10:00 pmCraft Beer, Wine, & Distillery Tasting4:00 - 6:00 pm\$25 entry fee. Must be at least 21 years old.

FREE Live Music! With the Tail Gunners 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Sponsored by the Motley Community Events Organization,



SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER Midwest Mission Serving Sunday Recap

9/22/2023 This past Sunday, September 17th, was Midwest Mission Serving Sunday. This is an annual day of service and celebration of the joy of serving. This was the second year of Midwest Mission Serving Sunday, and we were in awe of how God worked through his people.

There was such energy in the air at each of the Rice Meal Packs that were hosted around the Midwest. Churches who hosted other events such as collections and kit assemblies told us how much fun it was to get together and serve with their congregation. It was truly a celebration!

Over 995 volunteers served with us from more than six states. At the six Rice Meal Packs, 27,604 Rice Meal Bags were packed. These nutritious meals will feed 165,624 people in need around the world.

Thank you to everyone who served with us, whether that was through volunteering, donating, or praying for the weekend! We hope you were filled with all the joy God had for you. Our prayer is that God will continue to work in and through your congregations, reinvigorating the Church through the power and joy of serving with one another.

Mark your calendars for next year's Midwest Mission Serving Sunday on September 15th, 2024!

Start thinking about how your congregation can get involved — maybe you want to host a Rice Meal Pack or a Kit Assembly!



<u>Leading the Way in Mission – NCJ Bishops join</u> <u>Midwest Mission in the joy of serving</u>

On September 20, North Central Jurisdiction Bishops, Assistants to the Bishops, and Directors of Connectional Ministries, joined Midwest Mission in the joy of serving during the College of Bishops meeting.



Those in attendance modeled a missional mindset as they joined together and participated in hands-on mission projects with the Midwest Mission staff.

Our Executive Director, Chantel Corrie, and other staff members shared ways the local church can engage through simple mission opportunities to reinvigorate their congregations while making a global and local impact. The churches in our nation are getting more and more polarized. Serving brings people together and reminds them that we are called to love first and serve one another.

Each person packed nutritious Rice Meal bags, assembled Student Kits and Personal Dignity Kits, and wove sleeping mats using recycled plastic grocery bags. The group was able to fellowship with one another as they worked, and began to dream up ways these mission opportunities could be used with their local churches and conferences.



Within two hours, 153 Student Kits and 107 Personal Dignity Kits were assembled, ½ of a sleeping mat was woven together, and 600 Rice Meal Bags were packed that will feed 3,600 people.

"What we do is send tangible resources to make an *intangible* difference in people's lives," Chantel said when she spoke to the Bishops. "And on the other side of that ... we are also providing a *tangible mission experience*, a tangible *faith* experience, to make that intangible difference in the lives of the people serving."

We are so grateful for the opportunity to speak with the Bishops and to serve alongside them and their teams in meeting the needs of people in crisis around the world.



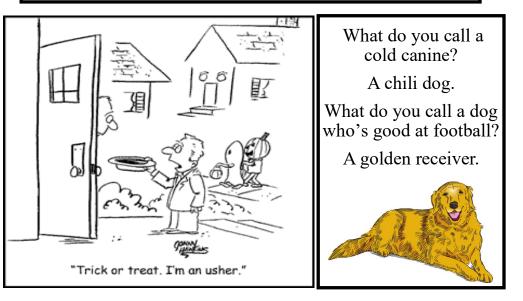
"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." *Proverbs 19:17*

Noisy Offering Month

It is time to gather up all your loose Change and bring it to worship on Sunday, October 29. You may also give a Check made payable to the Haiti Partnership. During the month of October, a gallon glass jar will be on the welcome table in the fellowship space for your donation just in Case you are unable to be in church on the 29th.

These donations will benefit the approved projects with our partners in the communities of Yvon & Sobier, Haiti. The projects include Clean water, housing, food insecurities, micro-credit banks and quarterly medical & dental Clinics.

FYI – the hurricane mentioned in last month's article thankfully did not materialize and had little impact on our partners in Haiti.





In Memory of Russel Earl Schrupp March 4th, 1934 ~ September 9th, 2023

Russell E. Schrupp, age 89, passed away from complications following surgery on September 9th, 2023.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, September 23rd at 2 pm at United Methodist Church Detroit Lakes, MN, with family visitation at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, donate to UMC of DL in his memory.

Russell was born March 4th, 1934, to Earl and Helen (Hesselgrave) Schrupp of Swanville, MN.

Later that year, the family left the farm in Swanville and moved to Motley, MN. Russell and his siblings grew up in Motley, and he graduated from Motley High School in 1952. He attended Brainerd Junior College, graduating in 1954. He joined the US Army, serving in Germany for two years. Following service, Russ married the love of his life, Barbara J. Galligher of Motley, on October 27th, 1956. He enrolled in St. Cloud State University and graduated with a degree in Social Work in 1960.

Thus began a career working with various agencies, including Parole and Probation, followed by the Community Action Program in the Bemidji area. Russ developed a tradition of volunteering for civic groups that continued for the rest of his life. Some of those in Bemidji included the Methodist Church, Toastmasters, Bemidji State College Wesley Foundation, County Council on Youth, and Northern Pines Camp as a board member.

In 1968, Russell was asked to start a new organization called Rural Minne-CEP. It involved moving to Detroit Lakes, which would be his home for the next 55 years. He spent the rest of his working life with CEP, developing it into an organization serving thousands from nine Minnesota communities before retiring in 1992. The DL area also benefited from Russell's knowledge and enthusiasm for civic duty through his work for numerous organizations as he served as a board member or a volunteer for Kiwanis International, Hillside 4-H Club, Becker

County 4-H Council, DL Boys and Girls Club, Operation Christmas, Emmanuel Nursing Home and many more. Russell was very active in the United Methodist Church, serving on many committees over the years. He was chairman of the current church's Building Committee and the church's addition 17 years later. He sang in the choir for 41 years and was involved in many other church functions. Russell is survived by his wife of 67 years, Barbara, sister Beverly (Harold) Erickson of Carrington, ND; sister-in-law Rae Lorene Schrupp of Monticello, MN; sister-in-law Mavis Galligher; two sons, Todd (Jean Riedy) of Milbank, SD, Troy (Eliza Deery) of Gilford, NH; and daughter Tracy (Leland) Johnson of Coon Rapids, MN. Nine grandchildren: Melissa, John, Adam, Rebecca, Jack, Tessa, Cal, Anna, and Emma; and seven great-grandchildren.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Helen, brother Bud, sisters Betty and Kathleen (both died in infancy), brother-in law & sister-in-law Doug & Pat (Galligher) Frisk, and brother-in-law Ronald Galligher.



In Memory of Adolph Rabe October 27, 1940 ~ July 31, 2023

Adolph Arthur Rabe passed away peacefully at Lakewood Hospital in Staples, MN at the age of 82 on Monday July 31, 2023. A Memorial Service for Adolph will be held on Friday August 11, 2023, at the Motley United Methodist Church in Motley, MN at 2:00pm. Visitation will be held one hour prior to that start of the service at the church.

Adolph was born on October 27, 1940, in West Point, Nebraska to Dorothy and Emil Rabe. While Adolph's childhood resulted in many moves to different states and cities, he concluded his early education in 1958 when he graduated from Walnut Grove High School in Walnut Grove, Minnesota. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and served for 6 years working in Avionics on aircraft carriers. After being honorably discharged, he attended the University of Minnesota Mechanical Engineering Program.

Adolph met the love of his life Margaret "Peggy" Benson in 1963 and united in marriage on February 22, 1964. They were blessed with their daughter, Tovi Michelle, in 1968 and continued to reside in the south suburbs of the Twin Cities. Adolph adored his family and wife Peggy, as they have been married for 59 years.

Adolph had various interests and hobbies consisting of golf, sailing, Canadian fishing trips, riding motorcycle, and escorting Peggy and sister Janice on their bike riding excursions. One of his favorite accomplishments was riding motorcycle on "The Tail of the Dragon" in North Carolina. He was an avid reader, particularly in science fiction and loved spending time in his garage. His occupations included engineering, flight instructing, and being a corporate pilot. Adolph joined the software industry in 1985 and was a consultant until retirement.

After retirement, he continued his service volunteering at Habitat of Humanity, Scandia Valley Lions Club, and other organizations throughout the years. Many could say that Adolph had a calling to serve those around him.

In April of 2000, Adolph was granted his first grandchild Alexander Muma, with his second one, Madelyn Muma, shortly to follow in December of 2001. His grandchildren were his pride and joy. He enjoyed spending most of his retirement attending their activities, traveling with Peggy, and taking his family on numerous vacations.

Adolph is survived by his wife, Peggy, daughter Tovi, son-inlaw Jon Muma, grandchildren Alexander and Madelyn, sisters Marie Story, Doreen Steenblock, and Janice Erickson. In addition, many cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends.

He was preceded in death by Mother, Dorothy Rabe, Father, Emil Rabe, Sister, Susan Eidhammer, and Brother-in-law, Dan Steenblock.

Semper Fi

Celebration of Life was held at Motley United Methodist 0

The new sign is in! Thank you, thank you!

A special thank you to Shirley Godejohn for the major financing of the sign, as well as Janet Greig and Robin Kramer's memorial gifts that supported it. Of course, thank you to Pastor Greg & Greg Townsend for all of the work arranging and coordinating the actual installation.

We are still experimenting on how best to use the sign, so feedback is appreciated!



There will be a home and business Christmas Decorating Contest in the city of Motley sponsored by the Motley Community Events Organization and Motley Lions. Prizes will be given for the "Best Decorations", "Best Use of Lights" and "Best Decorated Business". Judging will be done on the evening of December 15th with someone outside our community doing the judging.



Lunch with Santa!

December 9th, 11:00 am—1:00 pm at the Motley City Hall Come have lunch and pictures taken with Santa at the Motley City Hall!

Lunch with Santa at Motley City Hall 11:00 am – 1:00 pm on December 9. Kids can have pictures taken with Santa.

WINTER SNOWBIRDS

Please let the church secretary know your winter address and when you will be leaving. We want you to keep up on what is happening in our church while you are away. Enjoy your warm winter months!

Serving You in October

October 1: Liturgist: Paula Johnson Greeters/Ushers: Bernice Thomson & Paula J October 8: Liturgist: Bernice Thomson Greeters/Ushers: Mick & Donna Farber October 15: Liturgist: Harvey Macheel Greeters/Ushers: Harvey & Connie Macheel October 22: Liturgist: Sherry Frisk Greeters/Ushers: Larry & Gwen Adams October 29: Liturgist: Jo Philipp Greeters/Ushers: John & Shirley Watson

Needed: Plastic bags for food shelf. See Sherry. Thanks!

Thank you to the Lincoln Ladies Aid

On **Tuesday, September 12, at 1:30 pm**, Pastor Greg led annual church service at the historic Lincoln Community Church. We thank the Lincoln Ladies Aid for their invitation to participate and enjoy the service in that beautiful setting.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 8

October is traditionally Pastor Appreciation month, and we will be having Pastor Appreciation Sunday on October 8. Cards and well wishes welcome as we tell Pastor Greg how much we appreciate his service.

Upper Room Devotional

The September/October Upper Room Devotional is available in the church fellowship hall in both normal & Large Print editions. The November/December issue should be available in early October. Stop in on Sunday morning or during the week when open to pick one up.



October Birthdays

- 3 Sheila Robinson
- 4 Steven Thomson
- 4 Katherine Collman
- 8 Vicki Schmidt
- 10 Hadlee Jean Fuller
- 13 Bryan Kavanaugh
- 15 Vern Peterson
- 19 Liz Curren
- 29 Linda Mudgett

October Birthdays (Continued)

- 30 Les Rogers
- 31 Marie Macheel
- 31 Margie Solem

October Anniversaries

- 11 Ben & Tracy Frisk
- 15 Tim & Darcee Bell
- 19 Michael & Lanette Faul
- 25 John & Shirley Watson
- 29 Harvey & Connie Macheel

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: October 1: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799); Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32 October 8: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19 (UMH 750); Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46 October 15: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829); Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14 October 22: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99 (UMH 819); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22 October 29: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (UMH 809); 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46 Liturgical Color for October: Green