

# THE BREEZE

Whatever you  
did for one of the  
least of these  
brothers of mine,  
you did for me.



## **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](http://www.MotleyUMC.net)**

**On Facebook: [www.facebook.com/motleyumc](http://www.facebook.com/motleyumc)**



Do Some Good Every Day

**The Motley United Methodist Church**

**Worship Service via Zoom Meeting & in-person**

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## *Pastor Greg's November Message:*

Good November All,

I don't know how many of you know, but November is the end of the liturgical church year. We spend 27 weeks in the season after Pentecost, with a couple of special days toward the end, such as All Saints Day and Christ the King Sunday.

This Month I want us as a church to explore gratitude. Since it is November, and we celebrate Thanksgiving, where is your gratitude being shown?

So, to prime the thought process this month, I am going to give you a few questions to think about as we move through November.

1. What does gratitude look like?
2. What does gratitude feel like?

These are important questions to keep in mind as we look at what gratitude is all about.

Through October, I have been thinking about my continuation in living with joy. I have also been thinking about ways to expand that joy to others. Because the truth is, there are some people who push off the joy that is given. It seems like they lack gratitude. So, let's say you invite someone to worship with us; what you are essentially doing is inviting them to become a disciple of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. You are also inviting them to live a life of both service and joy.

Friends, I want you all to know that in this month of gratitude, I want us all to look at how we are living. Are you sharing your experiences of living in a world that has heartache and struggle? But there is something else, the world also has profound joy and satisfaction. And what do they bring? I hope that they bring a true and deep binding of hearts.

All this grows out of an awareness of being interconnected in life. It allows us to open up to living in gratitude. It allows us to continue to live into joy. But none of this cannot begin

without God.

So, this month let's give gratitude to God.

Let's give gratitude to the church.

Let's give gratitude to those whom we admire and, yes, even those whom we don't.

We can only do this if we look outward.

Friends, enjoy your November. For those of you who are going someplace warmer, travel safely. For those of you who are staying put this winter, stay safe and warm.

Lastly, we will begin our Advent journey on the last Wednesday of November. If you would like to take part, please sign up so we can plan accordingly. This study will take place on Zoom. I hope to see you there.

God bless you all,  
Pastor Greg Leslie



Not what we say about our blessings,  
but how we use them,  
is the true measure of our Thanksgiving.

*W.T. Purkiser*

## EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 31 – Trunk or Treat; 4 – 6 pm
- November 1 – Game Day, 1-3 pm; All Saints' Day
- November 3 – Fall Bazaar Set-up
- November 4 – Fall Bazaar
- November 5 – All Saint's Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am;  
First Sunday Potluck; *Daylight Saving Ends*
- November 6 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am;  
Circle of Friends, 1 pm
- November 8 – United Women in Faith Gathering, 1 pm;  
Church Council Meeting, 4 pm
- November 12 – Sunday Worship Celebration w/Holy Communion  
at 10 am
- November 13 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- November 15 – Game Day, 1-3 pm
- November 16 – Virtual North Star District Charge Conference at  
6:30 pm
- November 19 – Sunday Worship Celebration with Baptism of  
Madison Eischeid at 10 am
- November 20 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- November 23 – Thanksgiving
- November 25 – Pancake Breakfast at 9 am
- November 26 – Sunday Worship Celebration at 10 am;  
Hanging of the Greens
- November 27 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- November 29 – Game Day, 1-3 pm; Advent Study 7 pm on Zoom
- December 3–Sunday Worship Celebration; First Sunday Potluck
- 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
- December 17 – Sunday Worship Celebration with Children's  
program at 10 am
- December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship, 10 am;  
Christmas Eve Service; 4:30 pm
- January 4 – Red Cross Blood Drive

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 5th, we will have a very special All Saints service. We will be honoring **Bobby Thorn**, 4/18/23; **Adolph Rabe**, 7/31/23; **Russel Schrupp**, 9/9/23; **Mitch Stevens**, 9/4/2023; saints associated with MotleyUMC who have gone to their heavenly home. Following the service will be Potluck, and all are invited to fellowship and remember our saints, both here and in heaven.

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### 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 November 12, we will celebrate worship with the Holy Communion. Please have bread and juice ready if worshipping with us via Zoom on **November 12**.

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)*

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### Monday Morning Study

Monday Morning Bible Study via Zoom

Time: Every week on Monday at 10:00 AM

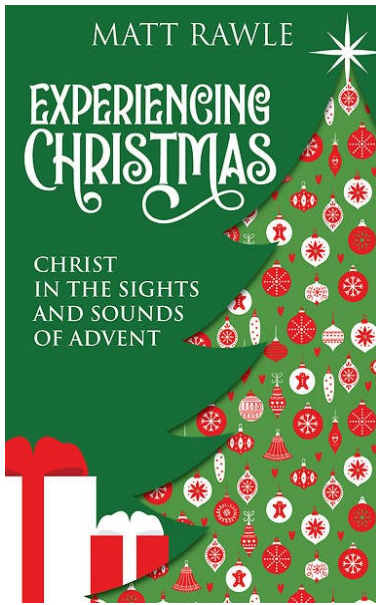
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Meeting ID: **868 2685 8534**

Password: *(Contact Liz)*



**Remember to reset your  
clocks for November 5!**



## *Advent Study Coming*

Pastor Greg will be leading an Advent Study on Zoom. It will be a four-week study, starting on Wednesday, November 29, at 7:00 pm. The book that we will be using is "Experiencing Christmas" by Matt Rawle; please sign up and we will order the books from Cokesbury for \$13.50. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or contact the church. An audio book is also available from Amazon if you prefer to listen instead of reading.

## Advent Study

Wednesday Evening Advent Study via Zoom

Time: Every week on Wednesday during Advent at 7 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83190960448>

Meeting ID: 831 9096 0448

Password: *(Contact Church)*

## Busy Sundays coming up —>

A lot to look forward to:

November 5: All Saints Sunday & Potluck

November 12: Worship celebration with Holy Communion

November 19: Worship celebration with baptism of Madison Eischeid.

November 26: Christ the King Worship Celebration followed by the Hanging of the Greens for Advent.

December 3: First Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion and Potluck.

December 17: Worship Celebration with Children's Program

December 24: 10 am 4th Sunday Advent worship celebration and 4:30 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service





## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

November 25, 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 Potluck on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, after the church service. Bring a dish to share if you can; stay and enjoy the food either way!*



**Game Days** Like having fun? Game On!!!!!!  
First, Third, & Fifth Wednesday of each month  
From 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**In November on November 1, 15, and 29.**

**Cards, Dice, Board Games, Dominos**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME- No Charge**

**Refreshments will be served**

**Bring your own favorite game, and we will play with you!**

## World Thank Offering

United Women in Faith will gather at the church on Wednesday, November 8, at 1 pm for its monthly program and business meeting. Liz Curren will provide devotions and present the World Thank Offering program to the group. Jomyla Choate, as hostess, will prepare tasty refreshments. All are invited and welcome to participate in this get-together.



United  
Women  
in Faith

## Annual Bazaar & Bake Sale

Still time to donate a white elephant or make a homemade treat for the Annual Bazaar & Bake Sale sponsored by the Motley United Women in Faith. Proceeds fund mission projects around the world with women, children, and youth. White elephant treasures can be brought to the church choir room during worship beginning Sunday, October 29, Wednesday, November 1, from 1-3 pm or Friday, November 3, from 9 am-3 pm.

Drop off homemade goodies packaged and ready for sale on Friday, November 3, from 9-6 or Saturday morning, November 4, from 8-9.

Questions? Contact Gayle Quinn (218) 352-6040 or Jomyla (218) 575-3161.

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## Rada Cutlery Available

Purchase a new knife or peeler for yourself or as a gift at the annual UWF Bazaar on November 4. The four different items range in price from \$8 - \$13. If you have questions, contact Jomyla – (218) 575-3161 or [jomylac@gmail.com](mailto:jomylac@gmail.com).

## Need Special Treats or Gifts for the Holidays? Come to the Bazaar!

Not only will you find unique treasures for everyone on your shopping list, but also a delicious soup & sandwich lunch, along with muffins, rolls, coffee, & lemonade all day.

A variety of products will be available as we have several new vendors this year. Be sure to check out the new items!

Remember to purchase that special Scandinavian treat of Lefse (3 rounds for \$7).

Also, find a homemade goodie of jelly, candy, pie, snacks, cookies, bars, quick breads, muffins, etc. as a gift or special holiday treat.

Hope to see you!

**Saturday, November 4**

**9 am-3 pm**



United  
Women  
in Faith

Motley United Methodist Church  
847 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S  
Motley MN

### Other Events:

**MotleyUMC Church Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, at 4 pm.** This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend. Church business including charge conference preparation and calendar items for rest of year.

**Virtual North Star District Charge Conference at 6:30 pm on November 16.**

AA is meeting on Monday nights at 8 pm.

**Bone Builders** is meeting on Tuesday and Friday Mornings.

### Happy Halloween!

Come enjoy trick or treating with **the residents at the Harmony House of Motley** (901 Eastwood Ln S, Motley, MN 56466). All day until 7 pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Wear your best costume to bring smiles to our residents' faces.

# Santa Day



## SANTA DAY

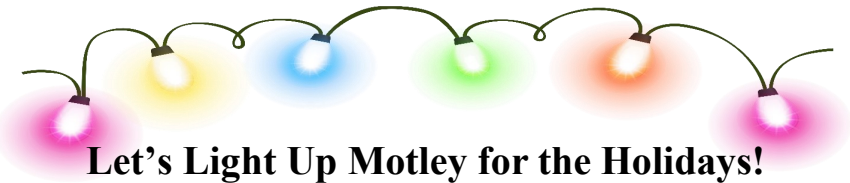
Santa Day was a success last year, and we are doing it again this year on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 1 pm.

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.



### **Let's Light Up Motley for the Holidays!**

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 15<sup>th</sup> with someone outside our community doing the judging.

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Lunch with  
Santa



### **Lunch with Santa!**

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am—1:00 pm**

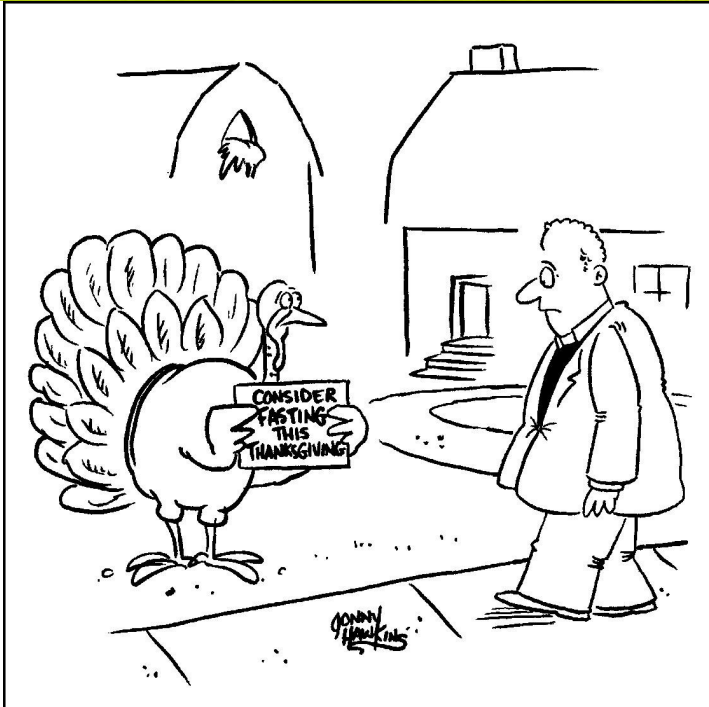
**at the Motley City Hall**

**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.

## The Energy Assistance Program:

Serves both renters and homeowners. The program provides benefits to pay for home heating ranging from \$200 to \$1,400. Benefit amounts are based on the household's heating costs, household size, and income. The Energy Assistance program provides help with energy disconnections, no/low fuel in the tank, and homeowners' furnace repairs. Eligibility for the program is based on the household's past 1 month of income and assets are not counted. Applications for the program and income guidelines are available at Tri-CAP's website: [www.tricap.org](http://www.tricap.org) or call Tri-CAP at (320) 251-1612 for an application to be mailed or for more information about the program.





## **In Memory of Mitch Stevens** *March 21, 1961 - September 4, 2023*

Mitchell (Mitch) E. Stevens, 62-year-old resident of Motley, passed away at the St. Cloud Hospital surrounded by his family on Monday, September 4, 2023. Mitch was born in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, on March 21, 1961, to Faye (Jenkins) and Gerald Stevens. He married Debra J. Solga on October 5, 2001. Mitch was a truck driver by trade for many years before purchasing his own company, Mitch's Fuel Service. Mitch was known as "The Fuel Man" to many, delivering fuel for many years. In later years, he drove a dump truck for Ideal Construction and then worked for MNDOT .

He is preceded in death by his father, Jerry; brother, Mark; and sister-in-law, Sheila.

Mitch will be deeply missed by his wife, Deb; children, Erin (Todd) Judd, Bryan Stevens, Justin (Zoe) Stevens, Jason (Keri) Bendson, Ross (Sarah) Bendson, and Ashley (Keith) Trout; grandchildren, Reid and Kennedy Judd, Gavin, Ben, Brynn, and Kallyn Stevens, Taylor (Christine), Alexis, Jake, and Grace Bendson, Cameron, Briana, Brooke, and Logan Bendson, Isaac and Riley Trout; great grandchildren, Raelynn, Brantley, and Hayden Bendson; mother, Faye Stevens; brother, Mike Stevens; sister, Michelle (OJ) Judge.

Mitch loved going to the lake and watching the kids and grandkids, snowmobiling, and being included in the deer hunting group. If you ever met Mitch, you were a friend. He will be remembered for making his presence known, causing laughter with his antics, and will always be our "Legend".

***"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues."***

**--Cicero**



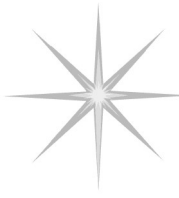
**FROM THE  
CHURCH  
MOUSE**

## THE BEGINNING Part 1

"But only God can make a tree"; here in this part of His earth, He had used a most generous hand. The stately white and Norway pine, the scrappy jack pine, the sturdy oak, and beautiful birch seemed almost without end. The serene "sheets" of water, the marshes, and meadows, and most important - the rivers - the Crow Wing and Long Prairie were all in place and waiting. Through this wonderland of wilderness, the western march of American pioneers and old-world immigrants found its way. They found strong reason to halt for a while, put down some tenuous roots, some soon to be pulled up to move, but some were meant to stay. So, a village was formed, fed by the railroad, the lumber mills, and the farms; fashioned into a trading center with hotels, stores, livery stables, a schoolhouse, a blacksmith shop - our Motley.

The people brought with them not only a pioneering spirit, but the spirit from God which they needed to thank and praise Him. So, congregations were started, and churches built - Catholic, Free Methodist, Methodist and Lutheran. This is the first part of events in the life of the United Methodist Church in Motley. This is dedicated to the memory of those Christians who over a hundred years ago were the charter members and to Rev. H.W. Troy who organized them into a church. Those members were: Mrs. Alfred Wilson, Mary H Ward, Mrs. M.M. Hodge, Mr. & Mrs. John McMillian, and Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Ward.

Ella Topp



**The Birth Star shines for T'Briya Reyn** born October 4 weighing 7# 12 oz length: 20". She was born to Brianna Eenhuis. Proud grandmother is Jacklyn Stockhausan and proud great-grandmother Robin Kramer.

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing.  
In every thing give thanks: for this is  
the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



### **BREEZE DEADLINE**

In order to get the Breeze published and out in a timely manner, all Breeze articles are due on the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. There will be no exceptions!

Sherry



## Thank you!

Without you, our church family, we could not have made the "Fall Turkey Dinner" a success. No matter how small a job, or how big a job, it takes a church working together. Thank you! We served about 175 meals, and everyone reported that the meal was excellent! Again, a big thank you!

Robin and Sherry

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## Thank you, MnTC

We were very blessed to have the Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge Choir in church on October 22; they blessed us in both music and testimony. Let's continue to remember them in our prayers as they live new lives in Christ. And thank you to all of you helped to make them feel welcome!

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Donna Miller's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Open House  
Staples Care Center activity room  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

*"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."*

*--A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh*

## Sign Up for Cleaning and Hospitality

There are many openings to sign up for Sunday morning hospitality (on the kitchen ledge) and for weekly cleaning in the church (table by entrance). We are glad for all of the help you give in welcoming people to our church.

## *Serving You in November*

November 5: Liturgist: Sharon Sandberg

Greeters/Ushers: Steve & Sharon Sandberg

November 12: Liturgist:

Greeters/Ushers:

November 19: Liturgist: Jo Philipp

Greeters/Ushers: Sherry Frisk & Robin Kramer

November 26: Liturgist:

Greeters/Ushers:

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

## **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Once again its that time of year when we decorate for the Advent season. **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**, following the church service, we will be hanging the garland and putting up and decorating the Christmas Trees. Please join us in helping to make the church festive for the holiday season.



★ **Veterans Day:** ★  
Thank You for Your Service!

***Remember our veterans on  
November 11<sup>th</sup>!***

## **Upper Room Devotional**

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

## **WINTER SNOWBIRDS**

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

# NOVEMBER



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### November Birthdays

- 1 – Linda Michalson
- 5 – Tammy Westman
- 6 – Lane Jensen
- 9 – Ben Enney
- 10 – Lindsay Spilman Fuller
- 11 – John Rardin
- 13 – Olivia Leslie
- 14 – Austin Wohlert
- 15 – Jill Holland
- 16 – Devona Johnson
- 17 – Steve Sandberg
- 18 – Marie Blanchard

### November Birthdays (Continued)

- 20 – Ming Rosvold
- 23 – Donna Farber
- 25 – Larry Adams
- 29 – Darcee Bell
- 30 – Connor Reeck

### November Anniversaries

- 1 – Susie & Steve Harris
- 8 – Gary & Dawn Timbs
- 15 – Larry & Gwen Adams
- 21 – Dean & Joan Holmberg
- 27 – Neal & Cindy Spilman
- 28 – Swede & Dorothy Halverson

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:

**November 5:** Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22;  
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

**November 12:** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7 (UMH 799); 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

**November 19:** Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123;  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

**November 23,** Thanksgiving Day: Deuteronomy 8:7-18;  
Psalm 65 (UMH 789); 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

**November 26:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 (UMH 821); Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

**Liturgical Colors:** November 5, 23 & 26: White;  
November 12 & 19: Green