# BREEZE

SING PRAISES TO THE LORD. for he has done gloriously.

ISAIAH 12:5



# **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: <a href="www.MotleyUMC.net">www.MotleyUMC.net</a>
On Facebook: <a href="www.facebook.com/motleyumc">www.facebook.com/motleyumc</a>



Do Some Good Every Day

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# Pastor Greg's November Message

Good November Disciples,

My, how the landscape has changed. The leaves have fallen, and the weather has become cooler. I can definitely say that fall —or, dare I say, winter— is in the air. This past Thursday, when I walked outside, believe it or not, there were flurries. Oh yes, the perks of living in northern Minnesota.

For me, November has always been a transitional month. Maybe for some of you, it's time to slow down. For others, you have made the move to warmer weather. But the reality is this, we are only just beginning. This year, we celebrate Thanksgiving on the 27<sup>th</sup>, and the 30<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday of Advent.

So, what does November entail? It entails time to prepare for what is coming and time to give thanks. Like every November, we continue preparing for Santa Day, which takes place on December 6<sup>th</sup>. We still need gifts for the various groups: moms and dads, teenage boys and girls, and even grandparents. As a reminder, when you are out shopping, make sure you look for deals. If you do purchase something for Santa Day, there is a gift-wrapped box in the back of the sanctuary where you can put your donations. Maybe you don't like shopping; we also accept monetary donations, and other people can shop for you. If this is the case, you can just drop your donation in the offering plate, but just make sure that you note that it is for Santa Day. Lastly, make sure that you clear your calendar for that day; we can use everyone's help. We need shoppers, we need kitchen help, and we need gift wrappers, all of which give you an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ. Just another small reminder: popcorn and treats will also be available, so make sure you pencil in Santa Day on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Another thing that will be happening in November is the hanging of the greens. That will take place on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, right after church. A lot of hands make light work. Also, it gives us time to fellowship. So come and help decorate the church for the holiday season.

On a final note, there will be an Advent Study starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. Yes, I do realize it is the week before 4

Thanksgiving. This is because of scheduling. For those of you who are interested in this study, we will do it over Zoom at 7:00 pm. This year, we will be using the study "On the Way to Bethlehem" by Rob Fuquay. There will be a sign-up for this study on the table near the doors of the church, so we can also get the correct amount of books ordered. If you don't want to read, there is an Audible version available on Amazon. If you want the Audible or Kindle version, which is also available on Amazon, just type the name of the book and author into the search menu.

So, as we move through the month of November, are you preparing for what is about to come?

I certainly hope you are.

Have a blessed and thankful November, Pastor Greg Leslie

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- November 1 Church Conference at Riverside UMC in Park Rapids, 2 pm
- November 2– Daylight Savings Time ends; All Saints Sunday Worship Celebration w/Holy Communion, 10 am; First Sunday Potluck
- November 3 Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am; Circle of Friends, 1 pm
- November 5 Game Day, 1 pm
- November 7 Bazaar Set-up, 9 am
- November 8 Minnesota Deer Rifle Season Opener; Annual Bazaar & Bake Sale, 9 am – 3 pm
- November 9 Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am
- November 10 Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- November 16 Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am
- November 17 Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- November 19 Game Day, 1-3 pm; Church Council Meeting, 4:00 pm; Advent Study at 7 pm on Zoom
- November 23 Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am
- November 24 Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- November 27 Thanksgiving Day
- November 29 Community Pancake Breakfast at 9 am
- November 30 First Sunday of Advent Worship Celebration, 10 am; *Hanging of the Greens*, 11 am

# **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 2, we will celebrate worship with the Holy Communion. Please have bread and juice ready if worshipping with us via Zoom on **November 2**.

MotleyUMC <a href="https://zoom.us/j/973954278">https://zoom.us/j/973954278</a>

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 <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86826858534">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86826858534</a>

Meeting ID: **868 2685 8534** Password: (Contact Liz)

# **Church Council Meeting**

Wednesday, November 19, at 4 pm. The MotleyUMC Church Council meeting is an open meeting where input from church members and friends is welcomed. I do record a transcript using Zoom, so you can attend via Zoom in addition to in person at MotleyUMC.

**Zoom link:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2183526466 Meeting ID: 218 352 6466 Password: (Contact Church)

# **Advent Study**

Pastor Greg will be leading the Advent Study "On the Way to Bethlehem" on Zoom. It is a four-week study, that starts on Wednesday, November 19, at 7:00 pm.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89504559270

Meeting ID: 895 0455 9270 Password: (Contact Church)



# COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY November 20, 2025

November 29, 2025 9—10:30 AM

Ready for a break from turkey? Community Breakfasts at MotleyUMC are on the last Saturday of each month. The next one is on November 29th, from 9-10:30 am. 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 the Motley Area Food Shelf.

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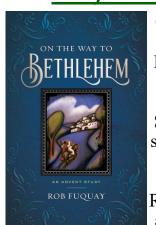
We will have a Potluck on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the church service. Bring a dish to share if you can; stay and enjoy the food either way!



On Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pastor Greg will lead us in a very special service. We will be honoring: **Bruce Quinn**, 11/1/2024; **Bob Choate**, 12/31/2024; **Steve Sunde**, 12/31/2024; **Arla Allen**, 2/16/2025; **John Greig**, 5/2/2025; **Mick Farber**, 8/20/2025; **Carrie Philipp Anderson**, 7/1/2025; saints 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.

# The journey to Christmas begins in Rome.



On the Way to Bethlehem follows the long journey to Christmas. The story starts in Rome with a decree issued from the seat of worldly power for a census, setting in motion events that lead to the birth of the Savior of the world in a town that stands in stark contrast to worldly power: Bethlehem. Author Rob Fuquay offers insight into the geographical and historical significance of Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, as well as the important characters through

whom the Christmas story unfolds. You will be drawn into these places in a way that helps you experience the spiritual truths each location holds. The reflection we share in these places prepares the heart and soul to encounter wonder, awe, mystery, and joy.

Study nights are: November 19<sup>th</sup>, December 3rd, December 10<sup>th</sup>; & December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm on Zoom and led by Pastor Greg.

Please sign up, and we will order the books for \$10. An Audible & e-book is available from Amazon.



#### Game On!!!!!!

First, Third, & Fifth Wednesday of each month From 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

On October 29 and on November 5 & 19.

Cards, Dice, Board Games, Dominos

**BOARD GAMES:** 

Aggravation, Cribbage, Rummikub

CARDS:



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UNO, Skipbo, Hand and Foot, 500, Golf, Phase 10

DOMINOS:

Mexican train, Fives

DICE:

Yahtzee, Farkle

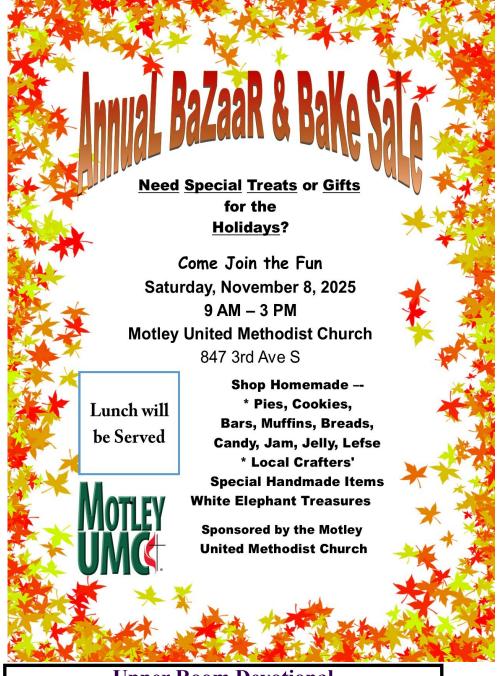
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME- No Charge** 

Refreshments will be served Bring your own favorite game, and we will play with you!



#### **Other Events:**

**Bone Builders** is meeting on Tuesday & Friday Mornings, 10 am **TOPS** is meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm.



# **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.

# **Preparations for the Bazaar**

The Bazaar is on the calendar for Saturday, November 8, from 9 am – 3 pm. We will have craft vendors, white elephant items, a Bake Sale, and a Lunchroom. Help is needed in all these areas. Set-up is on Friday, November 8, starting at 10 am. Bake sale items can be delivered on Friday or early Saturday morning. If you have white elephants or Christmas decorations you want to share, please deliver them to the conference room by Friday. A sign-up sheet for assisting with setup, overseeing the bake sale, and serving as a cashier will be in the gathering area for the next two Sundays.



# **SANTA DAY**

Santa Day was a success last year, and we are doing it again this year on December  $6^{th}$  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.



# **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Once again its that time of year when we decorate for the Advent season. Sunday, November 30<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.



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

Veterans Day is a public holiday that is dedicated to honoring anyone who has served in the United States military. The holiday began as a day to remember the end of World War I and was declared a holiday by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919. Originally known as Armistice Day, the holiday became Veterans Day in 1954.

November 11 was chosen as the official date for Veterans Day in reference to the ending of World War I. Germany signed an armistice with the Allies that signaled the end of the war at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918.

So on this day, thank a veteran for serving his country.



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

W.T. Purkiser

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# It's Happening On November 30!

The last Noisy Offering of 2025 will be received on Sunday, November 30. So, it's time to clean out the car, look under the bed, and move the pillows around in search of any loose change. Gather it all together and donate it to the Haiti Partnership Projects. Want to make a larger donation? Put in currency or write a check payable to the Haiti Partnership. Also, if you wish to make a special year-end donation or an RMD for the projects of the Haiti Partnership, talk with Jomyla or Pat Toschak.

If you will not be in worship on 11/30, a glass jar will be on the oval table in the fellowship space beginning Sunday, November 1, to accept your contributions all month long. So, bring your contribution with you whenever you are in the church and deposit it in the glass jar.

# Sign Up for Hospitality

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

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

# MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES October 15, 2025, 4 pm

Present: Robin Kramer, Pastor Greg Leslie, Liz Curren, Jomyla Choate, Linda Townsend, Chris Rosvold

Pastor Greg opened the meeting with a prayer at 4:00 pm.

Lefse was added to the old business on the agenda.

Linda moved to accept the September 17 minutes; Jomyla seconded, and the motion carried.

Finance Report: through September 30, 2025

The Balance Sheet shows cash on hand is around \$40,000. In September, Income was only \$14,600, and Expenses were \$20,200. Expenses for September included \$4,500 to replace the lighting. Total Income so far for 2025 was \$147,600, and Expenses were \$161,500. We usually receive large donations at the end of the year due to withdrawals from members' retirement programs. We will not be having the Fall Dinner, but other income plans are in the making. The budget is finalized, and the Council will vote on it. The mortgage through First International Bank ended on September 2, and the interest rate increased from 4.250% to 7.189%. The Trustees are reviewing it. They have been negotiating to refinance later with a lower rate. I am still planning to retire on December 31. Reports are included for the Council.

Linda Townsend

Linda is currently in contact with the Power Company to see if there are any rebates with reference to the \$4500 that we spent on the lighting upgrades.

A discussion on the refinancing of the mortgage and the new monthly payment of about \$4800. Chris moved, and Jomyla seconded that we continue paying the budgeted \$5000 each month to work on the principal. Motion passed.

Chris moved, and Liz seconded to accept the finance report as presented per audit; motion carried. A discussion on the budget and various decisions in putting it together. Chris moved to accept the budget as presented, amended to account for any salary change approvals. Robin seconded, and the

budget was approved for presentation to the church conference.

**Trustees:** Lawn sprinklers were winterized/blown out today. Fire sprinklers were inspected last week; currently, the sprinkler pipes are being purged via the kitchen utility room to increase nitrogen percentage in the pipes. Mike Zimmerman will be providing snow removal again this winter. It was noted that a separate company does the salting of the parking lot. Plungers in the bathroom were replaced. A dead tree was removed from the corner of the lot, and other trimming was done. We have had the alarm go off a couple of times, and the Morrison County sheriff deputy did come by to check. No issues found.

**SPRC:** Discussion regarding pastoral compensation forms to be approved for the church conference. SPRC recommended the approval of Form 5 pastoral compensation as presented. Linda seconded, and the motion was passed. SPRC recommended the approval of form 8b, Housing Allowance Resolution, with no amount changes from last year. Chris seconded, and the motion was passed.

**UWIF:** The Headwaters UWIF Spring gathering will actually be on April 17 & 18 next year instead of the 24-25. Since that no longer conflicts with the breakfast, we were asked again to host it instead of the fall gathering. Jomyla so moved, and Liz seconded. The motion was approved.

Haiti Partnership: The project that was on hold last month remains on hold pending more information. November has five Sundays, so November 30 will be our final Noisy Offering of 2025. Coffee prices are going up, the one with the largest increase is the decaf coffee.

**Memorial Committee:** Fall banners were ordered after the last meeting and have been received. Jomyla will help Robin put up after meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** Just an update on the commissioning and ordination because there has been some confusion: Pastor Greg graduated from seminary back in 2017 and is not back in school. Ordination is a different process that he is going through. The paperwork is 80% done and needs to be sent in

by December 1. So, he is planning to have the paperwork done by October 31, so the proofreading and finalizing can be done, and everything else is in place. His goal is to have it all done and be turned in by Thanksgiving. Then, Pastor Greg will sit down with the committee on ordination in February.

Pastor Greg is looking into doing the Advent study for this year. Christmas Eve will be on Wednesday this year, so there are only 3 Wednesdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. So, the Advent study will probably begin the Wednesday the week before Thanksgiving and skip the week of Thanksgiving.

There are tentative plans to have a couple of baptisms in January with Pastor's grandchild and with Beth's Olivia.

Pastor Greg will be out of the pulpit on November 16, and Pastor Beth will be here to fill in. He will be here for All Saints' Sunday on November 2.

**Old Business:** Lefse will be sold primarily through preorders, with any extra being sold through the bazaar. Sherry has russet potatoes that they can use, and Liz & Shirley are planning to try to do it all in one day, except for prebaking some of the potatoes so that they can have some ready to use at 9 am and lefse fried before the afternoon. There are enough material donations that the only project cost will be the time invested.

Bazaar/Bake Sale/Luncheon, November 8: Liz will be talking to people on Sunday about having someone coordinate the bake sale. Robin will be doing the luncheon. Some glassware will be brought in to use for the bake sale. There are vendors who have been talking about coming in. We will need to set up the tables, etc. Haiti Partnership may be there with coffee & metal art. Brochures have gone out to the local churches; we do need to have some taken out and shared in other places.

The "No Fall Dinner" letter was reviewed and ready. We will send it out with a return envelope.

Church conference will be in Park Rapids on November 1 at Riverside UMC at 2 pm. Approved the Inactive/unresponsive

membership report with no one on it. Other items were approved earlier in the meeting. We expect Liz, Jomyla, Chris, Sherry, and Pastor Greg to be at the meeting.

**New Business:** VBS planning group tabled until the November 19 meeting.

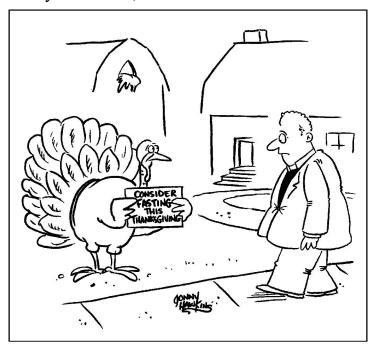
Planning is in discussion for the Sunday School Christmas program that will be on December 14.

Brief discussion on Trunk or Treat; we will plan to just do it inside going forward, though people will still have the option to set up a trunk outside as well.

Santa Day: We will need to work on getting the word out as we get closer to December 6; in the past we have sent out fliers in school, but that no longer seems to be a thing that can be done. Greg & Stephanie will be coordinating with Sandbergs to buy additional gifts as may be needed when we get closer to the date, depending on what we have received by then.

**The next council meeting** is on November 19 at 4 pm, with the church conference before then on November 1. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm

Respectfully submitted, Chris Rosvold



# **Connections in our church history**

This is a story I recently discovered about our friend Bruce Quinn, who passed on about a year ago, a large legacy gift, and our Haiti Partnership. What's the connection? The story began in the late 1980s, when the Minnesota Annual Conference voted to form a Board of Development with a professional staff to promote better stewardship in all our local churches and encourage the making of planned gifts to one's local church and/or the United Methodist Conference. Three people were hired to lead this development work, and one of them was Bruce Quinn. His title was Planned Giving Officer for the Board of Development.

I was a District Superintendent at the time, and so I got to know Bruce right away. He was very enthusiastic about his job and very good at it. So much so that it was really more of a calling than a job! Bruce felt a call deep in his heart to reach out and share about the opportunity we have as Christians to be generous—even beyond our lifetime. A big part of his work/ministry was to travel around the conference (or state of Minnesota) preaching and speaking in

conference (or state of Minnesota) preaching and speaking in local churches about the stewardship of all our gifts, and then to follow up with the individuals in those congregations who wanted to make a special gift through their will or estate to their local church and/or the conference.

Out on the western edge of Minnesota in a United Methodist Church about the size of Motley, he met a farm couple who, after listening to Bruce's message on legacy giving, called him to come work with them to put together a special gift designated for "global missions" upon their passing. It seemed over the years they'd heard their pastors preach the Gospel of Christ to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel" (Mark 16:15), and they heard the founder of Methodism, John Wesley's admonition to see the "world as our parish," and they wanted to say yes. Then, with Bruce's help in the early 1990s, they were finally able to put together a plan to answer that call to missions via their estate or legacy giving. In 1995, the husband passed away, and in

1996, she passed too. And a few years later, their church closed!

In 2014, their gift of \$135,000, designated for global missions, came to the Minnesota Foundation (the group that currently works with planned giving for our conference). The Foundation made the Missions Promotion Team. (MPT) aware of the gift, and then, in 2021, the MPT was tasked with distributing the funds. I am not sure why all the delays. As I understood, it had to do with the settlement of the estate, perhaps the sale of the farm, and an adult child also cared for in the will. But finally, all the i's were dotted and t's were crossed, and in 2022, the Mission Promotion Team was given the go-ahead to distribute the funds. This was done as follows: 55% to Operation Classroom for a clinic in LaSaline, Haiti, and to build a guesthouse for visiting mission workers in Liberia; 15% to support a school for children with disabilities and their families in the Dominican Republic, and 30% to our Haiti Partnership for several projects. At last, the dream of this farm couple became reality, and their gift is even now touching lives with Christ's Love.

I discovered the connection between Bruce and our surprise, generous gift to the Haiti Partnership in a conversation with my Aunt Val Walker. She had been part of the early work of the Board of Development and then served as executive director of the Minnesota Foundation. So, when I told her about Bruce's passing and about the gift, she said, "You know there's a connection between the two; it was Bruce Quinn who worked with the farm couple all those years ago to plan their gift."

Well, there you have it: the connection between Bruce Quinn, the legacy gift of a farm couple from a small UMC that is now closed, and our Haiti Partnership with two rural communities of faith in Haiti.

But I think there is an even bigger connection! Each experienced the love of God calling them to things bigger than themselves, to things they thought impossible but working with the Foundation they found a way, and though they all, including the little church, have now passed on their legacy

continues to provide health care, clean water, housing and food and more in two communities in the perhaps the poorest nation in the world!

And I know Bruce would want me to add a reminder that you, too, can do this. Our Minnesota Foundation stands ready to help you make a legacy gift today. And I'd be glad to help you make that connection too!

Rev. Pat Toschak Member of the Mission Promotion Team Founding member of the Haiti Partnership

# A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, so often times, as any other day When we sit down to our meal and pray

We hurry along and make fast the blessing Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing

We're slaves to the old factory overload We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold

But Lord, I'd like to take a few minutes more To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for

For my family, my health, a nice soft bed My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head

I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know

""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



#### In Loving Memory of Carrie Lee Anderson August 25, 1977 ~ July 1, 2025

Carrie Lee Anderson, 47, of Prior Lake, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on July 1, 2025, at St. Francis Regional Medical Center. A Memorial Service was held on Friday, July 18, 2025, at Ballard-Sunder Funeral and Cremation.

Born on August 25, 1977, in Ely, Minnesota, Carrie spent her childhood in Motley and graduated from Staples-Motley High School in 1995. She pursued higher education in the Minneapolis suburbs, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing and a Master's in Business Administration. Carrie was known for her warmth, creativity, and boundless compassion.

In 2011, Carrie met Jason Anderson, and they married in 2015. They settled in Prior Lake and welcomed their son, Chase, in 2017. Carrie was a devoted mother, always supporting Chase in his activities and planning family adventures.

Carrie had a passion for life and nature, enjoying boating, gardening, and celebrating holidays with her creative touch. She was a vibrant presence, known for her humor, brilliance, and stylish flair. Carrie was selfless, always



offering a helping hand and a listening ear to those around her.

Carrie is survived by her husband, Jason Anderson; her son, Chase Anderson; her mother, Marinell Philipp; her goddaughter, Jade Hane-Buchwitz; her aunts, Linda Hane and Lori Diekoff; and her uncle, Forrest Skeesick. Countless friends and extended family also remember her.

#### 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.

# Serving You in November

**November 2**: Liturgist: Harvey Macheel

Greeters/Ushers: Connie & Harvey Macheel

Coffee Time: Potluck

November 9: Liturgist: Bernice Thomson

Greeters/Ushers: Paula Johnson & Bernice Thomson

Coffee Time: Pat & George Toschak

November 16: Liturgist: Jomyla Choate

Greeters/Ushers: John & Shirley Watson

Coffee Time: Jackie Dumpprope

November 23: Liturgist: Greg Townsend

Greeters/Ushers: Greg & Linda Townsend

Coffee Time:

November 30: Liturgist: Sharon Sandberg

Greeters/Ushers: Steve & Sharon Sandberg

Coffee Time:

# Are you going south for the winter?

It's that time of the year when our beloved snowbirds quit this frigid climate and go to warmer places for a few months. If this is you, could you please let the office know when your address changes so we can update the mailing list? Thank you!



Remember to reset your clocks for November 2!



#### **November Birthdays**

- Linda Michalson
- 5 Tammy Westman
- 6 Lane Jensen
- 9 Ben Enney
- 9 Payton Fuller
- 10 Lindsy Spilman Fuller
- 11 John Rardin
- 13 Olivia Berg
- 14 Austin Wohlert
- 15 Jill Holland
- 16 Devona Mohler
- 17 Steve Sandberg
- 18 Marie Blanchard

#### November Birthdays (cont.)

- 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 2, All Saints: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149

(UMH 862); Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

**November 9**: Haggai 1:15b–2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (UMH 857); 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

**November 16**: Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12 (UMH 839);

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 23: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208);

Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

**November 30:** Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122 (UMH 845);

Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Liturgical Colors: November 2 (All Saints); November 9 - 16,

Green; November 23, White (Christ the King); November 30, Purple or Blue (Advent) 23