

# THE BREEZE

THE FREE GIFT  
of  
GOD  
is  
ETERNAL LIFE  
in  
Christ Jesus  
OUR LORD.

Romans 6:23

## **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 June Message

Good June Disciples,

As all of you know by now, I have accepted a new position at Vineyard UMC in Hutchinson. My last day in the pulpit will be on June 21<sup>st</sup>. I hope all of you can come and celebrate my time spent with you and the future.

As I write this last article, my heart is filled with both deep gratitude and emotion. After nine years of serving as your pastor, we have celebrated baptisms, weddings, birthdays, and anniversaries. We have grown in our discipleship all while we worshipped, prayed, laughed, and, yes, even cried. There have been trials, losses, and some seasons of uncertainty, but, through it all, we put it into God's hands. I know transitions are never easy, but I trust fully in God's plan for each one of us.

I want you all to know how much you have meant to me and my family. We have all been through much over the nine years. You have all been more than just a congregation to us. Your love, encouragement, faith, and patience you have all shown will be something we will carry with us into our future. Serving Motley UMC, was a joy and honor.

I am grateful for every moment shared, from the music and worship on Sunday mornings, to the personal conversations we have had. I can honestly say that you are all great disciples, and because of that, it is easy to see Christ at work in your church in powerful and life changing ways. To quote one of the new members, "I feel God in this place!" I have no doubt that you will continue the mission of the church as you continue to lead and grow in the love of Christ.

As I leave you all, I want to give you a bit of encouragement. First, by remaining steadfast in your faith. Second, continue to love everyone, serve God faithfully, keep Christ at the center of all you do, and trust in God's guidance for the future.

As I write this, I do not know who is coming as your next pastor. But I do ask that you extend the same grace, love, and

support that you have generously shown me. They will be blessed to lead such a faithful and caring congregation.

Friends, I will never forget Motley UMC, and you will always have a place in my heart .

Blessings,

**Pastor Greg Leslie**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

June 1 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am;  
Circle of Friends, 1 pm

June 3 – Game Day, 1 pm

June 7 – Sunday Worship Celebration w/Holy Communion  
at 10 am; First Sunday Potluck

June 8 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

June 10 - Game Day, 1 pm

June 13 – Motley June Fest

June 14 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am;  
SPRC Meeting, 1:30 pm

June 15 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

June 17 – Game Day, 1-3 pm; Church Council Meeting, 3:30 pm

June 21 – Father’s Day; Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am;  
Pastor Greg’s last Sunday, Potluck

June 22 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am;  
Mill Pond meeting, 6 pm

June 24 - Game Day, 1 pm

June 28 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am

June 29 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

July 1 – Game Day, 1 pm

July 4 – ***Independence Day***

July 5 – Sunday Worship Celebration w/Holy Communion  
at 10 am; First Sunday Potluck

July 6 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am;  
Circle of Friends, 1 pm

July 8 - Game Day, 1 pm

July 12 – Sunday Worship Celebration at 10 am

July 12-16 – **VBS at Motley UMC, 5:00 – 7:30 pm**

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

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

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

Meeting ID: **868 2685 8534**

Password: *(Contact Liz)*

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## **Church Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 10, at 3:30 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)***

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## **Farewell to the Leslie's**

Save Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, to celebrate Pastor Greg and Steph as they move on to new horizons. We will have a potluck and short program immediately following worship. Bring an appetizer, main dish, or salad to share. Cake will be served for dessert. Hope to see you all on the 21<sup>st</sup>.



**let's  
glow!**

*God's Light Shines In You*

## **Vacation Bible School**

*Motley United Methodist Church*

**Sunday, July 12 to**

**Thursday July 16**

**5:00 to 7:30**

*Light Supper Provided Each Night*

Pre-Register by June 15 to ensure  
we have enough supplies and meals.

Call 218-352-6466

or email [CRosvold@motleyumc.net](mailto:CRosvold@motleyumc.net)

**-Ages 3 to 10-**

*We look forward to seeing your light shine for God!*

**Let's Glow! God's Light Shines in You!** Vacation Bible School at the Motley United Methodist Church July 12-16 from 5-7:30 pm. There will be a light supper provided.

We are asking for registrations by June 15 so that we know how many supplies and so that we have the properly sized T-shirts. You can register at <https://bit.ly/4uBDcbO>.



## Game On!!!!!!

Every Wednesday of each month 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

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



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

# JUNE 13



# 2026



# JUNE FEST

## 20 MOTLEY-MN 26



### 8 AM

**7:45am Run Registration Starts**  
Converse Park  
Sponsored by Lakewood Health System

**8-2pm Bounce Houses**  
Converse Park **FREE**

**8:25am National Anthem**  
Converse Park

**8:30am 4 Mile Starts**  
Converse Park

### 9 AM

**9:15am 1 Mile Starts**  
Converse Park



### 10 AM

**10am Average Joe Car Show**  
Converse Park

**10am-2pm Crazy Hair/Face Painting** **FREE**

**Bounce Houses**  
Converse Park

**11am Power Bungee Jump and Rock Climbing Wall**  
Converse Park

### 11 AM

**11am Parade Starts**  
Motley Water Tower



### 12 PM

**12pm Beer Garden Opens**  
Fairgrounds

**Pedal Pull - Registration**  
Converse Park

**Carnival/Midway Opens**  
Fairgrounds  
Morrison County Ag Association

### 12:30 PM

**12:30pm Root Beer Floats** **FREE**  
Sponsored by Motley Free Methodist Church

**Pedal Pull Begins**  
Converse Park

**Bean Bag Tournament Registration Begins**  
Fairgrounds

### 1 PM

**1pm Sand Volleyball Starts**  
Fairgrounds

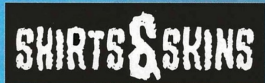
**1:30pm Bean Bag Tournament Begins**  
Fairgrounds

### 6 PM

**6pm MCEO Raffle Winners Announced**  
10 Hi

### 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**7:30pm- Live Music at the 11pm Fair Pavilion** **FREE**  
with:



### DUSK

**FIREWORKS**  
Sponsored by Motley Lions



Visit us on Facebook @Motley June Fest

JUNE FEST SPONSORED BY MOTLEY COMMUNITY EVENTS ORGANIZATION - MCEO

Contact us at [motleyjunefest@gmail.com](mailto:motleyjunefest@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook at Motley Community Events Organization

Mark your calendars, MOTLEY FALL FEST will be October 10th!

# 2026

MORRISON COUNTY



*June 11th-14th, 2026*

- HORSE SHOW
- 4-H EXHIBITS/JUDGING
- SAND VOLLEYBALL
- MIDWAY/CARNIVAL
- BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT
- LIVE MUSIC
- VENDORS
- DEMO DERBY
- FIREWORKS



## [A couple of the thank you's from Tax-Aide](#)

Thank you so much for allowing us to prepare taxes here - it has been a great help to many people. We have received many thank you's for being here!!

Thanks so much for allowing us to be here in this Beautiful facility - AARP's outreach has helped many people in need. God's Blessing for all your help!

## **AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE**

### [A Couple Requests](#)

Asking for your help in keeping the birthday and anniversary list up to date! If you know of anyone that we have missed that should be on the list, please let Chris know. Thank you!

Just a reminder: We do have Whitney coming in every other week to do the heavy cleaning, but this is still our church home. We hope that everyone will continue to help us keep things clean and take the garbage out. Thank you!





## Grace by Goats

We proudly announce the opening of Grace Clinic in Yvon, Haiti — a nurse, a pharmacy, and several community health care workers — funded primarily by goats!

Since 2015, this mountainous area of Haiti has hosted mobile clinics whenever our Minnesota teams arrived to fund and aid the Haitian doctor, pharmacist, and local leaders. Over the next few years, the clinic went from serving one community to serving two communities — Yvon and Sobier – and from having a mobile medical clinic with a doctor and a dentist once or twice a year to once a quarter. Between quarterly mobile clinics, Yvon held monthly “nurse clinics” led by a nurse and community health workers. From medical services being many miles away over rough roads, which often had to be traveled on foot, to monthly clinics at their church, patients can have acute illnesses addressed, blood pressures rechecked, doctor’s prescriptions refilled, and vital health care classes taught. The opening of Grace Clinic means there is now a nurse-led clinic *daily* in Yvon.



In that same year, a partnership was organized between our Minnesota teams and the Haitian community leaders, headed by a Methodist Church of Haiti local pastor, Wesnet Dieujuste. The Haitian group is called Organisation des Paysans de Belle-Riviere 2<sup>nd</sup> Section de Miragoane or OPB2M. At one of our partnership meetings, OPB2M brought up the idea of goats as a way to build financial support for the clinics. People coming to the clinics were asked to pay a small fee - though no one was ever turned away. The fees collected were meager, they said, compared to what was needed, but goats, they taught us, would produce a steady income. Goats, they explained, have two kids each year. A farmer would keep one

kid to grow and expand his or her own herd, and the other could be sold at market with the proceeds used to support the clinics.

So, in 2016, the Haiti Partnership bought 60 female goats and a couple of male goats. Farmers were chosen by OPB2M to be a part of the project. They agreed to be trained in animal husbandry and supported by a local veterinarian, who continued to be available to assist the farmers with any questions or medical issues that arose. It was an exciting day when the goats arrived on the mountain, and the now-trained farmers received their animal. Promises and prayers were voiced, and soon they were all heading home with their goat on a lead.



Questions were asked about the goat project from time to time over the years. The first funds began to fund the pharmacy items. A second 60 goats were purchased for the Sobier community. COVID and the gang violence in Port-au-Prince stopped our teams from being able to go to Haiti, but the clinics and a now expanded group of trained health care workers continued to serve the two communities. We in Minnesota continued to work to fundraise and encourage gifts and memorials to the Haiti Partnership to support their efforts in Haiti to bring consistent health to these two areas.



Now 10 years later, we celebrate our Haitian brothers and sisters who proudly announced the opening of Grace Clinic on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. A daily clinic is open in Yvon, staffed by a nurse and health care workers to minister to the health

care needs of the area. And this daily clinic, which had always been their dream, is fully funded by the goats and the fee each patient pays!

As the American partners in this vital partnership, we continue to do our part, which is to raise funds for the doctor and dental clinics, which cost about \$6,400 each quarter. The most recent congregation to join the Partnership is First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica. They are making a quarterly financial commitment to the mobile clinics. Find out more about our work by checking us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/haitipartnership>.



We invite you to partner with us as we bring healthcare to rural Haiti! One-time gifts can be mailed to Haiti Partnership c/o First United Church, 1001 First Street SE, Little Falls, MN 56345. If you would like more information about becoming a longer-term partner, please email Rev. Patricia Toschak at [ptoschak@gmail.com](mailto:ptoschak@gmail.com).



## Haiti Partnership Noisy Offering Reports

The March offering totaled \$300.20 at Motley, First United of Little Falls received \$441.43, and First UMC of Austin contributed another \$350 for a grand total of \$1,091.54. Thank you, everyone, for your participation. Your financial support does make a difference in the lives of our Haitian friends in the communities of Yvon and Sobier.

The Motley May Noisy Offering was \$179.62. First United had \$636.16 and another \$163 in product sales. Altogether \$978.78 was raised for the Haiti Partnership projects in May. Thank you, everyone, for your contributions.

As explained in another article in this *Breeze*, your donations allowed the Partnership to start the Goat Project in 2016, which has given our friends the opportunity to have a more self-sufficient life and continuous health care.



**American  
Red Cross**

### **Thank you for giving blood.**

Thank you to everyone who came to the blood drive on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the church. There were 27 much-needed units of blood collected. Our next Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, from noon to 6 pm. You can register to give at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)

Thank you, also, to the volunteers who came and helped to greet, sign in, and provide hospitality to the donors. You make the experience better!

**MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 20, 2026, 3:30 pm**

Present: Robin Kramer, Sherry Frisk, Cindy Spilman, Jomyla Choate, Pastor Greg Leslie, Liz Curren, Chris Rosvold

Pastor Greg opened the meeting with a prayer at 3:27 pm.

Agenda: Old business: Prayer Chain; new business: ushers, & cleaning added to agenda.

Liz moved to accept the April 15 minutes; Cindy seconded, and the motion carried.

**Finance Report:** Through April 30, 2026. Reports attached. Liz moved, and Jomyla seconded to accept the finance reports; carried. Some concerns were raised about bill paying, records, and communication with the treasurer; Pastor Greg encouraged Trustee follow-up, especially using email. Chicken dinner served about 157, with a gross of \$4,600 and a net of \$4,200. Garage sale food sales brought in \$700, and treasure sales brought in \$2319.50 for a total of \$3,019.50. Noted that the Easter Flower bill is believed to be outstanding. \$200 donation for VBS already received.

**Trustees:** The fallen apple tree was removed. Cory will no longer be able to mow the church lawn this summer; will be getting a quote from Zimmerman, possibly others? Grounds maintenance included dandelion spraying, fertilizing, and sprinkler head valve repairs (Heartland completed repairs—bill expected). New coffee counter refrigerator installed.

**SPRC:** Pastor Greg will be taking some required vacation. Marion Hansen will be preaching on May 14, and Pastor Beth will be preaching on June 14. Pastor Greg's last Sunday will be June 21, 2026. Still need to find someone to cover June 28. Conference has not communicated future pastoral assignments; congregation will be notified when information becomes available.

**UWF:** Though inactive, it still has some funds and members to help with a meal for VBS.

**Haiti Partnership:** May 31 will be a fifth Sunday/Noisy offering.

**Memorial Committee:** Nothing new to report. New banners hung; positive feedback on coordination and appearance.

**Pastor's Report:** Special day on May 31 with 3 baptisms of Alisha, Jayce, & Alaina. Greg will be gone on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and the last Sunday will be June 21. There will be cake & cards afterward. Annual Conference June 15-17. No firm date on his move, but plans are in process. Stephanie did find a new job. On June 8, they are expecting a new Grandchild to be born.

**Old Business: VBS:** 7 pre-registrations; need more children; suggestion to extend the registration deadline. Flyers distributed locally (Pillager, Motley, hardware store, laundromat, Dollar store). Plan to post on Facebook and the City Hall's website (Motley in Motion Facebook page). Chris to ensure VBS is advertised through the church's channels, outside sign, and Facebook (recent increase in followers noted). Additional advertising opportunities: food shelf, restaurants with bulletin boards. Meeting scheduled for June 17 at 10 am to plan VBS and place supply orders.

**New Business:** Prayer chain: there will be an article in the Breeze inviting people to contact the prayer chain, using text, email, & calls; invitations for people to join the prayer chains, phone or email; and an invitation for someone to help lead it. Chris will be doing that for now; and is setting up push notifications so that he will receive alerts in a timely fashion if he receives emails to his [crosvold@motleyumc.net](mailto:crosvold@motleyumc.net) account.

**Ushers:** Discussion started with the observation that we need ushers for funerals, particularly when there is no funeral home. Also, we need to increase communication with people who are signed up to usher and greet on Sundays, not just liturgists; copies need to be mailed to people who are not on email. Chris is to follow up on that. Brief discussion on whether we need to have ushers separate from greeters for people who would greet but are not comfortable with ushering

duties. Will follow up on that discussion after we have a new pastor.

Cleaning: Need to remind people that our cleaning person comes in every other week, so we do need to clean up after ourselves after our activities. Sherry will talk to Whitney about cleaning around VBS. Carpet cleaning will be scheduled after VBS. Need to order gloves for the kitchen.

**The next council meeting** is on June 10, due to annual conference, at 3:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Rosvold

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### Jobs Well Done!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the Chicken Dinner a success. No matter how big or small the tasks you help with, your presence made a difference. We served about 157, with a gross of \$4,600 and a net of \$4,200. You all are appreciated more than you know. Thank you so very much.

Sherry & Jodi

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We had our last Community Breakfast of the year on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone for a successful season. We will start again in September.

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We had our Garage sale on May 1 & 2 and food sales brought in \$700, and treasure sales brought in \$2319.50 for a total of \$3,019.50. Thank you to everyone who helped with the setup, bringing in their treasures, greeting people, taking money, and taking everything down.

You are all fantastic and very appreciated!

### Thank you!



## **Carol Kramer**

*April 24, 1943 ~ March 26, 2026*

**Motley, MN**

Carol Jean (Beers) Kramer, born on April 24, 1943, in Motley, Minnesota, passed away on March 26, 2026. She was the daughter of Paul and Mary (DeGeest) Beers.

On May 11, 1963, Carol Jean married Ronald Kramer in Little Falls, Minnesota. They resided in Minneapolis for a few years before establishing their home in Elk River/Anoka, Minnesota. For over two decades, she dedicated her career to working as a librarian at Elk River Elementary. In retirement, she and Ron settled in Motley, Minnesota, in their custom-built home overlooking the Crow Wing River.

Carol Jean and Ron cherished many years spent in Arizona during their winters. They made new friends, relished golfing, ATV riding, and dancing. Carol Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Mary Beers, and her sister, Bonnie Farber. She is survived by her husband, Ronald; their son, Douglas (Shelly); their daughter, Holly (Greg); their grandson, Jesse (Crystal); their granddaughter, Katie (Steve); their grandson, Arron (Vanessa); and six great-grandchildren.

Carol Jean was deeply loved by all who knew her. Her memory will be cherished, and she will be deeply missed.

Services were held at 11 am on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at Motley United Methodist Church.



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Thank you to everyone who came and helped with the set up, greeting, ushering, and serving. The family was very appreciative of everyone's support.

## My Dad



When I was just a little boy  
no more than just a lad,  
I met a lot of special men  
but none quite like my dad.  
Though other men would often hear  
the things I'd have to say,  
None would listen with their heart  
in Dad's special way.  
I love to think of all the things  
he used to say and do,  
And how I felt down in my heart  
I want to be like you.  
If I could be just half the man  
my father was to me,  
What a great example I would be  
for all the world to see.  
The world would see a man who tried  
to never fail the test,  
Who never faltered in his quest  
to always do his best.  
They'd see a man who loved God  
through times both good and bad,  
What a man I'd be if I could live  
my life just like my dad.

Jim Galloway

*Happy Father's Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>!*

### 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. Thank you!

Sherry

# WELCOME

## *New Members*

We have some wonderful news to celebrate! On April 19, nine individuals officially joined the Motley United Methodist Church family by Confession of Faith.

Please join us in welcoming: Dennis & Cindy Macheel, Kathy Gordon, Terri & Randy Carlson, Verde Pepin, Angel Napoles, Linda Guptill, and Alisha Hafften (along with her children, Jayce and Alaina).

We are so blessed by your presence and thrilled to walk alongside you in faith. Welcome to the family!



***"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."  
—Audrey Hepburn***

# Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Blessings in a Bottle

*Blessings in a Bottle* is our annual fundraiser in partnership with our local church community. With your generous support, Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center can continue our mission and offer local residents and families support and encouragement through our free programs and services.

Donate online by scanning the QR code or visiting [lakesareapregnancy.org/blessing-in-a-bottle](https://lakesareapregnancy.org/blessing-in-a-bottle)



LAKES  
AREA  
PREGNANCY  
SUPPORT CENTER

## JOIN THE CAMPAIGN

### 1 PICK UP A BOTTLE

Grab a baby bottle at a participating church starting on **Mother's Day, May 10, 2026.**

### 2 FILL IT WITH HOPE

Add cash or checks and invite others to give. You can also donate online anytime.

### 3 RETURN THE BOTTLE

Bring your filled bottle back to your church by **Father's Day, June 21, 2026.**





## Back to School Event

This year, we will again be having participating families do their own Back to School Event shopping using a purchasing voucher at Walmart. These vouchers will be valid to purchase ONLY specific items listed for school supplies, clothing, and athletic shoes. Vouchers cannot be cashed in or used for items that do not pertain to valid and approved purchases. Walmart will be sure to validate that any purchased item is listed on the voucher presented!

We are requesting help from the churches to raise the necessary funds for the project. The cost of purchasing school supply items can get spendy, depending on the grade. It has been very beneficial to have families do their own shopping. We are asking participating churches to consider contributing to this great project. Any amount would be appreciated. We usually serve between 75 and 85 children and supply \$150 per child. Thank you for your willingness to be a part of blessing the families of our communities!

We have been excited to hear feedback from so many thankful families! Please note that any excess funds received will also be used to purchase winter items for the Great Coat Giveaway this October.

With Best Regards,  
Back to School Event Committee

If you wish to make a donation, please put it in an offering envelope and mark it "Back to School." All donations must be sent to CARE by July 7<sup>th</sup>.



# Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help with Vacation Bible School. There are sign up sheets at the church.

We still need crew leaders to help guide the children from station to station; station leaders for the Conversation & Games stations; and someone to do a photo booth to take pictures of each child on Sunday night.

We also need conversation speakers who would be willing to come in for one night and share their faith story with three different age groups of children as they come through the Conversation Station. You should only have to talk from about five minutes for that one night only.

Any questions, please reach out to Cindy Spilman or Pastor Beth for a more in-depth description of duties and responsibilities.

## Vacation Bible School Supply List

These are some of the supplies the children will use to make a craft project each day for the week. If you have some of these things lying around and would like to donate them, that would be wonderful.

- ◆ Paper Plates
- ◆ Popsicle Sticks
- ◆ Craft Paints (Bright Colors, Red, Pinks, Blues, Purples, Greens, Yellow, Orange, White, Gold, Silver)
- ◆ Yarn (Any Color)
- ◆ Masking Tape (Wide & Narrow)
- ◆ 1 Inch Wide Paint Brushes (Cheap)
- ◆ Sharpie Markers
- ◆ Tissue Paper (Bright Fluorescent Colors)
- ◆ Mod Podge
- ◆ Battery Tea Light Candles



## **Strengthening Our Circle of Prayer at Motley UMC**

Prayer has always been the heartbeat of our church. As we look toward the summer, we are refocusing our efforts to ensure that every request for prayer is shared quickly and faithfully.

**Gratitude & Transitions** We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Linda Townsend**, who retired after years of dedicated service as our Prayer Chain Coordinator. We also thank **Paula Johnson** for her recent willingness to serve. As of May 1, we are looking for a new chapter in our prayer ministry.

**The "New" Phone & Email Chains** To make sure our legacy lives on, we are updating the **Phone Prayer Chain**. If you prefer a phone call, we are creating a new, streamlined list to ensure that no request gets "stuck." Our **Email Prayer Chain** also continues to be a fast and effective way to reach dozens of members instantly.

**We Need You!** Much has changed since we last promoted the prayer chain in 2018. If you are new to the church—or if you've been here for years but haven't joined yet—now is the time!

- **To Join:** Contact the office to be added to either the Phone or Email lists.
- **To Request Prayer:** You can now Call/Text/Email the office at (612) 221-1111 or [crosvold@motleyumc.net](mailto:crosvold@motleyumc.net).

**A Note to Potential Coordinators** We are looking for a volunteer to help "start" the chains when a request comes in. With new technology, this role is easier than ever and can be done entirely from home. If you have a heart for this ministry, please reach out to the Church Secretary.

## Serving You in June

**June 7:** Liturgist: VeRonica Sandberg

Greeters/Ushers: Steve & Sharon Sandberg

Coffee Time: **Potluck**

**June 14:** Liturgist: Harvey Macheel

Greeters/Ushers: Harvey & Connie Macheel

Coffee Time: Larry & Gwen Adams

**June 21:** Liturgist: Jomyla Choate

Greeters/Ushers: Jomyla Choate & Florence Berndt

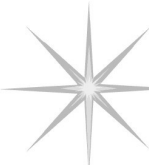
Coffee Time: Pastor Leslie Farewell Celebration

**June 28:** Liturgist: VeRonica Sandberg

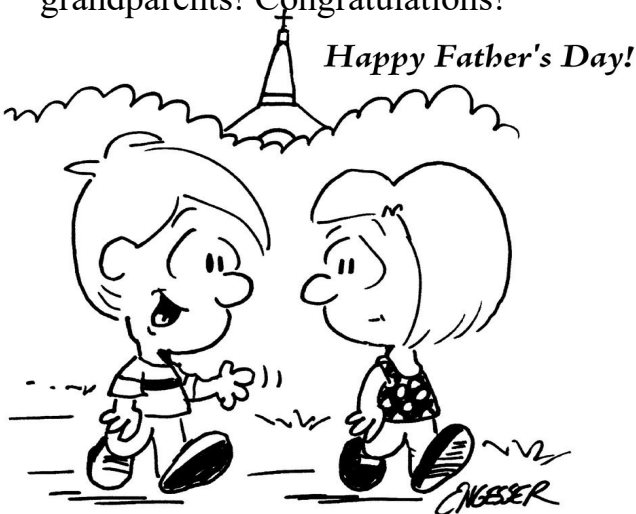
Greeters/Ushers: Robin Kramer & VeRonica Sandberg

Coffee Time:

## The Birth Star Twinkles



Beckett Marie was born to Carson & Olivia Berg on June 4, 2026. She was 8 lbs. 12 oz and 20 inches long. Pastor Greg & Stephanie Leslie are proud grandparents! Congratulations!



"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."



### June Birthdays

- 4 – Carolyn Lohman
- 5 - Miranda Lynn Harting
- 8 - Jeremy Daniels
- 9 - Fred Huebner
- 12 - Leticia Peterson
- 15 - Jackie Jensen
- 15 - Joe Eischeid
- 16 - Marc Gabiger
- 17 - Chris Rosvold
- 17 - Ron Kramer
- 23 - Shirley Godejohn
- 25 - LaDonna Peterson
- 26 - Delores Wohler

### June Birthdays (Continued)

- 26 - Richard Collman
- 28 - Lyric Kavanaugh
- 29 - Jeannie Hajek

### June Anniversaries

- 10 – Steve & Paula Johnson
- 13 - Bob & Carol Ford
- 20 - Richard & Katherine Collman
- 20 - Dennis & Cindy Macheel
- 22 - Greg & Stephanie Leslie
- 23 - Peter & Becky Smith
- 24 - Greg & Sherry Frisk
- 25 - Millard & Dawn Houser
- 26 - John & Jennifer Paananen

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:

**June 7:** Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12 (UMH 767);  
Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**June 14:** Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
(UMH 837); Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

**June 21:** Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or Psalm  
17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749); Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

**June 28:** Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13 (UMH 746);  
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42