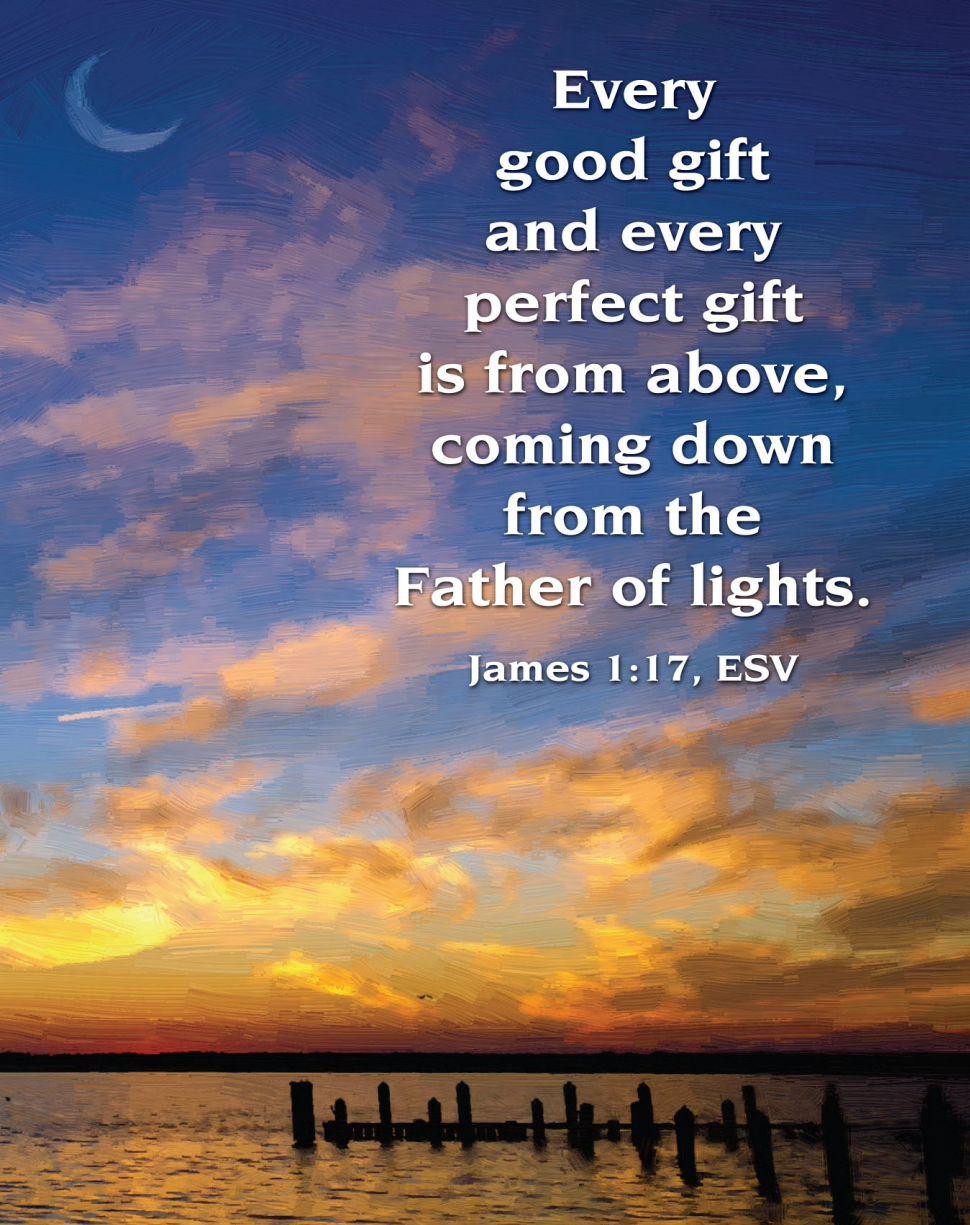


# THE BREEZE

A vertical photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, with a crescent moon visible in the upper left. The water is dark, and several wooden posts are visible in the foreground.

**Every  
good gift  
and every  
perfect gift  
is from above,  
coming down  
from the  
Father of lights.**

**James 1:17, 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: [www.MotleyUMC.net](http://www.MotleyUMC.net)**

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



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## Pastor Greg's September Message

Good September All,

Well, it is over...

Summer break has passed...

Time to get back at it...

From John's Gospel to Mark's Gospel, that is the direction we are going over the next few months. If you know anything about the Gospel of Mark, most theologians and scholars refer to it as the earliest Gospel, written during the 60's of the first century. Another fact about Mark is that it is straightforward, meaning that there isn't a lot of fill. Even when the author writes about miracles, there is little embellishment. But if you do study the miracles, you will notice that the stories really aren't about what happened; rather, they focus more on Jesus' identity. So, as we work our way through Mark, listen for such things as embarrassment, the term "Son of Man," and what makes Jesus a good teacher.

Second, since it is September, discipleship opportunities are available. There will always be the opportunity to teach Sunday School or help out with the Children during service. Remember that on the last Saturday of the month we will begin the Community Breakfast for the season. This is an opportunity to come on by and have pancakes, sausage, and eggs. This is always a free event, and if you do choose to donate, the money given goes to the Motley Food Shelf. Stop on by for conversation and fellowship on September 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am.

Remember, as the seasons change, let's be aware of those around us. Let's love the way Jesus wants us to love. Let's be aware of the words we use. We are all God's Children. We are all loved by Jesus.

Have a great September, and as always, if you need anything, don't be afraid to reach out to me.

God Bless,  
Pastor Greg Leslie

## EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 8 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am; ***Sunday School resumes***
- September 9 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- September 11 – United Women in Faith Gathering, 1 pm
- September 15 - Sunday Morning Celebration, 10 am
- September 16 - Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- September 18 – Game Day, 1-3 pm;  
Church Council Meeting, 3:15 pm
- September 21 – Headwaters District Gathering  
@Northern Pines Camp
- September 22 - Sunday Morning Celebration, 10 am
- September 23 - Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- September 28 – Community Pancake Breakfast at 9 am,  
***the first of the season***
- September 29 - Sunday Morning Celebration, 10 am,  
***Fifth Sunday Noisy Offering***
- September 30 - Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- October – ***Pastor Appreciation Month***
- October 1 – Mill Pond Board Meeting, 6 pm
- October 2 – Game Day, 1 pm
- October 6 - Sunday Worship Celebration w/Holy Communion  
at 10 am; First Sunday Potluck
- October 7 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am;  
Circle of Friends, 1 pm
- October 9 – United Women in Faith Gathering, 1 pm
- October 15 – Lefse making
- October 16 – Lefse making, Game Day, 1-3 pm;  
Church Council Meeting, 3:15 pm
- October 17-18 – ***MEA Break***
- October 18 – Groom supper and wedding rehearsal  
at MotleyUMC, 4 – 8 pm
- October 19 – Paige & Phil's Wedding at MotleyUMC
- October 23 – Fall Turkey Dinner, 4 pm
- October 26 – Community Pancake Breakfast at 9 am
- October 27 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am;  
AARP Smart Driver Class, 4-8 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 September 1, we will celebrate worship with the Holy Communion. Please have bread and juice ready if worshipping with us via Zoom on **September 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)*

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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)*

## Upper Room Devotional

The September/October 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.

## Church Council Meeting at 3:15 pm on September 18.

- ◇ This is an open meeting at MotleyUMC and we will be discussing, among other things, the church's fall/winter calendar. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- ◇ I will be recording the meeting transcript using Zoom; the option to attend via Zoom does, therefore, exist.

Zoom Meeting ID: **218 352 6466**

Password: *(Contact Church)*

## Women of the Church

You are invited to join the United Women in Faith group for its monthly gathering! Wednesday, September 11, is the date, 1 PM is the time, and the Fireside Room of the church is the place. Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, inspiration, and delicious treats. Arla Allen will lead us in devotions, and Jo Philipp will be our hostess for the afternoon.

All are welcome!



United  
Women  
in Faith

***We will have Potluck after service on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Bring a dish to share if you can; stay and enjoy the food either way!***



### **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

September 28, 2024

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 the Motley Area Food Shelf.**



## Game On!!!!!!

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



In September on September 4 and 18.

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!



## Other Events:

AA is meeting on Monday nights at 6 pm.

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



## **Fall Fun and Fellowship: Volunteers Needed!**

Fall is here, and with it comes a vibrant season of events at our church! We have a packed calendar filled with fun activities like the Fall Turkey Dinner, Lefse preparation/sale, and the Annual Fall Bazaar.

We're also excited to share the hope of the United Women in Faith to plan regular events like Bingo and Birthday celebrations at Harmony House.

However, to make these events a reality, we need your help! The United Women in Faith, like many church organizations, is facing challenges due to a decrease in membership. While there's a strong desire to keep these traditions alive, we can't manage them all without additional support.

**Do you have a passion for planning and leading events?**

We're looking for volunteers willing to step up and take the lead on coordinating these beloved church activities.

**Here's what you can do to help:**

- **Offer to spearhead a specific event** like the Fall Bazaar or a monthly birthday celebration at Harmony House.
- **Join a planning committee** to brainstorm ideas and share responsibilities.

**Donate your time and skills** to assist with setup, decoration, or other aspects of the events.

**Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference!**

**Ready to get involved or even just thinking about it?** Please contact Liz Curren at 218-269-3434 or [jack-son101937@outlook.com](mailto:jack-son101937@outlook.com) to discuss your interest and learn more about volunteer opportunities.

**Together, let's make this fall season a time of joy, connection, and giving back to our community!**

# Santa Day



## SANTA DAY

Santa Day was a success last year, and we are doing it again this year on December 7<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.

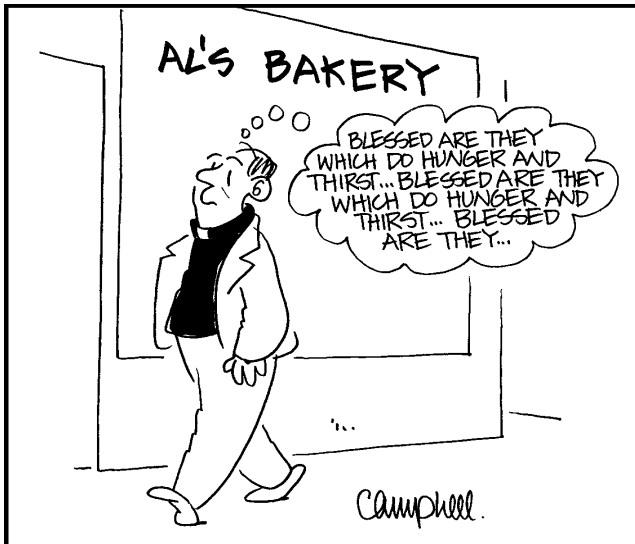
When you are out shopping, look for good deals this fall and pick up a few items that can be used for Santa Day. If you wish, you can make a donation, and someone else will do the shopping.

It is a fun day, and the excitement of children is priceless.

Look for sign-up sheets as the date in December gets closer. Thank you!

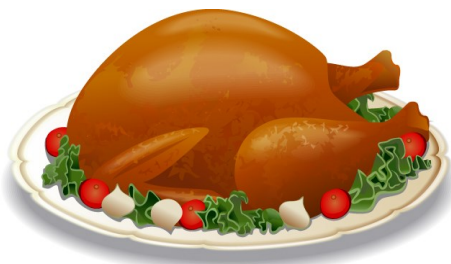
***"Be the reason someone smiles.  
Be the reason someone feels loved  
and believes in the goodness in people."***

— Roy T. Bennett, author



## Smart Driver Class

An AARP Smart Drive class has been scheduled for October 27, from 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. These classes do give drivers age **55+** a discount on their automobile insurance.



## FALL TURKEY DINNER

OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>  
4:00 - 6:30 pm

A postcard will be mailed out asking for desserts or a donation in late September. We are very, very early in the planning stages. More information will be announced at the Sunday church services and in the October Breeze.

### **A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

**No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else. —Charles Dickens**

### 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

# MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 14, 2024, 3:15 pm

Present: Sherry Frisk, Linda Townsend, Pastor Greg, Robin Kramer, Liz Curren, Jomyla Choate, Jeremy Reeck, Shirley Godejohn, Jo Philipp, Chris Rosvold

Pastor Greg opened the meeting with a prayer at 3:15 pm.

Agenda: Turkey Dinner added to New Business.

Linda moved, and Jomyla seconded to accept the June 19 minutes as presented. Carried.

## **Finance Report: FOR JULY 30, 2024**

At the end of July, we had \$43,872.35 in the bank. Our 2024 income was \$122,085.98 and expenses were \$112,062.57, showing earnings of around \$10,000. The “Back to School” donation of \$1025 was sent to C.A.R.E. I don’t know of any big expenses or income changes coming up.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Townsend, Treasurer

Robin moved, and Chris seconded to accept as presented. Carried.

**Trustees:** The carpets were cleaned, and coffee spills have already required spot cleaning. Jeff Curren is currently performing maintenance around the church, including replacing the bell rope, cleaning the grout, window sealing, and play-ground maintenance. Also, the toilets, although it was reported that there may still be issues with the toilet in the women’s handicap-accessible stall. Arranging to get equipment with a bucket to clean out sand by playset to replace with either more sand or wood chips. Will follow up to see if Rod would provide chips. The thermostat in the sanctuary has an as-yet-unknown problem.

**SPRC:** No report.

**UW in Faith:** UWF is considering whether and how to maintain activities due to a need for leadership/coordination. Liz &

Shirley will be doing the lefse making on October 16 & 17 prior to the Fall Turkey Dinner with the intention of having sales at the dinner and at the Bazaar. Liz will also be writing an article for the Breeze to see if anyone is willing to step up and coordinate the Bazaar.

**Haiti Partnership:** The Jumpin' Jehosafats concert is on August 29 at 6:30 pm. There is a crew that will be making bars for that, and Haitian items will be for sale. Advertising has gone out and is up at various places. There will also be a Noisy Offering again at the end of September, so Jomyla will write an article for the newsletter about that.

**Memorial Committee:** No report.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor will be having a one-on-one meeting with the new conference superintendent later this month. He will be looking for pulpit supply for the Sunday after Paige & Phil's wedding (October 20), and the first Sunday of hunting season, which is not All Saints Sunday this year. Sunday School will be starting on September 8.

**Old Business:** Paper shredding is to be scheduled here after October 15 in coordination with the Lions.

**New Business:** Turkey Dinner will be on October 23; looking into seeing if it will work out to have the turkey pre-cooked and sliced if that is feasible cost-wise. We should know by next meeting if that will work.

We are on the CARE schedule to have our April breakfast be a CARE community breakfast. Our other non-designated Community Breakfasts will have any donations go to support the food shelf as they have in the past.

There will be a Headwaters District gathering at Northern Pines camp on September 21 that all laity and clergy are invited to. Multiple events will be held, including a meet-and-greet with the new Superintendent, Rev. Becky Jo Messenbrink. The cost is \$20, and people do need to pre-register. If

we can get some people signed up, we will look at riding together up there from MotleyUMC.

**The next council meeting** is on September 18 at 3:15 pm. The meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Rosvold

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## Headwaters District Gathering at Northern Pines Camp

20033 County 1, Park Rapids, MN 56470

September 21, 2024, from 9:15 am - 3:00 pm

Meet and Greet Conference Superintendent Rev. Becky Jo Messenbink. All clergy and laity are invited.

Events of the day:

- ◇ United Women in Faith
- ◇ United Methodist Men
- ◇ Certified Lay Speaker
- ◇ Certified Lay Minister
- ◇ Deaconess and Home Missioner
- ◇ Emma Norton Services
- ◇ Much, much more...

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/QRn8BA8Rrr44RAq7>

Cost: \$20.00, payable to MN UWFAITH.

If you need to register via regular mail, send to Marion Hansen 28287 CR 23, Sebeka, MN. 56477  
Check payable to MN UWFaith who is hosting this gathering.  
Make payment online at: <https://tinyurl.com/mnuwfaithpay>

Headwaters District will continue to use North Star District for payments and donations until 12/31/24

For assistance with online payment, call Marion Hansen at 218-539-0954 or Sandy Meyer 952-270-1157 and have your debit or credit card ready.



Welcome to one of our newest members:

**Allen Larson**



Welcome Allen Larson, a new member of our church and our community. Raised in Pierce County, Wisconsin, Allen and his wife Renee married in 1968 and lived in Bay City, Wisconsin. Allen worked at International Harvester; the economy wasn't doing very well, and while Renee was visiting Colorado, he called her and said, "If you can find me a job there, we will move to Colorado. Otherwise, we are moving to Alaska." Ten years ago, he retired as a maintenance worker from the United States Olympic Center in Colorado Springs. (He named off many famous athletes whom he met while working there.)

Allen and Renee moved to Motley seven years ago to live near their daughter. Sadly, Renee passed away two and a half years ago. Allen is a proud father of five children, grandfather of eighteen, great-grandfather of twenty, and great-great-grandfather of one.

I first noticed Allen sitting in the bleachers at sporting events in the high school and then at our Sunday Services. When asked, he said he had a granddaughter living with him who attends Staples Motley Middle School and plays volleyball. Allen enjoys going to watch high school sports. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, and woodworking; he also has a dog and a cat. When asked how it came about that he chose the Motley United Methodist Church, Allen shared that he has always been a Methodist and attended the Methodist Church in Ono, Wisconsin. Allen finds the families in our congregation to be very friendly. Welcome to Motley and the Motley United Methodist Church. See you in the high school gym! Did I mention he is a Packer fan?!? .

## FIFTH SUNDAY NOISY OFFERING

Let's gather up our loose change to make a difference! On Sunday, September 29, Motley UMC will hold its second Noisy Offering of 2024 to support the Haiti Partnership. Your donations will directly fund the ongoing Haiti Partnership projects, including filters to provide clean water, medical and dental clinics, micro-credit banks, housing, and food assistance. Bring your loose change or currency, or make checks payable to the Haiti Partnership. A glass jar will be available on the greeting table during daytime church office hours for those unable to attend the service. Please continue to pray for our friends in Haiti and the work of the Partnership.





## **“Back to School” Blessings**

Greetings,

On behalf of the CARE Ministries Committee, we would like to thank you for your support and generous donations to our ***Back-to-School Event***. Thanks to you, we were able to serve 85 children from the Staples and Motley communities this year! We served our families with \$150.00 vouchers (one per child) to be used at Wadena Walmart. Purchases were restricted to clothing, athletic shoes, school supplies, and a healthy snack. In addition, we gave out 35 vouchers for free haircuts for the children at a local salon. We purchased and distributed Cardinal Back Packs locally from LMH.

The children and parents were so thankful and once again enjoyed the possibility of purchasing the sizes and styles that were appropriate for their child. Many children enjoyed visiting a salon for their back-to-school haircuts!

Without your financial support this program would not be possible. Thank you again for your generosity!

Sincerely,

CARE Ministries/Back to School Event Committee

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### **BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER**

Dear Heavenly Father  
Please put a hand of  
protection this school  
year on all the  
Children  
Teachers  
And Staff  
Watch over them  
Protect them  
Love them  
We Thank You  
God  
For all you do  
Amen



Why did the chicken cross  
the playground?  
To get to the other slide.

## Serving You in September

**September 1:** Liturgist: Bernice Thomson

Greeters/Ushers: Mick & Donna Farber

Coffee Time: Potluck

**September 8:** Liturgist: Harvey & Connie Macheel

Greeters/Ushers: Harvey Macheel

Coffee Time: Shirley W & Vicki S

**September 15:** Liturgist: Greg Townsend

Greeters/Ushers: Greg & Linda Townsend

Coffee Time: Adams

**September 22:** Liturgist: Pastor Greg

Greeters/Ushers: Bill & Fran Kokett

Coffee Time: Circle of Friends

**September 29:** Liturgist: Jeremy Reeck

Greeters/Ushers: Jeremy & Jodi Reeck

Coffee Time: Kokett & Hollands

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Fall is here, and it is time to get back into our routine of Sunday School. We meet after Pastor Greg's children's sermon and have so much fun. This year, we are going to follow up on what Pastor Greg teaches us in his sermons to the children. This way, parents and grandparents will be able to hear what the Pastor says in his short children's sermon and be able to discuss the Sunday School lesson with their children. All the children meet together, and the discussions are at different levels to meet everyone's learning ability.

Mark your calendars for September 8-our first day of Sunday School. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!



*The Kids are heading back to school;  
please watch & stop for buses!*

# SEPTEMBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### September Birthdays

6 - Sherry (Miller) Frisk  
11 - Dawn Swartz  
12 - Marie Smith  
14 - Cyle Westman  
18 - Carla Scripture  
18 - Sandi Larson  
20 - Elaine Rogers  
22 - Arla Allen  
22 - Dave Rowe  
22 - Rebecca Swartz  
23 - Gwen Adams  
23 - Edna Hayes  
25 - Peter Smith

### September Birthdays (Continued)

25 - Sharla Trutwin  
26 - Dorothy Halverson  
26 - Gwen Lumsden  
28 - Florence Berndt  
30 - Rick Nadeau  
30 - Gayle Quinn

### September Anniversaries

1 - John & Sally Miller  
6 - Mike & Jeannie Hajek  
14 - Steve & Alice Sunde  
15 - Jeremy & Jodi Reeck  
16 - Brandon & Lindsay Fuller  
18 - Tom & Linda Michalson

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:

**September 1:** Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72 (UMH 795); James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**September 8:** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125 or Psalm 124 (UMH 846); James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

**September 15:** Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19 (UMH 750); James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

**September 22:** Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1 (UMH 738); James 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

**September 29:** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10: 9:20-22; Psalm 124 (UMH 846); James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

**Liturgical Color for September:** Green