


THE BREEZE

Psalm 100:4, NIV



**“Enter his gates with
thanksgiving and his
courts with praise;
give thanks to him
and praise his name.”**

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**

On Facebook: 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 Disciples,

My, the landscape has changed. The leaves have fallen, and the weather has become cooler. I can definitely say that fall is in the air. This morning, I was watching the news and noticed that Duluth was in a winter storm watch, and it's October 30th. Break out your winter coats; winter is coming!

November, for me, has always been a transitional month. After a busy October, having the Fall Dinner, and rolling Lefse, maybe November is a time to slow down. But the reality is this: we are only just beginning. We are not quite to Advent, but we should probably be preparing for it. We have Thanksgiving, which is late this year, on the 28th, and then Sunday, December 1st, we are right into Advent. I know I am getting ahead of myself.

So, what does November entail?

As I said, preparing. We need to prepare for Santa Day, which is December 7th. This is just a small reminder that donations are still needed. We need gifts for all ages. For dads, for teenage boys and girls, and even grandparents. Make sure that you look for deals when you are out shopping. If you do purchase something for Santa Day, there is a box in the fellowship hall where you can place your donations. If you are not one who wants to shop, we are also taking monetary donations; you can drop a check or cash into the offering plate; just make sure you document if you want the money to go to Santa Day. Lastly, make sure you clear your calendar for the day; we can use everyone's help, and it gives you a great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Remember, there will be treats and popcorn, so come and help on December 7th.

Another thing that will be happening in November is the hanging of the greens. That will take place on Sunday, November 24th, right after church. A lot of hands make little 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 the last

week of November. Yes, I do realize that it is the day before Thanksgiving, but the study is four weeks long. This year, we will be using the study, *The Christmas Letters*, by Magrey DeVega. There will be a sign-up for this study on the table near the doors of the church. If you don't want to read, there is also an Audible version available on Amazon. If you want a 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 month,

Pastor Greg Leslie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 17 - Sunday Morning Celebration, 10 am

November 18 - Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

November 20 – Game Day, 1-3 pm;

Church Council Meeting, 3:15 pm

November 24 - Sunday Morning Celebration, 10 am;

Hangin' of the Greens, 11 am

November 25 - Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

November 27 – Advent Study at 7 pm on Zoom

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

November 30 – Community Pancake Breakfast at 9 am

December 1–First Sunday of Advent Worship Celebration w/
Holy Communion at 10 am; First Sunday Chili Potluck

December 2 – Monday Morning Bible Study 10 am;

Circle of Friends, 1 pm

December 3 – Game Day, 1-3 pm;

Advent Study at 7 pm on Zoom

December 7 – *Santa Day*; 10 am – 1 pm

December 8 – Sunday Worship Celebration at 10 am

December 9 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am

December 10 – United Women in Faith Gathering & Christmas
Potluck, 1 pm; Advent Study at 7 pm on Zoom.

December 15 – Sunday Worship Celebration w/*Children's
program* at 10 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 December 1, we will celebrate worship with the Holy Communion. Please have bread and juice ready if worshipping with us via Zoom on **December 1**.

Where: In person at MotleyUMC and on Zoom.

When: 10 am

MotleyUMC <https://zoom.us/j/973954278>

Meeting ID: **973 954 278** Password: *(Contact Church)*

Monday Morning Study

Monday Morning Bible Study via Zoom

Time: Every week on Monday at 10:00 AM

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

Meeting ID: **868 2685 8534**

Password: *(Contact Liz)*

Church Council Meeting at 3:15 pm on November 20.

This is an open meeting at MotleyUMC.

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)*

Advent Study

Pastor Greg will be leading an Advent Study on Zoom. It will be a four-week study, starting on Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87417145764>

Meeting ID: 874 1714 5764

Password: *(Contact Church)*



Chili Feed & Potluck

*We will have a Chili Potluck on Sunday,
December 1st, after the church service.
Anyone wishing can bring a dessert or
something that goes with chili.
All are welcome to stay after to enjoy the
chili fest.*



November

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY

November 30, 2024

9—10:30 AM

Ready for a break from turkey? Community Breakfasts at MotleyUMC are on the **last Saturday of each month**. Next is November 30th, 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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[847 3RD Ave S in Motley](#)



Game Days Like having fun? Game On!!!!!!
First, Third & Fifth Wednesday of each month,
Upcoming on November 20 & December 4 & 18.
From 1:00 to 3:00 pm.



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!**

Santa Day



SANTA DAY

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

Other Events:

AA is meeting on Monday nights at **6 pm.**

Bone Builders is meeting on Tuesday and Friday Mornings.

Santa Day



Saturday, December 7th

Time: 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Youth are invited to Santa Day to have fun & pick out presents for family and have them wrapped.

There will be presents for the kids to shop; shopping assistants for the kids, and wrapping stations will be set up so that the presents will be bagged & tagged for Christmas right away. There will be no cost for this event.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Motley United Methodist Church

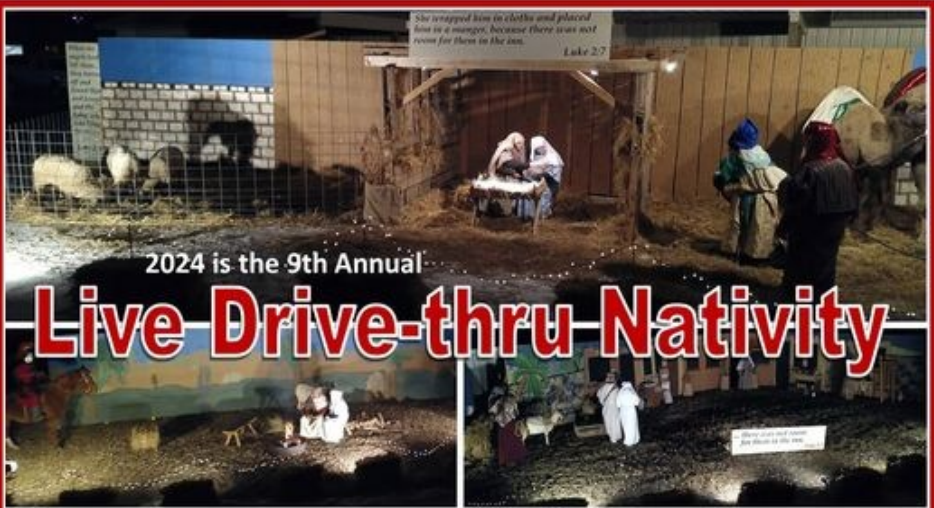
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*December
7th*

Don't miss *Lunch with Santa!*
This event will be held at St John's
Lutheran Church from 11 am to 1 pm.
Pictures can be taken with Santa.
Hosted by the Motley Lion's Club





2024 is the 9th Annual
Live Drive-thru Nativity

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10-11
(notice new days!) 6:00-8:30 p.m.

**** Cass County Fairgrounds in Pillager**

Complete Christmas story portrayed in live drama. ● Come anytime between 6:00-8:30. The time it takes to drive through the Nativity depends on the traffic, approximately 10-15 minutes.

You NEVER leave the car ... bring the whole family.

● **Watch for traffic signs.**

FREE admission (A donation bucket will be available at the end.)

Featuring live animals ● including camels, horses, sheep, and donkeys.

Sponsored by Casino Assembly of God of Pillager
 Involvement from over 15 area churches.

Call Sue Van Hal for more information or if you wish to participate (218) 821-2276
 Financial donations and sponsorship accepted.

""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

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SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER**Look for the Good!**

November 8, 2024: The past few weeks have been very busy around Midwest Mission! Two hurricanes hit, we hosted multiple volunteer events to replenish supplies, many shipments were sent out of the warehouse, Iowa Ingathering was last weekend, and we hosted a few events in Iowa ... WOW! It's been crazy, but it has also been *so good!*

In the month of October, we sent out \$1.89 million worth of humanitarian aid! Take a look at the picture of the whiteboard that shares all we sent.

It is obvious how many people are passionate about meeting the needs of people around the world. For that, we are deeply grateful.

When disasters hit, it is terribly disheartening as we hear about people suffering, and watch it play out from afar. BUT, while the news relies on the bad, we are here to tell you there is still so much good happening!

Neighbors meeting the needs of neighbors, people receiving needed supplies from people they may never meet, churches sending teams to help clean up houses, communities coming together to care for one another even though they've all lost something, and the list goes on. There is hope for the hurting, in the form of people coming together to provide for those in need.

Last week, we shared about Dave and Deb Gowdy who drove supplies down to North Carolina. They said there wasn't a dry eye when they delivered the supplies. Everyone was so appreciative of the very needed masks, trash bags, Cleaning Kits,

Hygiene Kits, and more. They are gathering a list of additional necessary supplies so the requests in this area can be fulfilled.

Food For The Poor has also been busy distributing supplies in Florida through the Baptist Association, and the Catholic Florida Conference. Times of disaster are always such a beautiful reminder that being the hands and feet of Jesus knows no bounds of denominations, and the desire to help those who are struggling is innate in us. A volunteer recently said in an interview, "theology divides, but mission unites." Isn't that so true!

As we continue to replenish supplies and assemble Kits for new requests that come in, may we remember the mission behind it all – to bring the hearts and hands of God's people together to transform resources into humanitarian aid. It's the best way to show God's love in a practical way.

Go forward this coming week in love and service. Whether you are donating supplies for people in need around the world, or keeping an eye out for how you can love your neighbors better, remember Galatians 5:13 - "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

THANK YOU IOWA INGATHERING!

YOU DONATED 47,788 LBS OF SUPPLIES!

CEDAR FALLS
11,837 LBS

CHEROKEE
7,007 LBS

FORT DODGE
7,930 LBS

GREENFIELD
9,997 LBS

MT. PLEASANT
11,017 LBS

We are so grateful for our partnership with Iowa Ingathering! The supplies that are donated completely fill our warehouse, keep our volunteers busy for several months, and prevent us from having to purchase a lot of supplies!

Every year, people from all over Iowa travel to one of five sites where they drop off needed supplies for Midwest Mission, and support other organizations through monetary gifts.

Churches of all sizes participate in this day of mission. And they prepare for it all year long, making Kits, weaving Sleeping Mats, collecting medical supplies, and more!

Thank you to everyone who participated!

Prayers to Lift Up

Lord, we pray this week that you would establish the work of our hands. That you would be present as we live for you and work for you, no matter our occupations. Let us be good in your eyes.

“May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands.”

-Psalms 90:17

Current Needs:

For the Cleaning Kit:

- Laundry Detergent (32-64 oz.)
- Liquid Dish Soap (16-34 oz.)
- Work Gloves with Leather Palms
- Kitchen Gloves

Heavy Duty Trash Bags or Contractor Bags (2+ mil thickness)

Other Requests:

- Shampoo (12-19 oz)
- Deodorant (2-3 oz)

You can purchase items on Amazon [here](#).

You can bring items to Midwest Mission or a [Permanent Collection Site](#) near you — or send them through the mail to 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558

**MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES**

October 16, 2024, 3:15 pm

Present: Pastor Greg Leslie, Gayle Quinn, Liz Curren, Robin Kramer, Sherry Frisk, Cindy Spilman, Jomyla Choate, Linda Townsend, Shirley Watson, Jeremy Reeck, Chris Rosvold

Pastor Greg opened the meeting with a prayer at 3:17 pm.

Agenda approved.

Liz moved, and Robin seconded to accept the September 18 minutes with corrections. Carried.

Finance Report: Through September 30, 2024

We had \$41,143 in the bank at the end of September. Our income for the year was \$150,857, and our expenses were \$144,227, showing earnings of \$6,630. We have the turkey dinner coming up, and that will raise some additional funds. We are currently collecting money for Santa Day, and I will write a check to whoever is shopping. I have attached the Balance Sheet and Income/Expense reports.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Townsend, Treasurer

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

Trustees: Sprinklers were blown out today and winterized. The playground needs to be taken down as it is unsafe; the plan is to have it down before Halloween. Robin & Jeremy will be looking into replacement options to be put up in the spring. They will consult our insurance company for guidance on getting plastic or metal.

UW in Faith: Will decide whether to go inactive at the November meeting. UWF has been purchasing The Upper Room; the church may need to take over the subscription if the unit does decide to go inactive. Chris motioned & Liz seconded for the church to continue the subscription if our UWF unit goes inactive. Carried.

Haiti Partnership: The Noisy Offering on September 29 raised \$207. 52. The medical and dental clinics have been very successful, serving over 250 people.

Memorial Committee: Looking at ordering some new banners for Advent, probably from Cokesbury. Chris will investigate receiving catalogs on banners since we haven't received any recently. Cindy will do some research into replacing the planters in front of the church with something more permanent.

Pastor's Report: Greg requested feedback at the last meeting on conducting a virtual Advent Bible study this year, considering the participation from last year. He was encouraged to proceed with the study as the participants much appreciated it. The first night of the Advent study will be the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving since Thanksgiving is so late this year, leaving only 3 Wednesdays in December prior to Christmas Eve.

We discussed reaching out to Superintendent Becky Jo Messenbrink about potentially moving the church conference, which was mandatory and required a minimum of 3 participants, due to the bazaar, which is also happening on November 2nd. It is being held in Fergus Falls on November 3rd in the afternoon, which would work better for us. Pastor Greg also mentioned an alternative option of having Mark, a pastor from Park UMC, come over and lead the event. However, this would require approval from the conference, and Greg would need to reach out to Mark early next week. The decision on whether to proceed with Mark's involvement was left open-ended.

There are budget and salary forms that need to be ready for the conference, or at least before the next council meeting.

New Business: We discussed setting up tables for various upcoming events, including the trunk or treat on October 31st, a wedding on October 19th, and the bazaar on October 30th. We will have the hanging of the greens on November 24th before the start of Advent on December 1st.

The children's Christmas program was scheduled for the third Sunday of Advent, December 15th. Santa Day was set for December 7th; the Lions Club will also have a Santa luncheon on that date.

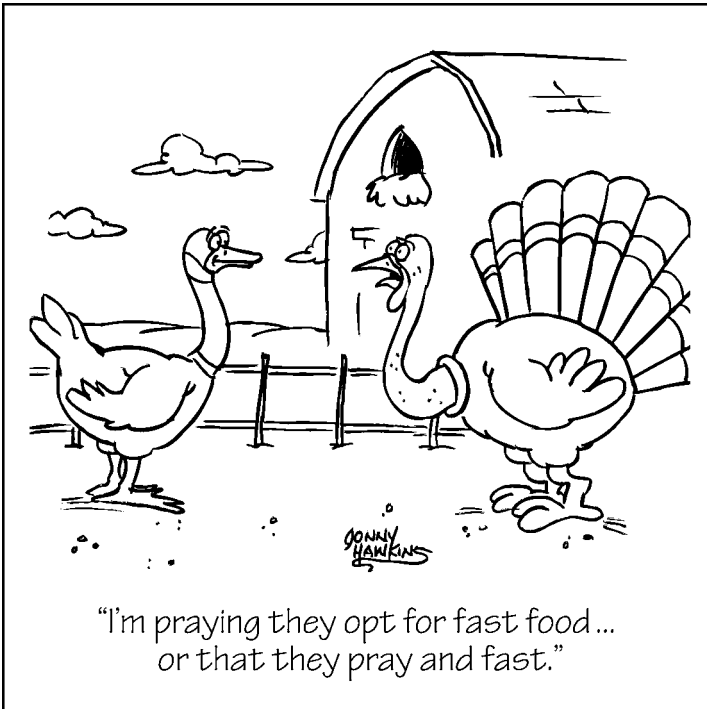
We have had some issues with a couple of members reacting to smells (cleaning products?) in the church. Robin will check with the Adams to see if something new is being used.

The next council meeting is on November 20 at 3:15 pm. The meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Rosvold

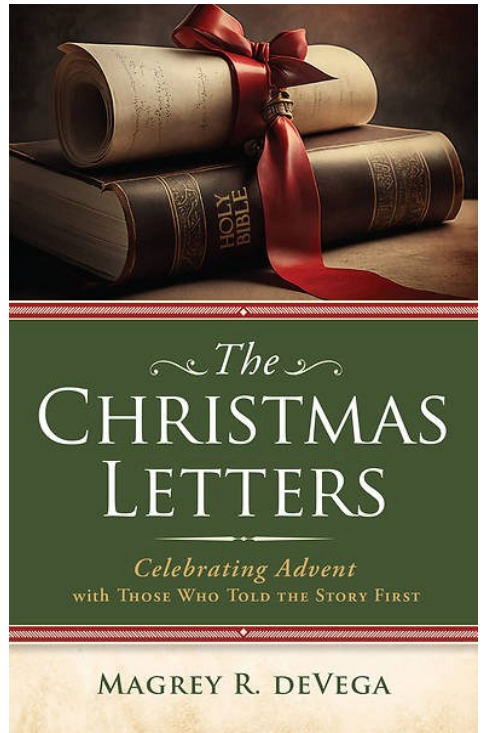
HANGING OF THE GREENS

Once again its that time of year when we decorate for the Advent season. **Sunday, November 24th**, 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.



Advent Study

Pastor Greg will be leading an Advent Study on Zoom. It will be a four-week study, starting on Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 pm. The book that we will be using is "The Christmas Letters" by Magrey DeVega; please sign up, and we will order the books from Cokesbury for \$13.50. An audiobook and an eBook are available from Amazon.



A Heartfelt Thank You

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our dedicated church members who have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks. Your efforts have made our recent events a resounding success. From the meticulous preparation of lefse for sale at our Fall Harvest Turkey Dinner and Bazaar to the countless hours spent setting up, serving, and cleaning up for the wedding, our Fall Harvest Turkey Dinner, the community breakfast, Trunk or Treat, Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale, and All Saints Sunday celebration, your hard work and dedication have been truly inspiring.

Your willingness to go the extra mile, whether it's volunteering your time, sharing your culinary skills, or simply offering a helping hand, has created a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all who attended our events. Your efforts have not only strengthened our church community but have also made a positive impact on our local community.

Thank you again for your selfless service. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful congregation.

Are you 55 or older?

Top 3 reasons Foster Grandparents love to volunteer:

- “It gets me out of my house.”
- “The kids make me feel younger.”
- “I know I am making a difference.”

Now accepting
applications for
2024-2025

Foster Grandparents provide one-on-one support in classrooms, after-school programs, Head Start and childcare centers. Our volunteers:

- tutor
- mentor
- and encourage children & youth

Other benefits:

- Joy of kids' success
- Mileage reimbursement
- Many qualify for a per-hour stipend



AmeriCorps
Seniors



Central MN
**Foster
Grandparent
Program**

For more information, or to apply, contact:

Mark Giese, Area Supervisor

Central MN Foster Grandparent Program

Phone (320) 229-4593

Email mark.giese@ccstcloud.org

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!



Provide a poinsettia to adorn the sanctuary on Christmas Eve, December 24th, and on Sunday, December 29th. Bring a poinsettia you have purchased to the church during office hours after December 15th, or order a poinsettia from Williams through the church office. Please return the completed order form, along with your payment, to the church office by Sunday, December 8th. Make checks payable to Motley UMC with memo: Poinsettia. Following worship on December 29th, you may take your plant home to enjoy the rest of the Christmas season.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

I _____ will purchase my own poinsettia (your name) and deliver to the church **OR**

Please order these poinsettia (cash or check enclosed):

- _____ Red (6") \$20
- _____ White (6") \$20
- _____ Pink (6") \$20
- _____ Jingle Bells (6") \$20

They all come with decorative foil, but if anyone wants to add a bow, it will be an additional \$2 per bow.

Given by

(printed name(s) for bulletin insert)

Given in Honor of

(printed name(s) for bulletin insert)

Given in Memory of

(printed name(s) for bulletin insert)

This was on the internet. I hope it blesses you.

Jesus Loves Me

Many years ago, while watching a little TV on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a Church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired for many years.

He was 92 at that time, and I wondered why the Church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm welcome and introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gate to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind, he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself, and then quietly and slowly, he began to speak.

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching was. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me.....the only thing that would comfort me was this verse.

"Jesus loves me this I know.

For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong,

We are weak, but he is strong.....

Yes, Jesus loves me...

The Bible tells me so."

When he finished, the church was quiet. You could actually hear his footsteps as he shuffled back to his chair. I don't believe I will ever forget it.

A pastor once stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children, of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

Senior version of Jesus Loves Me

Here is a new version just for us who have white hair or no hair at all. For us over middle age (or even those almost there) and all you others, check out this newest version of "Jesus Loves Me". It is quite good, so read, sing, and enjoy."

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as
snow.
Though my sight is growing
dim,
Still, He bids me trust in Him.

Chorus:
Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes, Jesus loves me;
The Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh so
slow,
With my hand in His, I'll go.
On through life, let come what
may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

Chorus:

Though I am no longer young,
I have much which He's begun.
Let me serve Christ with a
smile,
Go with others the extra mile.

Chorus:

When the nights are dark and
long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."

Chorus:

When my work on earth is
done,
And life's victories have been
won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love

Chorus:

I love Jesus; does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

Chorus.

Serving You in November

November 17: Liturgist: Harvey Macheel

Greeters/Ushers: Harvey & Connie Macheel

Coffee time: Jackie Dumpprope

November 24: Liturgist: Jill Holland

Greeters/Ushers: Russ & Jill Holland

Coffee time: Sandbergs

December 1: Liturgist: Ming Rosvold

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Ming Rosvold

Coffee time: Chili Potluck

December 8: Liturgist: Bernice Thomson

Greeters/Ushers: Bernice Thomson & Vicki Schmidt

Coffee time:

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 minute 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*

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 Mohler
- 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 3: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24 (UMH 755); Revelations 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

November 10: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127 or Psalm 42 (UMH 777); Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 17: 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113 (UMH 834); Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 24: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18) (UMH 849); Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Liturgical Color for November 3 & 24: White;
November 10 & 17: Green; December 1: Purple