



Motley Free Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

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Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are you a king then"? Jesus answered "you say rightly that I am a King. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice"

John 19:37 (NKJV)

March is already upon us. March is Lenten season, Triumphal entrance Sunday, Good Friday and Resurrection morning. I hope that this is a great season for each of you. I trust that you are spending time with the Lord, especially this season. I pray that this season sees many others come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Have you invited anyone to church lately? Will we invite people to church this Easter season? It's a really good time for non-church going folks to be invited and encouraged to come and worship the Lord Jesus with us. I hope that we will all find folks to invite to church, and to Jesus Christ, this season.

Thank you for the response from all those who want to be part of the Disciple Making training class. There are a few in the group who work the day shift, so we are going to need to do this training class in the evening. Most nights at the church have already got studies and classes scheduled. My day off is Friday, so the only good night for me/us to do this training seems to be Monday evenings. I do realize that there is already a small group meeting that night too, but I don't see any other nights to do this. So, with that said, I will plan to start this Disciple Making training to those who want to be trained- on Monday night March 25th. Now, let me say this to all participants again too; this training is so that you will be able to train the next person(s) that need to be trained or want to be discipled. I am looking forward to having a trained team of disciple makers. I am very excited about that. So, if you have any other questions, please let me know, otherwise we will start Monday, March 25th at 6:00 pm.

Thank you too, to the rest of the team leaders doing Sunday morning classes and weekly bible study groups. Every one of these are opportunities to grow in the Lord Jesus Christ, so I want to say Thank you to you all again for helping people grow. Thank You Awana team, Youth group leaders, and Sunday morning kids class leaders too. God bless you all.

If you have not checked out the Wednesday evening service yet, that too is another learning opportunity.

I want to tell you about another upcoming event that we are going to host here at MFMC in April. On Saturday April 27th from 8:30- 3:30 we are going to partner with L.A.P.S to host a Livestream Event for couples. This event is called Blended and Blest, and the Livestream will be from Family Life. This event will be to assist "blended families" in their day-to-day parenting. It is also beneficial to adoptive families and more. There will be 4 sessions throughout the day and lunch will be provided by MFMC. There is more information posted on the bulletin board now.

Lastly, on Sunday April 28th , Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge choir will be here to sing for us again. We will have pot-luck lunch together that day and we will plan to bless them with an offering or the offerings of the day or something.

**Serving Jesus and serving you,
Pastor Jim**



Acts chapter 1 Jesus is talking to his disciples. He instructed them to stay in Jerusalem until they received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8 ⁸ *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be **witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Friends, as Christ followers we are commanded in scripture to be witnesses. The location of your witness may vary for each of us, but the fact remains, we are witnesses of Jesus for the advancing of the kingdom. I can't think of a bigger privilege.

Saturday, March 23, I will be hosting a Prayer Walk and Potluck lunch at 10:30am starting at the MFMC. We will break up into teams and walk around our community and hand out literature about our Holy Week schedule, Youth Group, and Wednesday Night Services. We will ask neighbors if we can pray for them. This will be rain, sleet, snow, and/or sun event so dress for the weather! We will meet at the Church at 10:30am and plan on being back around 12:00 for a potluck lunch. Start praying for this event and for our community now in hopes Gods grace is leading the way for his Glory. Prayerfully consider coming, I would love to see a large crowd supporting this walk. To be the hands and feet of Jesus witnessing to our neighbors. We are called to make disciples and spread the good news of Jesus Christ! Amen.

**Praying for you,
Assistant Pastor Casey**

STAFF HOURS

PASTOR JIM: FRIDAY: OFF	PASTOR CASEY: MONDAY TUESDAY-FRIDAY OFF 9AM-5PM	JENNIFER: MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 10AM-4PM THURSDAY OFF FRIDAY 8AM-6PM MARCH 6-11 & 25 th OUT OF OFFICE
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1 ST	Kingdom youth event 6:00pm
3 rd	Dale & Muriel Nelson 65 th Anniversary Gathering- Humphrey Manor Sunroom 2:00-4:00pm Cake, Coffee & Punch
9 th	Women's group meeting 9am
11 th	BOA Meeting 6:30 pm
16 th	Food Shelf Fundraising Concert 6pm
23 rd	Prayer Walk. Meet at the church at 10:30am. Potluck after.
29 th	Good Friday Service 6pm
31 st	Easter Breakfast served 8-10am Both Services as usual



The Sanctuary will be open daily for Prayer during the Lent Season

*For future events see the calendar on page 8 of monthly newsletter

SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Children's Church
	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Children's Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Celebrate Recovery
MONDAY	6:00 PM	Bible Art Journaling (last Monday class 3/18)
	6:00 PM	Disciple Making Training
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Bible Study at Sunny Pines
	6-8:00 PM	Grief Share
	6:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Bible Art Journaling (Temporarily switching to Tuesdays starting 3/26)
WEDNESDAY	11:00 AM	Prayer Time
	6:00 PM	Youth Group
THURSDAY	6:00 PM	Young People Bible Study at the Judd's Home
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study in the Basement
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY	9:30 AM	The Truth Project Study
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Prayer Time



- Join the **CARE MINISTRY TEAM** add your name/number to the clipboard in the foyer (bright yellow paper) (more info pg. 7 of newsletter)
- Help with **AWANA** contact Brandi Neal (more info pg. 5 of newsletter)
- Help with **Children's Sunday School or Vacation Bible School** contact Jessica Judd (more info pg. 5 and 8 of newsletter)
- Help in the **nursery** on Sun. mornings, Sun. evenings or Wed. evenings contact Jennifer Kloss in the office (more info pgs. 4 and 6 of newsletter)
- Join **Women's ministry**—meetings held the 2nd Saturday of every month at 9am (more info pg. 4 of newsletter)
- Make disciples!** join Disciple Making training. Classes start Monday, March 25th (more info page 6 of newsletter)
- Be involved in **Sunday afternoon Care Center services** contact Pastor Jim or Pastor Casey
- Prepare food for funerals and/or help with funeral set up/clean up** (follow us on FaceBook for funeral dates, times and needs as they arise)
- Lead a weekly New Believer Bible study** contact Pastor Jim or Pastor Casey if interested
- Become a member**—contact Jim, Casey or Jennifer if interested (more info on pg. 7 of newsletter)



Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

~Proverbs 31:30

The Women's Ministry team met the second Saturday of February. We had a time of devotions, prayer and collecting items for the Brainerd Warming House! Thank you all for your generous donations and thank you Barb and Curt Hirsche for seeing they got delivered! What a gift to be able to be a blessing to individuals and organizations around our area!

This month, the women's ministry team is collecting items on or before March 9th at 9 am for the Women's Shelter in Brainerd! They have some very specific needs right now for

- Children's clothing
- Winter boots of all sizes
- Hair products

If you are interested in helping with any of those items, please place them in the tub under the table in the foyer!

The Women's ministry team has a lineup of projects we will be helping with over the next few months including

- MNTC Men-who will be here April 28th
- L.A.P.S.
- CARE
- Our own church family's baby and bridal showers!

We hope you will consider joining us for any or ALL women's ministry meetings & events!

In addition, mark your calendar for this year's Ladies Tea-Saturday, May 11th at 10 am. Our speaker this year is Betty Rohl.

If you would be interested in any of the above ministries or have any questions, please contact:
Jessica Judd 218.296.2441 ☺



February:

The youth group attended BAY Rally 85 at the Northern Pacific center on Wednesday, February 14th as our monthly activity for the youth group.

Youth Lessons have continued with the book of Acts, then Tatum Reynolds led the last two weeks of lesson times!

March:

On March 1st Kingdom Youth Conference was held here at the MFMC! We were super excited about this evening and what the Lord is doing in the hearts of His people!

The youth will continue to study Acts in March!

Looking Ahead:

April will hold a movie night and another BAY Rally

The youth group will start collecting items for the annual youth garage sale at the old little white church starting on Monday, April 1st. The Sale is set for May 3-4th! We hope you will support us again this year!

Also, the youth will lead the entire services again on Sunday, May 19th and then we will celebrate our graduating seniors that day with cake! We have 11 graduating seniors this year! Please be in prayer for them and all our students as they continue with their studies, sports, and jobs!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Craig Weigel (218) 839-0007 cbweigel@hotmail.com

Jessica Judd (218)296-2441 jessleejohnson@yahoo.com

Nursery Schedule

Please invite your family & friends to join us here at Motley Free Methodist Church & let them know...
OUR NURSERY IS OPEN FOR BOTH SERVICES!

Date	1 st Service	2 nd Service
MAR. 3	BRENDA R. & CLARA N.	JANE C. & JANET S.
MAR.10	DIANE J. & SHAUN L.	PAT B. & CLARA J.
MAR.17	SHELBY D. & CLARA N.	KRISTIN D. & CLARA J.
MAR.24	MARGARET F & CLARA N	MARISELA & CLARA J.
MAR.31	SAMANTHA & DAYTON	BRANDI & CLARA J.

*If you are interested in volunteering or filling in as a sub in the nursery, please contact Jennifer Kloss in the church office

Awana Club

WEDNESDAY'S 3:30-5:30 PM

Youth Group

Wednesday's 6-8:00 pm
7th-12th graders



Children's Church

During 1st service after worship music
Led by: Sheri Johnson & Marisela Vasquez

Sunday School

During 2nd service

1st & 2nd Graders

Led By: Kristin Ross

3rd & 4th Graders

Led By: Sarah Bendson
& Kim Reynolds

5th & 6th Graders

Led by: Jason Caldwell
& Jared Leehy

Youth Class

Led by: Chris Neal



In Children's Ministry News:

Train a child in the way he shall go and when he is old, he will not depart from it ~Proverbs 22:6

Children's programming is vital to a strong healthy church! We are SO thankful for our MANY volunteers that sacrifice time and their talents to teach our children!

Our children's programming will see a few changes here in March:

- Nursery Care will remain the same-available during both Sunday morning services for children ages birth-36 months.
- Children's Church during our first service will also remain the same, with Sheri Johnson & Marisela Vasquez leading our children with Bible Stories, games and snacks!
- The Second Service Sunday school classes will see a bit of an adjustment. See details as follows:
 - Since we have not had any preschoolers/kindergarten aged children attending second service lately, Kristin Ross will now move to teaching our 1st & 2nd Grade Elementary Class in the blue classroom.
 - Sarah Bendson, along with Kim Reynolds will be teaching our 3rd – 4th grade students in the back classroom
 - Jason and Jared will be teaching our 5th -6th grade students in the first half of the big area in the basement!
 - Chris Neal will continue to teach our youth class Sunday mornings on the other side of the divider in the basement.
- AWANA clubs continues every Wednesday afternoon 3:30-5:30 pm
- Youth group is held every Wednesday evening from 6-8 pm in the dining hall
- Youth/Young adult small group is held every Thursday evening at the Judd's home at 6 pm, currently studying Ephesians
- Vacation Bible School will have another meeting on Saturday, April 13th at 10 am. This will be a training meeting for anyone working with VBS this year.

If you have any questions about children's programming at the MFMC, please contact

Jessica Judd:

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or on Face Book messenger



March is looking to be a very busy month here at Motley Free Methodist Awana clubs!

First, we will be collecting food all month for the Motley Area Food Shelf. This is our local missions project every year. Church family, if you want to donate as well, there will be a labeled tote in the foyer.

- On March 6th the children will be decorating their Derby cars during game time.
- The Derby Night is April 17th and all are welcome to come eat supper and to watch the races! They will also hear from Brandi and Olivia about their trip to the Rios de Agua Viva school in Granada, Nicaragua. The club raised \$545 for school supplies for Nicaragua! Praise God!
- March 13th, we are having a backwards night. In the midst of all this fun, we continue to learn about Jesus' I Am statements and we will begin learning how to be an Agent of God!
- On March 20th we are having a talent show. Kids are invited to share something they can do well, with their friends at club!
- March 27th, to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection, we are having a pajama/movie night!

As always, we ask you to keep praying to God for good health and strength and His Spirit, so we can learn to love others and follow Him!

Thank you, church, for supporting our Awana club by praying, donating food/money, and loving our next generation! We appreciate you!

Schedule:

Mar. 6th – Food shelf month begins, Derby decorating

Mar. 27th – Movie/PJ Night (collection ends)

Mar. 13th – Backward Night (Early out S/M school)

Mar. 20th – Talent Show (during game time)

OTHER NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & INFORMATION.

real-life discipleship

equipping disciples who make disciples

Are you willing to mentor new believers and disciple people into a more mature walk with Jesus?

You don't have to know everything; you just need to be willing to help others grow in the teachings of Jesus and His word.

Classes start Monday, March 25th at 6:00 PM

Share our FaceBook Page!

Do you have family/friends that have loved attending our services in the past but can't attend weekly because they don't live in the local area?

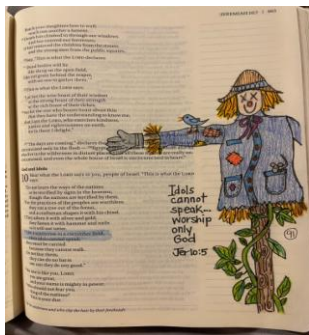
Or have family/friends you would like to share our services with?

Send them the link below to connect them to our Facebook page where they can join our services on Facebook live every Sunday morning!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/196560347024462/?ref=share>

COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Located through the door on the right-hand side
in the front of the Sanctuary



BIBLE ART JOURNALING GROUP

BRING YOUR BIBLE OR A JOURNAL
AND JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND
WORSHIP THROUGH CREATIVE ART.

MONDAY'S AT 6PM

(LAST MONDAY CLASS WILL BE 3/18)

(TEMPORARILY SWITCHING TO TUESDAY'S STARTING 3/26)

GRIEF SHARE

GRIEF RECOVERY
SUPPORT GROUPS

Every Tuesday

6-8:00 PM



NURSERY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are STILL looking to get a rotating list of volunteers to work the nursery for the Sunday evening Celebrate Recovery group & Wednesday Evening Services

If you are interested in being on this list please add your name to the clipboard on the table at the back of the foyer. THANK YOU!

Printed Copies of The new 2024 Nursery staffing schedule are now available in the nursery

OTHER NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & INFORMATION.



Board Meeting

MARCH 11th

6:30 pm

Thank you to those who have shared dishes for events and funerals, you are appreciated!

We have lots of containers and bowls washed and ready to be picked up. Please take a look and see if any of them belong to you.

Thank you!



CARE TEAM MINISTRY

We are looking for CARE TEAM MINISTRY volunteers to help with needs as they arise. Some of those needs are:

- Making meals
- Wood work
- Help picking up groceries
- Visiting
- Shoveling
- Rides
- Yard Work
- Cleaning
- Others as needed

If you are willing to help,
please add your name and phone number
to the clipboard on the back table in the foyer.

THANK YOU!

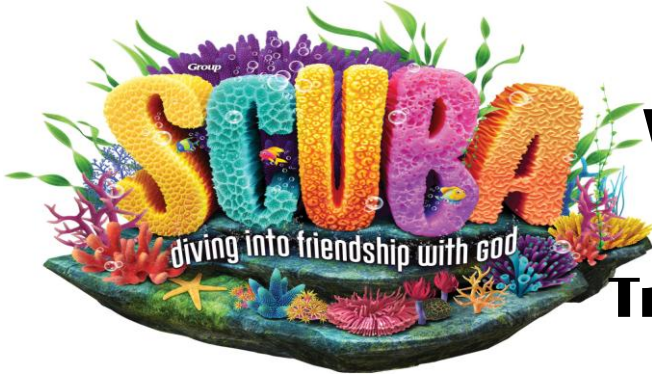
CELEBRATE RECOVERY

THE NEED TO CONTROL ALCOHOL DIVORCE FEAR LYING
CODEPENDENCY ANGER ABUSE PROCRASTINATION
OVERWORKING PORNOGRAPHY DRUGS RAGE SHAME
OVEREATING GUILT SEXUAL ADDICTIONS GRIEF HURTFUL
RELATIONSHIPS ANXIETY GAMBLING RESENTMENT

HERE at MFMC EVERY Sunday 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Childcare Available

OTHER NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & INFORMATION.

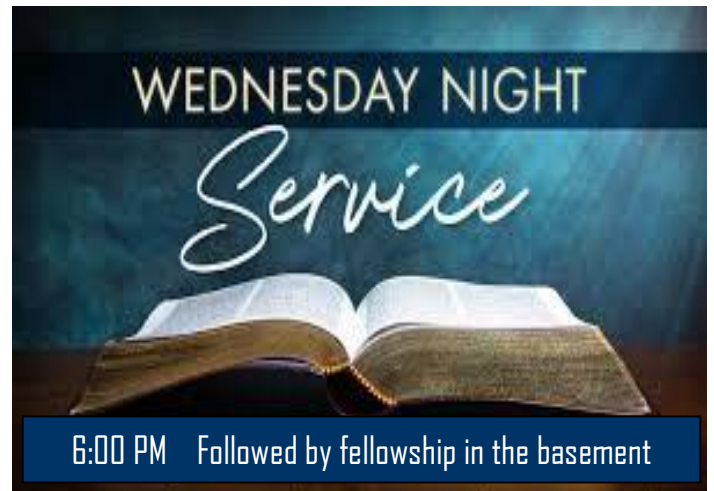


Vacation Bible School 2024
June 17th – June 21st
Training Meeting April 13th 10am



Interested in becoming a member of
Motley Free Methodist Church?

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: April 14th at 6:00 pm



MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Collecting food for the Motley Food Shelf ALL MONTH. Please place your donations in the labeled tote in the foyer THANK YOU!				1 9:30am-The Truth Project 10:30am-Ladies AA 12:00pm-Men's AA KINGDOM YOUTH EVENT 6PM	2 6:00pm-Prayer Group
3 9:00am 1st Service -Nursery/Children's Church -Adult Sunday School 10:30am 2nd Service -Nursery -Adult Sunday School -Kid's/Youth Sunday School Celebrate Recovery 6pm	4 6pm-Bible Art Journaling	5 6:30pm-Bible Study Grief Share 6-8pm	6 9:30am-Bible Study 11am- Prayer Group 12pm- AA Meeting 6pm- Youth Group AWANA 3:30-5:30 DERBY DECORATING WED. EVE SERVICE 6PM	7 6:00pm-Young People Bible Study 6:30pm-Women's Study 6:30pm-Men's Study	8 9:30am-The Truth Project 10:30am-Ladies AA 12:00pm-Men's AA	9 6:00pm-Prayer Group Women's meeting 9am Last day for Women's Shelter Donations
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31 EASTER BREAKFAST 8AM						

LOOKING AHEAD:

APR. 1ST
 APR. 13TH
 APR. 14TH
 APR. 17TH
 APR. 27TH
 APR. 28TH
 MAY 3-4
 MAY 3

YARD SALE DONATIONS @ THE LITTLE CHURCH START
 VBS TRAINING MEETING 10:00 AM
 NEW MEMBERS MEETING 6:00PM
 AWANA DERBY NIGHT
 BLENDED & BLEST EVENT 8:30AM-3:30 PM
 MNTC MEN'S CHOIR WILL BE WITH US TODAY
 NCC MEETING IN MONTELLO, WI
 YOUTH YARD SALE AT 8AM

MAY 4TH
 MAY 11TH
 MAY
 MAY 19TH
 JUNE 12TH
 JUNE 17-21

YOUTH YARD SALE AT NOON
 ANNUAL LADIES TEA AT 10:00 AM
 BABY SHOWER FOR L.A.P.S
 YOUTH LED SERVICE & SENIOR SUNDAY 9:00AM
 COMMUNITY PICNIC
 VBS 2024

Motley Free Methodist Church
BOA Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2024
6:30 pm

Members Present: Pastor Jim Johnson, Pastor Casey and Kim Reynolds, Jessica Judd, Craig Weigel, Mike Horstman, Alan Marshall, Kevin Swecker and Carla Leehy.

Prayer: Pastor Casey, Crucial role Christianity.

Sec. Report: (elect/re-elect BOA sec.) Dale and Carla will be leaving in the near future so would be good to elect new secretary. Tabled discussion until next meeting where Brandi will be present.

Treasurer's Report: CPA did not have staff to do an Audit at this time. Pastor Jim will contact Linda and see if she would be available for an internal audit.

Old Business:

New Business:

Church Tellers: decision was made to keep existing church tellers Brandi, Barb, Kim, and Tim.

Motion made by Alan to sponsor 2 student scholarships for Verndale Area Christian Academy for total of 11,000 dollars 2nd by Jessica Judd motion carried. Alan will go to the banquet and present the check March 16 th .

Motion made by Kevin Swecker to pay both Pastor's and the delegates room, food and gas to the NCC Annual meetings in Montello May 3-4, 2024 2nd by Jessica Judd motion carried.

Motion made by Kevin Swecker to pay expenses down and back from Encounter Event-Janesville- February 23-24 2nd by Craig Weigel motion carried.

Jesse Jones (Lighthouse Beginnings) would like to meet with some of the board; Pastor Jim will set up a meeting with him, Kevin, Craig and Carla.

Motion made by Carla Leehy to approve Carrie Birkholtz and re-instate and Kathy Trana as members 2nd by Alan motion carried.

Discussed the Cahill's visit for June 16 th . No issues.

Motion made by Carla Leehy to give 2,000 dollars for Thankin' Hankins retirement from camp 2nd by Jessica Judd motion carried.

Making disciples update: Pastor Casey meeting with three at Bricks-- going well. Pastor Jim pulling together names will start discipleship training soon.

Easter Seasons update: Alex G -- breakfast has a few needs he already has a team together. Hopefully, Janet or Pamela will decorate.

Kingdom Youth Conference here March 1, needs to have baskets for offering. Will have volunteers here to assist where Jessica needs them.

Food shelf fund raising concert here March 16 th .

Hosting (with L.A.P.S.) Family Life live stream event blended families, couples, families. MFMC to provide some lunch and daycare. April 27 8:30-3:30

Motion made by Alan Marshall to give 500 dollars to Grad blast for bibles and he will donate tracts 2nd by Mike Horstman motion carried.

Mission: To introduce this community to Jesus Christ, and to help them grow to maturity in Him.

Next meeting will be on March 18, 2024

Carla Leehy