

# *THE BREEZE*

...so in Christ we,  
though many,



**FORM ONE BODY,**  
and each member  
belongs to all the others.

## **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**

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## **Pastoral Appointment**

### **Jonathan Holland**

Appointed to: Motley UMC and Park UMC in Brainerd.

Pastor Jonathan comes to the Minnesota Conference from serving in Salmon, Idaho. He shares that the Mountain Sky Conference of The UMC had more clergy than appointments and serving in Minnesota is an opportunity for him to connect to the state where his grandfather and great-grandparents were born. In this appointment, he is excited to truly make the church and the growth of the laity his highest priorities. A



compassionate heart that forces him to try to look at other perspectives is Holland's top spiritual gift. He hopes The UMC can be revitalized by listening anew to the gospel message, especially by those who are outsiders. In his past, he was a mathematical statistician for 16 years at the Census Bureau, and his fun fact is that he was born in a hospital where there was one doctor, one nurse, and one cook.

On Sunday, August 2, we will be welcoming Pastor Jonathan Holland to MotleyUMC.

## **EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- August 1 – Scandia Valley Summerfest, bounce house 10 am - 4 pm
- August 2 – Sunday Worship Celebration w/Holy Communion at 10 am; First Sunday Potluck
- August 3 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am; Circle of Friends, 1 pm
- August 5 – Game Day, 1 pm
- August 9 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am
- August 10 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- August 12 - Game Day, 1 pm

August 16 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am  
 August 18 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am  
 August 19 – Game Day, 1-3 pm;  
     *Church Council Meeting, 3:30 pm (Reschedule Pending)*  
 August 23 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am  
 August 24 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am  
 August 26 - Game Day, 1 pm  
 August 30 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am,  
     ***Fifth Sunday Noisy Offering***  
 August 31 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am  
 September 2 – Game Day, 1 pm  
 September 6 – Sunday Worship Celebration w/Holy Communion  
     at 10 am; First Sunday Potluck  
 September 7 – ***Labor Day***; Monday Morning Bible Study at  
     10 am; Circle of Friends, 1 pm  
 September 9 - Game Day, 1 pm  
 September 13 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am;  
     Sunday School resumes  
 September 14 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am  
 September 16 – Game Day, 1-3 pm; *Church Council Meeting,*  
     *3:30 pm (Reschedule Pending)*  
 September 20 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am  
 September 21 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am  
 September 23 - Game Day, 1 pm  
 September 26 – Community Pancake Breakfast at 9 am, ***the***  
     ***first of the season***  
 September 27 – Sunday Worship Celebration, 10 am  
 September 28 – Monday Morning Bible Study at 10 am  
 September 30 – Game Day, 1 pm

### **Other Events:**

**Bone Builders** is meeting on Tuesday & Friday Mornings, 10 am  
**TOPS** is meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:30 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 August 2, we will celebrate worship with the Holy Communion. Please have bread and juice ready if worshipping with us via Zoom on **August 2**.

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

## **Sign Up for Hospitality**

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

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**Request:** Please do not bring drinks into the sanctuary.  
Thank you!



## **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!**



## **Upper Room Devotional**

The July/August 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.

## Noisy Offering Number Three for 2026

The Haiti Partnership will receive the fifth Sunday Noisy Offering on August 30. Begin to gather all your loose coins that may be hidden in your car seats, chairs, sofas, junk drawer, or under the bed.

Vacation Bible School collected \$41.50 at their Thursday program to benefit the projects of the Haiti Partnership.

Your donations do make a difference in the lives of our Haitian friends. The Partnership heard from Wesnet that a food distribution had recently been held, just one of several projects funded by your contributions.

Checks or currency are also accepted. Please make checks payable to the Haiti Partnership.

If you wish to donate online, please contact Pat Toschak (507-438-7705) or Jomyla (218-575-3161). The glass jar will be on the oval table in the fellowship space to receive your donations throughout the month of August. So anytime you stop by the church, you can deposit your coins, currency, or check in the glass jar.

The Partnership will have coffee, metal art, and jewelry at the Scandia Valley Summerfest on Saturday, August 1, and the Little Falls Green Fair on Wednesday, August 5.



Those events also raise funds for the Partnership's projects.

Thank you all for your participation in these upcoming events. Please remember to include the Partnership and their projects in your daily prayers.

### **United Women in Faith Upcoming Events**

Park United Women in Faith invites you to join them for a Saturday morning gathering. On September 19 at 9:30 am we will gather for muffins and fruit at Park United Methodist Church in Brainerd. Anna Olson will tell her story of leaving the Amish community and adapting to her new life outside the community.

A sign-up sheet will be on a table in the fellowship hall in early September. Let's have a carload or more attend. Contact Jomyla (218-575-3161) with any questions.

Also, remember to attend the Annual Fall Gathering for the Headwaters and Aurora Sky areas on Saturday, September 26 at 10 am at First UMC of the St. Cloud Region. Amanda Hodge will speak on the subject of "Trauma Response", the theme for the day. Chrisanna Tripodi and Connie Scott will tell their stories about becoming a deaconess. Lunch will be served, followed by a business meeting for each area, and then installation of the area officers. There will be a hands-on offering, going to Community Angels, a group that collects clothing for children and youth. Most needed is newborn size 0-3 months.



United  
Women  
in Faith

JOIN US FOR THE FIREMEN'S BBQ FUNDRAISER!

# SCANDIA VALLEY SUMMERFEST

-SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST-



FOLLOW 'SCANDIA VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT' ON 

**SCANDIA VALLEY TOWN HALL**

3518 320TH ST. CUSHING INFO: 507-766-0241

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT!**



**We will be setting up the Bounce house at Scandia Valley Summerfest on Saturday, August 1. If you can help watch the bounce house between 10 am and 4 pm, please show up.**



**FIFTH**

**ANNUAL**

# SPARKS Mentoring MEALS FOR MENTORS

AUGUST 1, 6 & 19 - 2026  
OCTOBER 6, 10 & 13 - 2026

**AREA RESTAURANTS COMPETING FOR AWARDS**  
BEST MEAL • MOST TICKETS SOLD • MOST FUNDS RAISED

— TRY 'EM ALL - CAST YOUR VOTE FOR BEST MEAL! —

**August 1 - Saturday**

**2 TALL TAVERN**

Philly Smash Burger Meal - \$20.40

**August 6 - Thursday**

**THE BOXCAR**

\$1.00 Donated for every PIZZA ordered

**August 19 - Wednesday**

**BECK'S BURGER CO.**

\$2.00 Donated for every Burger ordered

**October 6 - Tuesday**

**SPOT CAFE**

Special of the Day - \$15 (ALL PROCEEDS go to SPARKS Mentoring.)

**October 6 - Tuesday**

**VINTAGE GOLF COURSE GRILL**

Birdie Wrap - \$18 or Vintage Turkey Wrap - \$18

**October 10 - Saturday**

**STILL LEFTY'S BAR & GRILL**

Chinese Entree = \$15, Combo = \$20 (5PM)

**October 13 - Tuesday**

**TOWER PIZZA**

Spaghetti Dinner - \$15 or Mini Pizza Meal - \$10

Each restaurant donates a portion of the proceeds  
from meals sold for this event to help sponsor  
SPARKS Mentors for students in our communities' schools.

# MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

**July 19, 2026, 11:15 am**

Present: Robin Kramer, Sherry Frisk, Cindy Spilman, Jomyla Choate, Liz Curren, Chris Rosvold, Shirley Watson

The meeting opened at 11:15 am.

Agenda: Pastor Jonathon Holland's salary package

**New Business:** Liz presented the salary package from the conference for approval. Jomyla seconded the motion for approval.

Discussion: The package that we are looking at is our portion; Park UMC has a completely separate portion that includes Pastor Jonathan's housing expenses. Our package represents a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -time appointment at MotleyUMC. In terms of cost, with the increase to  $\frac{3}{4}$ -time and the absence of housing expenses, the cost is about \$3,000/yr higher than we were paying previously. He is scheduled to be at Park UMC working with their youth & family program on Wednesday; his hours at MotleyUMC are to be determined. This will require rescheduling the Council meetings to another day; we hope this will mean more availability in the office and locally on other days.

Liz plans to write an email to Pastor Jonathan following the meeting, welcoming him to MotleyUMC, and asking what we can do to help with the transition. She will also give him Chris's contact information so that we can figure out what, if anything, he needs for a computer. Jomyla will be bringing in a replacement office chair for his office.

The vote on the motion was called and passed unanimously.

**The next council meeting** is scheduled for August 19 at 3:30 pm (*subject to change*). The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Rosvold.

# Meet Our *New Members*

## Meet our new Church Members

**Randy & Terry Carlson** are back home in Motley after living in Toronto, Canada, and Ft. Myers, Florida. Terry started coming to church with her sister Vicki, and soon after, Randy started coming with her. Both have an active part in our church.

**Kathy Gordon** recently moved to Mill Pond Townhomes from Detroit Lakes. She quickly became an active member of our church and was recently baptized. She enjoys the Wednesday game days.

**Linda Guippill** came to Motley from the Sartell – St. Cloud area. Linda immediately became involved in the church activities and sings every Sunday in the church choir.

**Dennis & Cindy Macheel** moved here from Detroit Lakes. They built a beautiful home on the Crow Wing River, in the area where Dennis grew up. They too have become very involved with the church and enjoy the Wednesday game days.

**Angel Napoles** is another new choir member. He has lived in the Staples Area for 16 years. He met Gary & Dawn Timbs when their dog wandered over to his yard; after visiting with him, they invited him to our church.

**Verde Pepin**, affectionately known as “Riverman,” has a farm on the Crow Wing River. He collects John Deere tractors and old cars. Verde was a teacher at the Motley Public School. He may have taught you behind-the-wheel driving.

**Alisha, Jayce and Alaina Hafften**—We will share more about Alisha, Jayce, & Alaina later.



# COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

## SATURDAY

***September 26, 2026***

**9—10:30 AM**

Community Breakfasts are at MotleyUMC on the **last Saturday of each month**. The first one of the season is on September 26<sup>th</sup>, from

9-10:30 am. There is 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.



**Motley United Methodist Church**

**847 3RD Ave S in Motley**



## AARP Smart Driver Class

**Sunday, September 20, 4 - 8 pm**

To sign-up, contact the church office at (218) 352-6466 or [mail@motleyumc.org](mailto:mail@motleyumc.org) and

let us know your name and a contact number.

This class does give drivers age 55+ a discount on their automobile insurance. Also is a great way to learn about changes in driving rules due to legislation.

## **V**acation **BIBLE SCHOOL**

Thank you to everyone who helped wrap up a successful week of VBS, where we learned to let our light shine for God. We had a great week with about 20 kids, a fun closing session, and the kids helped to raise \$41.50 for the Haiti Partnership with a noisy offering.

Also, a special thank you to our VBS Leaders Cindy Spilman and Beth Pottratz!

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

***— Roy T. Bennett, author***

# Live Music in the Park

**FREE ENTRY**

Northern Pacific Park (600 6th St NE)

Sundays: 7pm ~ June 28 through August 23

## Official Line Up:



June 28: Farmer's Daughter

July 12: River Rats

July 19: Holy Rocka Rollaz

July 26: Kevin Klimek and the Sideliners

August 2: Eric Neznik and Jason Franzen

August 9: Eric E. (Motley Veterans Park)

August 16: Uncle Muskrat

August 23: Red Letter Band (2:00 pm)



**THERE IS MUSIC FOR  
EVERY MOOD AND  
EVERY SOUL**



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FIVE WINGS  
ARTS COUNCIL



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*You're Invited! <*

# LEGACY ARBORETUM



## > HIKING CLUB <



*Connect with Nature. Connect with Community.*



**MAY 6 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

**FREE & OPEN TO ALL | JUST SHOW UP!**

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED!**



**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**6:00 – 6:30 PM**



**MEET AT  
THE ENTRANCE**

**713 Airport Road,  
Staples, MN**



**ALL AGES  
WELCOME!**



**DOGS WELCOME  
ON A LEASH!**



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713 Airport Road, Staples, MN



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or just show up!

# STAPLES & MOTLEY



**Tuesday, August 4th  
5 - 7 p.m.**

**Staples Airport**

**Free light meal provided.**

**All are welcome to join this free community event.**

Connect with your neighbors and join millions across the country in partnering with law enforcement to strengthen police-community relationships and lasting community connections.

**AMBULANCE | FIRE TRUCKS | HELICOPTER  
LAW ENFORCEMENT | GAMES FOR KIDS**

**Hosted by Staples-Motley Beyond Poverty**

Lakewood Health System

## Farmer's Market



SNAP/EBT Accepted



Employee Market Bucks  
[June - September]



**MAY - OCTOBER**  
THURSDAYS | 2:00 - 5:00



**MAIN CAMPUS**  
PATIENT PARKING LOT



## Serving You in August

**August 2:** Liturgist: Ming Rosvold

Greeters/Ushers: John & Shirley Watson

Coffee Time: **Potluck**

**August 9:** Liturgist: VeRonica Sandberg

Greeters/Ushers: Linda Mudgett & Cindy Spilman

Coffee Time:

**August 16:** Liturgist: Harvey Macheel

Greeters/Ushers: Bill & Fran Kokett

Coffee Time: Jomyla

**August 23:** Liturgist: Sherry Frisk

Greeters/Ushers: Vicki Schmidt & Sherry Frisk

Coffee Time: Russ & Jill / Marie

**August 30:** Liturgist: Jomyla Choate

Greeters/Ushers: Jomyla Choate & Robin Kramer

Coffee Time:

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:

**August 2:** Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749);  
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

**August 9:** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
(UMH 828); Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

**August 16:** Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133 (UMH 850);  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

**August 23:** Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124 (UMH 846); Romans  
12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

**August 30:** Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
(UMH 828); Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

**Liturgical Colors: August 2 - October 25: Green** <sub>18</sub>



### August Birthdays

- 1 - Carol Ford
- 2 - Verde Pepin
- 3 - Jomyla Choate
- 3 - Anita Nelson
- 4 - Greg Frisk
- 5 - Allan Robinson
- 5 - Sue Harris
- 8 - Melissa Daniels
- 10 - Josie Nelson
- 12 - Jackie Dumpprope
- 16 - Jonathan Holland
- 16 - Susan Smith
- 18 - Madison Eischeid
- 18 - Mark Frisk
- 18 - Sally Hansen
- 19 - Rick Vanden Avond
- 19 - Harvey Macheel
- 22 - Lana Hansen
- 23 - Evan Wohler

### August Birthdays (Continued)

- 23 - Letty Fuller
- 25 - Lynn McCarthy
- 26 - Miranda Paananen
- 29 - Cara Swartz
- 29 - Elaine Hafften
- 29 - Evelyn Eischeid
- 30 - Aspen Kavanaugh

### August Anniversaries

- 1 - Bill & Fran Kokett
- 3 - Nate & Cara Spilman
- 11 - Jeff & Dawn Wohler
- 15 - Tom & Sharla Trutwin
- 16 - Russ & Jill Holland
- 20 - Steve & Margie Solem
- 25 - Eric & Cassandra Nelson
- 28 - Joe & Heather Eischeid
- 29 - Mike & Mary Sams
- 31 - Richard & Elaine Hafften



**American  
Red Cross**

The Red Cross had a blood drive at MotleyUMC on Tuesday, July 21. We had 22 donors, including 1 first-time

donor and 9 type O donors, and we collected 24 units of lifesaving blood. While we finished 10 units short of our goal, every donation is needed and will make a difference for patients in need.

Thank you to everyone who helped in this important and lifesaving work! Your generosity will make a significant difference in the lives of many people.

There will be another opportunity to give blood at MotleyUMC in January. Thank you again for your support!