

United Methodist Herald

October 2022



Nerstrand Big Woods State Park

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October Worship

Mapping our Lives: Where are You?

October 2

World Communion Sunday

City: Genesis 11:1-9

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

October 9

Desert: Exodus 17:1-7

Rev. Todd Campbell, Jr.

October 16

Mountain: I Kings 19:11-14

Rev. Jerad Morey

October 23

River: Joshua 3:1-17

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

October 30

Valley: Psalm 23

Rev. Todd Campbell, Jr.



NUMC WELCOME STATEMENT

We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and, as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, family status, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, socio-economic status, or age. We unreservedly support and affirm the full inclusion of persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities in all facets of ministry at Northfield UMC, including ordination and marriage. Following Christ's example, we open our hearts, minds, and doors to welcome all who come to us in God's grace.

FINANCE UPDATE

How to make tithes and offerings

You can make your tithes and offerings a few different ways:

1. Make automatic donations from your bank account.
Contact northfieldumc@gmail.com for a form.
2. Donate online using a credit card, by clicking on the GiveMN tab on the church website northfieldumc.org.
3. Drop a check in the offering basket during in person worship.
4. Mail a check to: Northfield United Methodist Church
1401 S. Maple St., Northfield, MN 55057

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving!

Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Please consider electronic giving.

Authorization forms are available on our website northfieldumc.org or by emailing northfieldumc@gmail.com.

General Fund August 2022 contributions \$30,001.66
General Fund August 2021 contributions \$32,347.66

General Fund YTD 2022 contributions \$234,474.74
General Fund YTD 2021 contributions \$245,128.28

NUMC Board

The governing body of the church is the NUMC Board. The members of the board are duly elected at an annual meeting, or "Charge Conference," open to all membership. Share any concerns with the NUMC Board here: info@northfieldumc.org

Co-Chairs: Kevin Dahle and Pierce Follansbee-Delong
Treasurer: John Stull
Secretary and Communications: Carolyn Seas
SPRC Liaison: Jody Friedow
Stewardship and Finance Liaison: Tim Goodwin

At-Large Members: Sara Newberg, Jessy Hoffer, Allie Lyman, Warren Winkelman, Bruce Benson, David Wolf, Bruce Dalgaard

Northfield UMC Leadership Board - Wednesday, September 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bruce Benson, Carolyn Seas, John Stull, Warren Winkelman, Kevin Dahle, Pierce Follansbee-Delong, Sara Newberg, Tim Goodwin, Pastor Rachel McIver-Morey. **Not Present:** Allie Lyman, Jody Friedow, Bruce Dalgaard, Dave Wolf, Jessy Hoffer. **Meeting Called to order: 7:00 pm** by Kevin Dahle

NUMC Prayer

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by John Stull to approve the August 2022 NUMC Board minutes. Pierce Follansbee-Delong seconded. **Approved as read.**

Standing Agenda Items

Finance Report (Tim Goodwin/John Stull): John Stull gave a brief Treasurer's Report. There were no August financials to review. John believes with the current cash flow, there are no financial concerns at this time.

Pastor Rachel informed the board that Jesse Steed has put in a request for a new laptop for the church. This will enable him to develop the new church website with greater capacity for video usage and other upgrades. There are funds available in the undesignated memorials account. Sara Newberg made a motion to approve \$1,000 for the purchase of a new laptop. Bruce Benson seconded. **Motion unanimously approved.**

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Facilities: Report::

Pastor Rachel reported that the south driveway pavement work was completed for \$3,000 less than originally contracted. This was due to a change in contracted pavers. The Facilities Work Day will be October 8th. The Trustees also want the board to be aware of the need for a possible Capital campaign in the near future. The parking lots need major upgrading, which will be a significant cost.

COVID policy check-in (Pastor Rachel) – no new updates

New Business**Website update:**

The new website will hopefully go live on September 27, 2022.

At 7:30 pm, Tim Goodwin then made a motion to go to a closed session. Kevin Dahle seconded. Unanimously approved.

At 7:45pm Sara Newberg made a motion to leave the closed session. Pierce Follansbee-Delong seconded. Unanimously approved.

Facilitated Conversation re: Signature Ministry Discernment- Next Steps (Pierce Follansbee-Delong and Kevin Dahle) Pierce led the board in further discussion to determine the first steps to take as we move forward with our ministry goals. This is a recap of the boards discussion and decisions.

Core Values:

Everyone is Welcome, Inclusive

Kind, Transparent, Just

Lead by Example / Role Models

Teachers of the Word

Stewards of People and the Earth

Who is God Calling Us Towards:

Young Families

Youth

Core Focus:

To Grow our congregation and ministries to serve our families and youth

A motion was made by Tim Goodwin and seconded by Bruce Benson to take on the following goals:

1. Establish a childcare facility that meets the unmet needs of families with children.
2. Recruit 5 Families to host youth of the Wallflower program that need a place to stay.
3. Establish ongoing projects for the SALT group to support the KEY.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Further expansion on these goals are the following:

1. Explore use of current 'nursery school' site, perhaps to include so-called '3rd shift' day care. Could outsource the space or investigate hiring a part-time 'day care director'.
2. Recruit and facilitate training for members entering the Wallflower program.
3. Adopt The Key as an outreach of the church. Much like monthly 'works of mercy' solicit funds to support the youth using The Key.

Review meeting dates: The annual Charge Conference will tentatively be held on November 20, 2022

Next Meeting

October 26, 2022, 5:30 pm.

John Stull moved to adjourn. Pierce Follansbee-Delong seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Seas

Secretary

Message from the Pastor

In 2019, NUMC engaged in the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) process - this process spawned several new teams around family ministry, guest welcome, communications, and worship. Through that process, an immense amount has changed: we now have a beautiful welcome area at the south entrance, our internal church signage is significantly improved; a new website build is underway; we hired a new youth director and children's ministry coordinator to staff out family ministries as re-designed by the Families First team, we moved to one worship service, and our guest welcome team has engaged over 50% (!) of the in-house worshipping congregation in the work of welcoming everyone who come to us on Sunday mornings as though they were Christ himself.

Because this work - as well as all of life! - was interrupted by the pandemic, it's easy to lose sight of all that has been done and all that has changed. The list above doesn't even include the work of becoming an intentional welcoming church, or "reconciling congregation," for our LGBTQIA+ siblings, our soul-searching, learning, and acting led by our Dismantling Racism Team, and the herculean effort it has taken to offer hybrid in-person and online worship every Sunday so everyone can participate in worship, whether near or far away. These changes, alongside our continued offering of community meals on Super Wednesdays, the work of the United Women of Faith, Operation Backpack, and SALT (Serving and Learning Together, our team comprised of confirmed youth leading the whole church in service projects), have grounded our church through this historic time to stay true to its mission: "We are called, nurtured, and sent out for this purpose: to glorify God by acts of worship, compassion, devotion, and justice."

One remaining piece of the MCCI process that had really just gotten started when the pandemic closed everything was the work of the Signature Ministry Research Team. This team was tasked with an enormous job: to research our community's needs and our church's resources and gifts to see where NUMC could really "move the needle" in some significant way in Northfield. Another way of stating this team's purpose would be this: determining what NUMC is uniquely called and gifted to by God in Northfield. As part of this work, the team prepared two reports on possibilities we could explore: the first was around affordable housing needs, and the second was around meeting the needs of underserved families and children in our community (both reports are available upon request to the church office at info@northfieldumc.org.) As part of this, we looked at our abundant resources - and we have many - and the 2021 Administrative Council voted to have a season of discernment specifically around the acres around our facility: is the land itself what God is calling us to put towards this "signature ministry" effort?

This led to our process during the fall of 2021 of offering several months of prayer walks through the lots on the south side of our NUMC property, praying that God would speak to us about how we are called to use the significant resources of this church for God's will. These walks culminated in an all-church gathering at the end of January of this year, where we listened to each other's hopes, dreams, anxieties, and fears about the possibilities of using church land for some new ministry.

The call at that all-church meeting was for anyone who wanted to be part of the next stage of discernment to join a team to sift through the responses at the January meeting to see if they could see a direction that had the most energy and support behind it. After a few months and additional meetings and conversations, this "Next Steps" team concluded that whatever it is God is calling us to do next, the concerns about using the land were too significant to be an immediate path forward for any new ministry. Too many question marks over this particular resource made it clear that it would not be anything we could move on immediately, and whatever God is calling us to, it isn't to wait to do God's work.

At this writing, the NUMC Board is taking up the work of the Signature Ministry Research team and the "Next Steps" team, both of whom provided some tantalizing other directions that we might be called to go. The work of the MCCI process is incomplete and unfulfilled until and unless we are able to answer this critical question.

Pray for the lay leadership of your church as they do this critical work - their names are included in the Board Minutes in this Herald, as well as notes on the directions the Board has discerned we should explore next. Please read and reflect on their work! They are gaining clarity in what we have that we can uniquely offer to our community, and this will engage the whole of the congregation.

The church is the church when it does the will of God - full stop. This demands prayerful engagement from all of us. The Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition can be yours to offer during this season:

"I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

Blessings,
Rachel

Mark your calendars! Need any info on the ministries below?

email us at info@northfieldumc.org

On Sundays:

Children's Church (5th grade and under)

Younger children are dismissed from the sanctuary at 10am to a worship service of their own, followed by fun and fellowship in the gym.

Sunday Youth Connect (6th-12th grade) 10:30am

Older youth are invited to their own time for fellowship and conversation in the high school room.

On Wednesdays:

KC3 (K-5th grade) 3:30-5:30pm

Join the fun after school at NUMC! Time to play, time to pray, time to learn and lead - children from Spring Creek Elementary are walked across the street, and students from other schools in the Northfield School District can ride the "church bus." (NOTE: because of busing, registration in advance is required for KC3. Register at northfieldumc.org).

Super Wednesday Meal - Free Will Donation, Fellowship Hall 5:30-6:30pm

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade) 6:30-8pm

Older youth will gather for fun and faith development in the high school room after the Super Wednesday meal.

Open Gym (with supervising staff): 6:30-7:30pm

NEW! Parent Fellowship 6:30pm

We all need support and sounding boards as we do the hard work of raising kids and talking about faith with them in an authentic way. Let's figure out how to do it together! Meet up with Gregory Ennis, children's ministry coordinator, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm.

Note: There will be no Super Wednesday October 19 (MEA week), November 23 (Thanksgiving week), and December 21, 28, and January 4.

SALT Pumpkin Carving Party and Food Drive

Wednesday October 26th, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

You bring the pumpkin, SALT (Serving and Learning Together) Team will provide carving tools and a place to compost the pumpkin mess! Bring non-perishable food items for SALT's November Thanksgiving Food Drive, and join the pumpkin-y fun of fall. Food will be collected through November 9th for the food drive.

Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 30th, 11am, NUMC parking Lot

We are looking for a few good trunks - of cars! Come with your cars decorated to hand out candy on Sunday morning, October 30th after worship. This is a wonderful community ministry opportunity that provides young children a safe way to trick or treat. Family Ministries staff and volunteers will help set up additional games and Halloween fun.

Confirmation

9th and 10th Grade Confirmation Orientation

October 9th, after church

This year both 9th and 10th graders will be together in confirmation class. Orientation to confirmation will take place after church on October 9 in the Reception Room. For more information contact Pastor Jerad at jmorey@northfieldumc.org.

Dismantling Racism Team (DRT) Walk Together: On the Journey to Racial Justice

The phrase, "We're all in this together" may sometimes sound trite and overused, but it's true nonetheless, especially for followers of Christ. God calls us to be in relationship with each other, no matter how difficult or complicated that may be. When we come together in humility, vulnerability, and willingness to ask the tough questions, transformation is possible.



During the month of October, the Dismantling Racism Team (DRT) will host a discussion series we're calling "Walk Together: On the Journey to Racial Justice." Meeting after worship on 10/9, 10/16, and 10/23, we will use videos and conversation to tackle such topics as overt and covert racism, white privilege, allyship, and how we, as predominately white Christians, can move toward efficacy, justice, and courageous positive action within our spheres of influence.

Please join us! And bring your questions, suggestions, complaints, hopes, and fears about this journey with you—all travelers and their baggage are welcome!



The general election is November 8 but early voting and absentee voting began September 23. Take ISAI AH action grounded in Christian faith values of mercy and justice – VOTE in person on that day, or in-person early, or absentee --- but do vote. This is your civic reasonability and privilege.

Apply for an absentee ballot asap if you think you won't be voting in person in on November 8 or in the early voting period.

Hint:

- It is helpful to provide both your driver's license or MN ID number and last 4 digits of your Social Security # in the ID section of the form. The number you use on the ballot itself must match one on your application. If you supply both on the application then when you prepare your ballot won't need to remember which one you used on the application!

Complete and submit the application online at this site <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx>

Or you can print the form on this site:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/media/2444/english-regular-absentee-ballot-application.pdf>

If you live in Rice County, complete the form and mail it to the Rice County Election Office (Rice County Government Services Building, 320 Third St. NW, Faribault, MN 55021). If you live in Northfield, you can also take it to the city clerk's office (801 Washington St., Northfield, MN 55057) and they will get it to the Faribault office.

Election offices for other counties are listed at:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/find-county-election-office/>

To vote early in person, go to Northfield City Hall - 2nd Floor Training Room, 801 Washington St during these hours:

- Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
- Friday, 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
- Friday, November 4, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
- Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (must arrive by 2:45 p.m.)
- Monday, November 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (must arrive by 4:45 p.m.)

If you have any questions or the join the ISAI AH-NUMC Team, please contact Evelyn Burry (evelynburry@hotmail.com, 507-645-7481).



Notes from the Parish Nurse

Pacer, which is a center that offers information and training to families of children and youth with disabilities, founded **National Bullying Prevention Month** in 2006. It is "a month long event to prevent childhood bullying and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion." (www.pacer.org) Pacer also works with the National PTA, American Federation of Teachers, and the National Education Association to supply educational resources and support in response to bullying behavior. It is hoped that bullying can be prevented through education and awareness.

"Historically, bullying had been viewed as a childhood rite of passage that 'makes kids tougher,' but the reality has always been that bullying can leave devastating and often long-term effects such as a loss of self-esteem, increased anxiety, and depression for those involved." That viewpoint has changed considerably over the years.

"Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated over time." (<https://youth.gov>) Bullying includes making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, or excluding someone from a group on purpose. Cyberbullying includes sending mean text messages or emails, posting rumors or embarrassing pictures or videos on social media, or making fake profiles.

National Bullying Prevention Month encourages school culture and individual classrooms to support respectful school environments by fostering inclusion and respect. "The large body of research on effective responses to name-calling and bullying concurs that schools and other educational institutions can best address these behaviors through ongoing, comprehensive plans. These can include both intervention and prevention strategies and engage all people in the school environment." (www.adl.org) Students can practice empathy, reach out to new classmates, and report bullying so others don't suffer in silence. Teachers can give positive reinforcement by rewarding students who show respect and thoughtfulness. And administrators can plan bullying prevention programs. (<https://nationaltoday.com>) Parents and the community should also be involved.

"By being aware of not only the types of bullying but also the types of bullies your child may encounter, you will be better equipped to help your child in any situation." (www.verywellfamily.com) Bullying is not just physical, name calling, excluding individuals, gossiping, or making fun of a person's race or religion. There are actually six types of bullying. The most obvious one and historically most noticed in schools is physical bullying. Others include prejudicial, sexual, verbal, and cyber bullying, and relational aggression. (These are all well-defined at www.verywellfamily.com)

Priorities of parents should be to help a child overcome bullying and to find ways to prevent future bullying incidents. It is important that students know that they have options to deal with bullies. "Feeling like there are no options or that the bully must be tolerated, lead to feelings of hopelessness and depression." (www.verywellfamily.com) The above mentioned website is very thorough and covers many other important topics related to bullying. Two of them are "Ten Steps to Help a Child Overcome Bullying" and "Seven Ways to Avoid Bullies at School."

"Childhood bullying and school violence can have lifelong consequences for elementary students. If your child is being bullied, take the situation seriously. Help your child create a plan to stop bullying in its tracks." (www.mayoclinic.org) The first line of defense against bullying is to be prepared. Hopefully books, articles, websites, physicians, teachers, guidance counselors, and friends can help you be prepared.

OCTOBER



MICAH NEWS

Methodists Investing in Care and Action for the Holy Land - Based on Micah 6:8

“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” - Micah 6:8

Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel presents:
A FESTIVAL OF PALESTINIAN ARTS & CULTURE
Saturday, October 22, 2022
1:00-4:00pm
1401 South Maple St., Northfield
(Methodist Church)

- Purchase Palestinian pottery, embroidery items, olive wood carvings, organic extra virgin olive oil, olive oil soap, za'atar. (cash or checks, only)
- Enjoy displays of Palestinian arts and culture
- Meet & be informed of MN Palestinian support groups
- Sample tasty Palestinian treats
- Enter the raffle for a signed reproduction water color painting by a Palestinian artist (\$250 value)

In celebration of our 15th anniversary, Palestinian olive wood refrigerator magnets will be given to the first 50 attendees (one per household)

Free and open to the public

Olive Oil for Sale

Palestinian organic, fair trade, extra virgin olive oil.

750 ml/25.4 oz. for \$25.00

Available in the church office.

Support the farmers of Palestine in the struggle for their livelihood and land.
(Zatoun = Olive)



Part of the ministry of Methodists Invested in Care and Action in the Holy Land is sponsorship of a family living in occupied Bethlehem. To better learn what justice for people like our Bethlehem family can mean, team members look to stories about the occupation of the West Bank. In this book review team member Bruce Benson connects the influential Jewish American Harvey Pekar's changing perspectives on events in the Holy Land with his own shifting understanding of the actions of the state of Israel.

Not the Israel My Parents Promised Me by Harvey Pekar illustrated by JT Walkman

Book recommendation by Bruce Benson

When I read “Not the Israel My Parents Promised Me” in 2012 the scales finally fell from my eyes regarding the Israeli Palestinian conflict. I saw the movie “Exodus” when I was 10, I watched the 1967 Six Day War with Huntley and Brinkley, and I read the Star/Tribune and the Pioneer Press coverage and thought they were fair minded. When I was in college I became radicalized, but even then I was in Israel's corner. Israel loved Nixon and Reagan, I ignored this. It was something I just accepted until 2012.

Harvey Pekar was a Jazz Critic and Underground Comic Writer. He is important in the development of the Graphic Novel. His long running American Splendor was a graphic memoir of his daily life in Cleveland. It covered 27 years. He worked with many artists. I read him and especially liked his graphic history's of the SDS and The Beats.

Harvey's parents were Zionist's and Harvey even made a half hearted attempt to move to Israel when he was young. All this and Cleveland too are in “Not the Israel My Parents Promised Me”. It is a graphic history, a graphic memoir, and a fair minded book. It was published two years after Harvey's death.

Harvey Pekar was a good writer, a good historian, and someone I trusted. I think “Not the Israel my Parents Promised Me” is his finest book. There is a copy available in the Church Library. Give it a read. I think it may be the only Harvey Pekar book in any Church Library.





United
Women
in Faith

Silent Auction November 20th Thank you to all Apple Pie Makers/Buyers!

United Women in Faith October Meeting Dates:

October 3, 2022 – UWF Executive Board meets – 3:00 Fellowship Hall

October 10, 2022 - Esther Circle – 1:00 PM

Kildahl Park Pointe, 888 Cannon Valley Drive, Northfield, MN

Mugs and Muffins – October 17, 2022 – 9:00 AM - Northfield UMC church library

Notice: to all United Women in Faith Executive Board Members and other interested women – On October 3rd , 3:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, we will meet with Sandy and Rev. Rachel to discuss building usage during the Saturday, April 29, 2023 River Valley District Spring Gathering. We have been asked to consider hosting this gathering at NUMC. It has been five (5) years since we last hosted one.

A SILENT AUCTION WILL BE HELD FOR UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH on Sunday, November 20th from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m.

DONATIONS REQUESTED:

We are seeking donations of repurposed, good quality, "like new" items brought individually or gathered in a basket.

Are there services and skills you can share? (painting, baking, sewing, other???) Would you agree to cook a meal for 4 to 8 church friends? Will you host wine & snacks in an igloo or open your cabin to a family for a weekend? Ideas are limitless, and surprises are fun!

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT CHURCH FOR THE AUCTION:

Saturday, November 19 from Noon to 3:00p.m

Sunday, November 20 from 8:00 to 9:00a.m.

OR by calling Lynn Gryc @ 507-210-7923 or emailing

grycfamily@gmail.com.

Sewing items for the auction:



COME TO BROWSE, COME TO BID AND COME TO COMPLETE YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

Thank You to all the purchasers of the 75 pies made and sold, and donations made during the successful UWFaith Apple Pie Fundraiser. The money raised will go to cover our pledge to Emma Norton Services and to United Women in Faith missions: district, state, and national.

A generous donation of apples came from Trump Orchards in Faribault, MN. Fireside Orchards donated a crate of "first blush" apples. And the small orchard on Hwy 3, Castle Rock Kennels and Orchard, donated a bag of zester apples. Three other UWFaith members brought apples too. Every apple went into the pies!!!

Cub Foods and Family Fare donated the ingredients for the pies and some of the pie shells. Two UWFaith members added pie shells too. Without these donors, our pies would be quite expensive. Thank you.

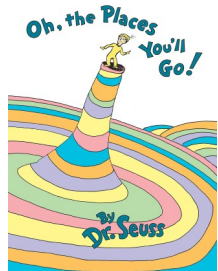
On September 13th, fifteen pie makers gathered to put 75 pies together. Linda Betzold, Peg Jennings, Martha Waddell, Linda Davis, Catherine Williams, Candy Merkle, Merrell Thornton, Ilse Jones, Lynn Gryc, Ruth Sommers, Thalia Duffield, Cindy Anderson, Dorothy Orde, Connie Hehling, and Bev Brumbaugh (the man who dared to join us) – our special thanks go to all of you gathering to make those pies happen. Like in any successful endeavor, there were many others that added their part. Thank you.



Several weeks of school are out of the way, however, church activities for young people have barely begun as the calendar page flips to October. This explains the continuing display of books for children, youth, and young adults in both Fellowship Hall and the Church Library.

Young people, parents and leaders of youth activities are encouraged to take a look at the resources and the items noted on the bulletin boards.

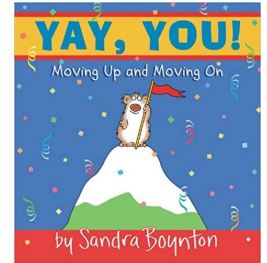
Resources supplementing adult studies will be added in a few weeks.



Meanwhile, for all ages, there are the additional "possibilities" to be found on the Library's shelves.

For now, we echo the encouraging words of authors Sandra Boynton and Dr. Seuss, declaring, *Yay, You!* and exclaiming, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Your Church Library team,
Linda Davis, Diane Genova, Ruthi Henrichs, and Corinne Simonson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for fellowship and coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship every Sunday!

For Sunday 9:30 am livestreamed worship service, visit our website: northfieldumc.org

On Sunday, September 18th we had to start worship without electricity due to a City wide outage; the people of God knows how to improvise though. Pastor Jerad made use of the microphone he uses for Forest therapy walks until the lights turned on. **Due to the electrical outage however, there will be no video of the September 18th worship service available on our website.**

Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will be meeting on October 17th at 9 AM in the church library. We are continuing our study of the "Boys of the Bible Quilt Block Series." This month we will be studying Esau, Jacob and John. New members and guests are always welcome.



Card Making with Margie

Monday, October 24th, 2:30-4:00 pm
In classroom #120

Cost: \$10 to cover supplies.

Join Margie Brockton for a fun time of making greeting cards. She will have all the supplies needed.

Call 507-649-2324 to register and for more info!



Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**

November Herald Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November issue of the Herald Newsletter is:

Noon on Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Please submit your items in a digital format to northfieldumc@gmail.com.

SUPER WEDNESDAY MEAL MENU

For the weekly Super Wednesday meal menu visit our facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthfieldUMC>
each week or call the church office at 507-645-5689.



Aluminum Cans for Operation Backpack

Collect your aluminum cans and place in the container behind the church kitchen. All proceeds from the cans go towards Operation Backpack.

Mission Sewing Project

Fall is here and it is a good time to get involved in different activities. Mission Sewing would love to have more members. We have many projects; from quilts, book bags, diapers, layette gowns, layette jackets and receiving blankets. Some of the quilts are given out at church baptisms. Some go to the Masonic Cancer or Children's Hospital. Some are donated to Operation Joy. Some go to refugee resettlement. Mission Sewing meets on October 26th, Wednesday to tie quilts. We meet at 9AM in Room 120.



Church Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 8th, 8:00 am - noon

We will clean, weed and landscape outside and clean and sanitize inside. Bring your gloves, rakes and whatever else you think you may need and join the fun! There will be jobs for all skill levels. Questions? info@northfieldumc.org

Meals On Wheels



Our church will be delivering Meals On Wheels for the week of November 7-12. We are seeking volunteers to be drivers to deliver the meals made by the hospital. It is a great service to get meals to those who need a good healthy meal. It only takes about an hour over the noon hour. You can volunteer one day or every day or as many as you want. Please reach Marie Beck at Marieyvonbeck@gmail.com or call 608-322-3596 with days of the week you would be available to help.

Thank you

Dear Mission Sewers,
 Words cannot express our gratitude and admiration for the hours of love, creativity and reflection you gave to making the "Women of the Bible" quilt and 3 other quilts. What an absolutely inspiring idea! It is truly a work of art and we are so eager to give it to one of our refugee families in need. As you know, families with refugee status arrive every day with just a suitcase per person and hearts full of hope. Your donation helps welcome those fleeing persecution around the globe into new lives of freedom, hope, and opportunity here in Minnesota. With gratitude for your partnership in the ministry of welcoming refugees,
 Kathryn Berger
 Refugee Services, Minnesota Council of Churches



PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEETING SPACE WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE

Now that Super Wednesday and other fall programming is starting it's really important that you reserve your meeting space with the church office in order to avoid conflicts. This can easily be done via our website. Go to northfieldumc.org and click on "Reserve a Room". Just fill in the blanks and click on submit. Need help? Call the church office and we will be happy to walk you through making the on-line reservation. Meet on a regular basis? You can reserve multiple dates on one form. (Reserving your space also schedules the HVAC/Air Sanitizing system for your meeting room.)





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Community Reservation" designates a room reservation for a non-church related community organization.	Church office hours Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm Fri. 9am-noon	Have you reserved your meeting space for your group this month? Northfieldumc.org click on "reserve a room" to make an online reservation.				1 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
2 9:30 Worship with Communion - World Communion Sunday 10:00 Children's Church 10:30 Youth Connect 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Forum	3 3:00 UWF meeting 6:15 Community Reservation 7:00 Community Reservation	4 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Trustee Meeting	5 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation Super Wednesday 3:30-5:30 KC3 5:30 Shared meal 6:30 Youth Fellowship 6:30 Parent Fellowship 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30-7:30 Open gym	6 12:00 Community Reservation	7 8:00 Men's Breakfast	8 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation 8:00-12:00 Facilities Team Fall Work Day
9 9:30 Worship 10:00 Children's Church 10:30 Youth Connect 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Forum - DRT Walk Together: On the Journey to Racial Justice 10:30 Confirmation 6:00 Community Reservation	10 1:00 Esther Circle - Kildahl 7:00 Community Reservation	11 9:00 Bible Study 12:30 Community Reservation	12 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation Super Wednesday 3:30-5:30 KC3 5:30 Shared meal 6:30 Youth Fellowship 6:30 Parent Fellowship 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30-7:30 Open gym	13 10:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast	15 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
16 9:30 Worship 10:00 Children's Church 10:30 Youth Connect 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Forum - DRT Walk Together: On the Journey to Racial Justice	17 9:00 Mugs & Muffins 7:00 Community Reservation	18 9:00 Bible Study 3:30 MICAH	19 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation Noon - Herald newsletter deadline NO SUPER WEDNESDAY MEA WEEK	20 12:00 Community Reservation 7:00 Renewal via zoom	21 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30-8:30 MICAH	22 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation 1:00-4:00 Festival of Palestinian Arts & Culture
23 9:30 Worship 10:00 Children's Church 10:30 Youth Connect 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Forum - DRT Walk Together: On the Journey to Racial Justice	24 2:30 Card Making with Margie 5:00 Community Reservation 7:00 Community Reservation	25 9:00 Bible Study	26 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation Super Wednesday 3:30-5:30 KC3 5:30 Shared meal 5:30 NUMC Board 6:30 Youth Fellowship 6:30 Pumpkin Carving 6:30 Parent Fellowship 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30-7:30 Open gym	27 12:00 Community Reservation	28 8:00 Men's Breakfast	29 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
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Because every picture has a story to tell...



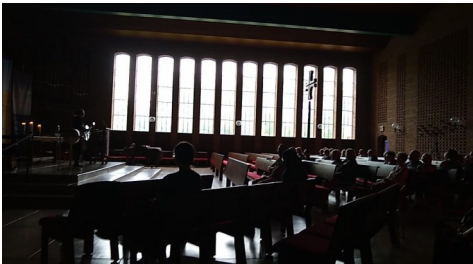
Our "flock" is growing!



If you didn't carry a banner in the DJJD parade, can you even say you were there? Great to see so many NUMC faces around the celebration!



SALT team met via zoom to plan the pumpkin carving party and a November food drive.



When there's an electrical outage throughout the town the people of God knows how to improvise! Jerad preaches by candlelight.



Nana nana nana nana BATMAN!! Custodian Arturo has become quite adept at humanely capturing and releasing bats that find their way into the building.



Heard around the church...."the patio garden is so bright and cheery!" Lot's of additional color in the courtyard this year thanks to Darlene Cox and Mary Ann Polley.



The United Women in Faith members are joined by Bev Brumbaugh for a day of hard work making delicious apple pies to raise money for mission!

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Northfield United Methodist Church offers an electronic option for our monthly newsletter. By having our newsletter available electronically, we will save costs on paper, postage and copier usage. The newsletter will still be available to those who want to receive a hard copy in the mail.

For those that sign up, you will receive an e-mail directing you to a link to view the newsletter. If you have more than one member in the household that would like to receive this e-mail, please list them also.

Please cut out this form, fill in the information and place it in the basket in the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Please print clearly! Thank you!

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Our Church Staff

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