

United Methodist Herald

June/July 2024



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June/July Worship

June 2
Celebration of Holy Communion
II Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6
Rev. Clay Oglesbee

June 9
Graduation Sunday
I Timothy 4:12
II Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Rev Jerad Morey

June 16
Mark 4:26-34
Rev. Will Healy

June 23
John 4:1-26, Isaiah 6:8-10
Bruce Dalgaard

June 30
Isaiah 43:1-7, Numbers 1:1-2
Rev. Donna Dempewolf

God's Re-creation Plan

July 7
Renew Our Spirits
Celebration of Holy Communion
Psalm 104:30
Rev. Donna Dempewolf

July 14
Recalibrate Our Time
Psalm 92:1-2
Rev. Donna Dempewolf

July 21
Replenish Our Joy
Psalm 30:4-5
Rev. Donna Dempewolf

July 28
Restore Our World
Psalm 80:3
Rev. Donna Dempewolf



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

General Fund April 2024 contributions \$20,801.66

General Fund April 2023 contributions \$56,611.66

General Fund YTD 2024 contributions \$108,197.64

General Fund YTD 2023 contributions \$121,123.64

Treasurer's Report for April 2024

General Fund

The Community Resource Bank checking account balance at the end of April was \$36,609.07. This is an increase of \$4,777.12 from the end of March balance of \$31,831.95. Due to cash flow, March and April apportionments have not been paid. Monthly apportionments are \$4,645.58.

Monthly Offering Income for April was \$20,801.66. Year to date (YTD) Actual Offering Income was \$108,197.64 which is \$12,926.00 less than YTD Last Year and \$25,135.72 less than a straight-line YTD Budget of \$133,333.36. General Fund Income Total for April was \$23,424.67. Other Income Totals of \$2,623.01 came from Interest Income, Super Wednesday Meal Proceeds and Regular Facility Usage. General Fund YTD Actual Income was \$121,047.56 which is \$8,225.60 less than YTD Last Year and \$18,201.52 less than a straight-line YTD Budget of \$139,250.08.

When comparing 2024 to 2023, YTD giving in April is down just over \$35,800. Several giving units have informed the church office that they are changing from giving monthly to giving at the end of the year based on advice from their financial planner. Thus, monthly EFT giving has dropped from about \$7,000 to \$5,000. Weekly offering amounts have also decreased since more people are just doing quarterly or end of year contributions. This change in giving patterns makes it difficult to manage cash flow.

Monthly Expense Totals for March were \$20,775.15. YTD Actual Expense Totals were \$128,868.47 which is \$37,149.54 less than YTD Last Year but \$10,165.87 more than a straight-line YTD Budget of \$118,702.60. YTD we are \$7,819.91 in the red, compared to \$20,547.48 we budgeted to be in the black.

Physical Plant

Support from General Fund income for April was \$6,528.99. YTD Actual Income was \$7,528.99 and was made up of \$6,528.99 from General Fund Support for Physical Plant and \$1,000.00 from continuing contributions to the last Building Campaign. YTD Actual Expenses were \$44,495.80 which leaves a negative balance of \$7,310.52.

Endowment Funds

At the end of December 2023 these funds totaled \$941,047.78 which includes \$334,802.54 that we owe ourselves. The YTD Balance at the end of April was \$945,170.85 which is an overall 0.7% gain of \$4,123.07 but a month to month 3% decrease of \$19,016.50.

No distributions from the endowment funds have been taken yet this year. However, we need to do a distribution to have some additional cash flow for the summer months. I recommend that we take a 6% distribution, a total \$36,602.88, on the balance in the accounts as of the April 30th statement.

Northfield UMC Leadership Board - Wednesday May 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bruce Benson, Carolyn Seas, Warren Winkelman, Kevin Dahle, Pierce Follansbee-Delong, Allie Lyman, Sara Newberg, Crystal Greenfield, Thalia Duffield, Dave Wolf, Pastor Rachel McIver-Morey

Not Present: Jessy Hoffer

Meeting Called to order: 5:30 pm by Kevin Dahle

NUMC Prayer

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Pierce to approve the **March 20, 2024** NUMC Board minutes. Dave seconded.

Approved as read.

Approval of Agenda: Kevin moved to approve the agenda. Pierce seconded. **Agenda approved.**

Board Missional Responsibilities:

UMC Mission Statement: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

NUMC Mission Statement: We are called, nurtured, and sent out for this purpose: To glorify God by acts of or devotion, worship, compassion, and justice.

Agenda items

Fiduciary Items:

Facilities: Pastor Rachel informed the board that it was time to renew the facilities insurance. She had received a last minute increase option for the additional windstorm gap insurance premium due the end of the month. A decision had to be made on what level of coverage we desired for this additional premium. The premium levels offered were difficult to understand without further information from the insurance company. After much discussion, Warren made a motion for Pierce, Kevin, and Dave to move forward, on behalf of the board, to make a final decision on the the premium after further clarification from the insurance company. Sara seconded the motion. **Motion approved.**

Finance: Treasurer's Report, endowment distributions: Dave Wolf presented the Treasurer's report for April 30, 2024.

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Dave made a motion to accept the report. Pierce seconded. - **Motion approved.** Bruce Benson made a motion to take the yearly 6% distribution from the endowment funds. Warren seconded. - **Motion approved.**

At this point, Kevin and Sara left the meeting.

College Scholarships:

The church has two High School graduates this year. They are Griff Dahle and John Newberg. Dave Wolf made a motion to give each graduate \$1000 from the Sather Scholarship endowment fund. Thalia Duffield seconded. - **Motion approved.**

Kevin and Sara returned to the meeting.

SPRC – closed session – separate minutes

Nominations for new board members

Marilyn Hanson, Mary Twitchell, and Kerry Cipra have agreed to serve on the Leadership Board. They will be appointed at the church charge conference on June 2, 2024.

Ministry Items:

The Back to School event will be August 24, 2024. Further details later.

Next Meeting - July 17, 2024, 5:30 pm. A motion was made by Pierce to adjourn and seconded by Sara. **Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Seas, Secretary

Message from the Pastor

Dear NUMC family,

The farewell worship service and reception on May 19 was overwhelming in all the good ways - so much love and laughter even in our leaving! We won't pretend to be able to name everyone involved in the planning of all the proceedings, but we will lift up the NUMC Board and our staff who helped coordinate and support all the shenanigans...and it is clear there were plenty of shenanigans afoot. We will be taking our time reading through the notes and sorting the friendship bracelets. As we say to young children, we all have some "big feelings" at the moment.

Bruce Paulson noted in his remarks some of the concrete challenges we have faced together - in every ministry area, we had moments of truth and reckoning over the last nine years. We have had to be flexible and frank with each other so many times and about so many things. The lessons learned from our season of ministry and life together will serve you well as you welcome a new pastor. These same lessons will serve our family well in our new home and community as we connect with life there.

We are marked by our time together in ways big and small, and that is something to bless. We have become more humble, more hopeful, and more honest as a consequence of the life we have shared.

Thank you. For the gifts, for the music, for the words, for the hugs and handshakes, for the food.

For everything.

These next few weeks will be hectic at the parsonage as we pack. We will be on hand as necessary for Sunday mornings through June 9, and wrapping up other loose ends as able and necessary. We will cherish our "Do Good/Done Good" shirts as a physical benediction from the NUMC family - a wearable blessing, if you will. We will do our best to stay up on correspondence, but we do ask for your grace as the time of transition barrels toward us: for whatever balls get dropped, we ask your forgiveness!

May this new chapter be one of good things as you and Pastor Donna begin the work of life and ministry together. I know you will offer her warm welcome and helping hands and buckets grace in the early going especially.

And the next time you wear your own "Do Good" shirt, know that we think you have "Done Good", too.

Blessings and love, Jerad and Rachel

A Fabulous Farewell

On Sunday, May 19th, after a beautiful worship service with special music and farewell messages from Pastor Rachel and Pastor Jerad it was on to a celebration filled with love, laughter and a lot of wonderful memories shared as we said goodbye to the Morey family. From some good hearted teasing about Rachel's feelings towards sheep, to friendship bracelets, special gifts, a special song, good food, heartfelt words and shirts for each of the Moreys declaring that they had definitely "done good" during their time at NUMC, it was as Rachel says, a morning with "big feelings". Thank you to all who helped plan and take part in the worship service and the farewell reception. Please enjoy the many photos from the event on the following page. - Sandy

Goodbye Morey Family
~ We will miss you! ~





FAMILY ministry

Looking for more family ministries information?
Contact the church office at info@northfieldumc.org.

Graduation Sunday

On June 9, we will celebrate our seniors, Griff Dahle and John Newberg, and we will announce scholarships. There will also be cake!

Save the Date!

On **Thursday, June 20, from 5:00-8:00** we will have a Methodist night at the Northfield Old Memorial Outdoor pool. Please join us for swimming, pizza for dinner and fun. This is open to parents, KC3, middle and high school students! See you there!

Kids ages 8-12: Sign up for Trailblazers

July 21-24, Camp Koronis, Paynesville

All kids aged 8-12 years are invited to go to Trailblazers at Camp Koronis can sign up at Campminnesota.org. Talk to Gregory Ennis about scholarship opportunities so that everyone who wants to can attend.

Game and Movie Night

Monday, July 22, from 5:00-8:30 we will have a game and movie night at the church! Board games, outside time/gym time followed by a movie and pizza! KC3, middle and high school students and families please join us. Students can be dropped off but parents are welcomed and encouraged to stay for the fun.

NOW HIRING: Youth and Family Ministries Director

We are hiring a Youth and Family Ministries Director to maintain momentum in our youth program. If you know someone with good administrative and interpersonal skills and a love of God and ALL God's children - especially middle school and high school youth - then please invite them to [apply for this position!](#)

Final Super Wednesday!

The final Super Wednesday signaled the last night of youth activities and the day that UMC finally votes to become fully inclusive...it was quite the day! NUMC Youth marked the day with a campfire and outdoor games.





Monday, May 20 was the final day of the 2024 Minnesota legislative session. Some justice-focused policy actions were taken, but others will require our advocacy in the 2025 session. Deadline for this article to be submitted to the church office was noon on that date so I can't provide a full wrap-up. Watch for that in the June Herald.

ISAIAH's focus now shifts to the election process. If you are not registered to vote at your current address, take that action now either through the Secretary of State's website (sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/) or in person at the City Clerk's office in Northfield, at the Office for Elections at the Rice County office building in Faribault, or at the facility in your County. Those Northfield residents who live in Dakota County, you are still served at the Northfield City Clerk's office.

The 2024 primary for city officers, school board members, township officers and local ballot questions and other state and national officers will be August 13. You can vote in person or by mail beginning June 28. To vote absentee by mail, apply through the website or at the offices listed above.

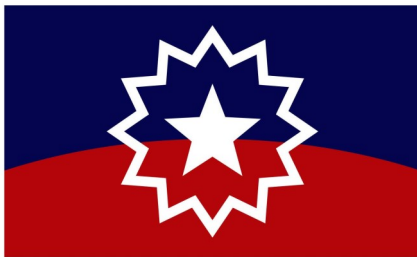
As you consider whom you will support in this primary, reflect on your faith values and pay attention to the faith values presented by those vying to be elected officials.

Join other United Methodists and people of other faiths in work for economic and racial justice and for a caring economy. For more information and to join in the advocacy work through the NUMC team of ISAIAH-MN, contact Evelyn Burry (evelynburry@hotmail.com, 507-581-4684).

Dismantling Racism Team (DRT)

Juneteenth National Independence Day (June 19) commemorates the day in 1865, two and half years after the Emancipation Proclamation, that Union troops announced emancipation to the last group of enslaved people in Galveston, Texas. It became a federal holiday in 2021. Not sure what it's all about or how to recognize this important day? Here are some quotes from Black activists, historical figures, and artists that may help you better understand the importance of Juneteenth.

"Juneteenth has never been a celebration of victory or an acceptance of the way things are. It's a celebration of progress. It's an affirmation that despite the most painful parts of our history, change is possible—and there is still so much work to do." — Barack Obama



"What I love about #Juneteenth is that even in that extended wait, we still find something to celebrate. Even though the story has never been tidy, and Black folks have had to march and fight for every inch of our freedom, our story is nonetheless one of progress." — Michelle Obama

"Juneteenth was a promise that was broken. Reconstruction failed and this country has continued to wage war on the Black body. Juneteenth also embodies the resilience of Black people. Even in the face of a broken system, we choose to find joy in resistance and celebrate in community." — Obrian Rosario

"Today on Juneteenth, the day we celebrate the end of slavery, the day we memorialize those who offered us hope for the future and the day when we renew our commitment to the struggle for freedom." — Angela Davis

"Juneteenth means so much to me. It represents the freedom that my ancestors fought so tirelessly for. But rather than focusing on the brutalization of my people then and now. I choose to focus on hope. June 19th reminds me that I am the force of power to change this world and to follow in the footsteps of my ancestors to work towards liberation." —Mariah Cooley

"The American education system has taught us as children that Black people have history in pain and survival. They have failed to teach us our history in joy, success, innovations and so much more. Juneteenth is a reclaim on our history that has been stolen. Juneteenth is greater to us than a Fourth of July or Christmas because it represents our culture, resilience, and deserving respect from a country WE built." — Nia White

"The day we were free—everyone was free. Why not make it a paid holiday? We deserve that...We want a day that is inclusive to everyone." — Pharrell Williams



IT Tech Corner

By Jesse Steed

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You can also subscribe to our Herald Newsletter, just contact the church office to get on the email list - send an email message to northfieldumc@gmail.com and request to be added to the list.

Browse recent blog posts with content from the Herald on our website blog page <https://northfieldumc.org/blog>. You are welcome to share the posts with your friends and family on social media, especially the post about "A Fox Among Us" by our office administrator Sandy.

If you ever have a question about using or sharing NUMC online content, please contact the church office.



Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will meet on June 17th. We are continuing the "Boys of the Bible Quilt Block Series." In June we will be studying Elihu, Bartholomew, and Thomas.

In July we will meet on July 15th. We will be studying Judas Iscariot, Timothy, and Titus. New members and guests are always welcome. We will meet in the church library at 9 AM.



Mission Sewing Project

Mission Sewing is working hard to meet their goal of having 30 quilts done by early December to donate to Operation Joy. We also are working on items for Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

We are always looking for more people to help meet our goals. Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 26th to tie quilts and start other projects. We meet at 9 AM in Room 120. Our July meeting is on July 24th at 9 AM in Room 120.

***THANK YOU* to the members of the Northfield UMC Choir for leading our worship this year!**

I am so grateful to you all for your contributions this year, and I look forward to making music with you again in October! - Debbie

(If anyone is interested in joining the adult choir, contact choir@northfieldumc.org)



Jolene Barjasteh
Linda Davis
Jody Friedow
Ruth Kruse
Clare Mather

Amy Allin
Sara Newberg
Marge Randolph
Kristen Twitchell
Lisa Weis

Kevin Allin
Philip Spensley
Bob Williams

Tim Goodwin
Rich Graves
Ned Newberg
Dennis Randolph
Steve Twitchell

David Miller, accompanist



Notes from the Parish Nurse

Summer is a time when we are often out-of-doors biking, picnicking, camping, swimming, boating, and hiking. It is a joyful time to be out in God's glorious world, but it is also a time to take precautions and be safe. Following are some safety reminders.



Water Safety

- Never let children swim unsupervised, even in backyard pools.
- Learn how to swim and teach your children how to swim.
- At lakes, swim with a buddy and only swim in areas where a lifeguard is present.
- Before diving, be sure the water is deep enough and free from hazards.
- **Wear** a personal flotation device (PFD) when boating.
- Do not drink alcohol when boating or swimming.
- Watch the weather because lightning and rough water are very dangerous.
- Wear sunscreen that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher to protect your skin from harmful ultraviolet (UVA & UVB) rays.

Heat-Related Illness

- Heat cramps, painful muscle spasms in the legs or abdomen, are often the first sign that someone is having a heat-related illness. Usually resting in a cool place and drinking fluids will help a person recover.
- Heat exhaustion is a more severe form of a heat-related illness. Symptoms include headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, and weakness. Skin appears cool, moist, and pale. Treatment includes getting the person out of the heat, loosen tight clothing, apply cool wet cloths to the skin, fan the victim, and give cool water to drink if the person is conscious.
- Heat stroke is the least common but most severe heat emergency. It can occur when a person ignores heat exhaustion symptoms. Signs of heat stroke include red, hot, dry skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, shallow breathing; and rapid, weak pulse. Call 911 immediately. Wrap the person in a cool wet sheet, or place cold packs on the person's wrists, ankles, groin, and armpits to help cool large blood vessels.
- To prevent heat-related illnesses, be sure to moderate activity when temperatures are high and maintain an adequate intake of fluids. Thirst warns us to replenish our body's water supply.



July is "Fireworks Eye Safety Awareness Month" and the American Academy of Ophthalmology reminds consumers to "leave fireworks to professionals." More than 13,000 injuries and 8 deaths related to fireworks happen each year, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Over 4,000 injuries are head-related and of those nearly 30% are eye injuries. One-fourth of fireworks eye injuries cause permanent vision loss or blindness. These are sobering statistics. "Children are the most common victims of fireworks accidents..." People often think sparklers are "safe" for children to use, but they burn at about 2000 degrees Fahrenheit, which can cause third degree burns. Bottle rockets cause the most serious injuries because of abrupt trauma to the eye. These injuries

include: corneal abrasions, retinal detachment, optic nerve damage, eye muscle damage, and complete blindness. Please heed the following tips from the Academy: never let children play with fireworks, view fireworks from a safe distance (500 feet to ¼ mile), respect safety barriers of professionals and leave lighting fireworks to them, do not touch unexploded fireworks that you might find, and seek medical help immediately if you receive an eye injury from fireworks.

More information about eye safety can be found on the following websites: www.aao.org and www.preventblindness.org.



Methodists Investing in Care and Action for the HolyLand



Olive Oil for Sale

Palestinian organic, fair trade,
extra virgin olive oil.

500 ml/16.5 oz for \$20.00

750 ml/25.4 oz. for \$25.00

Now available in the church office

We are currently well stocked
with olive oil.

“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

The 11th Annual [Nakba](https://northfieldumc.org/micah) Remembrance in Northfield took place on May 11, 2024. Nakba means Catastrophe. This year the Nakba was followed by a Mothers March. Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel organized the event. Darlene Cox is a long time attendee. Watch a video of the event on the [MICAH web page](https://northfieldumc.org/micah) <https://northfieldumc.org/micah>

Nakba remembers the catastrophe of 1948 when Israel ethnically cleansed ¾ of the Palestinian population and demolished half of their villages and towns. During the ceremony the villages are named in Arabic, a bell is rung, and a small Palestinian flag is placed on the large map in the location of the villages. It is a moving experience. It was my third Nakba. There were many more people at this year's event. - Bruce Benson

Click here to see photo album <https://northfieldumc.org/blogs/micah/2024/5/20/nakba-remembrance>

The idea of marking the location of each of 418 Palestinian villages that were destroyed and depopulated in 1948 was inspired by what was done on the National Mall in Washington DC where a large map was traced on the ground. I brought this idea to our NJP/ group in Northfield and another woman and I created a 4' x 8' map of the area with the location marked on the map. As each village name is read a small flag is placed in the location of one of the villages by those present. All of the NJP members are involved in carrying out this event but I have been the coordinator since we have been holding this event. This year about 80 people attended and the program concluded with a "Mother's March" in solidarity with the women of Gaza who have been forced to walk many miles in the last months. This was the largest crowd in the history of this event. To anyone stopping by this event, I would say that this is a free community event open to all where we are remembering the catastrophe that happened to the Palestinian people in 1948 when Israel became a State. By holding this event in a public space (Bridge Square) we hope to inform the public about this tragedy that continues today in Gaza. - Darlene Cox

I drove past the Nakba ceremony on Saturday with my son Robert on our way to the Blast to meet his soccer team for some post-game ice cream. We saw the Nakba Remembrance participants walking down the street, carrying signs and chanting. We talked about what was going on and why Northfielders would spend time recognizing something that happened so long ago and so far away. I am saddened by the horrible events of the Nakba that happened to families, children, and peaceful people. Seeing my Northfield people in Bridge Square, walking around downtown, bringing life to the memory of the event and the ongoing catastrophes in Gaza serves as a sobering reminder that valuable justice work is needed more than ever. -Jesse Steed

GENERAL CONFERENCE NOTES

The General Conference has adopted historic legislation for our church related to Palestine:

- Exclude Government Debt of Countries Involved in Prolonged Military Occupations (divestment from government bonds of Israel and Turkey and Morocco)
- Addressing Israeli Detention of Children
- Child Incarceration
- Protecting the Right to Peacefully Address Injustice (the right to boycott)

And we have renewed some vital resolutions:

- Opposition to Israeli Settlements in Palestinian Land (our church's bedrock resolution on the occupation, includes a call for a global boycott of the settlements)
- UN Resolutions on the Israel-Palestine Conflict
- Holy Land Tours

See them all at UMKR website [UMKR GC 2020 Resolutions and Supporting Resources](https://umkr.org/2020/Resolutions-and-Supporting-Resources)



United
Women
in Faith

UWFaith Mission Rummage Sale June 21-22 - All hands needed on Deck!

United Women in Faith :Meeting Dates

June 3, 2024 – UWF Executive Board meeting – 3:00 Fellowship Hall. No meeting in July

June-August, 2024 - Esther Circle – No meeting, enjoy the summer!

June 17, 2024 - Mugs and Muffins – Church Library – 9:00 AM

Website: UWFaith.org – National UWFaith mnconfumw.com – Minnesota UWFaith

Thank you to all who contributed to the Emma Norton Services mission raffle and donations. Northfield United Women in Faith support the Emma Norton mission helping the homeless and women with special challenges in Ramsey County. Quilt winner is not known at this time.

Mission Rummage Sale – Sale Dates are June 21 & 22.

Early Drop off in classroom #121 – Sunday, June 16 until noon.

June 17 & 18 **1:00 to 4:00 PM only**. A representative of UWFaith will be there to receive your treasures. Please, do not go to the office!

Clearing out Fellowship Hall Tuesday, June 18 - **6:30-8:30 PM**

June 19, 20 - Set up the Sale in Fellowship Hall – **9:00 AM to 7:00 PM**. Drop off your stuff during this time only. UWFaith members will be there to sort everything at this time.

June 21 Sale is open 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

June 22 Sale open 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon Saturday Take down and clean up 12:00 until done.

United Women in Faith are asking all members to bring clean, usable, mended items for sale.

What you bring should be something you might purchase in another sale at another time.

Furniture in good condition is to be small enough to be carried in by you and out by another.

No TV's. Electronics need to be usable & with all pieces and cords.

Questions:

Contact Catherine at cwilliamsteacher303@gmail.com

Household Items - Dorm Room needs

Sports Items Books

Clothes for all Ages

Miscellaneous Jewelry

Art Work Children's Toys

Collectables Antiques



Helping hands are needed to
make this sale a success.
Proceeds go to the United Women
in Faith budget to help women,
children, and youth of our church
and the world.

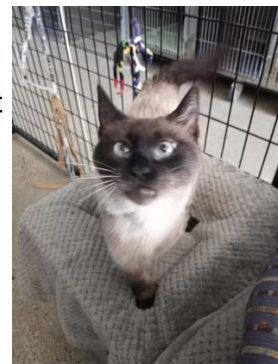
Alliance Stamp Ministry: All types of cancelled postage stamps and Stamp collections are accepted. Put them in the box in Fellowship Hall. This is an ongoing ministry.

Spend summer time reading the great books in the UWFaith reading library. Find them on the cart to the left in our church library. Children's books are there, and some are great for youth readers, too.

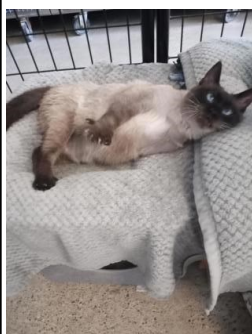
Time To Come Out From Under The Chair

I have a new family member. Her name is Sammy and she is a 3-legged cat. Yup, that's right she only has three legs, one front and two back, but it doesn't slow her down one bit, she's a little spitfire. That's not the only unusual thing about Sammy though, she also has extra toes on each of her three feet and the most beautiful, slightly cross-eyed, blue eyes. She is absolutely beautiful.

As many of you are aware I do some volunteering with the Prairie's Edge Humane Society. One of the things I enjoy doing for them is writing about the animals who pass through their doors. As you can probably imagine pretty much every animal there has a story. Typically, they have me write about the ones who need special medical attention when the shelter is in need of raising funds to help pay for those medical needs. We then put those stories out on their social media.



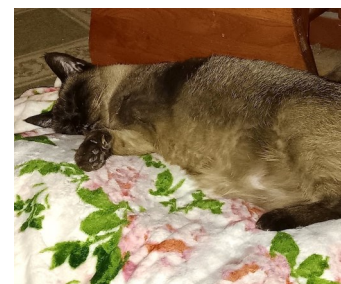
A few months ago I was asked if I would write about Sammy. She was found wandering with one kitten in tow in rural Rice County and brought to the Humane Society. She had a leg that was bent upwards with a twisted foot so she could only use three of her legs. After an exam by a veterinarian it was determined that since she was already only using three legs the best option to avoid future problems was to amputate it. No one knows if this was a birth defect or an injury that healed this way. Sammy's story was posted on the Humane Society's Facebook page and raised the \$1500 that the surgery would cost in less than a week. People in the community cared about what happened to this little cat and it was a beautiful thing to see with all that goes on in our world.



Prior to writing about Sammy and the surgery she would need, I spent some time at the shelter getting to know her. This little girl was amazing. As time went on, I could not get her out of my mind. As I mentioned, she is beautiful, but that is not why I could not stop thinking about her. Even with her messed up leg she was the happiest, sweetest girl and just wanted to be loved. She obviously didn't see herself as having any type of disability. She lived in my head rent free for almost two months. She had a terrible disability and deserved everyone's compassion, but this little girl was so determined and happy and she just radiated love. She handled the surgery like a champ and within a few days she was running, playing and even jumping up on chairs at the shelter, although she really wasn't supposed to be doing any of those things so fast. Like I said, she's a spitfire and the only time she slows down is when it's nap time and she finds her bed. She doesn't seem to even realize she has only three legs. Animals are so amazing at adapting to any situation.

I had not had a cat in a few years, and I live with a dog who is more like a cat than a dog at times so when Sammy became available for adoption I knew she needed to be my next family member. Sammy was very unsure of things when she first came to my house as this was a big change for her. She spent the first 3 days hiding under a chair in my living room only coming out at night after I would go to bed to eat the food I would leave out for her. I can relate to her feelings, I'm not going to lie, it's been a bit rough in the church office the last couple of months. Lots of unknowns, lots of questions, some anxiety and definitely stress. There have been days I too have felt like hiding under my chair just like Sammy. Change is hard for everyone and anxiety tends to bubble to the surface when being confronted with change. That is one thing I admire about animals; they are so adaptable to change. Sammy has dealt with so much in her short life. Surviving alone in the countryside, having a litter of kittens so young and with only one surviving that we know of, caring for that baby as well as herself with the use of only 3 legs, brought to the shelter, having her leg amputated and then getting a new home....with a dog. This little girl only weighs about 9 pounds, is estimated to be less than 2 years old and when I look at this little creature who is so brave, my heart is full. I think about the bravery and determination it must have taken to survive all of that and still seek out and give unconditional love.

So here we are; Fletcher my quirky dog, a three-legged female cat named Sam, and myself. My little family. Fletcher and Sammy are getting used to each other and are doing great so far. They are both rescue animals and I've always felt that rescue animals just look at the world a little bit differently and seem to be more accepting and gracious.



Maybe there is a reason Sammy came into my life right now. Maybe there's a message there. I always look for those. Maybe it's time to take a page out of Sammy's book and come out from hiding under the chair, Sammy literally and me metaphorically. Change is difficult, can be scary, cause anxiety and even grief because of what is leaving us or what we are leaving behind. But change can also be exciting, fun, and lead to new relationships that are just as wonderful as the previous ones. Sammy was so loved by the people at the shelter, the time she spent at the shelter served her well and helped her transition to her new home with me. I know they miss her sweet personality at the shelter, but they are happy for her and excited for her future. So, to my beautifully odd little kitty with three legs, extra toes and slightly crossed eyes... thank you for the example you have shown me and for sending a subtle message in your own way that change is ok and although it's scary and we might wish to hide under the chair, we'll come out on the other side and be just fine. - Sandy Vesledahl, Office Administrator

The Human Animal Bond - The Pets of NUMC

In a previous Herald issue we asked folks to send in photos of their pets and tell us a little about them. Here are a few of the beloved pets of NUMC!



Buster

Dennis and Marge Randolph

Buster is a 2 year old Goldendoodle who has made his home with us for about 6 months. He suffers from separation anxiety, so we have had some challenging times with him.

He is a great playmate for our 5 year old grandson, but Christian has to watch over his Lego creations so that Buster doesn't chew on them. Through our 56 years of marriage, we have had a total of 13 dogs (1 or 2 at a time).



Moose

Betsy, Blake, Emery and Bennett Peterson

This is Moose. We adopted him in April 2020 from the Humane Society. He is the sweetest, most cuddly, food-loving baby! We love him so much! You can see him any time on the path behind Bridgewater Elementary School he will bark at you if you have a stroller or a dog.

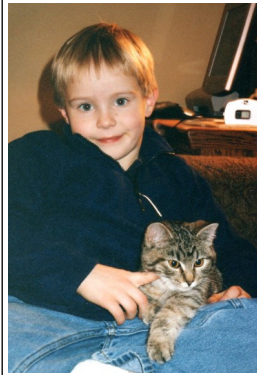
Ha! Come say hi.



Tracker

Bruce and Ruth Paulson

Tracker is a 100+ pound bundle of energy who frequently visits the NUMC office for treats and he knows exactly which desk drawer of Sandy's they are kept in.



Nellie the Healer

Amy Allin

Our cat, Nellie, was playful and loving. When our son, Danny, returned home from a week-long stay at Children's Hospital, Nellie never left his side. She provided comfort while he spent several weeks recovering at home. She had a special bond with Danny her entire life.

Oliver – Beloved Cat of the Allin Family

Our family had a cat named Oliver for 20 years. Although he passed away, we think of him often. I attached a photo of him watching birds at our bird feeder. Here are a few things we loved about our cat:

Oliver was a grand cat. He enjoyed trips to our cabin, boat rides and investigating any project that Kevin was working on. When our children were young, he tolerated being dressed up in doll clothes and playing in cat condos our kids built out of boxes. Ollie was a beloved member of our family.



Thank you to everyone who sent in their photos it was so much fun to hear about your pets!



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



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.

Volunteer for Meals on Wheels

June 17-23

We are still looking for volunteers to deliver noon meals to our home bound neighbors for the wonderful Meals on Wheels program the week of June 17-23. Please contact Marie Beck marieyvonnebeck@gmail.com or call 608-322-3596 if you have questions or are interested.



Card Making with Margie

Tuesday, June 18 & July 16
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.



Church Softball Schedule

June 2 – 7:05 pm, Sechler 2, St. John's vs NUMC
June 9 – 8:10 pm, Babcock, NUMC vs Bethel
June 16 – 7:05 pm, Sechler 1, Trinity Blue vs NUMC
June 23 – 9:15 pm, Babcock, NUMC vs UCC
June 30 – 6:00 pm, Sechler 2, River City vs NUMC
June 30 - 7:05 pm, Sechler 2, Emmaus vs NUMC
July 14 – 6:00 pm, Sechler 2, NUMC vs Cornerstone
July 21 – 7:05 pm, Babcock, Bethel vs NUMC
July 28 – 7:05 pm, Sechler 2, NUMC vs Life 21
August 4 – 9:15 pm, Babcock, NUMC vs Canvas
August 11 – 8:10 pm, Sechler 2, NUMC vs St. Dominics

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

August Herald Newsletter Deadline

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

Noon on Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Please submit your items for the newsletter in a digital format (word document) to northfieldumc@gmail.com.

Late submissions will not be accepted.



Summer Church Office Hours
Mon.– Thurs.,
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday– closed

The church office will be closed June 19-20.
The church office will be closed July 4th.

SAVE THE DATE! *retirement party*

WE WILL GATHER TO GIVE THANKS FOR THE MINISTRY OF
REV. CYNTHIA WILLIAMS

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Appetizer and dessert open house potluck at
Hennepin Ave UMC Art Gallery

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June 13 • 5 - 7pm
with a naming of thanks at six.
Please join us!

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We will gather with the River Valley and
Twin Cities Districts, as well as
other Cynthia fans.

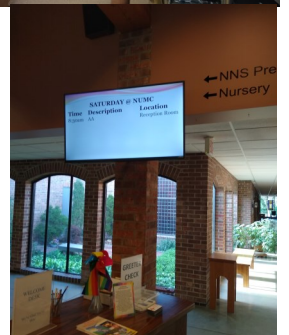
Because every picture has a story to tell...



The NUMC Softball team hosted their annual Brat Feed May 8th as an additional Wednesday meal. Great food was enjoyed by all and enough money was raised to cover the softball fees for this year! Look for the NUMC softball schedule in the announcement section of this newsletter.

The reconciling ministry team assembles pin wheels for this year's Pride in the Park. The pin wheels are NUMC's signature hand out each year.

Thank you facilities team for mounting the new welcome screen. This will aid us in directing visiting and church groups to their meeting locations!



So many NUMC folks got into the spirit of making friendship bracelets for Pastor Rachel's farewell. (even some of the Men's Breakfast group) The most common word folks put on their bracelet to describe Rachel? Velocipastor of course!



June

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2 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	3 3:00 UWF meeting 7:00 Community Reservation	4 9:00 Bible Study	5 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation	6 12:00 Community Reservation	7 8:00 Men's Breakfast CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	1 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation 12:00-4:00 Pride in the Park 8 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation 2:00 Ruthabeth McElrath Funeral
9 Graduation Sunday 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 6:00-8:00 Community Reservation	10 10:00 MICAH mtg 6:30 Community Reservation 7:00 Community Reservation	11 9:00 Bible Study	12 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation 5:30-7:00 Community Reservation	13 10:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	15 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
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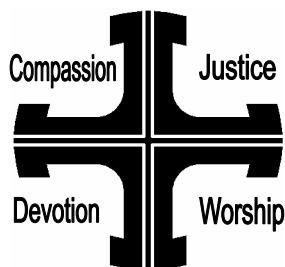
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Please print clearly! Thank you!

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