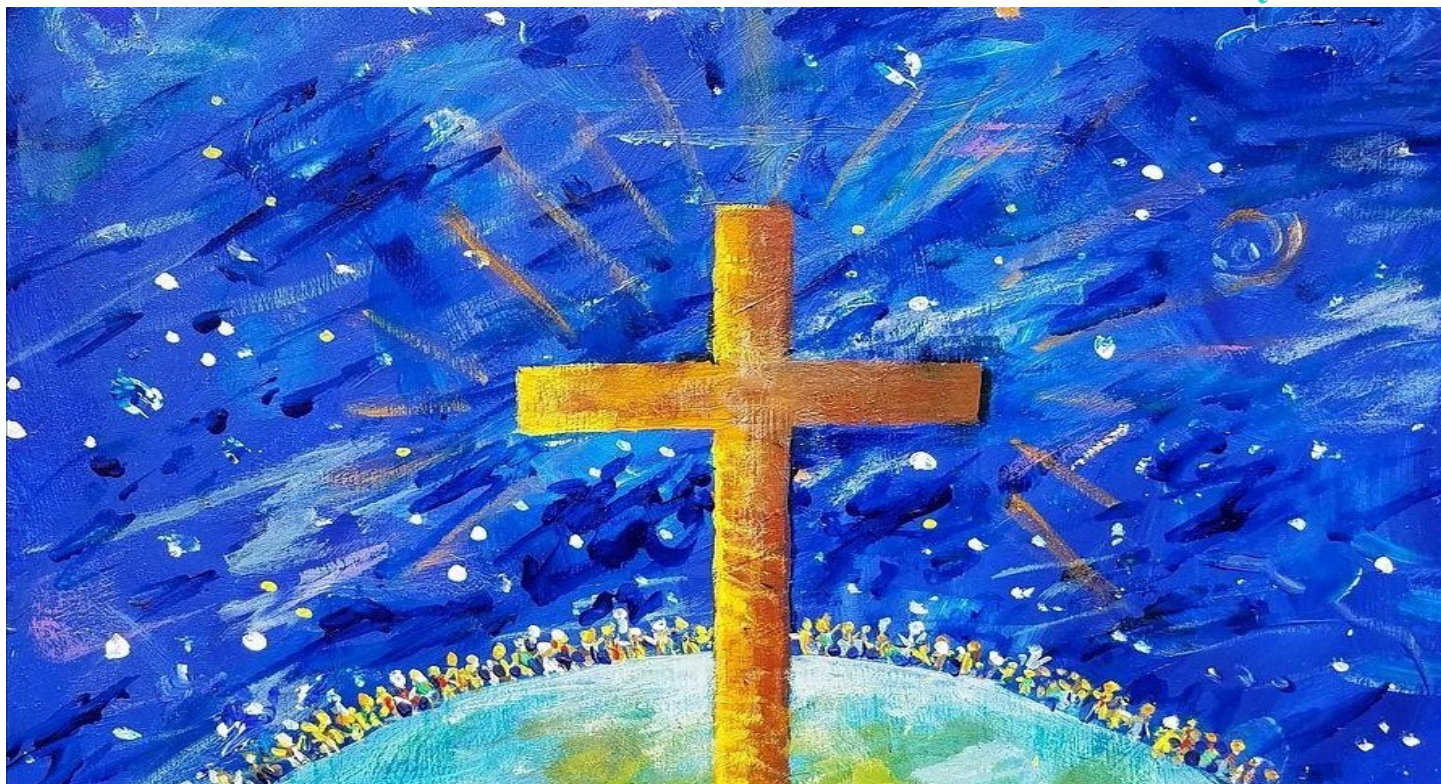


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May Worship

May 4, 2025
Celebration of Holy Communion
John 21:1-19
Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17
Rev. Dr. Timothy Eberhart

May 11, 2025
John 10:22-30
Pastor Donna Dempewolf

May 18, 2025
John 3:7-10
John 13:31-35
Rev. Howard White

May 25, 2025
John 5:1-9
Pastor Donna Dempewolf



Message from the Pastor

A Journey Toward Creation Care

This spring, Northfield UMC is engaging deeply with the sacred responsibility of Caring for Creation through our worship and educational series, "What Then Should We Do?" (John 3:10). Grounded in scripture, science, and faith, this series explores how we, as followers of Jesus, are called to tend the earth with compassion, wisdom, and hope.

Each week, we'll reflect on a different theme—from our creatureliness and connection to creation, to the face of loss and challenge, to the path of engagement and action. Along the way, we'll learn from notable guest speakers—climate scientists, eco-theologians, spiritual formation leaders, and advocates—who help us explore both the grief and the grace present in this moment of ecological urgency.

I'll admit: I'm still growing in this area. The climate crisis can feel overwhelming, and the pace of change can be hard to face. But this series reminds us that we don't have to know everything to begin. We begin by listening—to God, to the voices of those most impacted, and to the sacredness of the earth beneath our feet.

Our sacred stories remind us that creation is not a commodity to be used, but a sacred relationship to be honored. We are not separate from the earth—we belong to it. Climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental injustice are not distant or abstract issues. They are deeply spiritual concerns that challenge us to listen: to God, to one another, and to the cries of creation itself.

Psalms 23 offers the enduring promise that God is with us even in the darkest valleys. In John 10, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who knows us, calls us by name, and leads us to abundant life. These scriptures remind us that we are not alone—in our sorrow, our questions, or our efforts to care.

Caring for creation isn't just about individual actions—it's about spiritual transformation. It's about learning to live in right relationship with the earth and with one another. As Bishop Sally Dyck has said, "Creation care is not an add-on to our faith. It's a fundamental expression of our discipleship."

In other words, faithful response includes tangible action. In *The Climate Action Handbook*, Dr. Heidi A. Roop offers 100 simple, science-based steps we can all take. One example: Try reducing food waste by planning your meals and shopping intentionally. Nearly 40% of food in the U.S. goes uneaten—and cutting back on waste is one way individuals can lower their carbon footprint and honor the resources of creation.

I invite you to journey with us as we wrestle with the big questions, lean into hope-in-action, and seek to live faithfully in the midst of a changing world. For details on speakers and topics, see page 5 or visit northfieldumc.org/caring-creation.

Blessings,
Donna

P.S. If you've missed any of the Sunday morning messages, you can watch online at northfieldumc.org.

Coffee with the Pastor
Tuesday, May 20th
1:00-2:30 pm
The HideAway Coffeehouse
421 Division St. S.
No appointment necessary,
just stop in!

Church Conference **May 14, 2025 - 6:30 pm**

A Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 6:30 pm in the Reception Room.

The agenda will include:

1. Pastoral Report
2. Election of Lay Member to Annual Conference
3. Extension of the term for three board members to a fourth year
4. Election of new board members

Pastor Donna Dempewolf will serve as the presiding elder.



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.

Northfield United Methodist Church Mission Statement

We are companions in Christ, called, nurtured, and sent out for this purpose: to glorify God by acts of worship, devotion, compassion, and justice.



Northfield United Methodist Church Worship. Devotion. Compassion. Justice.

Open our hearts, O God, to your presence already at work in our lives. Break through any barrier in our hearts separating us from you and others. By your Spirit, show us possibilities beyond what we can imagine for ourselves and our church. Make us ready; our hands are yours. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Thinking about making Northfield UMC your church home?

We'll be welcoming new members on **Sunday, June 8**—and we'd love for you to be part of it. Whether you're new to town, returning after time away, or transferring from another congregation, Pastor Donna would love to hear your story and talk all things United Methodist. Please reach out to start the conversation by contacting Pastor Donna at ddempewolf@northfieldumc.org.



Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday,
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday, 8:00 am - noon

Super Wednesday Community Meals

Food for the soul and the stomach! Serving 5:30-6:15 pm on Wednesdays during the program year.

The final Super Wednesday meal for this program year will be Wednesday, May 7th.

Meal Menu:

It's a Picnic!

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Beans, Chips,
Ice Cream and Treats

Super Wednesday meals will return in September!

FINANCE UPDATE

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 March 2025 contributions \$23,259.91
General Fund March 2024 contributions \$22,266.66

How to make tithes and offerings

You can make your tithes and offerings other ways as well:

1. Donate online using a credit card, by clicking on the GiveMN tab on the church website northfieldumc.org.
2. Drop a check in the offering basket during in person worship.
3. Mail a check to: Northfield United Methodist Church
1401 S. Maple St., Northfield, MN 55057

General Fund YTD 2025 contributions \$76,203.36
General Fund YTD 2024 contributions \$87,395.98
General Fund YTD Budget 2025 \$81,250.03

Thank you to the following for contributing to our Easter Flower Display:

Barbara Hanson and family in memory of Paul Hanson
Mike Boehne in memory of Colleen Boehne
Amil Anderson in memory of Rev. Rhoda
Patricia Warner in memory of Tom Warner and Jill Warner-Klimek
Ann Richards and John Stull in memory of our parents
Robert and Catherine Williams in memory of John and Harriet Micensky
and Eugene and Edna Williams
Donna M. Dempewolf in memory of Virgil and Marie Dempewolf
Ruth and Perry Kruse in honor of our children and grandson
Janine Petersen in memory of my husband Marvin Petersen
George and Linda Davis in memory of Mary and Wayne Davis and Marian
and Lloyd Wayland
Gordon and Dorothy Orde in memory of our grandson Noah Wesley
Ronning
Jody Mousel in memory of Robert and Evelyn Mousel and Shirley Claude
Kevin and Amy Allin in memory of Lew and Joyce Allin
Dennis and Marge Randolph in memory of Brian Randolph
Clare Mather and Philip Spensley in memory of our parents
Kevin and Candy Merkle in memory of our mothers
Bruce Benson in memory of Betty and Bob Benson



Adult Forum

Caring for Creation: What Then Shall We Do? (John 3:10)

An invitation from Tim Goodwin and Clay Oglesbee (retired Elder)

On Sunday, April 27, our congregation began hosting a four-week worship-and-teaching series, *Caring for Creation: "What Then Should We Do?"* We invite our members, as well as guests from the wider community, to consider together current understandings of climate change or climate crisis, the implications for us and for all in these times. We ask, depending on our understanding of what is taking place, what is a faithful response? "What then shall we do?" (John 3:10).

Why are we offering this series? Studies and observations by most trained scientists today indicate that we are undermining our planet's ecosystems and its healthfulness for living creatures by the extent and rate of burning fossil fuels and emitting carbon dioxide and other gasses like methane into our atmosphere. In fact, 99.3 percent of active researchers and scientists say that we are experiencing "incontrovertible evidence of planetary-scale warming" due to the Greenhouse Effect (carbon dioxide and other gases accumulating in the atmosphere which tends to hold heat on the surface or in the oceans). The effects include:

- Arctic sea ice is being reduced by 12% per decade since 1979 (the air conditioning for our planet)
- Some monitored wildlife vertebrate and fresh water species have been reduced in numbers by 75-85% since the first Earth Day fifty-five years ago (World Wildlife Federation)
- Sea levels are rising, and there are more and longer-lasting heat waves and global drought so that public health and adequate food and water supplies are threatened
- Increasingly powerful and damaging hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, hail and flooding point toward increasing losses and insurance costs
- Infectious diseases or pandemics are more common and spread more rapidly due to intense and extended heat waves
- Global climate refugees are said to be in the tens of millions now and projected into the billions in decades to come
- Carbon dioxide and other gases in the atmosphere will linger for decades or centuries or longer, and will already indefinitely affect quality of life on earth; carbon storage and many other technological steps are needed to slow, reduce or eliminate carbon emissions

See the full weekly schedule for the Caring for Creation series on the following page.

CARING FOR CREATION: **“WHAT THEN SHOULD WE DO?” (JOHN 3:10)**

Sunday April 27

For God’s Creation: Gratitude, Suffering and Deep Hope

9:30 Worship with Preacher Kiara Jorgenson PhD, Eco-Theologian, St. Olaf College

10:30 Class with Dr. Mark Seeley, U of MN & MPR climatologist and meteorologist

Sunday May 4

Our Creatureliness in the Creation/Earth

9:30 Worship & 10:30 class with Preacher Dr. Timothy Eberhart PhD, director of the Center for Ecological Regeneration

Sunday May 11

The Face of Loss and Challenge: Resilience and Nurturing Care

9:30 Worship with NUMC Pastor Donna Dempewolf
10:30 Class with Mary Lynn Oglesbee, Courage and Renewal Retreat Facilitator

Sunday May 18

The Path of Engagement and Action

9:30 Worship with Rev. Howard White, ELCA clergy & Citizen’s Climate Lobby Leader
10:30 Panel discussion facilitator Rev. Clay Oglesbee, retired Methodist clergy

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Questions: Call Clay Oglesbee (507) 507-251-9283
or Tim Goodwin (507) 403-9296

northfieldumc.org/caring-creation



Children's Ministry

Sundays:

Children's Church (5th grade and under) Children's Church meets every Sunday morning during worship. Children's Church is geared towards pre-k through elementary age disciples and are dismissed from the Sunday worship service at 9:40 am for a worship service of their own. We worship, read scripture, talk, sing and share in community. For more information contact Gregory Ennis at Gregory.ennis@gmail.com.

Wednesdays

3:30-5:30 pm - KC3 (Kids Creating Community Through Christ) is our Wednesday afternoon youth program for K-5th grade. We meet every Super Wednesday right after school until 5:30 pm (ending just in time for community dinner). Transportation from all local schools is available free of charge. Continued thanks to our wonderful volunteers who have helped make this year a success! For more information email Gregory Ennis at Gregory.ennis@gmail.com.

May 7: Final KC3 for the program year - We will have a formal send off to our fifth graders who will be moving on to the Middle School Youth group next fall.

May 7: KC3 Parents Meeting - right after dinner at 6:15 pm, a meeting with parents of KC3 kids to receive their feedback on the year and the upcoming year of children's ministries.

May 18: Final Children's Church The nursery, however, will still be available beyond those dates during worship.

Youth Ministry

Northfield UMC Youth Group (grades 6-12)

NUMC Youth Group includes time for fun and recreation, community building games and activities, a mini-lesson to help our young people connect to God in everyday moments, and time for supporting and celebrating each other through our highs and lows. For more info contact youth@northfieldumc.org.

May Youth Group Schedule *Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm unless otherwise noted*

May 7: Spring Cleaning

Spring is the time for cleaning out the old and making way for the new. Games, activities, and discussion will focus on what we need to "clean out" or "let go of" to make room for more Joy and Light in our lives!

- Last Super Wednesday program. Youth group will continue to meet in May, but there will not be a Super Wednesday meal before.

May 14: Movie Night - Soul Surfer (6-8pm)

We will gather at 6pm for pizza and a movie in the youth room. Feel free to wear comfy clothes and bring a cozy blanket.

May 21: TBD (possibly a fundraiser or service project)

More info to come via email. If you are not on the Youth email list, please email youth@northfieldumc.org to be added.

May 28: End of School Year Bonfire & Project (6:30-8pm)

We will be working on a project for our HS Seniors, and enjoying a bonfire and s'mores at the church firepit (weather and fire safety permitting). If the weather is bad or it's too dry for a bonfire, we will gather inside for games and activities.

Graduation Sunday

We will be celebrating our HS Seniors on Sunday, June 1 during the 9:30am worship. Seniors are asked to email approximately 6-8 pictures to youth@northfieldumc.org including a baby picture, senior picture, and then some including church life (confirmation, Christmas pageant, etc) and a few pictures of your favorite activities and/or travels. Please submit pictures by Monday, May 26. Please also include your plans for the Fall (college, travel, gap year, etc). Reception in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Summer Youth Group

Youth Group will continue to meet approximately 2 times per month for outings, games, and special events. More info to come.

Easter Brunch Thank You!

Special thank you to everyone who donated food, time, and funds to help support our Summer 2025 Youth Mission Trip to Kansas City. The Easter Brunch raised \$700 toward trip costs.



Methodists Investing in Care and Action for the HolyLand

"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



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

On the 15th of May, Palestinians around the world mark Nakba day. This day commemorates the Nakba as it is the beginning of the Palestinian people's dispossession of their peoplehood, land, identity and culture. Although the events of 1948 completely changed the Palestinian reality, the Nakba is not an event but a structure, hence, the Nakba is ongoing. The current genocide in Gaza, the violence in the West Bank and Jerusalem, the realities of Palestinians in historic Palestine, and the refugees in the diaspora, all stem from the ongoing Nakba.

• **God of Sumud (Steadfastness), we the children of this land have been facing erasure for more than 76 years. The experience of oppression and death continues from our ancestors to our children and now more than ever we ask: for how long O Lord? Help us understand that every life destroyed from settler colonialism is itself a Nakba. We thank you for the Holy Spirit which manifests in the form of Sumud helping us to keep our humanity, our identity, our fight for justice, and our faith.**

Lord in your mercy... hear our prayer - Sabeel Wave of Prayer (voice of Palestinian Christians)

The Nakba (Catastrophe) is the expulsion of over 750,000 Palestinians (half the Palestinian population) from their homes and land, and the destruction of Palestinian society during the creation of the State of Israel – a destruction that continues today – the ongoing Nakba.

We cannot hope to understand the present turmoil in Palestine/Israel - let alone achieve a just peace for all those who live there - without knowing where and how this world-shaking conflict began: with the ethnic cleansing of indigenous people from their homeland.

The main part of this event is the reading of the names of the depopulated and destroyed villages. As each village name is read a small flag is placed in a large map in the location of one of the villages. Those present are invited to take a turn at placing a flag.

MICAH endorses this family friendly event. There will be a children's table.

NAKBA
Palestine's Catastrophe
1948 to Present
Saturday
May 10, 2025
1:00pm
Bridge Square

Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel
www.njpmn.org





Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will meet on May 19th to continue our study of "Boys of the Bible" Quilt Blocks. The men we will be studying are Joseph, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, Cornelius, and Lazarus (friend). We meet in Room 120 at 9 AM. New members and visitors are always welcome.



Mission Sewing Project

Mission Sewing has been busy sewing items for Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Pictured are some of our sewers: Mary Twitchell, Ruth Paulson, Merrell Thornton, and Yosh Soltis. We filled a box with 24 receiving blankets, 6 book bags, 34 diapers and 10 layette gowns. The box has been taken to the pick up site in Rochester. Mission Sewing is busy working on meeting goals for 2025. We are always looking for more people to help meet our goals. Our next meeting to tie quilts will be on May 28th. We meet at 9AM in Room 120.



IT Tech Corner By Jesse Steed

How do you stay organized in your digital world? How do you manage documents, photos, email lists, online accounts, and the like? Northfield United Methodist Church uses Google Workspace for nonprofits, Canva nonprofits, as well as Microsoft for nonprofits - premium products for free that staff and volunteers alike may employ for church tasks such as committee work, ministry areas, and more. Church staff as well as board members, committee chairs and members, anyone striving to be more organized and efficient in their tasks may make use of many helpful tools to get things done.

Here are some examples:

MICAH designs logos and flyers in Canva.

IT Consultant uses Microsoft PowerPoint for worship slides and Google shared drives for cloud storage

NUMC uses Kit.com for the weekly email list

Staff uses Google Workspace for normal email

Youth minister uses Google Groups for email lists

Collaborating and sharing content online is easy when using cloud-based platforms. Transitions are handled very well in familiar online environments such as Google Workspace. As you look at your ministry area, contact me if I can be of service as you navigate the best online tools to use to accomplish the work of our church.

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

Jolene Barjasteh
Linda Davis
Jody Friedow
Connie Hehling
Ruth Kruse
Clare Mather

Amy Allin
Alice Hemenway
Sara Newberg
Janine Petersen
Marge Randolph



Kevin Allin
Philip Spensley
Bob Williams

Tim Goodwin
Rich Graves
Ned Newberg
Dennis Randolph
Steve Twitchell

David Miller, accompanist

I am once again thankful for the opportunity to work with you,
and look forward to making music with you again in October!

—Debbie

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



Notes from the Parish Nurse

May is National Stroke Awareness Month. With the incidence of strokes increasing in both men and women ages 50 and under, it's critical we all know the signs and symptoms of a stroke, also called a "BRAIN ATTACK." Medical experts think that immediate treatment is just as important for stroke symptoms as it is for symptoms of a heart attack. The sooner treatment begins, the less damage may occur in the brain. Rapid access to medical treatment can often make a difference between full recovery and permanent disability.



Memorize this **FAST** acronym!

F (FACE)—Ask the person to smile. Is he or she unable to smile, or does one side of the mouth droop?

A (ARMS)—Ask the person to raise both arms. Is he or she unable to do so, or does one arm drift down?

S (SPEECH)—Ask the person to say a simple phrase? Is speech slurred or garbled?

T (TIME)—Act quickly! If you see the above symptoms, call 911 immediately. Note the time symptoms began. There will be less damage to the brain the sooner treatment is started. Nearly 2 million brain cells die each minute a stroke remains untreated!

Other stroke symptoms include:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm, or leg.
- Sudden confusion, trouble understanding or speaking.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes or blurred vision.
- Sudden dizziness, loss of coordination or balance.
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Visit <https://www.stroke.org/> to learn more.



The Minnesota legislature is working hard to enact a budget for the next two fiscal years. The goal is to complete its work by the end of the legislative session by May 19. If a budget is not enacted before then, the governor will need to call a special session in June to accomplish the task, since the 2025-2026 fiscal year begins July 1.

ISAIAH is a multifaith organization. The Muslim reflection, published in the May 19 e-news, Building a Beloved Community, speaks to the funding for a future that works for all Minnesotans.

It begins with a quote from the Qur'an 5:2 "Help one another in acts of righteousness and piety, and do not help one another in sin and aggression" and goes on with commentary: "As Muslims, we are called to build societies rooted in justice, compassion, and collective care. Taxes are one of the ways we live out this calling today. Through them, we contribute to the common good — supporting schools, hospitals, roads, and programs that uplift the most vulnerable among us. Paying taxes with sincerity can be an act of worship, recognizing that our wealth is not truly ours alone, but a trust from Allah meant to benefit all of creation. Islam teaches us that caring for one another is not optional, it is a duty.

"The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) reminded us that we are all shepherds, responsible for those under our care. In this spirit, taxes can be seen not as a burden but as a form of zakah, which is the purification of our wealth and souls. Just as zakah ensures that the needy are not forgotten, a just system of taxation reminds us that our prosperity is tied to the well-being of our neighbors.... When everybody pays their fair share, we honor our faith and help create a society where mercy, dignity, and justice are possible for all."

Let us work together for the well-being of all – a when taxes are levied fairly and revenue is distributed to the benefit of everyone.

(If you would like more information about ISAIAH and its initiatives, or to join the ISAIAH-NUMC Team, please contact Evelyn Burry – 507-581-4684, evelynburry@hotmail.com.)



United
Women
in Faith

UWFaith Bake Sale - May 4 Mission u “Practicing Hope”

United Women in Faith: Meeting Dates

May 5, 2025 – UWF Executive Board meeting – 10:00 am room #120

May 12, 2025 - Esther Circle – Kildahl, 888 Cannon Valley Drive, 1:00 pm

May 19, 2025 - Mugs and Muffins - 9:00 am room #120

Website: UWFaith.org – National UWFaith

mnconfumw.com – Minnesota UWFaith

Hear Yee! Hear Yee! Bake Sale

May 4, 2025 – 8:30 AM bring baked goods – 9:15 AM sale starts

Northfield UMC South Door

United Women in Faith is sponsoring a bake sale on May 4, 2025. Proceeds go to the children and youth of Northfield UMC. We need bakers to fill the table with tantalizing treats and we need buyers who want some of those treats gracing their Sunday dinner table. Treats also make a great pairing with morning coffee.

UWFaith members have always been ready to help the children and youth of our church. This year the youth are going to Kansas City to be a part of Service Learning projects in the area. The children are planning a trip to a Methodist summer camp. Leaders, Kristin and Greg, can decide where the money will best be used.

United Women in Faith Schedule for the rest of the year:

May 4	Bake Sale NUMC south door
June 4-5 & 25-26	Mission u “Practicing Hope” virtual
July 25-27	Mission u “Practicing Hope” at Koronis Ministries, Paynesville, MN
September 13	River Bluffs Area Fall Gathering at Stewartville, MN
September 27	Northfield Ecumenical Women’s Gathering at NUMC
October 11	MN Conference UWFaith Annual Gathering at Alexandria, MN
November 16	NUMC Mini Bazaar and Bake Sale
4th Wed. of month	NUMC Sewing Group (Midwest Mission sewing and Quilts)

Mission u study: “Practicing Hope” - “The study purpose is to allow all of our communities to cultivate hope that is honest about our current conditions (refugia), hope that is restorative when everything feels urgent (rest) and hope that is possible even when we transgress (repair).

“Mission u will study the resurrection appearances of Jesus and the example of early Christian communities to explore what it means to practice hope in God even when things seem to be falling apart.” Join us at Mission u as we explore what it means to practice hope as followers of Christ. There are two ways to participate: online or in person. More information and registration at website mission u uwfaithmn.com

Where does the United Women in Faith money go? The UWFaith Response march/April 2025 magazine tells of a group of women deaconesses in the Philippines. They are helping families having experienced members being shot by night visitors. From 7,000 to 30,000 family members have been shot due to a “war on drugs.” However many of these victims were innocent and poor. Deaconesses in Rise Up for Life are helping them get justice. At an awards ceremony, Dollaga, thanked the “United Women in Faith for believing in the work and ministries that we do in our country.” “United Methodist deaconesses in the Philippines are prime movers behind a wide variety of ministries both inside and outside the church.”

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.

Announcements

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



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.

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

March Food Share Donation

Thanks to all who generously gave, 117 lbs of food were taken to the CAC Food Shelf as NUMC's March Food Share Donation.

Local needs continue throughout the year, especially now with economic uncertainty. Please continue to place donations in the box in the south narthex and they will be taken periodically to the Northfield Food Shelf.



Card Making with Margie

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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.



North Church Entrance

The facilities group will be removing the overgrown plantings around the north entrance sign. This will make the sign and church much more visible at a glance coming from the north.



Maintenance Help Needed!

Help! We are in need of backup maintenance and boiler/heating system help. Are you "mechanical", trained as an engineer or mechanic, or just plain handy with mechanical/electrical, plumbing, etc/? Please contact or see Bruce Paulson, 507-301-5428.



Meals on Wheels Coordinator Needed

After several years of being the coordinator for the Meals on Wheels NUMC volunteers, Marie Beck has decided to step down. Thank you Marie for doing such a great job at coordinating this important ministry for NUMC for the past 7 years.

At this time we are looking for someone to take over this position of coordinating volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels twice a year for NUMC. If this is something you think you may be interested in or would like more information as to what it involves, please contact Sandy in the church office at 507-645-5689 or northfieldumc@gmail.com and she can give you the information.

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

**Two month issue!
June/July Herald
Newsletter Deadline**

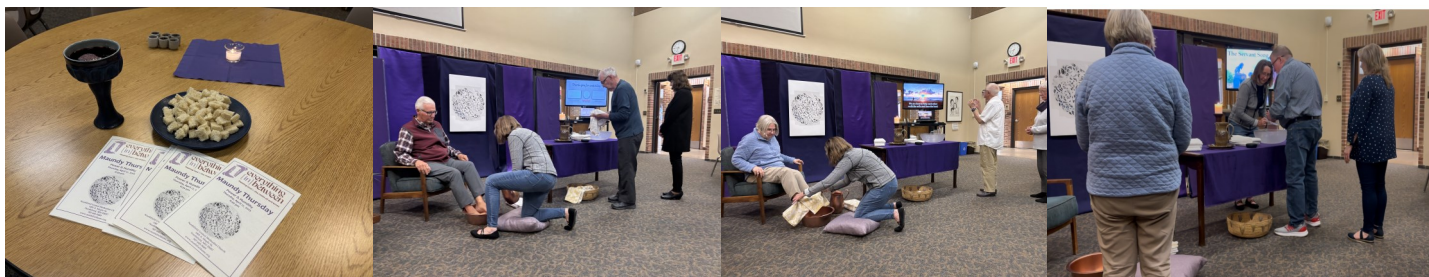
The next issue will be a combined June/July newsletter. There will not be a separate July issue.

The deadline for the June/July issue will be:

Noon on Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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

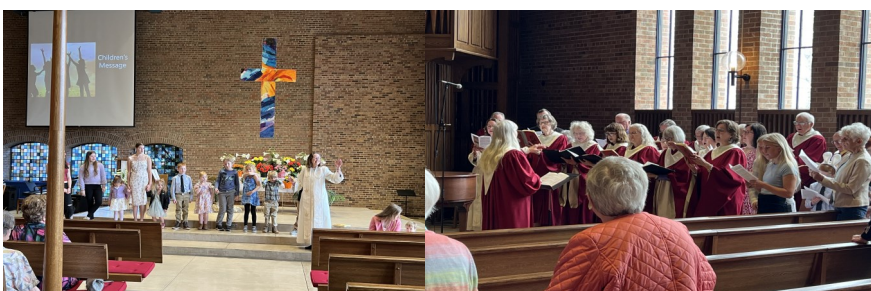
Because every picture has a story to tell...



Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion and Foot/Hand washing held in Fellowship Hall.



It was large turnout for the annual NUMC Community Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you to the SALT youth and other volunteers!



Easter was celebrated with special music from the children and the congregation joined in with the Choir for the Halleluia! Chorus.

The Easter Brunch was such a success it was so busy they forgot to take photos! The only photo is of the cleanup after brunch. Thank you to all who donated food, time and funds in support of the Youth Mission Trip!



It's beginning to look a lot like spring around NUMC. The flowers are blooming in the courtyard and the planters are all brightly planted! Thank you to Darlene Cox and Mary Ann Polley for keeping the church flower gardens and pots beautiful.



Musicians from the ArtMakers organization have been providing music in the Narthex on recent Super Wednesdays.

Bruce Paulson burned the grasses and weeds out of the north rain garden. Mary Ann Polley dug up a few remaining baby trees before the burn. The area may look a little black (and not too alive) right now, but with the recent rain, as you can see in the last photo below, it is already greening up.

"Pasture burning" (aka prescribed burning) is a land management technique that helps control invasive species and kills weed seed. It is used in the spring to remove dead vegetation, stimulate new growth, and improve nutrient content of the soil.



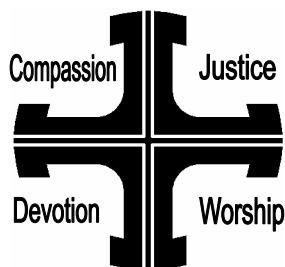
May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:45-3:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	2 8:00 Men's Breakfast	3 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation
4 9:15 UWF Bake Sale 9:30 Worship with Communion 9:40 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:45 Adult Forum - Caring for Creation Series	5 3:00 UWF Mtg. 7:00 Community Reservation	6 9:00 Bible Study	7 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation Final Super Wednesday 3:30 KC3 5:00 Streamdesk training 5:30 Shared Meal 6:15 KC3 Parent Mtg 6:15 Adult Choir 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth	8 10:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast 11:00-1:00 Community Reservation	10 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation
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