

United Methodist Herald

September 2025



Inside this Issue

September Worship	1
Message from the Pastor	2
Welcome Statement	3
Celebration Sunday	
Finance Information	4
Treasurer's Report	
Family Ministry	5
Youth Mission Trip	6
Adult Forum	7
Handbell Choir	8
Adult Choir	
Women's Bible Study	
MICAH	9
Parish Nurse	10
Mugs and Muffins	11
Mission Sewing	
ISAIAH	
Operation Backpack	
United Women in Faith	12
Announcements	13
Photos	14
September Calendar	15
Church Staff	16

September Worship

September 7, 2025
Celebration of Holy Communion
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
Pastor Gordon Orde

September 14, 2025
Celebration Sunday
Luke 8:4-15
Pastor Donna Dempewolf

September 21, 2025
Luke 12:13-21
Pastor Donna Dempewolf

September 28, 2025
Luke 13:18-21
Pastor Donna Dempewolf



Message from the Pastor

Upside Down | Stories of Jesus that Changed the World

This fall, we begin a new worship series: *Upside Down | Stories of Jesus that Changed the World*. Jesus' parables often took the familiar—seeds, meals, money, families—and turned them inside out to reveal God's surprising ways of grace. They invited listeners then, and they invite us now, to see the world differently.

Over four weeks, we'll hear:

- **The Sower (Luke 8:4–15):** God's kingdom begins with generous scattering.
- **The Rich Fool (Luke 12:13–21):** In the end, it all goes back in the box.
- **The Yeast (Luke 13:18–21):** Small actions can transform the whole.
- **The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32):** Both wanderers and stay-at-homes are invited to the table.

These parables are more than stories; they are invitations to live with open hands, generous hearts, and eyes ready to see God at work in surprising places. They remind us that God's kingdom looks nothing like the world's expectations—power is redefined, love stretches beyond fairness, and even the smallest act can become a holy sign of transformation.

Celebration Sunday | September 14

We'll launch this new series with **Celebration Sunday** on September 14, a joyful day for all ages. Worship will include a **Blessing of the Backpacks** for children, reflections from our **youth mission trip**, and a look ahead at **adult Faith Formation opportunities**. Our band will lead us in music, and after worship we'll share food, fun, and fellowship together.

The softball team will be grilling **brats and burgers as a fundraiser** (thank you, team!). Kids can enjoy the **Bounce House** and games in the gym, while the rest of us enjoy reconnecting as a community of faith.

Just as Jesus' parables drew people of all ages and backgrounds together in new ways, Celebration Sunday reminds us that we belong to one another in Christ.

An Invitation to Serve with Children

One of Jesus' most upside-down declarations was, "Let the children come to me." In a world that often overlooked them, he placed children at the very center of God's kingdom.

This fall, we have opportunities to do the same. We are seeking volunteers for **Children's Church on Sundays and Super Wednesdays (K–5th Grade)**. The role is simple: be present, be welcoming, and engaging with kids. Resources, support, and leadership (me, for the interim) are provided.

Serving with children is also one of the most beautiful intergenerational gifts of the church. In God's upside-down kingdom, wisdom doesn't just flow one way. Adults bring encouragement and support, while children tug us toward wonder, laughter, and curiosity. When we walk together across generations, we discover that faith is not only taught but caught—shared in stories, smiles, and small acts of love.

By showing up, we scatter seeds of faith—and we help create the kind of community Jesus envisioned: upside down, surprising, and full of grace.

Blessings, Donna



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.

Celebration Sunday September 14th

Worship Service - Blessing of the Backpacks (each child will receive a backpack tag). Children are encouraged to bring their school backpack to worship. Children K-5th grade will then kick off Children's Church for the school year.

Youth - Our NUMC youth will share photos and will speak about their experiences from the recent Youth Mission Trip.

Adults - The fall Faith Formation schedule will be available and highlighted.

Music - The wonderful NUMC band will play during worship service.

After worship: Fellowship and Community!

Brats & Hamburgers - Enjoy brats and hamburgers prepared by the NUMC Softball Team. This will be a fundraiser for the team.

Games for Kids - There will be a Bounce House set up in the gym as well as other games for the kids after worship.

It's going to be a joyful day for all ages!

170th Anniversary Contributions

On July 20th NUMC celebrated the 170th anniversary of the United Methodist Church in Northfield. An invitation to members and friends was extended not only to celebrate but to also contribute by making an extra-special anniversary gift. Through the generosity of so many of you a total of \$7,870.00 was raised. Half of all these funds will be used to strengthen our ongoing ministries at NUMC. The newly formed Mission Outreach team and NUMC Leadership Board will discern how to allocate the other half of the funds in support of ministries of compassion and justice in Northfield and beyond. Thank you to all who gave so generously!

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 YTD 2025 contributions \$181,066.88
General Fund YTD 2024 contributions \$182,924.68
General Fund YTD Budget 2025 \$189,583.35

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 July 2025 contributions \$33,608.00
General Fund July 2024 contributions \$33,963.72

Treasurer's Report for July 2025

General Fund

The CRB checking account balance at the end of July was \$49,067.50 compared to June's balance of \$41,891.34. Apportionments have been paid through May.

Monthly Offering Income for July was \$33,608.00. YTD Actual Offering Income was \$181,066.88; \$1,857.80 less than YTD Last Year and \$8,516.47 less than YTD Budget of \$189,583.35. Other Income Totals for July of \$253.81 came from Interest Income and Regular Facility Usage. Thus, General Fund Income Total for July was \$33,861.81. General Fund YTD Actual Income was \$194,544.65; \$3,159.83 less than YTD Last Year, and \$15,198.70 less than the YTD Budget of \$209,743.35.

Monthly Expenses for July totaled \$32,559.42. YTD Actual Expense Totals were \$255,135.02; \$18,478.23 more than last than YTD Last Year and \$13,116.20 less than the YTD Budget of \$268,251.22. YTD expenses exceed income by \$60,590.37 which is \$2,082.50 more than was budgeted for the end of July 2025.

Physical Plant

Monthly income (Support from General Fund) for July was \$8,257.66. In February \$18,000 was withdrawn from the Building Maintenance Endowment Fund to help pay planned expenses associated with the kitchen, dining room and main floor bathroom cabinet upgrades at the parsonage. In May a total of \$21,043.37 was withdrawn from the Building Maintenance Endowment Fund; \$11,000 to help pay for annual gap (excess wind and hail) insurance; and, annual interest income of \$10,043.37. YTD Actual Income was \$122,318.15; \$82,292.99 from General Fund Support for Physical Plant, \$3,420.00 from continuing contributions to the Building Fund, \$18,981.79 from Other Building Contributions, and \$21,043.37 from the Building Maintenance Endowment. YTD Actual Expenses were \$105,548.26 which leaves a positive balance of \$20,189.89. Significant facility insurance payments totaling \$16,606.51 were made in June; \$11,399.08 to Lamb Insurance Services for annual excess wind and hail coverage and \$5,207.43 to Church Mutual for initial 3 months of church and parsonage coverage.

Endowment Funds

At the beginning of January 2025, the total value of the four endowment funds was \$742,577.34. In February \$199,046.17 from the Jim Finholt Estate was deposited into the Undesignated Endowment Fund and \$18,000 was withdrawn from the Building Maintenance Endowment Fund to pay for the estimated costs of the parsonage kitchen cabinet remodel. In May an additional \$11,000 was withdrawn from the Building Maintenance Endowment Fund to help pay for the annual gap insurance. In May 3% of the end of April balances in the Sather Missions, Sather Scholarship and Building Maintenance Funds, a total of \$24,885.79, was also withdrawn. Thus, the YTD Balance at the end of July (including market value fluctuations and fees) was \$943,450.91 which shows a YTD gain of \$200,873.57.

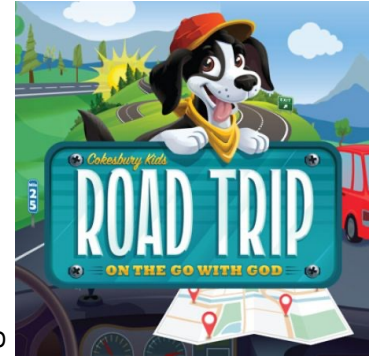
Children's Ministries

Children's Church (Pre-K–5th) — Sundays during 9:30 am worship

Begins September 14, 2025

Children begin worship in the sanctuary with their families and are dismissed around **9:40 am** for Children's Church—a kid-sized time of worship, learning, and play. This fall we'll be using *Road Trip*, a creative and engaging curriculum that helps children explore faith in ways that connect to their everyday lives.

Volunteers: We're building a supportive team of adults and teens to guide Children's Church. Materials and guidance are provided; volunteers arrive by **9:15 am**. Even a few Sundays make a difference! (Reply to Pastor Donna (ddempewolf@northfieldumc.org) or info@northfieldumc.org) to be added to the schedule—we have about **12 spots** to fill.)



Dates to Note

- **September 14 — Celebration Sunday:** Blessing of the Backpacks during the 9:30 am service (kids, bring your backpacks!). After worship: Bounce House & games in the gym.
- **October 12 — Children's Sing:** Kids are invited to sing or help lead in worship.
- **October 19 — No Children's Church** (MEA break).
- **October 26 — Trunk or Treat (1:30–2:30 pm):** Costumes welcome! Family fun and community outreach in the church lot (indoors if weather requires).

Super Wednesdays (K–5th) — Begins September 17, 2025

Our midweek program for kids features **fun, faith, and a food-snack** using **GenOn Ministries' curriculum**—engaging for children and adults, alike.

Weekly Flow

- **3:30–4:30 pm** Structured & free play
- **4:30–5:30 pm** Faith, Food & Fun (snack + interactive session)
- **5:30–6:15 pm** Community Meal



Transportation: After-school busing from Bridgewater, Greenvale, and the Middle School; escort from Spring Creek. Free.

Register for busing: northfieldumc.org/bus-registration

Volunteers: We're seeking **two additional adults** each week to serve as warm, welcoming, and present "hosts" (choose **3:30–4:40 pm** or **4:30–5:30 pm**). Training and support are provided. (Reply to Pastor Donna (ddempewolf@northfieldumc.org) or info@northfieldumc.org) to be added to the schedule—we have about **12 spots** to fill.)

Youth Ministry

Our youth had a **life-giving adventure on #MissionTrip2025**—serving, learning, laughing, and growing together in Kansas City. Come hear their stories on **Celebration Sunday!** (see photos on following page)

And mark your calendars: **Youth Group (grades 6–12) kicks off September 17, 6:30–8:00 pm**—a place for fun, friends, and faith.

Youth Group Email/Text List

If you or your youth would like to be added to our chat group, please email their/your phone number or text it with the name and number to 507-676-3600 or if you would like added to our email group contact: youth@northfieldumc.org.

2025 Youth Mission Trip - Kansas City, MO

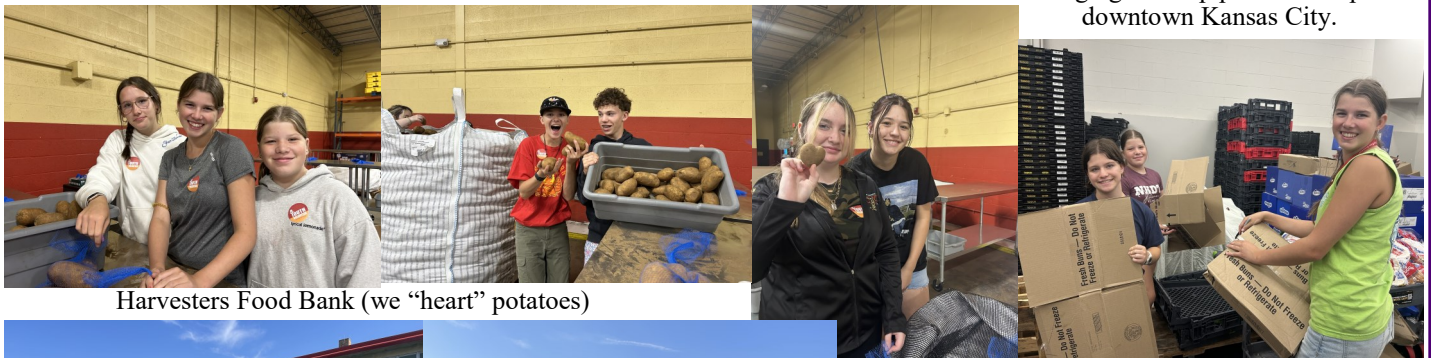


Youth Mission Trip blessing in worship, on the road and arriving in Missouri!



Tacos 4 Life (portion of every meal purchased goes to Feed My Starving Children).

Bridging the Gap park clean up in downtown Kansas City.



Harvesters Food Bank (we "heart" potatoes)

Project Starfish (free food, clothing and supplies for families in need)



Urban Produce Push. Harvesting vegetables and weeding in community gardens located at elementary schools in food insecure neighborhoods.



Visit to Negro League Baseball and American Jazz museums.



Our home away from home for the week.

Turn Style Thrift Store–Catholic Charities. Sorting clothes and home goods. We were able to do a full store "clear" (pulling out-dated merchandise) in 2 hours. Would take regular volunteers all day.

NUMC Adult Formation Fall Schedule



9/14: Celebration Sunday



The Revised Social Principles

9/21: The Community of All Creation

9/28: The Economic Community

10/5: The Political Community

10/12: The Social Community

What new social ministry guidance has been developed during the denomination's reorganization?

Facilitator: Clay Oglesbee

Compassion

Social Concerns

11/4: Justice for Palestine

Guest: Joan Deming

11/16: Israel and Palestinians

Guest: Bob Goomin

11/23: Reconciling Ministries

Guest: Ellie Krug

How might the social principles inform our concern and actions for others near and far?

Facilitator: Darlene Cox

Justice

Devotion

Spirituality of the Arts

10/14: Spirituality of the Artist

Micha Weeks, St. Olaf College

10/26: Spirituality of Writing

Paul Kluge and Tim Goodwin

11/2: Spirituality of Church Musicians

Richard Collman & Joanne Rodland

What values, spirituality and emotions go into the creative work of artists?

Facilitator: Tim Goodwin



Worship

Advent and Christmas

11/30: Slow Down and Hope

12/7: Simplify for Peace

12/14: Sit with Joy

12/21: Savor God's Love

How might we slow down, listen deeply, and discover the divine in our own humanity?

Facilitator: Donna Dempewolf, TBD



Creation Care Team

Training for CCT begins in the fall. Churchwide study/action begins during advent. Fall schedule TBD. Training in collaboration with the Center for Ecological Regeneration and other climate action groups.

Ring Them Bells!

The Handbell Choir is in need of a few more ringers. We are looking for people who:

- ♦ like being part of a fun, welcoming group
- ♦ can read (or are willing to learn) basic music notation
- ♦ like to laugh a lot

We rehearse most Wednesday evenings from September through May, and play during church services once every month or so.

For more information, contact Kathy Szydlo at szydlo@g.com



UMC Choir Notes!

The Northfield UMC adult Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, October 29!

We meet Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.,
and sing for worship approximately once per month.

We welcome new choral voices to be part of this leadership group for worship.
If you would like to join the adult choir, please contact Debbie Miller choir@northfieldumc.org



Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.—Psalm 95:1

Women's Bible Study - An Invitation to Northfield UMC Women and Friends

You are invited to visit a Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study 9:00 - 10:00 am in Room 120 at Northfield UMC. This group meets every Tuesday in person and via Zoom combined. The scriptures for the upcoming Sunday worship are read and discussed, so each Tuesday session is a singular unit, not part of a series. Six facilitators take turns leading. Each session ends with sharing prayer requests of joys and concerns, followed by saying The Lord's Prayer together.

Here are some comments from participants:

"I come to Tuesday Bible Study to learn and build on my knowledge of the Bible and how to apply the lessons to today's world; discussion in a safe and inviting environment; and for the socializing and camaraderie with other women."

"I rely on the knowledge, commitment and friendship of this group. Zoom makes it possible for me to keep connected even though I now live in a different state."

"Tuesday morning Bible study is a place where I can get other's insight on Bible Verses pertaining to Life today. It helps relieve stress I may be carrying."

"A highlight for me is when our friend in Norway joins us online, and when our "Nature Girl" shares the joy of natural beauty in flora and fauna sightings. I often grow in my faith from comments from other women, as much as from the scriptures. "



**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*

BOB
BRICK OVEN BAKERY
158 N. Water Street, Northfield, MN 55057
507-645-9517 brickovenbakery.com



Brick Oven Bakery
158 Water Street N #6
Northfield MN

**Shop and dine at the
Brick Oven Bakery on
Saturday, October 4th!
6:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Thank you, to the Brick Oven Bakery for
**donating 10% of sales on
Saturday, September 28th**
to help support one of the neediest families in
the Bethlehem area of
Palestine - an area of great suffering.

You may pre-order online at
Brick Oven Bakery's Online Store
brickovenbakery.com
(gluten-free options available)
**then pick up on
Saturday, October 4th
6 am – 2 pm**



These times in Bethlehem continue to be very difficult and dangerous. We believe in God's promises of provision and protection. We know this is true – even when, at the present time, we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Daily, death is a reality in Gaza and the West Bank.

Gaza: 700 food parcels were delivered to families in Gaza during June, July, and August. The situation there remains beyond horrific. We are grateful for our partners, PMU and ERDO, in making this possible. Please continue to pray for Gaza, especially the children who are starving.

Bethlehem: Our daily meal program has expanded to ensure the most vulnerable—including cancer patients and struggling families—receive nourishing meals delivered with care and compassion. Currently, over 95 meals are prepared daily across the Bethlehem District.

Please pray with us for the Shepherd Society team, as they strive to support teams on the ground, to provide for so many needs, and for a ceasefire and an end to war - with peace, mercy and justice for all.

MICAH's Question of the Month:

What does apartheid look like today?

Look for MICAH's answer in the next Herald, along with a new question for reflection.

Last month's question

Where does apartheid exist today?

According to organizations such as the Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, and the U.N., the institutional discrimination and systematic oppression based on race or ethnicity practiced by Israel against Palestinians in all areas under its control is considered apartheid.



MICAH members, with 18 other Northfield folks, stand at the corner of Ames Park to advocate for justice and mercy for the starving people in Gaza.



Notes from the Parish Nurse

September is Healthy Aging Month. Carolyn Worthington, who was editor-in-chief of Healthy Aging Magazine, created September is Healthy Aging Month over two decades ago. It is “an annual health observance, designed to focus national attention on the positive aspects of growing older”, and it reminds us to improve social, mental, physical, and financial well-being as we age. It is never too late to try something new. The editors of Healthy Aging Magazine (www.healthyaging.net) suggest 10 tips for “reinventing yourself during September is Healthy Aging Month.”



- Don't act your chronological age. Act the age you were, during a really “good year”, whether that was at age 32, 45, 60, or 83. Positive thinking make you feel better about yourself.
- Be positive in your actions, thoughts, and words every day.
- Surround yourself with positive, happy people.
- Walk like a healthy, vibrant person. If you are walking slowly because of laziness or fear of falling, learn some exercises that can help you with balance.
- Stand up straight, hold your stomach in, shoulders back, and chin up. Practice good posture every day until it is natural to you.
- Remember to smile, practice good dental hygiene,
- If you are lonely do something about it. Call a friend, write a letter, volunteer at a church or a school, or take a class.
- Walk not only for your health but to be sociable and to meet people.
- Remember to have an annual physical, medication check with your physician, and/or take part in health screenings.
- Find your “inner artist” by taking music lessons, painting classes, wood working classes, or theater classes.

A Mayo Clinic newsletter (www.HealthLetter.MayoClinic.com) suggests 10 tips for improving your health. Some tips overlap with the ones listed above, but some are new ideas.

- Eat a variety of fruit daily, because they contain antioxidants which may help prevent cancer, heart and eye diseases, and Alzheimer's.
- Include high-fiber foods, such as whole grains, beans, fruits, and vegetables, in your daily diet.
- Take a brisk daily walk to help your bones, cardiovascular system, and mood.
- To enhance mobility and prevent falls, practice stretching and strength building.
- Mindy-body practices like yoga and tai chi enhance one's physical and mental well-being.
- Look at life with a feeling of optimism. It may help you to live longer.
- Practice gratitude every day, and be thankful for experiences that help you grow. “Some people describe gratitude as your moral memory—a combination of humility, grace, love and acceptance.”
- Try volunteering, which can promote emotional and mental well-being.
- Enjoy the company of a pet.
- Improve your relationships. Forgive yourself and others as circumstances dictate. It could improve your mood, lower your stress, and lower your blood pressure.



I hope you find these ideas interesting and helpful. Maybe you could add your own list of 10 tips for healthy aging.



Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will meet on September 15th to finish our study of "Boys of the Bible" quilt blocks. The men we will be studying are Barak, Jephthah, Satan and God. In October we will begin a study of "Women of the Bible" quilt blocks. We meet in the church library at 9 AM. New members and visitors are always welcome.



Mission Sewing Project

Mission Sewing is busy working on meeting goals for 2025. One goal is to do 35 quilts for Operation Joy. We also are making items for Midwest Mission Distribution Center. We are always looking for more people to help meet our goals. Our next meetings to tie quilts will be on September 24th. We meet at 9AM in Room 120.



Isaiah Minnesota is a faith based organization dedicated to creating a Minnesota that is equitable and just. Isaiah works on issues at the local and state level, develops leadership of everyday people who in turn become involved in matters that affect our daily lives.

This summer, the southern Minnesota chapter, under the leadership of Rev. Todd Lippert, has been holding listening sessions to learn what the top concerns are for people in this region. Through house meetings and adult forums at churches, these are the themes that have emerged as most concerning: Housing, elder care, future of rural hospitals and paying for health care, child care costs and availability, climate and environment, food security and expenses, and school funding. This information will be used to create an agenda for Isaiah in our work with political leadership and the local and state level.

I ask that you participate in this by completing this anonymous survey. The survey is in partnership with the Small Town Organizing Project of Isaiah. The results will help us determine how we create a Minnesota that works for everyone.

Small Town Needs Survey-Northfield UMC. All the responses are anonymous. The deadline for the survey is Sept. 21. [Small Town Needs Survey - Northfield UMC](#)

I encourage you to join others from Northfield and elsewhere in attending the Oct. 11 training and state convention Dec. 13th. You CAN make a difference.

Operation Backpack

Thank you to all who donated to our project. Your generous donations provide students with the confidence they need to succeed. In our 32nd year we served 589 students from 271 families. We accept donations year round, so if you haven't had a chance to donate, it's not too late. You can also donate by bringing aluminum cans to the bin behind the kitchen. And you can bring your cardboard to the bins in the Cub parking lot for the months of July through September. – The Operation Backpack Committee





United
Women
in Faith

Soul Care - Ladies Day Apart at NUMC
September 27, 2025
NUMC Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale 11/16/25

United Women in Faith - Meeting Dates

September 4, 2025 – UWF Executive Board meeting – 10:00 AM in Room 120.

September 8, 2025 - Esther Circle – Kildahl, 888 Cannon Valley Drive.

September 15, 2025 – Mugs and Muffins – Church Library – 9:00 am Third Monday of the month

National Website www.UWFaith.org

New Minnesota Website www.uwfaithmn.com

Soul Care Women's Day Apart 2025 – Women from Northfield area churches are invited to join us for our 2025 day apart. "Soul Care is part of an event for enrichment and is a pathway to connect with new women focused on giving care to the whole person – mind, body, and spirit." (source: UWFaith.org)



MA, LMFT, CEDS

Women's Day Apart 2025 Inner Peace – Uncertain Times
Northfield UMC - September 27, 2025 – 10:00 AM - \$5.00
Keynote Speaker: Leah Wellstone
(River Valley Behavioral Health & Wellness Center)

Leah Wellstone is a Marriage and Family Therapist, a Certified Eating Disorder Specialist, a Minnesota Board LMFT and LPCC Supervisor.

"My work is grounded in family systems and attachment theories. I believe that people change in the context of a relationship. I use music, humor, drumming, poetry/writing, art, movement and experientials to access healing.

I have over 20 years of experience in a variety of settings. Two areas of passion and expertise are eating disorders and grief/loss. Early in my career I worked as a grief therapist and volunteered in hospice care. Other Areas of Clinical Experience: Life transitions, Depression, Anxiety, Trauma, Body Image, Parenting/Blended Families, Parenting Young Adults, Women/Empowerment, Preparing families for the transition to college/adulthood, Pre and post divorce, Ambiguous loss. We all experience some type of ambiguous loss. What is it and how do we best incorporate it into our lives?

I am married to David Wellstone, Paul and Sheila's oldest son. We are a blended family of 4 adult children and 2 grandsons. We live in Northfield with our dog, Gunnar."

River Bluffs Area's Fall Annual UWFaith Gathering is hosted by: Stewartville United Women in Faith; **Saturday, September 13, at Stewartville UMC** - 900 John Welsey Avenue, NW, Stewartville, MN

Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale November 16, 2025 – Calling ALL Crafters, Artisans, and Bakers: when you are making your crafts for family and friends, please make an extra five (5) or so to donate to this mini Holiday Bazaar. Keep the buzz going! Questions? Call or email Lin Wolf – 612-532-1467 or lin_wolf@charter.net Bring your craft offerings to Lin after November 1st. Bakers, bring baked goods November 16, 8:30 AM.

Alliance Stamp Ministry: All types of cancelled postage stamps and stamp collections are accepted. Put them in the box in Fellowship Hall.

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.

Super Wednesday Community Meals Return September 17th!

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

September Menu

September 17	September 24
Pizza	Taco Bar
Salad Bar	Refried Beans
Ice Cream and Treats	Salad
	Ice Cream and Treats



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



The church will be closed Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.

Card Making with Margie

Tuesday, September 16, 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.

Welcome New Members!

It is with great joy that we welcome new members Muriel Pehle and Margie and Paul (Jack) Wingate to Northfield United Methodist Church.

We are grateful they have chosen to join our church family. We look forward to getting to know them better and to share in this journey of faith.

Welcome Muriel, Margie and Jack!

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

**October
Herald Newsletter
Deadline**

The deadline for the October issue will be:

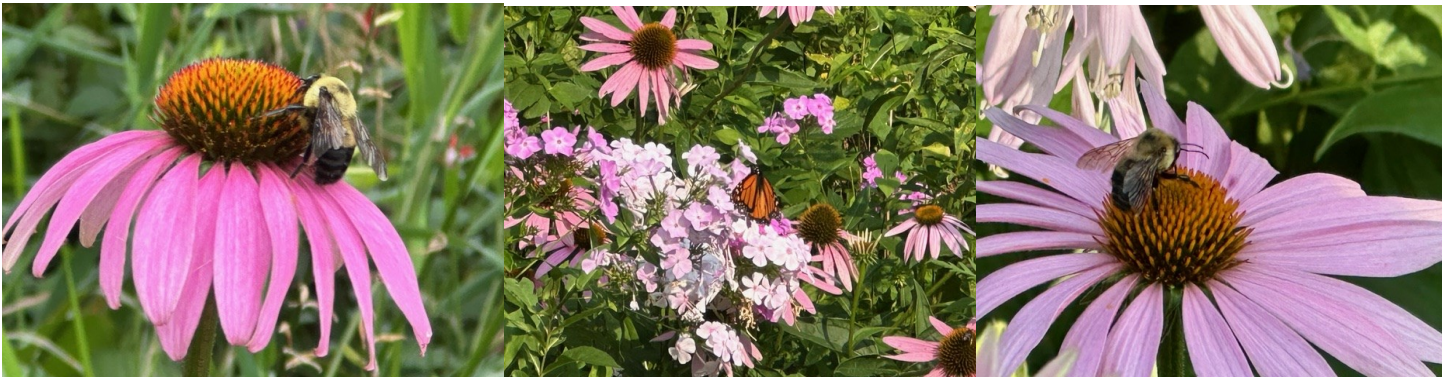
Noon on Monday, September 22, 2025

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...



Flat Wesley (coloring page and cutout of John Wesley) was a popular activity during our 170th anniversary celebra-



The pollinator garden at the parsonage has been in full beautiful bloom in recent weeks and as you can see in these photos it is doing its job. The bees and the butterflies are loving it!



Pastor Donna and Pastor Will Healy



Pastor Donna and Pastor Penny Bonsell of Little Prairie UMC in Dundas at Annual Conference after Pastor Penny's service of commissioning.

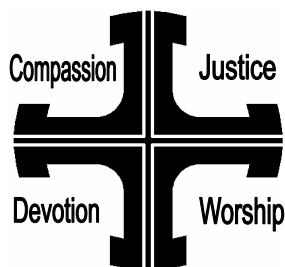
September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Holiday Closed	2 8:30-4:00 River Bluff District Mtg 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 Community Reservation	3 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation 5:00 Community Reservation	4 11:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	5 8:00 Men's Breakfast Church Office Closed	6 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation
7 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	8 10:00 MICAH mtg. 1:00 Esther Circle - Kildahl 7:00 Community Reservation	9 9:00 Bible Study	10 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation 5:00 Community Reservation	11 10:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast	13 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation
14 Celebration Sunday 9:30 Worship 9:40 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Forum 6:30 Community Reservation	15 9:00 Mugs and Muffins 6:00 NUMC Board Mtg 7:00 Community Reservation	16 9:00 Bible Study 2:30 Card Making 7:00 Facilities Mtg	17 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation 3:30-4:30 Structured & Free Play 4:30-5:30 Faith, Food & Fun (snack) 5:30-6:15 Shared Meal 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth Ministry	18 12:00 Community Reservation 7:00 Renewal via zoom	19 8:00 Men's Breakfast	20 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation
21 9:30 Worship 9:40 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Forum	22 Noon—Herald Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Community Reservation 7:00 Community Reservation	23 9:00 Bible Study	24 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation 3:30-4:30 Structured & Free Play 4:30-5:30 Faith, Food & Fun (snack) 5:30-6:15 Shared Meal 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth Ministry	25 12:00 Community Reservation	26 8:00 Men's Breakfast	27 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation 8:00-2:00 UWF Soul Care Day Apart
28 9:30 Worship 9:40 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Forum	29 7:00 Community Reservation	30 9:00 Bible Study	1 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation 3:30-4:30 Structured & Free Play 4:30-5:30 Faith, Food & Fun (snack) 5:30-6:15 Shared Meal 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth Ministry	2 12:00 Community Reservation	3 8:00 Men's Breakfast	4 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation

**NORTHFIELD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1401 South Maple Street
Northfield, MN 55057

Phone: (507) 645-5689
Email: northfieldumc@gmail.com
Website: www.northfieldumc.org



Offering Christ

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID

Northfield, Minn
PERMIT No. 122

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**E - NEWSLETTER
SIGN UP**

E-NEWSLETTER
SIGN-UP

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!

Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Our Church Staff

Pastor	Donna Dempewolf
Parish Nurse	Ruth Kruse
Office Administrator	Sandy Vesledahl
Child Care Provider	Kathryn Steed
Interim Children's Director	Donna Dempewolf
Interim Youth Director	Kristen Twitchell
NUMC Band	Dave Miller
Handbell Choir Director	Kathy Szydlo
Adult Choir	Deborah Rae Miller
Organists	Donna Paulsen Joanne Rodland
Custodian	Arturo Rosas Avila
Information & Worship Technology Consultant	Jesse Steed
Treasurer	David Wolf (Volunteer)
Retired Clergy: Wayne Abdella, Carl Caskey, Richard Collman, Melvin Henrichs, Dana Houck, Mary Keen, Jeanne Martin, Clay Oglesbee, Gordon Orde, Dick Waters	