

United Methodist Herald

November 2025



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November Worship

November 2, 2025
Celebration of Holy Communion
All Saints Sunday
Psalm 149:1-5, Luke 6:20-31
Pastor Donna Dempewolf

November 9, 2025
Luke 12:32-40
Rev. Joan Deming

November 16, 2025
Hebrews 13:5-6, Philippians 4:10-20
Pastor Donna Dempewolf

November 23, 2025
Colossians 1:11-20
Pastor Donna Dempewolf

November 30, 2025
Psalm 122, Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44
Pastor Donna Dempewolf



Message from the Pastor

Remembering and Renewing

November is a month of remembering. On All Saints Sunday, we name aloud those who have gone before us—saints of our families, friends, and congregation—whose faith helped shape our own. We light candles for them and lift up the quiet saints whose light still flickers in our hearts.

Each year, this moment touches me deeply. It reminds me that the Church universal—and this congregation in particular—was not built in a day or by one generation. It was built, and continues to be built, by faithful people who prayed, worshiped, served, gave, and imagined a future they could not yet see. Their courage and generosity are the shoulders on which we stand.

This fall, we continue the work of discernment following our 170th-anniversary celebration last July—a milestone that invited both gratitude and honesty. We gave thanks for the legacy of those who have led and loved this congregation, even as we acknowledged the complexity of our past. We lifted up our land acknowledgment, which we'll share again on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, remembering that we live and serve on the homelands of the Dakota Nation. This practice reminds us that history is layered—and that faith calls us to repair and restore, as well as to remember and rejoice.

Our Leadership Board is currently engaging in a visioning touchpoint, listening for how God is calling us forward. We are asking three guiding questions:

Where have we been?

Where are we now?

How do we position ourselves for future possibilities?

These are not just organizational questions—they are spiritual ones. They call us to look with integrity and hope at the gifts we carry, the challenges we face, and the future God imagines for us.

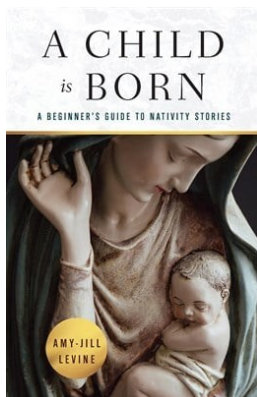
In this season of gratitude and vision, I'm also mindful of our call to care for creation—the land, water, and creatures that surround and sustain us. Creation care is not only an environmental issue; it's a spiritual one. To love God and neighbor is to love this good earth and to live in ways that nurture life for generations yet to come.

As we remember the saints and dream new dreams, I'm reminded of words from Jan Richardson:

"What the departed leave behind is more than memory; it is the enduring echo of love that calls us to live as those who remember what it means to be alive."

May this November be a season of remembering and renewing—of gratitude for the saints who shaped our path, and courage to follow where the Spirit is leading next. Look for updates from the Leadership Board in the coming month as we continue discerning the next faithful steps of our shared ministry.

Blessings,
Donna



Advent study with Bishop Lanette: 'A Child is Born'

Plan now to participate in the 2025 Advent Study led by Bishop Lanette. In this study, United Methodists across the Dakotas and Minnesota are invited to read "A Child is Born" by Amy-Jill Levine. Dive into the narratives of Isaac, Ishmael, Moses, and Samuel to reveal how they foreshadow and enrich the timeless Christmas story. Levine shows readers how Scripture's earlier birth stories anticipate the story of Jesus's birth and how His birth resonates and gives new meaning to those earlier stories. Discussions will be held via Zoom on Monday evenings, Dec. 1-22. More details and the Zoom link will be provided as the first discussion draws near. All are welcome!

When
Monday, December 1, 2025
Monday, December 8, 2025
Monday, December 15, 2025
Monday, December 22, 2025



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.

WE ARE HIRING!

Director of Children's and Family Ministries

The Director of Children's and Family Ministries helps nurture the faith of children and families at Northfield United Methodist Church by providing engaging, age-appropriate programming that reflects the inclusive values of our congregation.

You can find the full job description and how to apply via our website <https://northfieldumc.org/job-openings>.

Children & Youth Program Internship

The Children and Youth Program Intern helps organize, plan, and run activities for children and youth, assisting with direct supervision, programs, and event logistics.

You can find the full job description and how to apply via our website <https://northfieldumc.org/job-openings>.

SAVE THE DATES!

Special December Christmas Events and Christmas Eve Worship

**Wednesday, December 3 - 6:30 pm
Hanging of the Greens**

**Wednesday, December 17 - 6:30 pm
Children's Christmas Pageant**

**Sunday, December 21 - 4:00 pm
Service of the Longest Night
Northfield United Methodist Church**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Wednesday, December 24
4:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship (service livestreamed)
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

FINANCE UPDATE

General Fund YTD 2025 contributions \$211,753.79
General Fund YTD 2024 contributions \$229,556.00
General Fund YTD Budget 2025 \$243,750.01

General Fund September 2025 contributions \$13,948.00
General Fund September 2024 contributions \$23,366.66

Treasurer's Report for September 2025

General Fund

The CRB checking account balance at the end of September was \$42,302.10 compared to the August balance of \$32,416.75; shows an increase of \$9,885.35 due to a September withdrawal of \$25,889.50 from endowment funds. Apportionments have only been paid through June due to a low balance in the checkbook; total owed for July, August and September is \$12,319.50.

Monthly Offering Income for September was \$13,948.00. YTD Actual Offering Income was \$211,753.79 which is \$31,996.62 less than YTD Budget of \$243,750.01. Other Income Totals of \$2,163.68 for September came from Interest Income, Super Wednesday Meal Proceeds and Regular Facility Usage. General Fund Income Total for September was \$16,111.68. Thus, General Fund YTD Actual Income was \$227,548.20; \$42,121.81 less than the YTD Budget of \$269,670.01.

Monthly Expenses for September totaled \$29,462.40. YTD Actual Expense Totals were \$314,748.56; \$30,145.97 less than the YTD Budget of \$344,894.52. YTD expenses exceed income by \$87,200.36 which is \$11,975.85 more than the YTD Budget shortfall of \$75,224.51.

Physical Plant

Monthly income (Support from General Fund) for September was \$8,486.390. YTD Actual Income was \$156,369.75; \$101,950.78 from General Fund Support for Physical Plant, \$4,220.00 from continuing contributions to the Building Fund, \$981.79 from Other Building Contributions, and \$49,217.18 from the Building Maintenance Endowment fund.

YTD Actual Expenses were \$128,267.73 which leaves a positive balance of \$28,102.02. Significant facility insurance payments totaling \$16,606.51 were paid 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. The material and outside labor cost of the cabinet upgrades to the parsonage kitchen, dining room and main floor bathroom during February and March totaled \$15,326.80; donated labor totaled 300 hours.

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 Fund. In February \$18,000 was withdrawn from the Building Maintenance Fund to help pay planned expenses associated with the kitchen, dining room and main floor bathroom cabinet upgrades at the parsonage. In May \$11,000.00 was withdrawn from the Building Maintenance Fund to help pay for annual gap (excess wind and hail) insurance. In May, 3% of the April balances in the Sather Mission, Building Maintenance and Undesignated Funds, a total of \$24,885.79, was withdrawn. In September, 3% of the August balances in the Sather Mission, Building Maintenance and Undesignated Funds, a total of \$25,889.50 was also withdrawn. The YTD Balance at the end of September (including market value fluctuations, fees and withdrawals) was \$955,797.00 which shows a monthly loss of \$8,416.88 and a YTD gain of \$213,219.66.

Mission Outreach Team

As we move into a season of gratitude and giving, we're delighted to share that our Mission Outreach Team has relaunched.

This team—Lynn Gryc, Dorothy Orde, Mary Twitchell, and possibly you—will help us lift up both local and global mission efforts, especially those connected to the wider United Methodist connection.

Through their leadership, we'll continue to explore how our generosity and service can make a difference in the lives of others—across the street and around the world.

CAC Week of Abundance

The CAC Food shelf is having a "Week of Abundance" November 17-25. They want families to enjoy their holidays. Since holidays in most cultures revolve around food, especially sweet treats, we want to help our neighbors by filling the shelves with baking supplies. Some items that you may want to purchase: flour, granulated sugar, brown sugar, sweetened condensed milk, evaporated milk, vanilla and oil. We will be collecting baking supplies and checks through Sunday, November 16. Your generosity will be reflected in the smiles of the families enjoying this abundance.

Please make checks payable to NUMC and designate Food Shelf in the memo line.

All the ways you can donate funds to NUMC!

How to make tithes and offerings

You can make your tithes and offerings several ways:

1. Drop your offering in the offering basket during worship
2. Donate online using a credit/debit card by clicking on the Donate tab on the church website northfieldumc.org
3. Donate with a credit/debit card via "Text to Give"
4. Donate via our QR code using a credit/debit card
5. Automatic Electronic Giving monthly
6. Mail a check to: NUMC - 1401 S. Maple St., Northfield, MN 55057

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving:

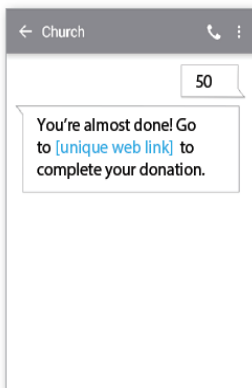
Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available on our website northfieldumc.org, in the church office or by emailing northfieldumc@gmail.com.

Introducing....Text to Give

Text to Give is an easy way you can give funds to the church via your phone and a credit/debit card. Simply follow the instructions below. **Northfield United Methodist Church 10 digit GivePlus Text number is 844-946-1577** - there is a \$3.00 minimum donation to use "Text to Give". Once you have registered the first time you use Text to Give you will not ever have to register again, you simply send a text with the amount and it will process automatically.

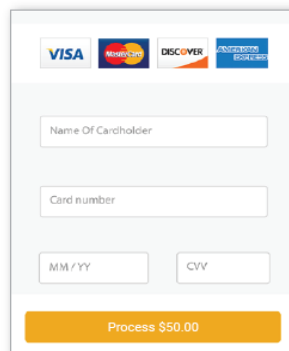
1. Get Started

Enter your 10-digit GivePlus Text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.



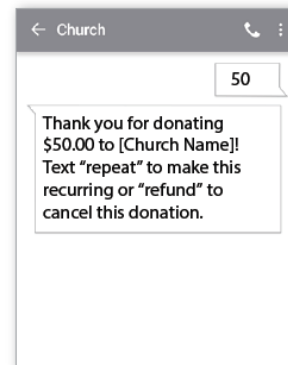
2. Register

You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."



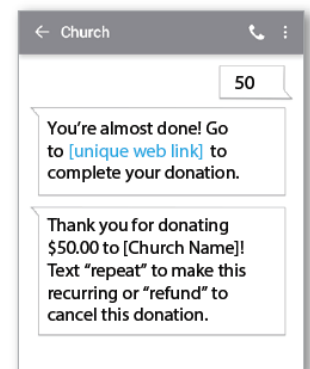
3. Give

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.



4. Repeat

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.



Donate on line via our website:

You can easily make a one time donation or a recurring donation through our on line giving site on our website <https://northfieldumc.org/#block-donate>

Write a check:

As always you can drop your check in the offering plate each Sunday during worship or drop it off in the church office during the week.

Donate via our QR code:

Another way to easily give to NUMC with a credit/debit card is by scanning the below QR code with your phone. The QR code will take you directly to an on line giving site for NUMC.



If you have questions regarding "Text to Give", using the QR code, or any of our various giving options, contact Sandy in the church office at 507-645-5689.

FAMILY ministry

Children's Ministry

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

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 are using *Road Trip*, a creative and engaging curriculum that helps children explore faith in ways that connect to their everyday lives. **No Children's Church November 30th (Thanksgiving)**

Mark your calendar's for these dates!

November 30, December 7, 14, 21
We will have families light Advent Candles during worship



November 19, December 3, 10
Christmas Pageant Rehearsl



December 3 - Hanging of the Greens



Super Wednesdays (current grades K–5)

3:30-5:30 pm - Our midweek program for kids features **fun, faith, and a food-snack** using **GenOn Ministries'** curriculum—engaging for children and adults, alike.

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

Register for busing: northfieldumc.org/bus-registration

For more info contact: ddempewolf@northfieldumc.org

Youth Ministry

Northfield UMC Youth Group (current 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. Youth Group is Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm unless otherwise noted. Join your NUMC family from 5:30-6:30pm for the weekly Super Wednesday Supper!

Mark your calendar's for these dates!

November 5: Let's Make a Plan!

We want Youth group to be about You! Help plan programs, themes, and outings for 2025-2026 year.

November 12: 6-8pm (note time): Bowling & Pizza

Join us for Pizza and Bowling at Flaherty's Northfield Lanes

\$15 per youth, covers bowling, shoes, and pizza.

Optional - bring extra money for the Arcade

Meet at bowling alley at 6pm or rideshare from the church at 5:45pm



November 19: Give Thanks

Help make unique holiday cards to share, plus enjoy Thanksgiving themed games and treats.

November 26: No Youth Group due to Thanksgiving Holiday

Service Opportunities for Youth - refer to the weekly youth email for information on service opportunities.

Not on the Youth Email list? Send an email to youth@northfieldumc.org to be added. Please include your name and relationship to youth, youth name and grade and a cell number to be added to the Youth Group chat group (optional).

NUMC Adult Faith Formation October Schedule

Sundays in the Reception Room following worship.

Spirituality of the Arts – Facilitator: Tim Goodwin

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

November 2 - Spirituality of Church Musicians - Richard Collman and Joanne Rodland

Social Concerns - Facilitator: The MICA Team

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

November 9 - Showing Up for Palestine - Rev. Joan Deming

November 16 - Insights into Palestine-Israel - Bob Goonin and Ashraf Ashkar

November 23 - Activism at the Southern Border - Marie Gery



Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will meet on November 17th to continue a study of “Women of the Bible” quilt blocks. The women we will be studying in November are Hagar, Jezebel, Rebekah, and Ruth. We meet the church library at 9 AM. New members and visitors are always welcome.



Mission Sewing Project

Mission Sewing has had many people helping to meet our goals. Pictured are some of the people who helped: Thalia Duffield, Peggie Jones, Dorothy Orde, Peg Jennings, Connie Hehling, Margie Wingate, Merrell Thorton, Ann Richards. Not pictured: Barb Hanson, Ruth Kruse, Marge Randolph, Yosh Soltis, Ruth Paulson, Paula Stowe, Ilsa Jones, Darlene Cox, Karen Groth.

Mission Sewing is busy working on meeting goals for 2025. One goal is to do 35 quilts for Operation Joy. We have completed 32 quilts.

We also have completed 6 lap quilts that are going to hospitals in the Twin Cities area.

We also have completed items for Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

We filled two boxes with 47 receiving blankets, 3 layette gowns, 55 diapers and 2 girl sets (dress with shorts).

We are always looking for more people to help meet our goals. Our next meetings to tie quilts will be on November 19th.

We meet at 9AM in Room 120.



IT Tech Corner by Jesse Steed

Tis the season of thanks! I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has helped at the streamdesk for your incredible dedication and hard work in managing the livestream, slides, and sound for our church's worship service and broadcasts this year. Your commitment to ensuring that our services are heard clearly and enjoyed by both in-person and virtual attendees has not gone unnoticed. The precision, creativity, and technical expertise you bring to each service truly enhance our worship experience, allowing us to connect more deeply with our community and our faith.

Thank you for your continued efforts, patience, and the countless hours you have spent behind the scenes. Your contributions are invaluable, and we are deeply appreciative of your service. Volunteers: Tracy Goodwin, Tim Goodwin, Dave Drentlaw, Robert Steed, Marla Viergutz, Dave Wolf, Jessinia Lin, David Miller.



Notes from the Parish Nurse

And Jesus said, "...I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

You are a great and marvelous creation of God, so take care of yourself. Live a balanced lifestyle that nurtures the many aspects of your being. Celebrate being WELL NOW! In Christ every day, in every way.



Spiritually

- Pray regularly
- Read the scriptures
- Remember your baptism daily
- Find time for meditation and reflection
- Enjoy God's creation
- Share your faith with others
- Use your God-given gifts
- Develop a servant mind-set

Physically

- Exercise, walk, stretch, play
- Eat vegetables, fruits, and fiber
- Eat food low in saturated fat, salt, and sugar
- Refrain from drug use
- Don't smoke or use tobacco products
- Be sexually responsible
- Visit your doctor and dentist regularly
- Learn CPR

Emotionally

- Laugh, love life
- Share your joys, sorrows, highs, and lows
- Hug someone
- Be a good listener
- See your cup half-full not half-empty
- Spend time with family and friends
- Get to know yourself better
- Develop care-giving skills

Socially

- Be involved in a club or activity
- Care about family, friends, and people you don't know
- Do a random act of kindness every day
- Volunteer in your community
- Love your neighbor as yourself
- Be respectful of others
- Learn to manage conflict
- Do something spontaneous

Intellectually

- Exercise your mind
- Learn at least one new thing every day
- Read, read, read
- Turn off the television
- Visit a museum
- Be conscious of current events
- Attend a cultural event

Environmentally

- Don't litter
- Do a home safety check
- Lower the decibels on your devices
- Recycle
- Keep your car tuned up
- Check smoke detectors regularly
- Plant a tree
- Don't waste water

(Author unknown)



This summer Isaiah hosted house meetings, forums and surveys to residents in small town Southern Minnesota. The purpose was to hear from each of us as to top concerns. This is what emerged as impacting our lives -

Affordable and Accessible Health Care, Elder Care, and Mental Health Care
Affordable Housing
Funding for our Schools
Addressing Climate Impacts
Protecting Drinking Water

It is now time to join with others from around the state to plan further steps and action to get these priorities to the state legislature. Please join me and hundreds of others from around the state on Saturday, December 13th at the ISAIAH MN People's Convention, to be held in Minneapolis. We will approve a state - wide agenda that will be taken to the February 3rd caucuses. This is our opportunity to have our voices and concerns heard. Please contact me for more information or with any questions you may have. Mary Lynn Oglesbee mlonorthfield@gmail.com





**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.

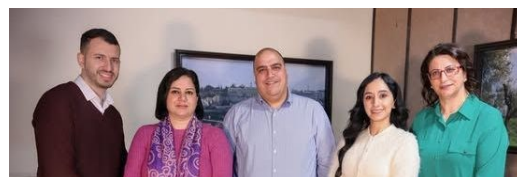
750 ml/25.4 oz. for \$30.00

What is the Apartheid-Free Movement?

An Apartheid-Free church takes a renewed public pledge against all forms of racism, bigotry, and oppression, including against racist discrimination, islamophobia, antisemitism, and xenophobia in our own communities. The church educates itself about the devastation of Palestinian lives under military occupation, settler colonialism, and apartheid, and about the connections between settler colonialism, racist oppression, and the cult of security in Palestine/Israel, in North America, and throughout the world. (Modified from apartheid-free.org)

Our Bethlehem Family sponsorship is a program of the [Shepherd Society](https://shepherdsociety.org/).

The Shepherd Society is a vetted Advance Project of the UMC Global Ministries. 100% of gifts to Advance Projects go to the project. MICAH has just sent a \$325.00 payment (½ of our annual family sponsorship) to the Shepherd Society, via Minnesota Annual Conference. In the staff photo, the woman who is second from the left is the social worker who is MICAH's contact regarding our Bethlehem family.



MICAH will offer holiday gift items for sale this advent season. Look for opportunities to purchase handmade items from Palestine/Israel in the months ahead. In case you might be interested in a 2026 Colors from Palestine calendar: please visit: <https://resistanceart.com/gallery>

Looking ahead to Advent: MICAH is once again hosting nativity displays in the church narthex. Please contact us if you have a nativity you are willing to lend to the displays during the holiday season. micah@northfieldumc.org.

Thank you!

Thank you to Dean and everyone at the Brick Oven Bakery! The MICAH team truly appreciates your partnership and generosity as we work together to support a family in Palestine/Israel. The BOB's donation of \$352 will go toward our commitment to support a family in Bethlehem with their medical and living expenses. Please thank the Brick Oven Bakery for their support of MICAH!



Mark your calendars: Adult Forum MICAH topics:

11/9: Showing Up for Palestine Guest: Joan Deming, "Hope is Something We Do" - Sermon

Bio: Joan Deming is a retired United Methodist Pastor whose career included local church ministry in Wisconsin and nonprofit work on behalf of Palestinian Christian organizations in the West Bank and Israel. Since 2009 she has led many "Living Stones" Pilgrimages to Israel/Palestine to visit holy sites and hear stories from Palestinian and Israeli Peacemakers. She has traveled to the West Bank and Israel four times in the last year and a half to volunteer as part of a protective international presence on the Tent of Nations Farm southwest of Bethlehem. In both worship and a Forum on November 9th, she will share from her experiences at the Tent of Nations as well as recent experiences with friends in Bethlehem and in the Galilee region of northern Israel.

11/16: Insights into Palestine-Israel Guests: Bob Goonin & Ashraf Ashkar,

Description: The presentation will include the historical context and connection to current events, what it is like to live under occupation, and introduction to the boycott, divestment, sanctions (BDS) movement. To be followed by Q&A.

Bios: Ashraf Ashkar was born and raised in Palestine. While living under the Israeli military occupation, he worked with local and international agencies on water rights and access.

Bob Goonin is Jewish, a member of the MN BDS Community and Jewish Voice for Peace. He visited Palestine in 2019 as part of an environmental justice delegation.

11/23: Activism at the Southern Border Guest: Marie Gery



United
Women
in Faith

NUMC Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale - 11/16/25

United Women in Faith - Meeting Dates

November 3, 2025 – UWF Executive Board meeting – 10:00 AM in Room 120.

November 10, 2025 - Esther Circle – 1:00 PM at Kildahl, 888 Cannon Valley Drive.

World Thank Offering

November 17, 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



Put November 16 on your calendar as the day you COME TO CHURCH for the Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale!!! This is the day you can find delicious goodies for your Thanksgiving table and some special gifts for your Christmas list. Crafters have been working on their projects to share with us. Bakers, bring your goodies to the south entrance of the church between 8:30 and 9:15. Crafters, bring your crafts to Diane Wolf starting November 1st or on Saturday, November 15. Call Diane for the time for setting up.

Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale November 16, 2025 – Bakers and Crafters - We welcome the creations of men, women, and younger bakers and crafters to fill out the offerings for this sale. When you are creating for family and friends, please make an extra five (5) or so to donate to this mini Holiday Bazaar. Knitting, sewing, woodworking, painting, decoupage, crocheting, other crafts you are willing to give for sale are all welcome. Monies go to the UWFaith donation to **the bus for Wednesday afternoon program, and to the UWFaith general budget.** 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.



Quilting and Sewing Group – Dorothy Orde has announced the **35 quilts for Community Action Committee (CAC) Operation Joy have been finished!** They have completed the twin sized quilts to be blessed and sent on to CAC. Quilters have been meeting most Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in the sewing room #120. The whole group meets once a month on the fourth (4th) Wednesday. You do not need to sew to be a part of this group.

World Thank Offering – “This offering is a way for Women of Faith members to show gratitude for God’s blessings and find creative ways to raise funds for improving the lives of women, children, and youth. Through this offering we support the total program of mission carried on through the world.” UWFaith.org website

JUST ENERGY FOR ALL – “United Women in Faith are committed to caring for God’s Creation. This is our campaign to work for climate justice and mobilize members and communities to advocate for cleaner and 100% renewable energy that is just for people and creation. We are stewards of God’s creation. This is one of our very first callings in this world, a call to love, protect, and share in the gifts of God’s creation. Ecclesiastes 1:4-7 reminds us of the abundance of such gifts, the sun, the wind, the streams, providing beyond any of our lifetimes, and the very ones capable of giving us renewable energy to sustain our life in this Earth.” UWFaith.org website

Hosting River Bluffs Area (district) meeting April 18, 2026 – Northfield United Women in Faith are hosting a gathering of women from the southeastern Minnesota area in April. We will be coming together to learn more about care for God’s creation and climate sustainability.

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.

Volunteers Needed!

Love decorating for Christmas? We are looking for a couple of people who can assist with the worship space during Advent, in particular with the tree. We need to secure a tree, put it up, string lights, make sure it's watered and take it down in January. You can let either one of us know if you can help.
Mary Lynn Oglesbee mlonorthfield@gmail.com
Kris Estenson kris.estenson@gmail.com



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

**The Church office and building will be closed
November 27-28 for Thanksgiving.**

Card Making with Margie

Tuesday, November 18, 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.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

Two Month Issue!
December/January
Herald Newsletter
Deadline

The deadline for the December/January issue will be:

Noon on Monday, November 24th

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

Super Wednesday Community Meals

Serving 5:30-6:15 pm
Wednesdays during the program year.

November Menu

November 5
Tater Tot Hotdish with
Vegetables
Raspberry Fluff
Bread
Ice Cream and Treats

November 12
Harvest Dinner
Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Green Salad
Dinner Roll
Pie and Ice Cream

November 19
Baked Lemon Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Salad Bar
Biscuits
Ice Cream and Treats

No Super Wednesday November 26



Because every picture has a story to tell...



You may have noticed that something seems “off” about the church landscape as you drive in from the south entrance. We recently had Cannon River Tree Service remove 8 large diseased ash trees. This was the unfortunate result of an ash borer infestation. Many, many ash trees have been or soon will be removed across town and countryside. There is still one large ash tree by our north entrance sign, that was not yet too far gone, so was treated by Rainbow Tree Care. Kevin Allin arranged and paid for this. (Thanks Kevin!). Cannon River Tree Service will be back to grind the stumps and then the facilities team will remove the debris, fill in the holes and plant grass. Replacement trees will be on our to do list in the future. Bless the trees. - Facilities Team



The Wednesday Fun, Faith and Food kids helped with raking and yard cleanup at the parsonage.



NUMC Youth enjoyed a Fall bonfire and s'mores at the church fire pit in October.



The shared NUMC/NNS playground got a makeover when NNS volunteers spread the new mulch donated by Mary Ann Polley! The extra mulch was used to fill in some of the flower beds in the church yard as well.

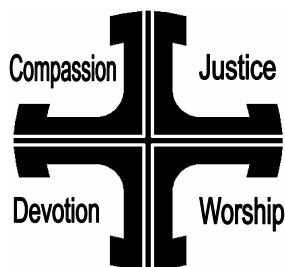
November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 Worship with Communion 9:40 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Forum 4:00 Community Reservation	3 10:00 UWF mtg. 6:00 NUMC Board mtg. 7:00 Community Reservation	4 9:00 Bible Study	5 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation 3:30-5:30 Faith, Food & Fun (snack) 5:30-6:15 Shared Meal 6:15 Choir 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth Fellowship	6 11:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	7 8:00 Men's Breakfast	1 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation 8 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation
9 9:30 Worship 9:40 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Forum 4:00 River Bluffs Charge Conference 6:30 Community Reservation	10 10:00 MICAH mtg 1:00 Esther Circle - Kildahl 6:00 Community Reservation 6:30 Community Reservation 7:00 Community Reservation	11 9:00 Bible Study	12 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation 3:30-5:30 Faith, Food & Fun (snack) 5:30-6:15 Harvest Dinner - Shared Meal 6:15 Choir 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth Fellowship Bowling & Pizza	13 10:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast Advent UMC Retreat	15 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation Advent UMC Retreat
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