April Worship

April 3 & 7
Celebration of Holy Communion
James 5:7-12
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

April 10 & 14
Celebration of Palms
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

Holy Week Schedule

April 17
Holy Wednesday Worship
Celebration of Holy Communion and Tennebrae
Service of Extinguished Light
6:30 pm in sanctuary

April 18
Maundy Thursday
Drop in Open Communion, 12-1 pm

April 19
Good Friday
Open Prayer in the sanctuary, 12-1 pm and 6:30-7:30 pm

April 21
Easter Celebration: He is risen!
Luke 24:1-12
Rev. Jerad Morey

Easter Season Series begins: SANCTIFYING GRACE - God makes good on the divine promise of redemption, completion, and renewal!

April 24 & 28
Ezekiel 36:22-36
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship
9:00 & 10:45 am
Super Wednesday
Worship 6:30 pm
Sunday School 9:30 am
Adult Forum 10:00 am
(Nursery provided during our worship services.)

Join us for fellowship and coffee on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
Friends,
On Wednesday night, March 20th, this congregation – after a year of prayer and preparation – voted yes to the report and prescriptions of the Missional Church Consultation Initiative. These prescriptions touch every part of the life of our congregation: worship, welcome, families, and our external mission and witness. Saying “yes” was no small thing; for many, this has been a moment of wrestling with God and others about who we are, who we are called to be, and who we are called to serve.

Consider this the moment the director for a movie shouts, “ACTION!” as the cameras start rolling – we have been rehearsing, praying, talking, talking, and talking some more. . .now it’s time to get busy. Prayerfully consider where you are called to put your own efforts: making sure that we welcome every person as though he or she is Jesus Christ? Structuring our worship schedule for the best outcomes for worship and Christian formation? Working with other families to build ministries for children and youth in our community? Or something else?

This will take ALL of us – ministry is not a spectator sport, and being part of the church is being part of the team. Your pastors are right in it with you – and we can’t wait to see what God has for us! Vote totals: 102 Yes (96%), 3 No (3%), 1 Abstain (1%)

Blessings, Pastor Rachel and Pastor Jerad

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2019 READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR
To everyone who has taken up the challenge to read the whole Bible in 2019 - congratulations! You are exactly 1/4 of the way. If you started, but found it daunting, don’t lose heart - below you’ll find what we have read so far if you want to catch up. OR - if it just isn’t in the cards to do the whole thing - set yourself a challenge to just read the whole New Testament in a year, and you can catch up with the readings listed there.

Questions for reflection as you read:
1) Where is God in what I am reading?
2) What ideas or language is most challenging to me, and why?
3) What is going on in my life or the world around me that connects with what I am reading?

Old Testament/Hebrew Bible readings so far:
- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

New Testament (if you are behind but still want to set a goal, aim for the New Testament this year! Remember, these tend to be much shorter)
- Mark
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Hebrews
- Colossians
- Luke

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FEBRUARY FINANCIAL UPDATE - STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE TEAM
February tested us on meeting the spiritual challenge of financially supporting our church even when the weather outside is frightful and church activities are cancelled. The month’s brutal winter weather adversely affected both attendance and giving. The shortfall between anticipated and actual giving so far this year is significant. Fortunately we had sufficient funds in our checking account to cover our expenses. Although there is no immediate financial crisis please catch up on your planned giving as soon possible as our snowy day fund won’t last forever. Please consider electronic giving, too. It’s a simple way to give regularly — even when one isn’t in church. Regular offerings are the steady, reliable source of funding that sustains our church and supports its ministries.

Visit the church office for more information on Electronic Giving!

General Fund February 2019 contributions $22,863.21
General Fund February 2018 contributions $31,972.83
General Fund YTD 2019 contributions $52,623.38
General Fund YTD 2018 contributions $79,271.41
General Conference 2019: The Response of the Minnesota Annual Conference

Many of you know that the church my family attended when I was a child in rural Kansas posted guards at its door to make sure the "wrong people" wouldn’t come in. After a scandal my parents left and later began attending a United Methodist church. With its openness it began to feel like home and I, who had always been told that as a woman I could never be a preacher, began at 16 to hear God's call on my life to pursue ordination.

Since then I've come to know people from half a world away, developed relationships with people from places I'd only read about who had opinions and identities I could barely fathom. Being a UMC clergywoman has been a process of learning to love more and more of God's people. And our relationships have made me a better Pastor and leader. Like iron sharpens iron, I've seen how God has used each of us to bring forth the kingdom.

As a member of Northfield United Methodist Church, you already know what iron does. Members of this church have been sharpening each other for more effective ministry for decades. Manger Inn was not created by people who were in 100% agreement on theological issues. Operation Backpack was not accomplished by sycophants. I love being your pastor because you overcome your differences. We are different people from different places with different gifts and identities and God has done mighty things through this church because of that.

God is still calling us to mighty acts - acts of love and resistance. At its gathering of elected lay and clergy delegates from all around the world, the United Methodist Church voted in February to forbid clergy from being in same-sex relationships and strictly penalize clergy who perform same-sex marriage blessings. This decision puts guards at the door. The good news is that they won't be posted in Minnesota.

Minnesota's Bishop Bruce Ough has stated his rejection of the penalties. At an all-clergy gathering he said it represented a "police state." He and other American bishops are supporting the development of alternative structures that will penalize nobody for preaching God's love. Thousands of clergy, trained in United Methodist seminaries, have signed onto a dozen letters in states like Georgia, Texas, Michigan, Iowa and Minnesota expressing our conviction that the General Conference vote does not reflect God's love as reflected in scripture. Many members of our own congregation have already pledged to be part of this effort, connecting with the rest of the Minnesota Conference as God leads us into a new future.

As your pastor I will not ask this congregation to change its identity as one that welcomes diverse perspectives and diverse people in the name of Jesus Christ. We do not all need to agree. We never have, and we've been stronger for it. But we do need to be companions in Christ, called, nurtured and sent to glorify God by acts of worship, devotion, compassion and justice. Companionship sometimes takes work, but our prayers are leading us into new days of ministry at Northfield United Methodist Church. I welcome your questions. Holy conversations will bind us together in the months to come. - Rachel

Worship. Compassion.

Devotion. Justice.
Music Opportunities

Adult Choir
All singers ages HS through adult are invited to be a part of the NUMC Adult Choir. The choir sings most Sundays at the 10:45 am service. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 pm. For more information, contact Randy Ferguson rferguson@charter.com.

Musicians Wanted!
Use your talents to provide special music for one of our Sunday morning worship services. Instrumentalists, pianists, vocalists, groups or solo, you are invited! Musicians of all ages and abilities are invited to be a part of our music ministry. There are many opportunities to play for worship. If you would like to sing or play for a worship service, please contact Wendy Smith at 507-645-5689 ext. 23 or wendyNUMC@aol.com. We would love to include you on the music schedule!

Second Sunday Drop in Choir - April 14
Meet at 8:15, sing at 9:00 am worship! All are invited to sing with the NUMC Second Sunday Drop in Choir. If interested, meet in the choir room at 8:15 am to prepare for that morning’s worship. All voices are welcome, no experience needed!

Wanted! Technical Volunteers
Must be comfortable with Windows operating systems, presentation software, external display settings. Contact Wendy Smith at wendyNUMC@aol.com or speak with Molly Peterson at church.

Middle School & High School Music
Meet at 5:30 pm in the Reception Room before dinner on Wednesdays when we will prepare music for Sunday morning worship!

Michelle Obama’s memoir, Becoming, still on the New York Times best seller list as of February 2019, has been added to the Church Library’s nonfiction collection.

The rather lengthy book is divided into three sections: “Becoming Me,” “Becoming Us,” and “Becoming More.” At 400 plus pages, it may not appear back on the Library’s shelves or on the table in Fellowship Hall for some time as there are requests in once the current reader has finished. Join the queue.

Another recent addition, with a personal connection to a church member is I Know You’re Here by Krista Betcher, an author with Northfield connections. Her husband Larry’s sudden death due to a farm accident prompted her to write “a message of hope after the loss of a loved one” for both children and adults experiencing their own grief journey. Photos by the author have been transformed into watercolor paintings by illustrator, Kari Vick, another Minnesota artist. Betcher is a friend of the Fineran family.

In both locations, the library and the Fellowship Hall display, resources for the Lenten and Easter church seasons and for current local church topics as well as Adult Forum studies are available.
Speak faith to power, a forum with our area's legislative representative and state Senator, April 7, 2:30 - 4:00pm at St. Dominic's Church.

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, said "there is no holiness but social holiness." The Northfield UMC ISAIAH team invites you to speak from your faith about your commitment to justice in policies around climate change, paid family leave, affordable childcare and driver’s licenses for all at this all-Northfield event.

Sign up at the welcome table to attend or just register at the door on that day.

The legislative session is speeding along – bills moving out of committees on larger assemblies. Definitive actions will be taken, affecting the lives of all Minnesotans. Persons on the ISAIAH email list will be contacted whenever supportive phone calls and emails are needed.

To join the ISAIAH email list, contact Evelyn Burry, phone: 645-7481, email: evelynburry@hotmail.com

The adult forum is held from 10:00-10:45 am between services on Sunday mornings in the Reception Room

This month's adult forums for during Lent and afterward will focus on our community. Our ecological community and call to stewardship through the soil. Our national community as 20 youth plan to be in mission to the people of Idaho's Spokane River Valley this summer. The changing early Christian community as shaped by the apostle Paul and the gospel author Luke. Your community looks forward to going deeper with you this month. All forums begin at the end of the first service, usually 10:00am, and end by the start of the second service at 10:45.

March 31: The Dirt on Climate Change
John Beck is a semi-retired soil scientist with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service and a member of NUMC who believes God calls us to be good stewards of the earth. This morning he will share what we know about climate change’s impact on agriculture with a spotlight on Minnesota agriculture and soil.

April 7: Healthy Ground
In the parable of the sower Jesus lets us know that soil types can shape the future of whatever tries to grow in them. Join soil scientist and NUMC member John Beck for an adult forum on the importance of, and how to foster, healthy soil.

April 14: To be determined...
We are still in discernment about the topic for Palm Sunday's adult forum. What is God calling us to engage on as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week?

April 21: Easter (no Adult Forum)
There is no adult forum this Sunday, but come to church hungry and plan to enjoy breakfast provided by the Idaho Mission Trip youth team. Please consider making a donation to defray their transportation expenses.

Picking up from March, we continue this DVD lesson from John Dominic Crossan as he invites us to consider the differences between how Paul's story is related in his epistles compared with how it is told by Luke in Acts. What do these differences matter?
Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 21
9:30-10:30 am
Fellowship Hall
(No Sunday School)

Hosted by: Youth Mission Trip families
Proceeds benefit:
The NUMC Summer Youth Mission trip to Idaho

Join us for a wonderful Easter Youth Morning with your church family.

Summer Camping
Look for great camping opportunities for all ages at www.minnesotaumc.org. Horse camps, family camps, canoeing, water skiing, fishing camps, and much more! Booklets available in the Gathering Space at church. Check it out!

Kids Club Retreat
May 10th
5:00-10:00 pm
Swimming, games, good food, friends and a whole lot of fun! It’s always such a great time of friendship and faith for the children. Please contact Lisa or Shelby Kobes at lisakaye@hotmail.com if you plan to go and/or if your parent(s) would like to chaperone.

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Sunday School Schedule – Sundays 9:30-10:30 am
April 7 & 14 – Sunday School as usual
April 21 – No Sunday School – Easter Breakfast
April 28 – May 19 – Last day of Sunday school
May 19 – Sunday School End of the year celebration

Kids Club Schedule – Wednesdays 3:30-5:30
April 3 – May 8 – Kids Club as usual
May 8 – Last day of Wed. Kids Club
Friday, May 10 – 5:00-10:00 pm - Kids Club Retreat

NUMC Families First Team
We are in the midst of a great opportunity to plan and direct the future of our Children and Youth Ministry and are looking to create a leadership team. If you are interested in being part of the new Families First team that will be prayerfully discerning and designing the ministry to come, email Pastor Rachel at revmorey@gmail.com.

Dear Northfield United Methodist Church,
It is with a heart filled with love and gratitude for this church family, that I write this letter of resignation as Children, Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, effective April 1, 2019. After 18 years of serving in this area of ministry, it is time for me to move on to the next thing that God is calling me to do.

I have absolutely loved being a part of hundreds of children’s lives and their walk with God, and hopefully I have helped them grow in their faith along the way. Each and every child has left an imprint on my heart. I will miss their bright smiles and heartwarming hugs and the way they have shared their life with me. It has been a very rewarding and spiritually fulfilling time here at NUMC and I look forward to seeing where God will lead this church in the future.

I will be moving on to a new adventure in life. Many of you already know that I have started a cheese making business with two close friends, and now we will be opening a coffee and ice cream shop in Cannon Falls, called CannonBelles Coffee & Ice Cream. We are opening April 1st so you’ll find me there. Come and visit me! :)

God bless you all and thank you so much for being my village, my family, my mentors, and my dearest friends. You have all helped me grow so deeply in God, a gift I will always treasure.
Thank you and God bless you.
In Christ,
Kathy Hupf
Twenty of our congregation’s youth will be headed to Idaho this summer to serve God’s people in the Spokane River Valley. We will be working with local organizations such as Second Harvest, Gathering Garden, ElderHelp, Habitat for Humanity, Shalom Ministries, and Specialized Needs Recreation to feed those who are hungry, help those who are needy and share God’s love with everyone.

We have reserved plane tickets and plan to stay at Camp Twinlow, a United Methodist campground. Our youth are diligently working towards a fundraising goal of $10,000 to defray travel expenses and are already 40% of the way there! You may have seen some of these fundraisers such as the super bowl subs, Valentine’s gift cards, Mainstream Boutique and Pampered Chef partnerships, and earlier grocery bagging opportunities.

April brings you three new chances to support our youth:

**Buy Groceries at Cub**
Tell your friends to shop at Cub on Saturday, **April 13**, between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Our youth will be bagging groceries and accepting donations for the trip.

**Easter Breakfast At Church**
Invite your friends and family to come hungry to church on **April 21**, when our youth will be providing egg bakes and other breakfast to the gathered community of Christ. Your donations that morning will also contribute towards their travel.

**And announcing... SPONSORSHIPS!**
For $300-600 you can sponsor or partially sponsor one or two of the 20 youth on the trip. Your sponsorship will make a significant impact on a middle- or high-schooler's ability to be in mission with their community and God's community this summer. While you can't choose a specific youth, **by becoming a sponsor you will receive a postcard from a youth about their experience while they are in Idaho** as well as an **invitation to a sponsor recognition event** after the trip. Talk to Pastor Jerad about seizing this opportunity.

**Youth Calendar**
- **April 3,** 7:00pm - 8:00pm: Class of 2019 Gathering
- **April 10,** 7:00pm - 8:30pm: 9th Grade Confirmation
- **April 13:** 10:00am - 4:00pm: Shop at Cub
- **April 21:** Eat Breakfast at Church to support Idaho Team

**COMPOSTING/RECYCLING**
Lids ON, please!
After washing plastic containers that can be recycled, please screw the lid back on. Lids can be recycled now and if they are screwed back on, they will not fly around loose in the single sort machinery and possibly jam the equipment.

Please remember to take plastic grocery bags, bread bags, clean zip lock bags, and newspaper plastic sleeves back to the bins at stores. Do NOT put them in your recycling bin (they jam the machines and get sent to the landfill). However, they can be successfully recycled into decks and yard furniture so please recycle them correctly - at store bins.

April 22 is Earth Day. Please continue to take good care of our only planet. At church, please put food, napkins, paper towels, and compostables in containers with a **GREEN** bag.

The Northfield compost center opens for the season on Tuesday, **April 9th** so you can easily take compostables from home to the large dumpster bin at the site on Armstrong Road, just south of Sechler Park. Have questions? Want help getting started? Ask Mary Ann - mapks@msn.com.
Each year, over 350,000 Americans experience sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) outside of a hospital. CPR and early defibrillation with an automated external defibrillator (AED) increase a victim’s chance of survival significantly. An AED is a portable electronic device that can audibly prompt and deliver an electric shock that will disrupt or stop the heart’s irregular electrical activity. In November 2008 our church was able to purchase an AED thanks to Myrtle “Peggy” Houston. Peggy, who died in January 2008 at the age of 100, was a nurse at the Northfield Hospital for many years. The Stewardship and Finance Committee voted to use money from Peggy’s estate to buy an AED for the church. It was very fitting and appropriate to use some of her money to continue to save lives as she did during her nursing career. Our defibrillator was purchased through the Northfield Hospital with a grant from The Initial Life Support Foundation. Be sure to check out the location of our AED which is in the wooden cabinet (made by Ken Fineran) on the east wall of the Gathering Space near the door to the Fellowship Hall.

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is different than a heart attack, which happens when blood flow to a portion of the heart is blocked, thus depriving the heart muscle of necessary oxygen. SGA is the sudden, unexpected loss of heart function, breathing and consciousness. This results from an electrical disturbance in the heart that disrupts pumping action and causes blood to stop flowing to the rest of the body and the brain. It is a medical emergency which will result in sudden cardiac death if not treated immediately. Hands Only Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) can increase chances of survival until emergency personnel arrive, but survival rates are as high as 38% if defibrillation is used to shock the heart back to a normal rhythm.

Over the years, several dozen church staff and members have taken training in CPR and use of the AED. The next opportunity to take this training will be on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:30 PM during the S.A.L.T. (Serving and Learning Together) event in the Gym/Multi-purpose Room. Northfield Hospital staff will teach “Hands only CPR” and AED training. In this class one will learn chest compression, how to place AED pads, and how to use an AED. Middle School youth to 90 year olds may take the class. Please talk with Ruth Kruse, Parish Nurse, if you would like more information about this class.

The next blood pressure screening will be on April 14th at 10:00 and 11:45 am.

Grief Support Group for Parents (loss of any child – infant thru adult)
This group is sponsored by the Northfield Grief Coalition and will be held at the Northfield United Methodist Church on Tuesday evenings: April 30th – June 4th, 6:30-8:00 pm, in the church library. Please call Sherri Bunch Quaaas at 507-645-4300 to register or with questions. Please pass this information on to anyone that could be helped by this group.
MICAH NEWS
(Methodists Investing in Care and Action for the Holy Land) Micah 6:8

MICAH has Zatoun Palestinian Fair Trade Virgin Olive Oil for sale. Currently we have 500 ml bottles @ $15.00 per bottle. Also available are 150 g. packages of Za’atar @ $5.00. Za’atar is made with wild thyme and sumac mixed with roasted sesame seeds and salt. Recipe sheets are available with the Za’atar, but it is also great with olive oil for dipping. These items are available in the church office. Support the farmers of Palestine in the struggle for their livelihood and land. (Zatoun = Olive)

Book reviews by Bruce Benson
To understand the plight of the Palestinian Christians in Israel (including our sponsored family) I suggest you read “Blood Brothers” (1984) or “We Belong to the Land” (2001). Both were co-authored by Elias Chacour and tell the story of his life and priesthood in Galilee and both can be checked out of the Church Library.

Chacour was born in the village of Biram in Upper Galilee to a Melkite Greek Catholic family. When Biram was occupied by the Haganah in 1947 his family was driven out and took refuge in the village of Gish. This is a key event in Chacour’s life and in both books. Chacour attended school in Haifa, Nazareth, and at St. Sulpice Seminary in Paris. He was ordained a Melkite priest in 1965 and sent to the village of Ibillin in Galilee.

“Blood Brothers” concerns Chacour’s childhood, his studies, his spiritual life, and his first 16 years as a priest. He tells us the story of Israel’s political origins starting in 1897 and provides new insight into events we thought we knew.

“We Belong to the Land” covers his priesthood in Ibillin in more detail. Starting from as humble a situation as you could imagine, he founded preschools, grade schools, and high schools open to all Israeli students, Christians, Muslims, Druze, and Jews. His story of getting building permits from a dystopian bureaucracy is a study in perseverance.

In both books we find a man of peace working to change hearts and reconcile people.

The Jerusalem Cross
This cross is seen on flags, crests, and church steeples throughout the Holy Land. It was crafted by artisans in the Bethlehem area using locally sourced olive wood.

The large cross represents Jesus. The four smaller ones represent the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John – going out to the four corners of the world.

Today, the Jerusalem Cross calls Christians everywhere to continue to spread the word and love of our Lord Jesus all over the world.
Northfield UMW Salad Luncheon
May 13, 2019, Noon
Esther Circle Meeting & Program 1:00 PM
All Northfield UMC women are invited! Kildahl Park Pointe Cooperative Community Room, 888 Cannon Valley Drive, Northfield
The United Methodist Women Executive Board invites all NUMC women to a Salad Luncheon and Esther Circle meeting, the second Monday of May. Spring is busting out all over and we want to celebrate it with our church friends. Come have lunch with us and stay for the program. Contact Catherine Williams if you can join us at cwilliamsteach3r@aol.com or 507-301-5865.

UMW River Valley District Spring Gathering
April 27, 2019
8:45 am Emma Norton Coffee – Offering and Paper Products for Emma Norton
9:30 am Gathering & Worship
10:15 am Speaker from Winona Sanctuary Network
11:00 am Colleen Beebe Purisaca, Speaker from Volunteer Lawyers Network
1:00 pm Kathleen Svien – Becoming a Sanctuary Congregation
Immigration has been a political issue for many years. As Methodists, we have learned that by welcoming the stranger, we have welcomed Christ (Matthew 25:35.) Come spend some time learning about the current issues around immigration, so that we can see how we can live out our Christian faith while working within the legal framework. Learn definitions of “refugee” and “immigrant,” the history of immigration law over the last 30 years, the term “sanctuary” as it applies to churches, cities and states.
Learn about current “sanctuary” work in the area covered by the River Valley District. We will look at the process of becoming a host church, by seeing how Wesley UMC in Winona has partnered with the Winona Sanctuary Network in Winona, Minnesota. There are many ways to help support immigrants in our communities that do not involve becoming part of the sanctuary process.
Registrations to: Owatonna UMC, 815 E. University, Owatonna, MN 55060 by April 22, 2019.

UMW Methodist Mission Rummage Sale
June 28 & 29, 2019
Starting your Spring Cleaning?
Save some for the UMW Mission
Rummage Sale in June!
Watch for more details!
**SUPER WEDNESDAY MENU**

April 3 - SALT Project Night
Beef Stroganoff, steamed vegetables, green salad, and buttered bread. Assorted cookies.

April 10 - Youth Night
Baked chicken and dressing. Green bean casserole, salad bar, and buttered bread. Chocolate cake.

April 17 - Holy Wednesday Worship
Ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, spring salad, and Hawaiian buns. Poke cake.

April 24 - Youth Night
Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, and potato salad. Brownies.

May 1 - SALT Project Night
Tilapia, green rice, corn salsa, pineapple salsa, and buttered bread. Root beer floats.

May 8 - Youth Night - Final Super Wednesday
Tacos, taco in a bag, refried beans, chips and salsa. Make your own Sundae bar.

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**SUPER WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

The schedule for Super Wednesdays is as follows:

3:30-5:30 pm Kids Club
5:30-6:30 pm Fellowship Meal (free will offering)
6:15 pm Adult Handbell Choir rehearsal
6:30-7:00 pm Worship (multipurpose room)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Each month:**

1st Wednesday – Church Family SALT (Serving and Learning Together) Project (6:30 pm)

2nd Wednesday – Confirmation, high school youth group, middle school youth group (7 pm)

3rd Wednesday – Meeting night (7 pm – open for any groups or teams needing meeting time with childcare available)

4th Wednesday – High school youth group, middle school youth group (7 pm)

5th Wednesday – Watch announcements for special events!
Prayers for:
- Our world and its leaders
- Law enforcement and the communities they serve
- Victims of violence in our country and the world
- Places in the world where there is unrest and conflict
- Peace and understanding among peoples of different faiths

Prayers of Sympathy with:
- Morey Family on the death of Pastor Rachel’s father Walt McIver
- Family and friends of Chad Van Zuilen
- Dennis and Marj Randolph on the death of Dennis’s brother Charles Randolph
- Family and friends of Dean Franz

Easter Flowers
Order forms for flowers for the Easter worship setting are now available in the office and on the counter in the hallway. You may deposit your completed form with check in the box on the counter in the office. All orders due with payment by April 14th.

Jump Start to Summer
Hot Dog & Brat Fest
Sunday, April 14th, 10:00 am—1:00 pm
Right here at the church!
Your first taste of summer brought to you by your UMC softball team!
We need jerseys and you want summer!
Brats, Hot Dogs, Salads, Chips, etc.!

Card Making with Margie
April 18th
from 6:30-9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost: $10 to cover supplies. Join Margie Brockton for a fun evening of making greeting cards. She will have all the supplies needed. Call 507-649-2324 for more info!

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for:
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National and World Concerns:
- Those studying and working internationally
- Prayers for those serving in the military around the world

Remembering Those in Military Service
Luke Erickson

If you have family deployed in military service, please let us know so that we can include them in our prayers.
This program run by the Community Action Center (CAC), offers a weekly free meal to anyone in the community. Volunteers help set up the room, serve food from the kitchen, clean and re-set the tables, and clean up the dining room. Helping with Thursday’s Table is a wonderful way to serve others. NUMC will continue to volunteer at Thursday’s table on the following dates: April 4, June 6, August 1, October 3 and December 5, 2019.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center. You may contact Shirley Davis-Fields for more information at 513-288-1281.

The first Wednesday of each month, we worship and serve together! Beginning at 6:30 pm, we will gather in the gym/multi-purpose room for service and learning. This is for all generations – young and old, new to our church and seasoned hands alike.

Make us ready, O God – our hands are yours.

CPR and AED Training
Service project: learn to save a life! Hands only CPR with AED training by Northfield Hospital staff. “We teach compression, how to place the AED pads, and how to use one.”
Ages: Middle school youth to 90 year olds
A program for elementary aged children will also be offered.

Have you been a part of the purple scarf knitting brigade?
If so, we need to know where we stand as far as our goal goes. This does not mean you can stop knitting, we just want to see where we stand.
Please bring your scarves to the church office. Also please, attach your name to the bag that contains the scarves. Keep up the good work!

COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES
14 Dozen cookies have been delivered to St Olaf and Carlton students worshiping with us so far this school year. Soon that will be repeated, with special thanks to bakers Darlene Cox, Nancy Hegland, Mary Lynn Oglesbee, Barb Hanisch, and Katie Holman.

Torch (Tackling Obstacles, Raising College Hopes) packages of two dozen cookies and $20 each have been mailed twice already to 7 students from Northfield. The Torch program is administered through the high school as a support for low-income first generation high school students. The packages go to college attendees all over the Midwest. Another seven boxes will go out mid-April. That will be 42 dozen cookies thanks to the efforts of Cindy Anderson, Nancy Davis, student Katy Swanson, Darlene Cox, Dorothy Goodwin, John Stull, and Ann Richards.

If you would like to get in on the action either by baking cookies or helping with the gift cards and postage (cookies are heavy!) please contact Ann Richards at delightfulread@yahoo.com or call 763-221-4823.
Mary Lynn Oglesbee from our talented and dedicated Visuals Team gathering branches for the worship setting. A little snow didn’t stop their creativity.

It passed! You voted to move forward with our church MCCI prescriptions - to better welcome people as Jesus himself, to put families first, to discern what ministry we in Northfield are uniquely situated to do. 96% of the 106 present made this decision after a year of prayer and preparation. . .now the fun begins! Continue praying, and consider where God might be calling you to put your own shoulder to the wheel!

We honored Kathy Hupf at her final Kids Club. Our Church family has been blessed by her. She truly is the Queen of Fun! We will miss her!

Does anyone recognize this happy little Leprechaun? He showed up in the kitchen on a Super Wednesday for an early St. Patrick’s Day surprise.
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