May Worship
SANCTIFYING GRACE - God completes what God has begun!

May 1 & 5
Celebration of Holy Communion
MCCI Consecration
Zechariah 8:1-17
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

May 8 (last Super Wednesday) & May 12
Micah 6:1-8
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

May 19
Habakkuk 3:17-19
Rev. Jerad Morey

May 26 (1st day single service 9:30 am)
Zephaniah 3:8-13
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

June 2
Celebration of Holy Communion
Graduation Sunday

June 9 Pentecost
Joel 2:28-32

Worship Schedule
Sunday Worship
9:00 & 10:45 am
Super Wednesday
Worship 6:30 pm
(Final May 8th)
Sunday School 9:30 am
Adult Forum 10:00 am
(Summer worship schedule begins
May 26th, 9:30 am Sunday worship,
no Sunday School or Adult Forum.)
Nursery provided during our
worship services. Join us for
fellowship and coffee on Sundays
in the Fellowship Hall
following worship.
NUMC Family,

He is risen! Alleluia! All that we think we know is now up in the air - if the tomb is empty, what else might be possible? Easter transforms all that we believe with these simple words: "HE LIVES."

So what lies ahead for us yet this year, Easter people?

1) Our MCCI process has now over 50 people on new teams to reshape and reimagine ministries of our church for a mission field - Northfield - that has itself seen significant change over the last decade. If you have not yet signed on to a new ministry area, there is still opportunity; if this is not a season of engagement for you for whatever reason, hold the new teams and team leaders in your prayers. You can use the words of our breakthrough prayer if you aren't sure what to say: 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.

2) The Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church that took place in St. Louis at the end of February this year has elicited urgent responses across the UMC connection, including our own congregation. In this issue of the Herald, you will see both a position as adopted by our Administrative Council, as well as an article from a newly formed lay-led General Conference Response team as to potential actions for Northfield United Methodist Church.

"Christ is alive and bids us sing good news to this and every age!" - the hymn writer had it right. We have a story to tell that transcends history and geography, a hope that will not be held captive by the tomb.

In Easter Hope, Pastor Rachel

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Administrative Council Position

In the wake of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church that took place in February, 2019, the clergy of our congregation issued responses of disappointment and disagreement with the actions taken to cause further harm to LGBTQIA+ persons in our churches. Our pastors reject the Traditionalist Plan that was passed, which strengthened language of prohibition of these persons – elsewhere in our Book of Discipline referred to as “persons of sacred worth” – and their inclusion in the life of the body of Christ.

The Administrative Council of Northfield United Methodist Church took the opportunity at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 16th to also express their sadness and disappointment. The following is the response of the Administrative Council to the General Conference action:

**The Northfield United Methodist Church rejects the policy positions emerging from the vote(s) of the General Conference held in St. Louis in February of this year. We believe that these policy positions are in conflict with the law of the land regarding same sex marriage and safeguards for homosexuals and, more importantly, are inconsistent with the established and long-treasured principles and practices of the United Methodist Church promoting open discussion and debate and advancing the ideal of inclusiveness. With this in mind we will do everything within our power to support the actions of Bishop Ough and the leadership of the Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area of the UMC in order to ensure the fiscal viability and financial independence of our congregation, promote open debate and a welcoming attitude, and guarantee that our pastors are able to speak their conscience and promote the values of the NUMC without fear of retribution or sanction.**

At that same meeting, the Administrative Council set the next church charge conference as a chance to clarify our congregational values in regards to the General Conference actions. Our congregation as a whole will have an opportunity to prayerfully consider how to move forward, including decisions to be made about same sex weddings, ordination, and publically becoming a “Reconciling” church at the upcoming church conference this summer (date TBA – stay tuned!). You are invited to prayerfully consider and converse about this – we have historically been a church welcoming of diverse positions and perspectives. We need not be of one mind on all things – Jesus doesn’t demand that, neither should we. He was very clear in the Great Commandment what he cares about: “Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.” That said, these items require clarity about how we feel called to be in ministry with all people because the items are directly related to church procedures and policies, as well as what our public witness in Northfield is to say about us.

Please hold each other in prayer in the coming days, and we welcome questions. Holy conversation will bind us in the days to come.

Respectfully,
Ad Council Chair Merrell Thornton and Lay Leader Erin Updike
Response Team Formed

Our congregation has formed a Response Team to consider the next steps for NUMC in light of the action at the recent Special Session of General Conference. Convened by Pastor Jerad from NUMC members who expressed an interest in the matter, our purpose statement is “We will demonstrate God’s love for and acceptance of LGBTQIA+ people through Northfield United Methodist Church by acting urgently to transform the United Methodist Church, clarify our congregation’s values and public ministry, and strengthen our community.” The Response Team is committed to keeping up to date on local and national developments, finding out what direction our congregation wishes to take as various options arise, and determining the best way to represent our congregation to the local community.

The central issue of the General Conference was about what to do with one phrase in the Book of Discipline, inserted in the early 1970’s, that the practice of homosexuality is “incompatible with Christian teaching”. This phrase basically prohibits ordination of persons in same-sex partnerships or ordained clergy from officiating at same-sex weddings, if enforced. The Council of Bishops recommended removing the problematic phrase. What was approved was the Traditional Plan, which retains the phrase, increases the penalties for non-compliance, and makes prosecution easier.

Each Response Team member has individual reasons to take action, which vary from supporting friends or family members, to keeping our church relevant in our community, to dismay at suddenly belonging to a discriminatory organization, to keeping the now centuries-old Wesleyan Methodist Movement moving forward.

The stakes for our congregation, the Minnesota Annual Conference, and larger jurisdictions in the US and world could not be higher. For our local church, the team is focused on becoming a Reconciling Congregation that affirms all people including clergy of any sexual identity and orientation, and celebrates weddings accordingly. To discern God’s call on our church as authentically as possible, we will be seeking input from the entire congregation. If you have questions or feel called to be involved in this process, please speak with any team member, including Clare Mather at Mather@stolaf.edu or (952) 250-5450.

STEPPING UP

Stewardship & Finance Team Update

Giving must be more than a response to an appeal to general humanitarianism. It must be rooted and grounded theologically and missionally. Giving is rooted in God’s very being. Giving is indispensable to Christian discipleship. Giving is part of holy living. Giving includes more than the products of our labor. Giving in the Wesleyan tradition includes joyfully sharing the fruits of our labor and management with others, especially the poor. Giving moves beyond individual charity to building communities of shalom – communities of interconnectedness, justice and compassion. (Adapted from Bishop (retired) Kenneth L. Carder, United Methodist Church)

In this season of renewal in our own congregation, all of us have an opportunity to invest in what God is doing in a new way. How are you called to be part of what God is doing here? Where are you called to offer your prayers, presence, gifts, and service in a way that tells the world just how deep, wide, and radical the love of God is?

A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION’S GIVING PATTERNS

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THIS CHART (your weekly giving)

WILL YOU GROW ONE STEP THIS YEAR?

Based on 288 giving units in 2017

General Fund March 2019 contributions
$40,059.22

General Fund March 2018 contributions
$30,641.68

General Fund YTD 2019 contributions
$92,682.60

General Fund YTD 2018 contributions
$109,913.09
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.

Musicians Wanted!
Wanted: Instrumentalists, vocalists, soloists or groups. People of all ages and abilities are invited to be a part of our music ministry. Contact Wendy Smith at wendynumc@aol.com or call the church office at 507-645-5689 ext. 23.

The only thing better than singing is more singing.
-Ella Fitzgerald

Second Sunday Drop in Choir - May 12
Are you interested in a choral singing experience at the 9 am service? Try 2nd Sunday Drop in Choir. All are invited to meet in the choir room at 8:15 am to learn an anthem for that morning’s 9:00 am service. No choral experience needed! All are welcome!

Card Making with Margie May 16th
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!

If the intermittent DVD presentations by the Adult Forum featuring John Dominic Crossan (with his lilting Irish accent), a major scholar in contemporary historical Jesus research, has piqued your interest, two of his works have been added to the library’s collection: Who Is Jesus? and Jesus, A Revolutionary Biography.

Find these books along with several Crossan has co-authored with Marcus Borg, on the display table in Fellowship Hall, ready for check out sadly, without the “lilt.”

This is a reminder to not forget the short reads periodicals can give you. For example, try the April 10th issue of The Christian Century and the article on page 12, “Unsettled Methodists.”

Help Wanted - Now Hiring
Self-starting bibliophile, bibliomaniacs also accepted. Immediate start-up possible.
Location: Your nearest church library
Hours: Self-determined. Compensation: $0.00.
Job Description: Shelving, labeling, reviewing, displaying, purging, other; applicant's choice.
Benefits: Congenial colleagues and satisfaction of doing something for your church.
Contact: Linda Davis, Diane Genova or the Pastors.
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 Schedule – Wednesdays 3:30-5:30
May 8 – Last day of Wed. Kids Club
Friday, May 10 – 5:00-10:00 pm - Kids Club Retreat

MCCI Families First Team
The Families First team is very close to launching! This team will be leading the assessment of all space, program, and staffing related to children, youth, and family ministries at Northfield UMC. There is still time for you to join this movement - this is a critical opportunity for us to get very serious about what shifts and changes we are called to make in this area to be in ministry with families in Northfield. If you want to hear more, you can be in touch with Pastor Rachel or lay Leader Erin Updike - prayerfully consider if this is where God is calling you to put your hands, feet, and heart this coming year.

Greeting church family,
Thank you so much for all of your love and support over the past 18 years. It’s been such a rewarding and spiritually transformative time in my life because of you. You have been such an important part of my life. Thank you for the beautiful reception, the letters, cards and words of encouragement as I transition to a new career. And, thank you very much for the incredibly generous gift of $1400. I plan to purchase a laptop computer and necessary accessories with part of your gift. It’s something I’ve wanted for a long time and now you have made it possible. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing what lies ahead for our church and how it will continue to change lives. God bless each of you.
Blessings,
Kathy Hupf

Mother’s Day Truffle Sale!
Idaho Mission Trip Fundraiser!

In a recent survey of Mothers, the dearly loved women named what they’d like most for Mother’s Day: to not clean, to not cook, and to not have to plan anything. Fortunately, the youth heading to Idaho this July can help you with part of that: cake truffles are already being made (with preorders available) and will be sold on Mother’s Day at church. Show up prepared to express your love - and God’s - with the gift of a treat that tastes divine! All proceeds will help cover expenses related to the Idaho Mission Project.

A special thank you to Bill Edwards (man with the tools) and assistants Joene Edwards, Diane Genova and Darlene Cox for giving the two bulletin boards in the long hallway a new look!
Can you feel it? There is one month left of school. As we wind down some programs for summer we are also preparing for amazing opportunities to love God and God’s people!

**Families First MCCI Team**

In our congregational season of renewal a Families First Team will included members currently engaged with children and youth ministries and new faces called to engage for the first time; this team will fully review all current / existing ministries, ministry spaces, and opportunities for community connection - and prayerfully dream and plan for what God is calling us to do next for family ministries in our church. Have you signed on? Pick up a form to do so in the church office.

**Final SALT Project Night**
May 1, 6:30pm
May 1st will be our final SALT (Service and Learning Together) project for the year. Dress prepared to be outdoors.

**9th Grade Confirmation**
May 1, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Due to a canceled Super Wednesday and a professional development opportunity of Pastor Jerad's, 9th grade confirmation is happening two weeks in a row: April 24 and May 1. We'll talk about how United Methodists came to be and celebrate the fact that now we can all read the Bible for ourselves!

**Final Super Wednesday activities**
May 8, 7:00pm
The last middle and high school youth group events of the program year will take place on May 8! We can't wait to be with you one more time.

**Idaho Mission Trip Social**
May 15, 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Everyone headed to Idaho Mission Project is invited to a campfire at church so we can get to know each other better and build our community of missioners as we anticipate service God and God's people.

**Your Car is Filthy! (Probably)**
June 1, 10:00am - 2:00pm
AutoZone
The 26 youth and adults who are driving and flying to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the Spokane River Valley this July are raising money to cover plan tickets, car rental, and mileage expenses on their vehicles. You can help by getting your car washed - and telling your friends about the opportunity - on Saturday, June 1!

**Graduation Sunday**
June 2, 9:30am
Join our proud graduates of the Class of 2019 in a worship service they've designed to celebrate the close of this chapter of their life and the next chapter of their walk with God.

**L.Y.F.E. Camp**
June 23-29
Northern Pines United Methodist Church Camp
Already some of our youth have registered to attend one of the best inclusive, affirming and faith-building church youth camps in our state. Youth having completed grades 7-10 are invited to register as campers and youth who have completed grades 11-12 and exhibit spiritual maturity are invited to register as Leaders in Training. Go to CampMinnesota.org to register.
The adult forum is held from 10:00-10:45 am between services on Sunday mornings in the Reception Room.

The very earliest Christians learned the way of Christ by walking alongside him, listening to his teachings, and doing the challenging things he asked of them. We imitate them as we continue to walk the path of Christ a couple thousand years later. Listening to him isn’t as easy for us as it was for them - there is always so much cultural context involved in communication. But following along with John Dominic Crossan’s study “The Challenge of Paul” is helping us to better understand what the Bible tells us about our Lord and his earliest interpreter. We will close our season with a word of challenge - while Jesus and his disciples never lived in a democracy, Rev. Howard White will ask us to act on what following Christ means in the present age of change.

May 5: The Long-Distance Apostle
Paul undertook three major missions - to the Arabs, to the Turks and to the Greeks. How did they go? How are Paul's epistles shaped by his experience sharing about Jesus in foreign lands?

May 12: The God-Worshippers
In the first century, Jewish synagogues were full of folks who weren't totally Jewish. Some were pagan, some were sympathizers. They were generically considered “God-worshippers.” Lydia was among them. How did the author of Luke and Acts repeat or alter Paul's main point?

May 18: A Strategy to Address Climate Change
Having shared with us in January about the connection between Biblical faith and climate change, Rev. Howard White of Citizens’ Climate Lobby will share about the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 763, introduced in U.S. Congress. Discover how this legislation will help people and the environment better than the Paris Agreement and represent a significant part of the solution to climate change. Citizens’ Climate Lobby and ISAIAH are asking Northfield United Methodist Church though its Administrative Council to endorse this legislation.

As we return to the single-service summer schedule beginning with the Memorial Day Weekend, May 26, adult forums will not be regularly scheduled but occasionally announced as taking place after worship.

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**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:**
- Family and friends of Tom Aarsvold
- Family and friends of Norman Torbenson
- Morey Family on the death of Pastor Rachel’s father Walt McIver

**Prayers of Celebration with:**
- Stan Ehlers on his 90th birthday on May 4th
- Chuck Huff and Almut Furchert on the birth of their daughter
- Becca Galegher Grundhoefer on the birth of her son

**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.

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Prayer Image
There is a food allergy epidemic in the United States!! Two large scale studies about food allergy prevalence, which were recently released by Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE), show that 32 million Americans (1 in 10 adults and 1 in 13 children) are affected by food allergies. Of those who have had allergic reactions, 51% of adults and 42% of children have had a severe reaction. Between 2007 and 2016 anaphylactic food reactions, which are often life threatening, have increased 377%. These statistics are valuable in defining the scope of food allergies in the United States, but “more epidemiological research is needed to confirm and complement these survey findings.”

People often wonder what causes a food allergy. “The job of the body’s immune system is to identify and destroy germs (such as bacteria or viruses) that make you sick. A food allergy happens when your immune system overreacts to a harmless food protein—an allergen.” It mistakenly identifies a food or a substance in a food (even just a tiny amount) as harmful and triggers cells to release an antibody to neutralize that allergen. The next time a small amount of the allergen is ingested, the antibodies sense it and signal the immune system to release histamines, which cause the allergic symptoms.

Signs and symptoms of food allergies can occur within a few minutes up to 2 hours after eating the food. One can have a mild to moderate reaction with just a few hives, tingling or itching in the mouth, swelling of the lips and face, or abdominal pain with diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. Anaphylaxis is the most severe allergic reaction. The life threatening symptoms of anaphylaxis include: tightening airways, swollen throat, difficulty breathing, shock (blood pressure dropping and pulse increasing), and dizziness and lightheadedness which can result in loss of consciousness. It is important to seek help immediately for anaphylaxis as it can cause coma or death.

Although any food can trigger an allergic reaction, there are eight common allergens. They are: milk, eggs, peanuts (which are legumes like peas and lentils), tree nuts, soy, wheat, fish, and shellfish. All eight allergens must be included on the list of ingredients on grocery items. Sesame also affects hundreds of thousands of Americans, but it is not required on labeling. It might just be under the general term of “natural flavorings.”

Cow’s milk causes the most food allergies. It usually affects children in the first year of life, can be mild to severe, and is usually outgrown. Other foods to avoid with a milk allergy might be: butter, buttermilk, cottage cheese, cheese, cream, casein, custard, puddings, and sour cream. The second most common food allergy is to eggs. It is actually to the protein in the egg white, but it is easier to avoid eggs all together since they are hard to separate. Foods to avoid include: albumin, eggnog, mayonnaise, meringue, and some baked goods, marshmallows and nougats.

Prevention is the best way to counteract reactions to food allergies. Know what you are eating and drinking, read food labels, talk with your server or the chef if you eat out, or pack meals and snacks from home rather than eating out. If you get severe reactions, wear a medical alert bracelet and get a prescription for and carry an epinephrine auto-injector (Epi Pen, Auvi-Q, Adrenaclick).


The May blood pressure screening date has been rescheduled from the 2nd to the 3rd Sunday of this month. It will be held on Sunday, May 19th after each service.
Northfield UMW Salad Luncheon
May 13, 2019, Noon
Esther Circle Meeting & Program 1:00 PM

Join Esther Circle and the United Methodist Women Executive Board for lunch. A delicious Salad Luncheon is planned for you Monday, May 13, 2019, Noon to 1:30 PM. Meet in the community room at Kildahl Park Pointe, 888 Cannon Valley Drive, Northfield, MN 55057.

A speaker from Northfield Promise will be with us. Learn about this collective impact initiative aiming for positive changes "Cradle to Career" for children and youth in our community. Please sign-up at the Welcome Area so we know how many to prepare for.

UMW Methodist Mission
Rummage Sale
June 28 & 29, 2019

Bring your spring cleaning items and extra treasures to the church for the UMW Mission Rummage Sale!

You may bring your donated items to church on Sunday, June 23 and leave in the Sunday School rooms across from Library. You may also bring items Wednesday/Thursday, June 26 & 27. On those days please bring your items to the Fellowship Hall between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm.

Helpers are needed to organize and sell all the treasures.

Reuse/Repurpose: Show Christ's love by reusing & turning your unwanted stuff into treasures, earning money for needs of others in the world.

We accept:
Household Items
Sports items
Clothes for all ages
Dorm Room needs
Study needs

Please, No large furniture or large items that cannot be carried by you.
No TV's! Limited small working Electronics, please check with Catherine before bringing.

The office staff will not be available to help unload items. You may call Catherine at 507-301-5865 or email cwilliamsteach3r@aol.com if you need to arrange additional help or if you have questions.
MCCI PRESCRIPTION TEAMS –
Where am I called to put my hands, feet, and heart?

Place a checkmark beside the ministry area(s) you feel you may be called to or have a passion for. You may turn this in to the church office.

____ Guest Welcome Team: Anyone who joins us for a Sunday morning, Wednesday evening, or other event bears the image of Christ himself – this team will help our congregation welcome every new person accordingly! This is a great place for attendees or members who have been with our church less than 2 years.

____ Signage Team: This team will do a full audit of our facility signage with an eye toward making our space as user-friendly as it can possibly be.

____ Communications Strategy Team: If we do not communicate who we are, who we are called to serve, and who we are called to be...then who will? This team will help establish and refine the best possible means of communicating internally and externally about God’s work in our church.

____ Families First Team: This team will include those currently engaged with children and youth ministries and new faces called to engage for the first time; this team will fully review all current/existing ministries, ministry spaces, and opportunities for community connection - and prayerfully dream and plan for what God is calling us to do next for family ministries in our church.

____ Signature Ministry Research Team: God has uniquely prepared and deployed the people of this congregation for a ministry no one else in town can do for Northfield – this team will do the research to help us discern what that is, to help clarify where we can fully and best “put our shoulder to the wheel” as a whole congregation.

____ Worship Schedule Discernment Team: We have a unique opportunity to carefully review our current lineup on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, and to prayerfully consider what changes we might be called to make for the coming program year. This team will take up this question in regards to both worship and Christian formation opportunities.

NAME: _______________________________________________________

Number/Email: _______________________________________________

NOTES: _______________________________________________________

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SUPER WEDNESDAY MENU

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.

Thank you to the kitchen crew for preparing delicious meals for us all season!
Also thank you to those who help with clean up!
Thank you to all who have helped with the various programs and activities held on Super Wednesdays this year.

We will see you when Super Wednesday begins again in September!

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!
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: 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.

**COMPOST/RECYCLE/LANDFILL - What goes where? Test your sorting skills.**

In which container do the following items properly belong?

Choices:
1) compost (Green bag - containers in kitchen, fellowship Hall, and SS rooms
2) recycling (labeled containers in SS rooms and Fellowship Hall
3) landfill (wastebaskets with brown plastic bag liners or the large round trash cans in Fellowship Hall and kitchen)

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**FLIP FOR ANSWERS**
Easter Sunday - The stone rolls away and we rejoice...He is risen!

Ashes to Easter

During the Ash Wednesday service, everyone was given the opportunity to pick up a piece of broken tile and write on the tile a word or phrase that expresses brokenness in their life or in the world, things like politics, parenting, character. This opportunity continued during Lent. Before Easter the broken tiles were collected and glued to a pot and grout added. The final touch was the adding of gold glitter between all the pieces to illustrate how God can use our brokenness to bring beauty to our situations and to the world. The gold celebrates the cracks rather than hide them. This pot is made from a bunch of broken pieces. You notice the beauty not when you focus on the individual pot shards, but on the cracks in between.

“Ring the bell that still can ring, forget your perfect offering, there is a crack in everything. That’s how the light gets in.” – Leonard Cohen

Today we celebrate the Light of Christ that has transformed our brokenness into wholeness and beauty. Allelulia!
Because every picture has a story to tell...

Maundy Thursday draws us closer to the table during Holy Week.

What a beautiful creation by our talented Visuals team. Pictured here are Darlene Cox and Mary Lynn Oglesbee as they piece together the pot shards.

Out of the broken tiles came a thing of beauty...and apparently Allan Cox.

The Daffodils blooming in the church courtyard gave us hope that spring may actually arrive. Hmm...but will the ducks return this year?

During our April Super Wednesday SALT project (Service and Learning Together) we received CPR and AED training from the Northfield Hospital Staff. A few simple skills could save a life—how would you respond if you were with someone who had a cardiac event?

Remember to take photos of your church events and then email them to the church office at northfieldumc@gmail.com. We’ll post them on the church facebook page and include them in the next newsletter!

Sharing Our Visuals Collection

“Is it really Palm Sunday? Where did we get that beautiful art? It looks so good, with the cross and the purple banner above it!” This was a comment made by a resident at Northfield Retirement Community upon seeing the newly installed banners in the chapel. The banners have been on loan from the NUMC Visuals collection.

Since December, Barb Hanisch, a member of NUMC visuals team, has been working with Kristine Braaten-Lee, Chaplain at Northfield Retirement Community (NRC), to install seasonal banners in the NRC chapel for NRC residents to enjoy.

Pastor Kristine thanks NUMC for their generosity of sharing their beautiful banners with the NRC community.

Pictured are just a few of the worship settings in the NRC chapel on loan from NUMC.
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**The next monthly HERALD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is NOON on Wednesday, May 22nd for the June issue. Thank you!**

**The Church Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th.**
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