November Worship

November 3
All Saints Day
Celebration of Holy Communion
Luke 15:11-32
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

November 10
Confirmation Sunday
Rev. Jerad Morey

November 17
Consecration Sunday
Luke 18:9-14
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

November 24
Thanksgiving
Luke 14:15-24
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

Worship Schedule
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Discovery Zone Children’s Church 9:45 am
Discipleship Hour (formerly Adult Forum) 10:45 am
Nursery provided during worship. Join us for fellowship and coffee on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall following worship!
Dear NUMC friends,

Confirmation. What memories does that word bring up for you?

If you grew up in church you might have gone through something called "confirmation." It means different things to different people and different traditions. It happens at different ages. I've heard of confirmation happening as early as sixth grade and as late as senior year of high school. There's a megachurch where it only takes six weeks and another church in the same denomination where it's a three-year process. For some churches it's about memorizing and agreeing to the apostle's creed or another statement of belief. For some churches the point is to persuade you to be Christian. For some students it's a hoop to jump through, or a rite of passage, or a significant spiritual experience.

At Northfield UMC we strive to make confirmation, which typically occurs over the 9th and 10th grade years, a spiritual experience of wrestling with whether or not to own your journey of faith. It's not persuasive in that we don't try to argue students into ownership of their journey, but in confirmation we set aside sacred time every month to remember that there is a real spiritual aspect to life that is in fact the source of life. We consider that there is a Christ who loves us and wants to be in relationship with us. We reflect on the questions that the United Methodist Church has used to illustrate what owning that relationship means.

Are you in a relationship with Christ? What do these confirmation questions mean to you and how would you answer them today?

- Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?
- Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?
- Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

In confirmation we also talk about what it means to be part of the body of Christ. In the service we ask the students about membership in our part of it, too:

- As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?
- As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presences, your gifts, your service and your witness?

How do these questions make you feel? If you were being asked them on November 10, as our current class will be, how would you answer?

Jesus loves you.
Pastor Jerad

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**Message from the Pastor**

** 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.

**LAWN SIGNS AVAILABLE**

Display your personal support of being an inclusive church. Lawn signs available in the Narthex after Sunday services and Super Wednesdays. Free will donation. Questions? Contact Marla or Jonie at 507-663-7952.
All Saints Sunday - November 3rd

On Sunday, November 3rd, we will be celebrating All Saints' Day, which is one of the holiest days in the life of the church. All Saints' Day is the church’s Memorial Day, a time when we celebrate our hope in the resurrection by remembering all the faithful who have gone before us. This remembrance will take place during our 9:30 am worship service. As a part of this celebration, we will be remembering all those in our church family who have died in the past year. As each person is named a bell will chime in their honor. This time of remembrance will be accompanied by communion as a sign of the communion of saints, which unites through the Holy Spirit the faithful in all times and places.

All Saints - by Christina Rossetti

They are flocking from the East
And the West,
They are flocking from the North
And the South,
Every moment setting forth
From realm of snake or lion,
Swamp or sand,
Ice or burning;
Greatest and least,
Palm in hand
And praise in mouth,
They are flocking up the path
To their rest,
Up the path that hath
No returning.

Up the steeps of Zion
They are mounting,
Coming, coming,
Throngs beyond man's counting;
With a sound
Like innumerable bees
Swarming, humming
Where flowering trees
Many-tinted,
Many-scented,
All alike abound
With honey,--

With a swell
Like a blast upswaying unrestrainable
From a shadowed dell
To the hill-tops sunny,--
With a thunder
Like the ocean when in strength
Breadth and length
It sets to shore;
More and more
Waves on waves redoubled pour
Leaping flashing to the shore
(Unlike the under
Drain of ebb that loseth ground
For all its roar.)

They are thronging
From the East and West,
From the North and South,
Saints are thronging, loving, longing,
To their land
Of rest,
Palm in hand
And praise in mouth.
Calling all Discovery Zone Kids! Ages preschool-5th grade
We’ve designed a kid’s own worship just for you!
Come to church with your family at 9:30 a.m. About 15 minutes into the service you will be excused for music, games, activities and stories of the parables. You will meet up with your parents in the fellowship hall for refreshments about 10:40 a.m.

News From Kids Creating Community in Christ (KC3) Discipleship

Last month I officially started my position as the KC3 coordinator and since then I have had such a positive experience getting to know so many people here at the NUMC. The staff and congregants have all been so welcoming. I feel blessed to be a part of this community.

It has been a blast to get to know the young families and wonderful kids I will be serving. So far at KC3 we have been reading the Bible stories of Jesus calling his disciples and talking about how we, as people of any age, in 2019, are still called by Jesus to be disciples today (LK 5:1-11). Those first disciples stopped what they were doing to immediately follow Jesus because what Jesus had and what he offered to them was so amazing. Jesus still offers this rich and full life to us. We don’t need to be perfect or even close to perfect. Just like Matthew the tax collector (MT 9.9-13) we can be full of mistakes and blemishes and yet Jesus still calls us and wants us just as we are to be apart of his work as disciples. I have had so much fun making art projects with the youth that echo these themes of discipleship.

We have also been focusing on community building within our KC3 group and our group as it relates to this church and our larger community outside the church. This next month we will continue to build community as disciples, study scripture and reflect on how these passages relate to our lives as disciples. We have some fun art projects and community service projects that will pair well with our Bible readings. I’m looking forward to sharing about this with you in the next Herald!

Peace and God bless you,
Gregory Ennis

NUMC Youth - November service opportunities and fellowship!

November 3, 10:45 am: 10th grade confirmation service rehearsal - Our 2019 confirmands will walk through the confirmation worship service.

November 6th, 6:30 pm: SALT NIGHT! We will Serve and Learn Together by making soup for friends and family of the church after the Super Wednesday fellowship meal. Gather in the fellowship hall for instructions and blessing - SALT projects are for the whole church family!

November 10, 9:30 am: Confirmation Sunday! Come bless our 10th graders who have been on an intentional and prayerful journey this past year.

November 13, 6:30 pm: 9th grade confirmation - for 9th graders in the HS room! Sundaes on Wednesdays - with Amy and Kevin Allin the middle school room (for MS and HS kids)! Parent Fellowship - in the new welcome area; got kids? have coffee with other folks who do, too!

November 17, 9:30 am: Consecration Sunday! We will not only bless our pledges for the 2020 ministries that lie ahead, but we will also be giving our pre-schoolers their Story Bibles and our 3rd graders their elementary Bibles.

November 20: Feed My Starving Children service project for PEPPER (praying and preparing for mission) night! Attendees should be at the church by 5pm (4:45 if you want to grab a sandwich first). Carpools will be arranged; sign up is in the fellowship hall, only 2 slots left.

ALSO: Christmas Pageant rehearsals will be Super Wednesdays 6-7pm all through the month of November! See information in this issue of the Herald for details.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED
We are hiring for our Wednesday night nursery attendant position!
If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Pastor Rachel at rmorey@northfieldumc.org
Make way for the camel costume! The Christmas Pageant is coming!
Please consider being part of the pageant!

Rehearsals will be on the following Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.
   November 6
   November 13
   November 20
   December 4
Technical Rehearsal will be on December 8 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Performance is on December 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/Numcpageant19 no later than Nov. 1

Pageant volunteer director Michelle Gibbs is looking for help with costumes and possible set pieces for the play, child wranglers during rehearsals, performance child wranglers, etc. The Christmas Pageant is a favorite among parishioners and community members alike. Please consider helping us make this year’s pageant a magical experience!
Music Opportunities

Handbell Choir Rehearsal times for November
November 6 - 6:15 pm
November 13 - 6:15 pm
November 20 - 7:00 pm
November 27 - no rehearsal

Adult Choir rehearsal
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
No rehearsal
November 27

Wanted! Technical Volunteers
Wanted occasional technical volunteers for Sunday morning worship. Must be comfortable with Windows operating systems, presentation software, external display settings. Please contact Wendy Smith at wendynumc@aol.com.

Musicians Wanted!
Use your talents to provide special music for a Sunday morning worship service. Instrumentalists, pianists, vocalists, groups or soloist, you are invited! If you would like to sing or play for worship, please contact Wendy Smith at 507-645-5689 ext. 23 or wendynumc@aol.com. We would love to include you on the music schedule.

SUPER WEDNESDAY SHARED MEAL MENU

November 6 - Tator tot hotdish, green beans, green salad, fruit platter, bread and chocolate chip bars.

November 13 - Chicken Alfredo, Ceasar salad, broccoli, bread and ice cream sundaes.

November 20 - Harvest Dinner: Ham, mashed potatoes, Normandy blend, Jello, dinner roll and pies.

November 27 - Thanksgiving break - No Super Wednesday

Given the particularly timely Discipleship Hour’s topics this past month and the workshop on dementia hosted by the church’s Care Ministry Team, the Church Library Committee has pulled books, pamphlets and past magazine issues dealing with supporting articles. They are displayed at the usual two sites: Fellowship Hall and the Library.

Watch for resources complimenting the upcoming sermon series Parables -- what character are you?

As you ready your homes for the upcoming holiday season, putting away Summer…clothes, decorations and bringing out Winter…woolens, etc., keep your eyes open for any library books you may not have yet returned: noted is *Who We Are and How We Got Here* by David Reich.
Who are we? What a wonderful question. Discipleship forums this month will continue to explore our identity as companions in Christ placed in a broader mission field of people with whom we can share the love of Jesus.

**Better Angels (invited)**
**November 3**
One year from this date, citizens of the United States will vote in what some observers are calling the most divided Presidential elections since the 1960s. We in Rice County are a divided people - having split almost evenly between the major candidates in the 2016 election. How can we bridge those divisions and remain in community with each other? Better Angels is a membership organization focused on overcoming the "Red/Blue" divide.

**Climate Action Planners**
**November 10**
We heard previously about how climate change is affecting our mission field. Are we people who take that lightly? Over the weekend the Northfield City Council will have voted on a Climate Action Plan. Learn about the actions being taken in our mission field and our partnership opportunities.

**United Methodist Women Silent Auction**
**November 17**
Support missions of all sorts by bidding on the wonderful donated items at the United Methodist Women's Silent Auction in Fellowship Hall.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**
**November 24**
There will be no adult forum for the Thanksgiving Weekend.

**Living with Mental Illnesses**
**December 1**
Many members of our church and many people in our mission field live with mental illness diagnoses. How can we best support ourselves and our neighbors? Eric Lundin is a psychologist who sees underinsured and uninsured patients and interviews people entering the Drug Court program. He has worked with children, families and adults and will share his perspective as Outpatient Therapist with Rice County Social Services.

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**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR**
Meets each Sunday at 10:45 am in the Reception Room

**Two Opportunities to Learn More About How to Apply the UMC Social Principles in Civic Life**

Peace with Justice Summit: Saturday, November 9, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at NUMC
Join other United Methodists from across Minnesota in exploring how Christians can positively engage in a deeply divided and often negative society. Learn tools that can help us deal with difference while making a positive impact. Co-directors of Augsburg University’s Public Work Academy, leaders from Minnesota Council of Churches’ Respectful Conversations project, and advocates from both the Palestine/Israel Justice Project and EarthKeepers will be presenters on this day. Learn more and register for this rich daylong event at [http://bit.ly/PJSummit](http://bit.ly/PJSummit).

Discipleship Hour focused on Housing Needs in Northfield: Sunday, December 8, 10:45 – 11:45 am in the church library
Northfield lacks housing, both market-rate and affordable. The city’s Task Force on Affordable Housing is launching a series of meetings to educate Northfield residents about that need, especially the need for housing that doesn't exceed 30% of a household’s income.

How does our faith guide us in response to this need? Kathleen Doran-Norton, an active member of both St Dominic parish and the ISAIAH city-wide leadership team, a leader in the League of Women Voters’ study on homelessness in Rice County, and a member of the City Task Force on Affordable Housing will be leading us in this session.

Hope you can join in one or both of these opportunities.
In the October 2019 Herald “Notes from the Parish Nurse”, general information about Alzheimer’s was shared. Ways to visit with a person who has Alzheimer’s or dementia was also discussed. And finally, caregivers who belong to our church gave ideas on how to communicate with people who have dementia. In this month’s article I will share more information about communication with people who have Alzheimer’s and support that can be given to that person and his/her family members.

Families facing a dementia-causing disease struggle with disbelief, isolation, embarrassment, fear, anger, and/or guilt. “An accepting, reassuring, and uncritical attitude from an informed church community can make a difference. For many families—the church community is the last available social contact, source of meaning, respite, refuge, and identity. It’s the place that is expected to welcome everyone, to be a sanctuary…a safe place where one is known and welcomed with unconditional love.”

We can help persons dealing with memory loss feel more welcome in the church by:

- **Recognizing the signs and symptoms of memory loss and dementia.** With knowledge we can better understand the challenges and frustrations our friends are facing and the social isolation they might be feeling.

- **Welcoming persons with memory loss or dementia into the congregation.** Help them feel welcome. Take it in stride if the person is restless or has a memory glitch. Don’t let the person feel embarrassed or “put on the spot.” Allow time for responses and show your appreciation of the person.

- **Making eye contact and using the person’s name as you converse.** Introduce yourself, speak in warm tones, and give the person time to process what you are saying.

- **“Know the disease the person has”—but also take the time to know and appreciate the unique person who has the disease. Acknowledge the person’s contributions, talents and gifts—both past and present.”

- **Focusing on the person’s strengths and abilities, not on his or her deficits.**

We can also encourage families to stay connected to the church by:

- **Acknowledging the changing needs and abilities of their loved one** and continuing to offer them a warm welcome and acceptance.

- **Providing transportation or respite care for the caregiver who may need a break from care giving.**

- **Making home visits when the individual finds it too difficult to go out in the community.** Maintaining your normal friendship which will give balance to the person’s life. Offer to pray or read scripture, play favorite music, enjoy nature, reminisce, look at old photos, or take a walk or drive.

- **Offering specific help.** Ask for a “to-do” list or notice what help is needed and tell them you will do it.

Do try some of these suggestions so we can continue to be a welcoming and loving church community, especially to persons and families struggling with memory loss.

The Alzheimer’s Association Minnesota-North Dakota Chapter is a good resource for more information or support. Call the 24/7 Helpline 1-800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/mnnd.

**Free Blood Pressure Screening**

Sunday, November 10th
10:30 am
THE SILENT AUCTION FOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MISSIONS
Sunday, November 17th from 9:00 - 11:15 a.m. - NUMC Fellowship Hall

WANTED: DONATIONS. We are seeking donations of repurposed, quality, "like new" items brought individually or gathered in a basket. Services and skills you can share i.e. painting, baking, or sewing, agree to cook a dinner for 4 to 8 church friends or open your cabin to a family for a weekend or longer. Ideas are limitless. Surprises are fun!

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF FOR THE AUCTION:
Saturday, November 16 from 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m. OR Sunday, November 17 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. OR by calling Lynn Gryc @ 507-210-7923 or emailing, grycfamily@gmail.com.

Christmas Cheer - Monday, December 2, 2019, 7:00 PM, NUMC Fellowship Hall
Plans are underway for this special evening for ladies and their friends. You will be treated to many desserts, served with punch, coffee, & tea.
Sara Newberg’s streams of Christmas music will emanate from the piano ending in a Christmas Sing-a-long. After desserts, we will be serenaded by the harmonies of the Troubadors of Northfield. They are a male singing group that performs religious, traditional, patriotic, and show tunes. There will be soloists, small groups, and as many from the larger group that are in town.

Volunteers needed on Sunday for Christmas Cheer set-up, December 1, 2019.
Contact Catherine at 507-301-5865 and leave a message.

Table Decorations for 12 tables: Dust off those Christmas table decorations just waiting for a special occasion to be used. Sign up to decorate a round table with 8 luncheon place settings (plate, glass, cup/saucer, napkin, [church silverware], table cloth, other table decorations).

Wreath Decorations: Wreaths and lights will deck the walls of the Fellowship Hall. Bring us one of your wreaths. It can be made in any style, with any material that is allergy free. Bring it on Sunday set-up, December 1st.

Free Will Donations: The gathering is free but we will take a free will offering to be given to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) general fund. This money can be used anywhere in the world for any disaster that has happened or will happen.

Emma Norton Residence Christmas Gifts
Thank you to all members of Esther Circle and Mugs and Muffins. Esther Circle collected $214 that was sent to Emma Norton Residence for Christmas Gifts for the residents. Mugs and Muffins will buy a gift card from Target and send $30 for other gifts. Each year we enjoy adding to a special Christmas for the residents.

Christmas Bake Sale
December 15
Mark your calendars!
We need bakers and buyers. Proceeds go to the Church bus for Wednesday afternoon Kids group.
Climate Change and UMW

In the news we have watched the concerned youth of our nation marching to bring about changes in the world’s policies and actions affecting and effecting climate change. Our United Methodist Women organization has chosen to stand with the youth in their protests.

(Source: unitedmethodistwomen.org website) “September 10, 2019, NEW YORK – United Methodist Women, the largest denominational organization for women, publicly applauds the global student climate strike that took place on Sept. 20 through Sept. 27, 2019. The organization released the following statement expressing solidarity with the youth strikers:

“Air pollution not only puts my home at risk but puts the health of youth and children across the nation in jeopardy,” said youth climate advocate and United Methodist Women intern Sarah Son. “While we can make more sustainable changes in our personal lives, like using reusable utensils or taking clean public transportation, it’s up to the administration and law-makers to make systematic changes that will address the issue of climate change [now] and in the future.”

“My responsibility as a mother, a woman of faith and an advocate for climate justice is to take action that will set future generations up for success,” said Elizabeth Chun Hye Lee. “As United Methodists, we live out our commitment to faith when we work to ensure current and future generations have a chance to live in safe communities.”

“Jesus said ‘suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven,’” said Harriett Jane Olson, general secretary and CEO of United Methodist Women. “Young people are coming. The question is will we forbid them, or will we work in solidarity with them? As for me and my house, we will center the leadership of young people and help them inherit an environment in which they can be proud.”

Let us ALL stand together with our youth in the fight against climate change!

Emulating The Good Samaritan - Stewardship & Finance Team

The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37) is a familiar one which Jesus told when asked who is one’s neighbor. In the story a traveler was mugged and left half dead on the side of a road. A priest happened to be going down the same road but when he saw the man he passed by on the other side. A Levite also passed by on the other side when he saw the injured man; but when a despised Samaritan came by he treated and bandaged the wounded man’s injuries. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he gave the innkeeper some money and said, ‘Look after him and when I return I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

When He finished telling the parable Jesus asked, “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” “The one who had mercy on him,” came the reply. Jesus then said, “Go and do likewise.”

The Good Samaritan responded to the injured man’s needs but his generosity was possible because he had the money to pay the innkeeper. Here at Northfield United Methodist Church we have many opportunities to minister to others but like the Samaritan we need money to carry out our good intentions. Let us give thanks to God for all we have and in gratitude let us respond to the needs of others and generously share God’s bounty with our neighbors. This November prayerfully consider how you will financially support your church’s ministries next year.

Estimate of giving cards for 2020 are available in the church office and sanctuary.

| General Fund September 2019 contributions $25,351.47 | General Fund YTD 2019 contributions $276,655.69 |
| General Fund September 2018 contributions $28,289.32 | General Fund YTD 2018 contributions $279,009.21 |
MICAH NEWS
(Methodists Investing in Care and Action for the Holy Land) Micah 6:8

Thank you for stopping at the Brick Oven Bakery for our Fundraiser!
We ended up with a larger income than last year with $270.00 (10%) from the Brick Oven Bakery and $126.63 in donations. We have enough to cover our fall (1/2 annual total) sponsorship for our Bethlehem family which is $325.00. The manager at the Brick Oven Bakery reported, "We had a great time, and there were many new visitors to the bakery!"

Pastor Rachel Holy Land Journey
Minnesota Clergy has been offered a special invitation (and price) for a Holy Land Exploratory Journey, January 3-12, 2020 with The Society for Biblical Studies. I’m sure you will agree that Pastor Rachel deserves a break after this challenging year and she is interested in participating in this special offer for Minnesota clergy.

MICAH has been able to locate some funding for this trip, but $746.00 more is needed to cover the costs. Donation checks may be made out to NUMC with Pastor Travel on the memo line.

MICAH has Zatoun Palestinian Fair Trade Virgin Olive Oil for sale
Currently we have 750 ml bottles @ $20.00 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)

Joys and Concerns

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

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

Prayers of Sympathy with:
• Family and friends of Mason Jacob Follansbee Delong
• Jim and Lynn Gryc on the death of Jim’s mother Jean
• Family and friends of Cameron Moore

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.
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.

**Family Fare Receipts**

Thank you to everyone for continuing to bring Family Fare receipts. The donation box is currently located inside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you also for the donation of a adding machine with tape. We will have an updated total for everyone in the next newsletter. When we reach our goal ($150,000), Family Fare will donate $1000 to NUMC for use with youth ministries.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN NOVEMBER**

We are in need of volunteers to answer the phone in the Church office from 9:00 am - noon on November 14 & 15. If you are able to help out with either of these dates, please let Sandy in the church office know. (The phone will be very quiet during these times.)

**Cookies for College Students**

You have seen them during worship service, you have talked with them during Fellowship Hour. Let's show them our appreciation by baking cookies for them for finals. Students are coming from both St Olaf and Carleton. Eight bakers should do it. Look for the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Torch Care Packages**

Over the past 3 years individuals in our congregation have sent out 63 Care packages to Northfield students attending college or trade schools. These students are the first in their family to attend college; they appreciate a package that reminds them that someone cares about their success. Packages contain treats (not necessary that they be home baked), a $20 gift card, and most of all an encouraging personal note. Packages will be sent just prior to finals in Dec and then at the end of the year. If this is a service project that you would like to do, sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Ann Richards at delightfulread@yahoo.com or call 763-221-4823. I am looking for 7 volunteers for this year.

**November 10-16** is the week that NUMC sponsors this regular service program to Northfield community. NUMC helps with this program twice a year.

Many citizens enjoy and appreciate a regular hot meal supplied by Northfield Hospital. It only takes an hour of time to deliver meals around the noon hour. We need 4 drivers daily Sunday-Saturday. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the desk in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Marie Beck at 608-322-3596 marieyonnebeck@gmail.com.
Composting Corner

Tips for church and at home:

Compost Corner - Generally, everyone is doing a great job but just a gentle reminder that napkins and paper towels should go in green bag (compost) containers. All church cups (paper and corn-based ones - they look like plastic but have the green stripe) can also be composted. Chewing gum can be composted! Please put it in a green bag (Fellowship Hall or kitchen) or in a compost container.

Recycling Reminder - even though plastic bags (ie grocery store bags, clean Ziploc bags, also bread/bun bags, carrot bags, potato bags plus any others that have a recycling triangle on them) can't go in the DSI yellow lidded recycling cans, they can be recycled if returned to a store that collects plastic bags (ie Target, Cub). At church, you can put the bags in the recycling bin in the Fellowship Hall or, better yet, in the specially marked waste basket in the kitchen. The plastic will be taken to a pick-up spot and it IS recycled into decking and other materials - here in the United States. It doesn't have to be shipped overseas and it is something for which there is a market so that it actually does get recycled. A gentle reminder to please rinse recyclables before putting them in the proper bin.

At home, use cloth bags or collect the plastic bags (see list above) and take them back to the store the next time you go.

Look for the bins around the church for:

COMPOST - food scraps, leftover, parchment paper, napkins, paper towels, soiled paper and cardboard, shredded paper, plant trimmings, and bio-plastic items (which are usually labeled compostable or have a green stripe).

RECYCLING - clean flattened cardboard, clean paper, rinsed glass containers, rinsed cans, rinsed hard plastic containers (look for the recycling triangle; please make sure caps/lids are put back on plastic containers) and aluminum foil wiped/rinsed clean of grease and food.

LANDFILL - items that are not compostable or recyclable or that are composed of more than one material (e.g. paper and foil, plastic and paper, plastic and foil).

Card Making with Margie

Thursday, November 21
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!

W.O.W. LUNCH
(Widows or Widowers)
November 13 - Noon
Perkins Restaurant - Northfield
The monthly WOW lunch meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. All widows and widowers are invited to attend!
Because every picture has a story to tell...

Sundaes on Wednesdays launched with Minute to Win It games - leaders Amy and Kevin Allin led the kids through a number of fun contests and into conversations of faith and focus!

Annual Chili Cook off and Country Jamboree at the Estenson farm brought together our faith family and food, with lots of fun! Congratulations to Shelby Kobes for his three-peat win (the golden ladle has not moved from the Kobes home since 2017!) - and congratulations to EVERYONE for managing to produce a single half-bag of landfill garbage from the whole event (see picture with Mary Ann Polley for evidence of how well we recycled and composted). Fun and joy in God’s creation - a beautiful way to spend a Sunday evening.

We have a sugar maple tree north of the sanctuary again, thanks to John Daniels!

Or first ever PEPPER night was a success with 16 people signing up already for November’s Feed My Starving Children - Eagan event and making our options for next summer’s mission trip.

KC3 kids learned about Jesus calling the fishermen, Wednesday Bible Playdate kids learned the parable of the sower, high school SALT leaders led us in sorting buckets of UMCOR flood relief supplies...truly, the spirit of God taking on flesh at NUMC.

We have a sugar maple tree north of the sanctuary again, thanks to John Daniels!

Or first ever PEPPER night was a success with 16 people signing up already for November’s Feed My Starving Children - Eagan event and making our options for next summer’s mission trip.

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Dr. Lisa Moore shared with us that being a black person and queer person in Northfield can be isolating but, by opening up spaces where small groups of people can be vulnerable with each other across their apparent differences, churches like ours can make things better. We are grateful for her own witness and openness.
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