October Worship

Who are we?
Who are we called to be?
Who are we called to serve?

Parable of the Sower; God made us all out of dirt - what kind are you?

October 6
Celebration of World Communion Day
Luke 8:4-15 (sp. 8:7/14)
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

October 13
Luke 8:4-15 (sp. 8:8/15)
Rev. Jerad Morey

MEA Weekend
October 20
Luke 15:1-7
Rev. Gordon Orde (Guest Preacher)

Finding ourselves in the parables of Jesus

October 27
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey
Dear NUMC friends,

Who are we? Who am I, and who are you?

These are the guiding questions we will be working with for the next few months.

We are our DNA - at our Discipleship Hour on September 22nd, we put new DNA research into conversation with our own family experiences; what does it mean, what can it tell us, and what are its limits?

We are our family histories - good and bad, resilient and fragile, our families of origin shape us in profound ways; what does this mean, what can it tell us, and what are its limits?

We are the stories we claim through faith - binding us to people ancient and now, distant and near; what does this mean, what can it tell us, and what are its limits?

While we will be approaching other questions as the year goes on - who are we called to be? who are we called to serve? - we begin with who we are and what we bring to the table. As we do this as a congregation, it is an invitation for you to do so as an individual. Here are some ways you can explore this for yourself in these next few months:

1 - Write a spiritual autobiography. What are the experiences that have shaped how you speak of God and understand Jesus? What have been the low points, the high points, and the points where you were just lost? Who were the people who joined you for parts of the journey, and how did those relationships change the story?

2 - Take an online Meyers Briggs or Strengthfinders assessment. We will offer a new leadership exploration course in 2020 (stay tuned!) in which Strengthfinders will be used to help discern God’s calling for folks - you can do this for yourself to get started!

3 - Interview an older relative about your family history and story. Think about the way stories are told; are there any common threads to how your family shares life together? Any patterns that have repeated themselves in succeeding generations? What family stories are you eager to claim - and which ones are you just as eager to distance yourself from?

4 - We will be preaching the parables through November. Make a note for yourself about which characters in which parables you identify with - and ask yourself why, and what that might mean for your place in God's kingdom.

5 - Write your own obituary. No, really - this is a good exercise in thinking about relationships, roles, and responsibilities we have carried in our lives to date; what would yours say right now?

Each kind of soil has a "parent material" into which other things are mixed to make it usable for growing things. These exercises can help you determine what your own "parent material" is - and what has been mixed in over the years to make you what you are now.

If you do any of these exercises, let your pastors know what you have learned! There is much to be discovered if we take the time to reflect on what has brought us to where we are. In fact, we should consider our stories sacred - they are the sum of our lives, after all, which are creations by God's own hand. Nothing to trifle with - rather, holy artifacts to be treated with reverence. When we learn to treat our own stories with some reverence and holiness, we also learn how to treat the stories of others with the same sort of care and gentleness. This is a spiritual gift we can offer to each person.

Thomas Merton, mystic and spiritual teacher of the early 20th century, offered this famous thought while at a Louisville conference in 1958: "It is a glorious destiny to be a member of the human race, though it is a race dedicated to many absurdities and one which makes many terrible mistakes; yet, with all that, God Himself gloried in becoming a member of the human race. A member of the human race! To think that such a commonplace realization should suddenly seem like news that one holds the winning ticket in a cosmic sweepstake. I have the immense joy of being a man, a member of a race in which God Himself became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now I realize what we all are. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun."

If I shade my eyes the next time we speak - now you know why.

Blessings, Rachel
Country Jamboree and Chili Cook-off
October 6, 4:30-6:30 pm. For more info see Herald Newsletter page 11.

Pumpkin Carving Party
Love Halloween, hate the carving mess? 5:30pm on October 25th - we will have the tools and templates, you bring the pumpkins! For the whole family; costumes are always a bonus, but optional.

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.

Super Wednesdays begin! What happens when? Read on...

October 2nd
KC3 (formerly Kids Club) for 2nd-5th graders, Wednesday Bible Playdate for pre-k-1st grade 3:30-5:30 pm
Fellowship meal 5:30-6:30 pm
SALT (Serving And Learning Together) service project: flood buckets for the Bahamas in the wake of Hurricanes Dorian and Humberto (see list in the “Service Opportunities” section of the Herald!)
Bonus: we will hear from the Executive Director of Bahamas Methodist Habitat, Rev. Stephanie Gottshalk

October 9th
KC3 (formerly Kids Club) for 2nd-5th graders, Wednesday Bible Playdate for pre-k-1st grade 3:30-5:30 pm
Fellowship meal 5:30-6:30 pm
Confirmation (for current 10th graders), Sundaes on Wednesdays (for middle school/HS), initial gathering for parent fellowship group 6:30 pm

October 16 - NO SUPER WEDNESDAY - MEA

October 23
KC3 (formerly Kids Club) for 2nd-5th graders, Wednesday Bible Playdate for pre-k-1st grade 3:30-5:30 pm
Fellowship meal 5:30-6:30 pm
PEPPER (Prepare and Pray) for outside service/mission opportunities, for MS/HS (trip destination will be revealed!) 6:30 pm

October 30
KC3 (formerly Kids Club) for 2nd-5th graders, Wednesday Bible Playdate for pre-k-1st grade 3:30-5:30 pm
Fellowship meal 5:30-6:30 pm
Fun Night (games etc - MS/HS) 6:30 pm

We are excited to announce Gregory Ennis as our new KC3 after school program coordinator! A Northfield native, Gregory is a Pacific Lutheran seminary graduate with several years of experience in children, youth, and family ministries. Many of you already know him from the Sibley elementary school community or local theater where he has served, and he is himself a parent of school aged kids. Pray for his new ministry here and all the kids he will join us in sharing God's love with - welcome to the team, Gregory!

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

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Pray for his new ministry here and all the kids he will join us in sharing God's love with - welcome to the team, Gregory!
Mary Hunt’s Everyday Cheapskate money management column appears in the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Last January she wrote about the difference giving has made in her life. She revealed that fundraisers and requests from charities and even the collection plate at church used to bother her because no matter how much money her husband and she made there never seemed to be enough to give any of it away. Then they lost their business and their home was scheduled to go into foreclosure. At this dark point Mary made a promise: “If I ever see another dollar, I’m going to give some of it away out of gratitude for having anything at all. Then I will do the best I can with the rest.”

Mary says once she learned to give from a heart of gratitude and not from a sense of guilt she turned her life around, paid off her debts, became happier, healthier and even had more money. To help others learn money management without having to go bankrupt our church has been offering Financial Peace University. (We’ll be offering it again this winter.) As John Wesley taught: Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can.

General Fund August 2019 contributions $25,150.16
General Fund August 2018 contributions $37,836.16
General Fund YTD 2019 contributions $251,304.22
General Fund YTD 2018 contributions $250,719.89

The Handbell Choir rehearses most Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm. Occasionally, substitutes are needed to fill in when a ringer will be missing from practice. If you have basic music reading skills, particularly in reading rhythms, we would love to add you to our short list of substitutes. If interested, please contact Kathy Szydlo at 651 206-5546 or szydlo@q.com

The Adult Choir rehearsal Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

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.

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.
The Discipleship Hour will begin at 10:45 am each Sunday and meets in the Reception Room.

Our congregation began the program year by answering the question "Who are we?" through the lens of evolutionary science and genetics. This month we continue exploring the question through our congregation's history, learning about our mission field from another perspective, and exploring the implications of our declaration that we are an inclusive congregation.

Who are we: Celebrating our history
October 6
Bruce and Diane Lyman have a long history, and have heavily researched, the history of the Northfield UMC congregation. Remember the decision to erect an architecturally distinct building? To acquire an organ? To turn a motel into emergency housing? To meet the needs of poor students in town before the school year began? What have some key decision points been in our church's history? What values guided those decisions? What would you add?

Who are we: "A simple breeding ground of white supremacy"
October 13
Lisa Moore, Associate Professor of Social Work and Family Studies at St. Olaf, moved into Northfield even though at times she felt extremely out of place. Watching the 2017 white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, on TV caused her to pen an op-ed about living in Northfield as a black woman that the Star Tribune titled "A simple breeding ground of white supremacy." She wrote: "People don't witness suffering in this space without looking for it, and, to be clear, suffering abounds. But you wouldn't know it when you walk down the street or drive around the town, unless you know where to look." Prof. Moore will expand upon her commentary and share what has changed, and what hasn't, since she wrote it.

Who are we: What does it mean to be Reconciling?
October 20
In July our congregation voted to be fully inclusive of LGBT+ persons in the life of the church, showing them God's love through means including weddings and accepting their leadership. Doing so made us a "Reconciling Congregation." But what else does it mean to be Reconciling? Now that we have clarified our public declaration of how we express God's love, what else has changed? What else needs to happen? Becky Boland is with Minnesota Methodists and has been part of the Reconciling Congregation at Hennepin Avenue UMC. She will share what it means, day to day, to become and be a Reconciling church.

Who are we: Loving LGBTQIA+ People [tentative]
October 27
With our Reconciling vote we clarified how we express God's love, but who are the people we now say we wish to extend God's love towards? While they are our sons, daughters and spouses, there may well be much we do not know about the LGBTQIA+ community. Like what do all those letters stand for? Learn how better to share God's love by simply learning more about people who have felt traditionally excluded from the church because of their orientation or gender.

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.
HERE I AM LORD. SEND ME.
CLIMATE CHANGE AND CHRISTIANITY.
By Philip Spensley

How will Climate Change affect us here in Northfield? What is being done?

In the past few years we have seen several devastating climate change events across the globe, and several even here in Northfield. The City of Northfield, for more than a year has been developing a Climate Action Plan to help fight climate change and to make Northfield resilient in the face of further and likely greater impending climate change related events. You can help.

The City is currently asking citizens for feedback on its Plan before it is approved by City Council next month and before it goes into effect at the beginning of 2020. You can find the final draft of the plan on line on the city website: ci.northfield.mn.us. Type in "climate action plan". You have until September 23rd to respond and to make suggestions. And you have time after that to help to implement it.

What else can I do?

Scripture and our Social Principles provide direction for us as Christians and as Methodists. Climate change requires that we provide the moral leadership in addressing the climate crisis. At NUMC we are already composting and recycling, something that we can also do at home, as many of us are. But is that enough?

Responding to climate change is a moral imperative. Genesis is clear that we have been entrusted by God with the keeping of all God's creatures and the earth itself (Genesis 1:26). Yet we have too often confused dominion for destruction. The biblical concept of dominion is a responsibility for the well-being of all creation. When we pollute the atmosphere with greenhouse gases, and the environment with oil leaks that destroy life, as in the Gulf of Mexico, and permit fracking and overuse pesticides that both devastate local water sources, we are not being responsible stewards of God's earth.

And as Christians we are also called to climate action on behalf of caring for other people. Today, entire island nations are threatened by sea level rise and could disappear, hurricanes regularly upend life as we recently saw in Puerto Rico and the Bahamas, and asthma rates keep rising in black communities. Jesus is clear: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 22:35-40). Often poorer countries and communities are on the front lines of climate change, hit first and worst, even though they have done the least to cause climate change. How are we loving our neighbors if we know that climate change is intensifying all these patterns and we do not take proactive action to help prevent their suffering? As Christians, we cannot remain on the sidelines.

And how do we help ourselves and do our bit here in Northfield? NUMC’s Isaiah group, along with Isaiah statewide, strongly endorses taking personal and political action to address climate change. Each of us can take the initiative to tell our government and industry leaders to take action with us. And as we read Northfield’s proposed Climate Action Plan we can also consider how we can begin today to implement its recommendations across our community and in our own lives.
Let us begin with Oscar Wilde’s words, “And all at once, summer collapsed into fall.” The Church Year informally based on the “School Year” has begun, with a bang and keeps thundering on.

The library books offered in September to you as care-givers/carers of children and youth are now located on a shelf in the Library to the left of the desk for a week or two more.

F. Scott Fitzgerald said life starts all over again in the fall.” The Church Library team will again provide resources when possible for the Discipleship Hour’s (formerly, the Adult Forum) topics for study and discussion. An example is the book by David Reich, Who We Are and How We Got Here, Ancient DNA and the New Science of the Human Past, telling the story of how our interconnected human family was formed. It is located on the Library display table in Fellowship Hall and may be checked out for the usual two week period.

A quick review of how your library works. Two display areas focusing on what is current at Northfield United Methodist Church and the Church worldwide are the table in Fellowship Hall and the desk in the Library. A section of the bulletin boards in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall and the education rooms is devoted to what is available. Items on the desk are exchanged for those on the table and vice versa. At times, the previously mentioned shelf hold is active for a week or two. Always, there are the shelves themselves! Help yourself and locate the sign-out sheets on clipboards in both rooms.

New to the Children and Youth collection is The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Minnesota author, Kate DiCamillo. In this book the mystery of the heart is plumbed. It is best read aloud by a parent to a child with the other adult and the older children near enough to overhear.

Delight as Anne does in Anne of Green Gables: “I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.” And, books.

**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

**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.
As we age, many people worry about becoming forgetful. We can expect some changes with memory because our brain ages just as our body ages. The ability to process information may slow, there may be a reduced ability to concentrate, more memory cues may be needed, and reaction time may slow. “Memory loss that disrupts everyday life is not a normal part of aging. It is a symptom of dementia, a gradual and progressive decline in memory, thinking, and results in the loss of brain cells.” It is estimated that 94,000 people in Minnesota have Alzheimer’s, and it affects about 254,000 Minnesotans who are family or friend caregivers.

We have people in our congregation who have dementia, and other who are caring for someone with dementia. It is important that we support these people with our love, care, and visits. The Alzheimer’s Association of South Australia shares valuable information about three kinds of visitors to people with dementia. The talkative visitors ask how you are and then talk at the person with Alzheimer’s, “generally about people he/she has forgotten or never knew. Talkative visitors leave the person confused and tired. The ‘talk among themselves’ visitors entertain each other and occasionally include the caregiver. They stay too long and the visit doesn’t help.” The best visitor comes with a plan to involve both the caregiver and the person with dementia. The visitor “pays attention to feelings, never contradicts or explains, and uses gentle humor. When the visit is over, the person with Alzheimer’s is happy and relaxed.”

In talking with caregivers who belong to our church, I have been given ideas on how to communicate with people who have dementia. I hope some of these ideas will be helpful to you.

- Speak in short sentences
- Go for a walk
- Share listening to music or singing favorite hymns
- Show family photos from earlier times
- Share verbal prayer (often the Lord’s Prayer is remembered by people with dementia)
- Show a piece of old clothing and share the story of where it was worn
- Eat ice cream and desserts together
- Look at scrapbooks and reminisce
- Hold hands to show a soothing presence
- Have patience, it isn’t the person’s fault that he/she doesn’t remember
- Answer repetitive questions in a matter-of-fact way
- DO NOT say “Do you remember…”
- Visit one-on-one, large groups are confusing

We can all strive to learn to communicate better with our friends and relatives who have dementia. Our Care Ministry Team will be hosting a workshop on dementia at the church on Thursday, October 24, 2019 from 6:30-8:00 PM. It is called, “Understanding Beyond the Words. When Dementia Joins the Conversation.” A speaker from the Minnesota -North Dakota chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association will share her insight on the topic. I hope you can attend.

Free Blood Pressure Screening
Sunday, October 13
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. Host wine & snacks in an igloo 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

Apple Crumble Pie Fundraiser
Thank you to all who helped in so many ways. Thirteen apple pie makers put together over 50 pies in three hours. We sold all of them for $10 each. Trump Orchard donated 3 bushels of apples and Fireside Orchard donated about 2 bushels of apples. Over $100 were given as donations to cover ingredients. We have a total of $572 collected. Thank you for helping Emma Norton Services.

Christmas Cheer - Monday, December 2, 2019, 7:00 PM, NUMC Fellowship Hall
The United Methodist Women of NUMC is again sponsoring an evening of Christmas Cheer for women of the church and their friends and family. You will be treated to many desserts, served with punch, coffee, tea, & water (no hors d’oeuvres). After desserts, you will be entertained by the harmonies of the Troubadors of Northfield. The Northfield “Troubadors” is 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.

If you plan to come, please sign up at the Welcome Center in November. Volunteers needed on Sunday for Christmas Cheer set-up. Contact Catherine at 507-301-5865 and leave a message.

Table Decorations
Here is a place to use those Christmas table decorations that have not been used for a long time. Individuals sign up to decorate a round table with 8 luncheon place settings (plate, glass, cup/saucer, napkin, (church silverware), table cloth, other table decorations. We try to decorate 12 to 15 tables.

Wreath Decorations
We are trying a new decoration for the Fellowship Hall. We would like wreaths and lights to be hung on the walls. We ask for anyone to bring wreaths made in many ways with many different materials. Please sign up on the Volunteer sheet in the Welcome Center in early November.

Christmas Bake Sale – December 15
Mark your calendars!
We need bakers and buyers.
Proceeds go to the Church bus for Wednesday afternoon Kids group.
What is MICAH?

It all began when Alex and Brenda Awad visited our church as United Methodist Church missionaries in Palestine. At that time Alex was the Director of the Shepherd Society, which is the outreach arm of Bethlehem Bible College in Bethlehem, Palestine. Both of these organizations are Advance Specials of the UMC General Board of Church and Society. Alex and Brenda showed us a brochure about the work of the Shepherd Society in which Family Sponsorships were listed as one of their programs. This program connects an international individual, family, or group with a family in the Bethlehem area that is struggling to survive. Due to political and economic stagnation, the Bethlehem area has a high level of unemployment. Through these sponsorships we convey the message to the residents of Bethlehem that they are not forgotten and that someone cares.

A few members at Northfield United Methodist Church (NUMC) had either visited Palestine or had an interest in the situation of the Palestinian people. After conferring with the pastor, this group decided in 2013 to form a committee at NUMC to sponsor a family with the Shepherd Society. The group was called "Our Bethlehem Family". The sponsored family, the Marlen Zreineh family, consisted of a widowed mother with two daughters and two sons at home. The Shepherd Society helped Marlen set up a bakery business, but she still needed financial support in order to pay her bills.

Sponsorships are $650.00 per year. An annual Work of Mercy month (usually November) at NUMC has been an opportunity to raise the sponsorship funds as well as to educate the congregation on the situation for our family in Bethlehem. The group also decided to have Palestinian olive oil available for sale at NUMC using the Zatoun brand.

Speakers, films, book discussions, and displays have been used to further knowledge of life in Palestine for our family. Because of this broader focus, the name of the group was changed to MICAH - Methodists Investing in Care and Action for the Holy Land, using Micah 6:8 as the motto, which calls us to "do justice".

The congregation responded positively to MICAH's effort to raise financial support for Pastor Jerad's trip to Palestine-Israel in 2017 "Walking the Nativity Trail" (walking in the footsteps of Mary and Joseph). While in Bethlehem, Pastor Jerad visited the Zreineh family.

MICAH appreciates the awesome response of the congregation to our fundraisers, as MICAH is not included in the Northfield UMC church budget.

Palestine Portal is a meeting place and resource for church organizations and faith-based communities – local, regional, national and global – committed to the justice movement for Israel/Palestine. Included in these organizations are: UMC Global Ministries, UMC Church and Society, and UMC United Methodists for Kairos Response.

Go to www.palestineportal.org to see news stories and opportunities for action.

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)
**Country Jamboree & Chili Cook-Off!**
**Sunday, October 6th**
**4:30-6:30 pm**

Estenson Farm (10541 Ibson Ave)
Bring your A-game chili for the competition, and the whole family for the fun! Yard games and lots of room to run for kids (weather permitting).
To enter or bring other items, sign up at the Sign Up Center in Fellowship Hall.

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**Card Making with Margie**
**Thursday, October 17th**
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!

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**W.O.W. LUNCH**
(Widows or Widowers)
**October 9 - Noon**
Perkins Restaurant - Northfield
The monthly WOW lunch meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. All widows and widowers are invited to attend!

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**Dear Friends,**
Thank you for your in kind donation of 3 Welcome Baskets.
Your donation makes a real difference for the women and families who have a safe, affordable place to call home at Emma Norton Services, Emma’s Place, or in our new scattered-site housing program. I can’t tell you how much we and our residents appreciate your donation! By providing safe, affordable housing and individualized support services to homeless women, children, and families, we helped more than 300 people begin to transform their lives this past year. Thank you again for supporting this work.
Sincerely, Tonya Brownlow - Executive Director

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**Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at NUMC:**
Thank you for your generous donation of diapers to Midwest Mission. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless your and others. Your donation will leave Midwest Mission and be a practical example of God’s love in the world to the “least of these”.
It is due to your generosity and partnership with Midwest Mission that we can touch so many lives for Christ around the world and around the corner. Thank you so much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission!
Yours in Christ, Chantel Corrie - Executive Director
Flood Bucket Assembly - October 2nd SALT Project

Hurricane Dorian battered the Bahamas the second week of September, and through UMCOR we are here to help! We will assemble flood buckets at 6:30 pm on October 2 - we invite your generosity in donating items from the following Cleaning Kit Material list, (must be exact!) to assist victims as they begin the path to recovery. We will also hear from the executive director of Bahamas Methodist Habitat about the extent of the damage and how the church can help.

**Flood Bucket Cleaning Kit Materials**
- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid. Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner. Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
- 1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle
- Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon (remove roll from box before placing in bucket)
- 1 insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can
- 1 air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can

Note: if the requested item size is not available, go down to the next available size.

The first Wednesday of each month, we worship and serve together! Beginning at 6:30 pm, we will gather in the gym/mult-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.**

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’s next date to serve is October 3.**
Please sign up at the Welcome Center. For more information contact Jeanne Martin at 507-645-1606.

**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.

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 Welcome Desk with instructions. Questions? Contact Marie Beck at 608-322-3596 marieyvonnebeck@gmail.com.
Composting/Recycling Policy

As a congregation, we spent the past year exploring and experimenting different ways of reducing waste as part of our commitment to care for God's creation. We are blessed to have committed lay leaders working with us in this effort, working to introduce composting at events and regular gathering for our church and for groups that use it. The NUMC Board of Trustees worked on and approved the following policy after months of consideration - we will be talking more about it in days to come!

Northfield United Methodist Church Composting/Recycling Policy:
1. Eliminate the purchase with church funds of single-use non-compostable, non-reusable, non-recyclable items such as straws, plastic eating utensils, plastic-lined/coated paper products (e.g. cups, bowls, plates).

2. The first choice for all single use items purchased with church funds and/or for use at any NUMC function will be compostable, if possible. The second choice is recyclable.

3. All persons and groups using NUMC facilities must separate their refuse into compostables, recyclables, and trash; and discard such items appropriately in the containers provided.

4. Compost, recycling, and trash should NOT be mixed. Users may not deposit one type of refuse in a collection container designed for another type of refuse.

On the property there are bins 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).

For a complete list of special items not listed above as well as kitchen use practices, please see the NUMC composting/recycling manual.

Thank you for partnering with us in caring for God's earth.

With Gratitude,
Northfield United Methodist Church
Because every picture has a story to tell...

Esther the Wonder Pig helped us “connect the dots” in the Bible story of Queen Esther during Sunday morning worship. Thanks to our nursery kids for making such a great picture during worship! Facebook.com/estherthewonderpig (check it out!)

Thirteen apple pie makers put together over 50 pies in three hours for the UMW Pie Sale. The apples were donated from local orchards and monetary donations were received to cover the cost of ingredients. The proceeds from the pies will be donated to Emma Norton Services.

We enjoyed an Ice Cream Social at the parsonage courtesy of the Pastors after worship service on Celebration Sunday.

We were blessed to hear from Dr. Soltis, Sophia, Arizbeth and Rafael during a recent Discipleship Hour about education for undocumented students and Freedom University Georgia.

Some of our awesome confirmands learned about what faith calls us to do and put their commitment into practice by stenciling storm drains all around our neighborhood.

No, the circus is not in town. Our bricks are getting fixed and the very colorful trailer you see in the parking lot belongs to Building Restoration Corp who will be doing the brickwork on our building. It will be parked in the lot until their work is complete.

Thank you Bruce Lyman and Bruce Paulson for clearing the remaining stumps from the storm damage and planting grass seed.

NUMC kids at WORK! SALT leaders served as room captains in the education wing and worked with younger students to clean, sort, move furniture, and generally get space ready for the 2019-2020 ministry year - what a blessing to see these kids be the hands and feet of Jesus this first Super Wednesday of the year.
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