September Worship

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

September 1
Celebration of Holy Communion
Job 42:1-6
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

September 8
Ecclesiastes 9:1-12
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

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

September 15
Celebration Sunday and MCCI Update
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

September 22
Luke 8:4-15 (sp. 8:5/12)
Rev. Jerad Morey

September 29
Luke 8:4-15 (sp. 8:6/13)
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

Children’s Discovery Zone begins September 15!
Message from the Pastor

Dear NUMC friends,

This year we are making a big change (some of you are asking, "JUST ONE?!!!" - yep, lots coming our way this year!). Our MCCI (Missional Church Consultation Initiative) Worship Schedule Discernment team began meeting in May to talk and pray through how God is calling us to be in worship together this year. Our format for the last 20 years has been two services - an early service led by our second-to-none band, and our later service led by Northfield's best organists and choir.

The team discerned after prayer and conversation that this would be a good year to worship together in a single service - while they recognize the pews might get pretty tight on Sunday mornings this fall, we have an opportunity to use our worship arts in more robust ways with one service. Additionally, this gives more and better time to our Sunday morning Christian formation and fellowship ministries, both of which were identified as key areas for us during our MCCI process this winter. Your NUMC Administrative Council blessed this change at their July meeting.

Our format for the last 20 years has been two services - an early service led by our second-to-none band, and our later service led by Northfield's best organists and choir.

We already have ample practice with making use of a single service, as the church has historically gone to a single service during the summer months; we will carry many of the same assumptions from our learnings there into planning for school year worship. Some Sundays will have the band, some will have organ and choir, some will have both, some will have special music leadership from outside or other musical groups from within our congregation. We will be formatting the music and arts to fit each Sunday's message, and this move to one service gives us a big canvas and LOTS of colors of paint to work with!

If you feel called to be part of our worship ministries through music, arts, or integrating youth into Sunday mornings, Wendy Smith (worship and music coordinator) or I (Pastor Rachel) would love to talk with you.

September 15th will be our Celebration Sunday kickoff for school year ministries - see you on a Sunday very soon, and I pray we will both meet God there!

Blessings, Pastor Rachel

NEW WELCOME STATEMENT

At our July 14 church conference, Northfield UMC adopted a new 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.

This new welcome statement clarifies that Northfield UMC has discerned God's calling to become a Reconciling Church. For more information or to join the conversation, email the church office at info@northfieldumc.org to connect with our Response Team.

LAWN SIGNS AVAILABLE

Display your personal support of being an inclusive church. Lawn signs available in the Narthex after Sunday services. Free will donation. Questions? Contact Marla or Jonie at 507-663-7952.
Continued Generous Giving Needed to Meet 2019 Budget
Financial Status Update from the Stewardship and Finance Team

In some ways September, and not January or Advent, marks the beginning of a new church year because it’s when education and Super Wednesday programs start up again after a summer break. The money in our general fund supports these activities as well as other ministries and our Sunday worship service. It also pays our church staff. In short the general fund is how we finance the life of our congregation.

Thank you for what you have given in the past to the general fund. Contributions are ahead of last year despite low receipts last January and February (remember them?) and as of the end of July we are a bit over half way to meeting our 2019 budgetary needs. Please listen as God guides your giving for the rest of this fiscal year. May you respond with generosity and in gratitude for all God has given you. Thank you in advance for responding to God’s call for your future giving.

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Have you heard about our new online church directory?
In addition to a printed copy you can access the directory on your computer and from an APP on your phone. With the APP, you will be able to place a call or create an email directly from the APP.

For instructions on how to log in to the online directory, contact a member of the directory committee. In order to create a log-in and access the directory, your email address must be in the directory.

You will be able to submit your own photo for the directory beginning in October. Watch for an email instructing you how to do this. If you have changes to your information or wish to be added to the directory, there is a box labeled “Church Directory” in the church office. There are forms for you to complete and place in the box which is in the box. Updates will be made frequently, and the info will be immediately available online.

We will always have an updated directory in the future.

Another feature of our directory is the availability of listing groups. Currently we are setting up church committees listing each member who is on each committee. If you have a group which you would like to have setup, please contact a member of the directory committee.

If you have not received a printed copy of the directory, please let us know. To communicate with the directory committee, please leave a note in the box labeled “directory” in the church office.

Directory Committee
Peg Jennings, Marge Randolph, Ruth Sommers, Merrell Thornton, Lin Wolf

New Members Class
September 29, 10:45 am - 12:45 am
Are you exploring membership in Northfield United Methodist Church? Come meet with other explorers, share your journey, learn about United Methodist and learn about our congregation in this interactive time together. RSVP with Pastor Jerad at jmorey@northfieldumc.org or (507) 403-0070.
LOVE SUPER WEDNESDAYS? READ ON FOR WHAT’S NEW THIS YEAR!

The heart of our Super Wednesday ministry is really family - family meal, children’s ministry, youth fellowship, service for all generations, and the family we create as we rehearse music and meet in small groups. We forge connection with God and each other when we share at the table and serve in projects at our church and elsewhere in the middle of the week.

So what changes are on tap for this coming year?

Perhaps your family has been connected through our Wednesday night Kids Club - we love the energy these youngsters bring! We will be making two key changes for you to note.

1) The Wednesday children’s ministry program will start this year on October 2nd with a new name! We bid goodbye to our longtime children/youth/family coordinator last spring, and want to make sure we are prepared and ready to launch this fall with our new format! This program will now be called **KC3 - Kids Creating Community through Christ**. We are excited for the year to come and the opportunities KC3 will bring for our youth. There will be a meeting for all parents/ families of children and youth on September 18th, 6:30 p.m. (after the fellowship meal). During that time, kids of all ages will be working to ready our space for the coming year’s ministries, and parents will learn ALL the details of what is to come.

2) The **KC3** will be for kids aged 2nd grade-5th grade. We had extended Kids Club ministry to younger children in the past few years, but this year we will instead offer a more age-appropriate program for our preschool-1st graders in the nursery after school. This will allow additional opportunities for the older kids to experience off-site service projects and fun fellowship, and more time to play for our youngest disciples! The program for younger children will be the Wednesday Bible Playdate - contact Pastor Rachel or Patty Gangloff for more information on how your preschool-1st grader can connect.

Have an older youth, 6th-12th grade?

1) Our **SALT** (Serving and Learning Together) team - composed of adult mentors and confirmed youth - will be planning and staging intergenerational service projects the first Wednesday of each month for the whole church family. These opportunities will be after dinner (6:30 p.m.) - stay tuned to serve!

2) On the second Wednesday of the month, youth will have opportunities for fellowship and Christian formation with **Sundaes on Wednesdays** - see more in this Herald's article from Amy Allin.

3) NEW THIS YEAR - because our service trip for the Idaho Mission Project was so successful in 2019, we are setting up another service trip for the summer of 2020! The third Wednesday of each month is our **PEPPER** night (Prepare and Pray) for the service trip, including planning, fundraising, and connecting with similar service opportunities in our own community. This will be at 6:30 p.m. (after the fellowship meal). Get it? **SALT and PEPPER**!

1) Our fourth Wednesdays will be meeting/planning nights - with all of our other Wednesdays jam-packed with ministry goodness, we are building in one Wednesday night a month for needed meetings/planning groups.

"Really, I just like to eat. Will there still be food?"

YES. Super Wednesday meals will begin at 5:30 p.m. starting September 18th.

For all other groups - choir/band/musical ensembles/knitting/adult formation/anything else - check with your leader about schedules and starts!

We have so very many things in store - and we pray for God's will to be done in us on these crazy Wednesdays as it is done in heaven. Go create heaven for the world, friends- and let's do it for each other each Wednesday night this school year!
SUPER WEDNESDAY MEALS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18TH
KIDS CLUB (NOW KC3) BEGINS OCTOBER 2ND
For all other groups - choir/band/musical ensembles/knitting/adult formation/anything else - check with your leader about schedules and start dates!

Sundaes on Wednesday
New program for youth in grades 6-8

Become a partner in faith through building relationships with people of all ages at Northfield United Methodist Church. Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to share their vision for how they can connect with people of all ages to build their faith in God. By working together, faith can grow. Middle school youth will gather for fellowship, fun activities and faith formation on the second Wednesday of each month. In the month of October, we will kick things off with a “Minute to Win It” event, brainstorming session and ice cream sundae treats. Bring your ideas on how to become a partner in faith!

When: Wednesday, October 9 from 6:30pm - 8pm
Meet in the Reception Room

We are looking forward to our first Sundaes on Wednesday meeting!
Pastor Rachel, Amy and Kevin Allin

SUPER WEDNESDAY MENU

September 18: Nachos, chicken or beef, refried beans, green salad, and toppings. Assorted cookies.

September 25: B.B.Q. Chicken, potato salad, green beans, and green salad. Brownies.

October 2: Beef stroganoff, broccoli, jello, and French bread. Frosted cakes.


October 23: Pizza night, salad bar, and cheesy garlic bread. Apple crisp.

Music Opportunities

I would like to invite you to join with us in singing in the choir, even if you haven’t sung since junior high, middle, or high school and you were told just before the concert, “Why don’t you run the lights and curtains instead of singing tonight,” or if your dog howls when you sing, (it could be a compliment)! Join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00, (and bring a friend). We guarantee a fun filled hour and 15 minutes of excitement and adventure!

If you are not able to make a weekly commitment to the choir, but love to sing, we’d love to have you on the second Sunday of each month! The Second Sunday Drop In Choir will kick off on Sunday, September 8th, meeting in the choir room at 8:45, before the worship service. Grab a friend and join us in making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Sincerely, Randy Ferguson - Choral Director

Adult Choir rehearsals start again on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00 pm.

Handbell Choir rehearsals will start again on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:15 pm.

Second Sunday Drop in Choir
September 8, meet at 8:45 am.
Sing for 9:30 am worship.
All are invited to sign with the NUMC Second Sunday Drop in Choir. If interested, meet in the choir room at 8:45 am to prepare for that morning’s worship.
All ages and all voices are welcome, no experience needed!

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.

Prayers of Sympathy with:
- Phil and Patty Gangloff on the death of Phil’s father, Robert Gangloff
- Family and friends of Cal Kuhnau

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.

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

Prayers of Celebration with:
- Lyle and Betty Lieder celebrating their 75th Wedding Anniversary
- Mary Jane Goerts celebrating her 95th Birthday
- Pierce and Melanie Follansbee Delong on the birth of their son Mason Jacob Follansbee Delong
DISCIPLESHIP HOUR
(formerly Adult Forum)

In order to better reflect the purpose of our time together, and the fact that older youth are invited into the space, what had been Adult Forum is being renamed as the Discipleship Hour. The Discipleship Hour will begin at 10:45 am each Sunday.

"Who Are We?" is the question animating us at the beginning of this program year of worship. It encompasses a great deal - what does it mean to be human? Where do we come from? What is our history? What have we nurtured and birthed? What is at the core of our belief and understanding about our selves and our God?

**Labor Day**  
**September 1**  
We are people who recognize the need for rest from our labors. No Discipleship Hour activities.

**Called to Justice**  
**September 8**  
Dr. Laura Emiko Soltis runs Freedom University, which provides higher education to undocumented students in the state of Georgia, where they are banned from the public university system. Confirmed in the 1990s at Northfield UMC, she has returned with some of her students to talk about her work, how faith has influenced her journey, and how we can help.

**Celebration Sunday**  
**September 15**  
This morning we formally kick off the program year, celebrating our community and time with each other. Ice cream social at the parsonage following worship!

**What is “human?”**  
**September 22**  
As United Methodists we employ the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, which includes using Reason and Experience to understand who we are. Science and genetic testing, aka "reason," had added insights into what it means to be human. Our own families also shape our self-understanding. Pastor Rachel will share scientific insights and lead discussion from the book "Who We Are and How We Got Here," by David Reich, on what homo sapiens actually is.

**What does it mean to be human?**  
**September 29**  
Scripture and Tradition are the other two elements of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. The Bible tells a couple stories about how human beings were first created and why - were we spoken into existence, shaped from a "rib," or molded from mud then breathed in to? We have the divine spark - the image of God - *imago dei* - inside us and that means something. We are also made up of strands of DNA encoded with physical and personality traits. Who we are is in part genetically determined. How does our understanding of what we're made of shape our understanding of who we are? Pastor Rachel continues this book-based discussion.

Join us Sunday mornings in the Reception Room!
September is Healthy Aging Month. Carolyn Worthington, who is editor-in-chief of Healthy Aging Magazine, created September is Healthy Aging Month over two decades ago. It is “an annual health observance, designed to focus national attention on the positive aspects of growing older”, that reminds us to improve social, mental, physical, and financial well-being as we age. It is never too late to try something new. The editors of Healthy Aging Magazine (www.healthyaging.net) suggest 10 tips for “reinventing yourself during September is Healthy Aging Month.”

- Don’t act your chronological age. Act the age you were, during a really “good year”, whether that was at age 32, 45, 60, or 83. Positive thinking make you feel better about yourself.
- Be positive in your actions, thoughts, and words every day.
- Surround yourself with positive, happy people.
- Walk like a healthy, vibrant person. If you are walking slowly because of laziness or fear of falling, learn some exercises that can help you with balance.
- Stand up straight, hold your stomach in, shoulders back, and chin up. Practice good posture every day until it is natural to you.
- Remember to smile, practice good dental hygiene,
- If you are lonely do something about it. Call a friend, write a letter, volunteer at a church or a school, or take a class.
- Walk not only for your health but to be sociable and to meet people.
- Remember to have an annual physical, medication check with your physician, and/or take part in health screenings.
- Find your “inner artist” by taking music lessons, painting classes, wood working classes, or theater classes.

A Mayo Clinic newsletter (www.HealthLetter.MayoClinic.com) suggests 10 tips for improving your health. Some tips overlap with the ones listed above, but some are new ideas.

- Eat a variety of fruit daily, because they contain antioxidants which may help prevent cancer, heart and eye diseases, and Alzheimer’s.
- Include high-fiber foods, such as whole grains, beans, fruits, and vegetables, in your daily diet.
- Take a brisk daily walk to help your bones, cardiovascular system, and mood.
- To enhance mobility and prevent falls, practice stretching and strength building.
- Mindy-body practices like yoga and tai chi enhance one’s physical and mental well-being.
- Look at life with a feeling of optimism. It may help you to live longer.
- Practice gratitude every day, and be thankful for experiences that help you grow. “Some people describe gratitude as your moral memory—a combination of humility, grace, love and acceptance.”
- Try volunteering, which can promote emotional and mental well-being.
- Enjoy the company of a pet.
- Improve your relationships. Forgive yourself and others as circumstances dictate. It could improve your mood, lower your stress, and lower your blood pressure.

I hope you find these ideas interesting and helpful. Maybe you could add your own list of 10 tips for healthy aging.

There will be NO Sunday blood pressure screening during the month of September. Please contact Ruth Kruse, Parish Nurse at ruthakruse@gmail.com or 507-645-8046 if you need to have your blood pressure checked in September.
United Methodist Women (UMW)

The women of Northfield UMW hold Emma Norton Services near and dear to our hearts. Each year we include ENS as a part of our budget. This year we have pledged $750. We are kicking off our Apple Pie Fundraiser to cover this pledge. We will be selling frozen homemade apple pies August 25 through September 15. Please pre-purchase your frozen pies made by the women of the church.

Women of Northfield UMC: We need your help in making the frozen apple pies. We meet in the church kitchen, Wednesday, September 11th at 9:00 am to peel, core, cut, fill, package, and freeze the pies we are selling. We expect to have a fun time getting to know each other as we lend our hands to doing God’s work.

Christmas items for Emma Norton Services (ENS) from Barb Payne (River Valley District ENS Rep): This year everyone is being encouraged to bring items for ENS’s resident store or gifts for Christmas. Suggested items include: hair products, detergent, medium garbage bags, cleaning supplies, perfumes, lotions, bath gel, journal sets, coloring books, jewelry, new make up, nail polish, gift cards, tableware, dishes, mugs, facial tissue. Paper towels and tissue are being purchased in commercial size so money for those items is needed instead of bringing paper products themselves.

Thank you to the ladies in the Tuesday Morning Bible Study who gathered items for 3 Welcome Baskets. Dorothy Goodwin delivered the baskets to Emma Norton Residence. Thank you to all that took part.

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF STRONG WOMEN

River Valley District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting is September 21, 2019, at Christ UMC in Rochester, MN; 400 5th Avenue, SW. Phone: 507-289-4019. Registration starts at 8:45 AM with the gathering in the sanctuary 9:20 AM. The morning Keynote Speaker is Brenda Blair, speaking on Project Mondema in Sierra Leone.

Send Registrations to: Kathy Lawson; 944 Fox Valley Place, SW; Rochester, MN 55902 by September 16, 2019. Cost is $12 - includes Lunch.

A Memorial Service will be held honoring ladies that have passed away this year, September 2018 to September 2019.

Brenda Blair is a retired teacher from the Red Wing school district. She will share about the non-profit project she and her husband, Bruce, is involved with in Sierra Leone. They go to Sierra Leone twice a year to help with designing, building, gardening, and teaching residents sustainability. Brenda also shares information, philosophies, and techniques with 12 preschool teachers there. Brenda also gathers basic teaching supplies to equip the 6 classrooms.

Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins women’s group is beginning a Women of the Bible study. We will be looking at 40 women of the Bible, named and unnamed. This study encourages us to learn how to live authentic, God-touched lives. Mugs and Muffins meets the second Friday of the month at 9 AM in the church library. New members and visitors are always welcome. Our next meeting is September 13.
The United Methodist Church of Northfield has sponsored a struggling Palestinian Christian family for five years. Sponsorships are an outreach program of Bethlehem Bible College and a project of the Global Methodist Church. Our particular family is the Zreineh family, Marleen and her children. They live in a village outside Bethlehem. Marleen is a widow, she is also a baker. It is difficult for her to make ends meet in her small bakery under the Israeli occupation.

To raise money for a seventh years’ sponsorship a fundraiser will take place on Saturday, September 28th at the Brick Oven Bakery from 6AM to 6PM. 10% of sales will go towards this effort. Members of MICAH (Methodists Investing in Care and Action for the Holy land) will be on hand from 8AM to 3PM.

A bakery fundraiser for a baker is a natural. Do the right thing and buy bread, sticky rolls, or a cake - kindness is sweet!

A letter from the mother of the Bethlehem family that is supported by our church:

I’m very happy to know that there are such people like you thinking about the Palestinians and feels with them. We are still under the same situation but always thank God for his protection and blessings.

It’s summer now, Fadi always attends to the Boy Scout activities, and is enjoying them, while Nicola had his Tawjihi* graduation on the 17th of May. And tomorrow is his last official exam. He tried his best, I wish he will get a good mark.

God bless you
Thank you
Marlen

*Tawjihi Exams: The exams are taken during the last year of high school and determines not only whether a student will be permitted to enroll in university, but will also limit their selection of majors and classes.

Thank God that Nicola was successful in the Tawjihi. He wants to study business in Bethlehem University.

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)
“That old September feeling, left over from school days, of summer passing, vacation nearly done, obligations gathering, books and football in the air …”

So wrote author, environmentalist, and teacher Wallace Stegner. Here at Northfield United Methodist Church, we may find ourselves sharing the same September feeling with much “in the air.” The Church Library displays will concentrate on “books” and “school days,” and soon, supporting resources for Discipleship Hour (formerly Adult Forum).

Enjoy the books for parents and other caregivers of children and youth. Try Teen-ager Is Not a Disease by Charles M. Schulz (yes, the Peanuts author) or Kidchat, Questions to Fuel Young Minds and Mouths.

Enjoy the short vignettes Ina Hughes shares in A Prayer for Children. Not only is there the rather serious, thought-provoking, lovely prayer which opens the book, there is Uncle Hervey who greets his young relatives with a twist of their ears; another story asks the reader just how many times, when traveling with children, can you sing “Little Bunny Foo Foo” without going nuts. There is the information that twelve is the age of reckoning and the warning, “There’s no telling what a twelve-year-old boy will reckon to do.” And, the social commentary on how every afternoon at about three-thirty, phones in offices all over America ring. “Hi, it’s me,” followed by “The sink is making noises. It looks like someone got sick in it.” Or the report of a similar “catastrophe.”

Both children and adults will gain personal insight with a reading of Mr. Lincoln’s Way, a children’s book written by Patricia Polacco dealing with the issue of racism. It can be used as a tool to introduce diversity and tolerance in a regular classroom setting or a Sunday School classroom.

As summer concludes, don’t let “obligations” get in the way of a good “read.”

W.O.W. LUNCH
(Widows or Widowers)
September 11 - noon
Perkins Restaurant - Northfield
The monthly WOW lunch meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. All widows and widowers are invited to attend!

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving!
NUMC wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the Church office. We also provide “I give electronically” cards for you to place in the offering plate each week. These cards can be found on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary.

Card Making with Margie
Thursday, September 19th
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!
A long line of eager children and their parents filled the hallway at the NCRC as they waited for their turn to choose a new backpack and receive a bag of school supplies on August 21st. While waiting, the children were able to listen to stories read by volunteers from the Northfield Library. Northfield Promise also made it possible for each student to receive a book to take home.

The Operation Backpack Committee would like to thank the volunteers who helped us prepare for the distribution day. Thanks also to all who donated funds for the purchase of backpacks and school supplies. We hope that the school year will get off to a great start for all of these students!

Methodists Sponsor the Cannon River Watershed Clean-Up in Northfield
September 21, 8:30 am - Noon

For the second year in a row we are helping the Cannon River Watershed Clean-Up Northfield site at Riverside Park, this year by acting as site hosts. By walking along the cannon River and picking up trash we make the riverbanks safer and ensure fewer toxins are released into the River. This is a meaningful step for the River's health. As site hosts we NUMCers will welcome volunteers, prepare and provide some food and snacks, share safety announcements and conclude the event.

Wear your "Do Good" t-shirts and register for the clean-up at www.crwp.net/cleanup.

Unfortunately, CROP Walk will not be happening in Northfield this year. We have been unsuccessful in recruiting community coordinators at this late date. There have been many generous supporters of this fundraiser from our congregation in the past. I would encourage that same support go to Midwest Distribution Center, visit midwestmissiondc.org.

Three large laundry baskets filled, not with wet sheets, socks, nor shirts, but, rather, new sheet sets, personal toiletries and hand worked quilts instead, were delivered mid-August to Emma Norton Services in St. Paul.

The Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study took the request by Emma Norton Services (ENS) as their somewhat belated Lenten Giving project. The church quilting group provided the coverlets.

The Emma Norton Services has a more than 100 year history beginning as the Methodist Girls’ Club on College Avenue in St. Paul to meet the growing need of safe housing in the Twin Cities for collegiate and professional women from greater Minnesota. With Methodist women always being the moving force behind the now expanded concept, today ENS has two locations that provide housing, support services and basic needs to women, children, and families working to overcome homelessness, mental illness, and chemical dependency.
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
The youth and adults from the Idaho Mission Project trip had a chance to thank sponsors whose direct donations helped make their travel possible. They delivered an ice cream social, showed pictures and shared about when they had experienced Good while on mission. Thanks to everyone at Northfield UMC who helped or contributed to a fundraiser!

Ten folks rode the family bike ride around Bridgewater and the proposed tagging circle on Wednesday night, part of a series of organized rides starting at 7pm Wednesdays at the church.

If you have digital photos of your church event/activity and would like to have them published in the Herald Newsletter, please submit them to Sandy at northfieldumc@gmail.com by the newsletter deadline.
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**Church Office Hours**
Monday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day) closed
Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 3-5, 9:00 am - noon
Fri., Sept. 6, closed
Mon., Sept. 9, 9:00 am - noon
We will resume regular office hours beginning Tuesday, September 10th.
Mon. - Thurs., 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Fri., 8:00 am - noon
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For those that sign up, you will receive an e-mail directing you to a link to view the newsletter. If you have more than one member in the household that would like to receive this e-mail, please list them also.

Please cut out this form, fill in the information and place it in the basket in the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Please print clearly! Thank you!

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John Stull

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