

# United Methodist Herald

April 2022



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## April Worship

April 3 - The Journey Continues  
 Luke 19:1-10  
 Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

### Holy Week

April 10 - Palm Sunday  
 Luke 19:28-44  
 Dr. Kelly Figueroa-Ray

April 13 - Wednesday 6:30 pm  
 Holy Week Service  
 Luke 22:14-56  
 Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

April 17 - Easter Celebration  
 Luke 24:1-12  
 Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

April 24 - Beyond the Empty Tomb  
 Luke 24:13-49  
 Rev. Jerad Morey



## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE UPDATE

The Stewardship & Finance committee is now merged with the Ad Council which is transitioning to the single board model for the church. Our finances are still quite sound at the beginning of this year. Expenses have changed some with some changes in staffing, and with higher energy costs, but those were anticipated in the budgeting process.

### Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving!

Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Please consider electronic giving.

Authorization forms are available on our website [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org) or by emailing [northfieldumc@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldumc@gmail.com).

### How to make tithes and offerings

You can make your tithes and offerings a few different ways:

1. Make automatic donations from your bank account. Contact [northfieldumc@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldumc@gmail.com) for a form.
2. Donate online using a credit card, by clicking on the GiveMN tab on the church website [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org).
3. Drop a check in the offering basket during in person worship.
4. Mail a check to: Northfield United Methodist Church  
1401 S. Maple St., Northfield, MN 55057

General Fund February 2022 contributions \$21,941.12  
General Fund February 2021 contributions \$25,979.66

General Fund YTD 2022 contributions \$61,223.78  
General Fund YTD 2021 contributions \$54,386.32

# Easter Egg Hunt

## Sunday, April 10 – 2:00 pm

### Northfield United Methodist Church 1401 S. Maple St.

For children 5th grade and  
younger - rain or shine!  
Event will be held indoors in  
the event of inclement weather.  
Questions? [info@northfield.org](mailto:info@northfield.org)



# Message from the Pastor

In December I had a follow-up surgery on my left ankle after a car accident this past summer. Because of the kind of surgery it was, I had to put no weight on it for at least six weeks. I tried not to lose track of the many lovely people who brought food during that time, and if I failed to thank you in some way, let me do so now: THANK YOU!!!! We have been so blessed by the generous kitchens of our church family.

As a consequence of that, I was in a wheelchair for the latter part of December and most of January. This was the second time I had to navigate life on wheels, and easily the longest period it was necessary for me to do so. The parsonage, newly remodeled with a ramp and walk in shower on the lower level, lived up to its new "handicap friendly" designation.

That said, it was a fascinating time of learning for me. There were so many limits to small things I never thought about - not being able to tuck my youngest in at night upstairs, for example. Reaching shelves above the counter. Rooms and hallways I could go into - but had to back out of. Regarding showering, the less said the better - even with accommodations, every daily task required extra thought and time to execute.

That's to say nothing of church and ministry during this time period. We are blessed to have a church building almost all on one level. I say "almost" because one of the places I typically spend the most time was a place it was impossible for me to get to: the platform in the front of the sanctuary. Likewise, I worked several weeks from home for the simple fact that a wheelchair didn't fit down the hallway to my office at church. In-person visitation was completely out - I needed assistance to get in and out of

vehicles, and icy sidewalks and parking lots everywhere made most such efforts unwise from the get-go.

This Lenten season, the invitation we have offered is for our NUMC family to consider what it means to "walk in someone else's shoes" - someone whose life looks very different, maybe even incomprehensible to our eyes and experiences. It has been a delight to hear and read what some of you have chosen - for some of you, it is a group of people whose experiences are alien to you; for others, you have chosen an individual whose journey you want to know better.

For me, "walking" has really been "wheeling" - I had never thought about what it meant to someone who is wheelchair bound to try and navigate our building or even our home. I have often spoken with pride about how accessible our building was - it is MUCH more accessible than many church facilities I have worked in - but it gave me pause when I couldn't even get to my office on wheels. The nursery light switch is juuuust out of reach for someone in that situation, and the heavy doors of the sanctuary can make entrance and egress an awkward experience.

What are you learning as you intentionally consider the gifts and limitations of someone's life who is very different from you? Where have you been surprised? What has given you pause, or even put you on the defensive?

Easter is coming, and with it the promise of new life - for everyone. As it approaches, consider what resurrection might look and feel like to the person whose shoes you have decided to walk in these 40 days; what does the empty tomb mean for that person or that group of people?

Keep walking, the journey is not yet done. But the sun is rising, and we will get there soon - whether on foot, on wheels, or whatever means to travel we have.

Blessings,  
Rachel



## Coffee Shop Office Hours

You can find Pastor Rachel Tuesdays 1:00-2:30pm at  
Goodbye Blue Monday Coffee House,  
319 Division St. S. in downtown Northfield  
Drop in, no appointment needed!  
Through April 26th.

# FAMILY ministry

Mark your calendars! For children, youth, and families, we will have opportunities for fun and faith development this summer. More information and pre-registration information will be available as each date approaches; join the family ministries or NUMC all-church email list to stay up-to-date. Questions, or need to sign up for the email lists? Let us know! [info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org). Registration for all summer events (except camp) will be live on our website [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org) on April 20th

## KC3 Evening Celebration (K-5th grades)

**Friday, June 3, 4:30-8:30pm**

Swimming and s'mores - who could ask for more? We will gather this final afternoon of the school year for fun and fellowship before summer is fully upon us.

## LYFE Camp (8th-12th grades)

**June 18-25**

LYFE Camp at Northern Pines is an opportunity to explore God's creation and dive deeper into faith and what relationship with God means - all in the company of other youth from around the United Methodist Church in Minnesota. To register or find more information: [campminnesota.org](http://campminnesota.org). Scholarships are available, and we will make sure any youth who wants to go to camp can go!

## Fire Ring Clean-up and Campfire Gathering (6th-12 grades)

**June 22, 6:30 – 9:00pm**

For youth who aren't attending LYFE Camp, we will meet at the church fire ring the evening of June 22nd for fellowship and a service project of cleaning up our well-used church fire ring and gathering space. A campfire gathering will follow.

## Parents Night Out

(childcare for children 10 and younger, provided by the 6th-12th grade youth and NUMC Family Ministry staff and volunteers)

**July 22, 5:00-9:00pm**

Raising funds for an August canoe day trip, older youth will offer a night of childcare to parents of younger children from 5pm-9pm. 6th-12th grade kids will have games and activities and fun set up for their younger church family siblings.

## Feed My Starving Children (6th-12th grades)

**July 12, 7:00-8:30pm**

Gathering at the NUMC campus to carpool, 6th-12th grade students and families are invited to pack food for children in need at the Feed My Starving Children site in Eagan (990 Lone Oak Rd, Eagan, MN). Meet at church for carpooling.

## Trailblazers Camp (3rd-6th grades)

**July 31-August 3**

Pack your bags, we're going to church camp! This is a great first "away" camp with three nights in cabins at Camp Koronis near Paynesville, MN. NUMC students will be picked up by a bus at the church and transported to camp on the 31st, and the bus will return the kids that Wednesday. This event requires pre-registration at [campminnesota.org](http://campminnesota.org) - spots do fill up, so make sure your student gets registered as soon as possible - scholarships are available, and we will make sure every student who wants to can go to camp.

## Trailblazers Junior Camp at NUMC

**August 1 and August 2 (Pre-K - 2nd grades) 6:30-8:00pm**

Our youngest disciples may not be quite ready for sleep away camp, but we will have fun for them right here at church! We will explore God's creation and learn more about the amazing world God has made.

## Daytrip: Canoes on the Cannon River (6th-12th grades)

**August 13**

We will gather at the church to carpool to the canoe launch point and share a day of fun in the sun on the Cannon.

May summer 2022 bring you and your families Sabbath rest and restoration of your souls, and may grace meet you wherever your feet land during these upcoming warmer days.





# Notes from the Parish Nurse

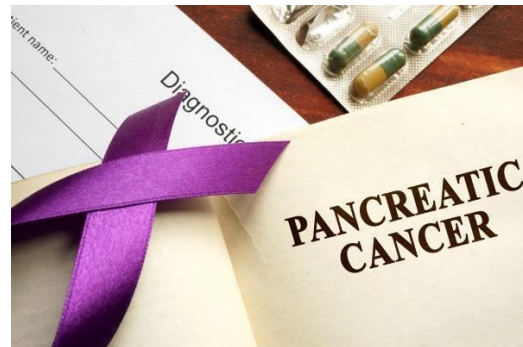
The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is holding their big event, “PanCAN Purple Stride” on Saturday, April 30, 2022. It is their one big day to raise awareness and funds to end pancreatic cancer. “One Nation. One Goal. One Big Day.” (Information about the event can be found at [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org).)

The pancreas, which is a gland behind the stomach, releases enzymes that aid in digestion and produces hormones that regulate blood sugar levels. Pancreatic cancer occurs when cells in the pancreas mutate, causing them to multiply and grow out of control. The American Cancer Society reports that pancreatic cancer causes 3% of all cancers and 7% of all United States deaths from cancers. Unfortunately this type of cancer is usually not detected early because symptoms may not be noticed until the cancer has spread to other organs.

Though the causes of pancreatic cancer are not well understood, risk factors have been identified by researchers. Risk factors that can't be controlled include: hereditary chronic pancreatitis, hereditary syndromes with gene changes, being over the age of 65 years, being male, black, or of Ashkenazi Jewish descent. The risk factors that can be controlled are: smoking, obesity, diabetes, exposure to chemicals used by metal workers and dry cleaners, chronic pancreatitis that is associated with smoking and drinking large amounts of alcohol, and eating a diet high in processed and red meats.

There are quite a few signs and symptoms of pancreatic cancer, but they can also be caused by other medical conditions. Because of this, a diagnosis might be delayed. Do consult your physician if you experience several of the following common signs and symptoms.

- Upper abdominal pain that may spread to the back
- Jaundice (yellowing of skin and whites of eyes)
- Loss of appetite
- Unexplained weight loss
- Nausea and vomiting, feeling bloated
- Fatigue
- Light-colored stools
- Dark-colored urine
- Itchy skin
- Blood clots in the body
- New or worsening diabetes



Several different procedures and tests are used to diagnose pancreatic cancer. Imaging tests include: CT, MRI, and PET scans. Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) can be used to show the size of the mass or to obtain a tissue biopsy. And blood samples can show tumor markers, which are proteins shed by pancreatic cancer cells.

Pancreatic tumors are divided into 2 types and 5 stages. About 93% of these cancers are exocrine tumors. A common type is adenocarcinoma, which usually is located in the ducts of the pancreas. Neuroendocrine tumors (NETS) make up the other 7% of tumors. They are an islet cell carcinoma. The five stages of pancreatic cancer are 0, I, II, III, IV, which are determined by size and location of the tumor and whether the cancer has spread to other parts of the body.

The Mayo Clinic says that the treatment for pancreatic cancer is usually determined by the location and stage of the tumor and how healthy the individual is at the time of treatment. One or more treatments could be used over time. They include surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, targeted therapy, clinical trials, palliative care, and integrative and alternative treatments (acupuncture, exercise, massage, meditation, music and art therapy, relaxation, and spirituality).

The Cleveland Clinic stresses that lifestyle changes can help prevent pancreatic cancer. Don't smoke, maintain a normal weight by exercising and eating a healthy diet of colorful fruits and vegetables and whole grains, drink alcohol in moderation or quit drinking completely, avoid getting diabetes or controlling blood sugar if you already have diabetes, and use safety equipment when exposed to toxins at work or home. The Clinic staff members acknowledge that receiving a pancreatic cancer diagnosis is “shocking and life changing.” They encourage anyone with this diagnosis to join a support group, spend time with others who are going through a similar experience, and/or talk with a mental health counselor, therapist or social worker. By using several of these resources one can feel more empowered to deal with the cancer.

Websites: [www.clevelandclinic.org](http://www.clevelandclinic.org), [www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org), [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org)



ISAI AH leaders and members work to share power broadly. We understand that when only a few have power, the well-being of all can be ignored for the benefit of a special group. Who holds the power is critical to the way our state government functions, and we have made progress in sharing, because some elected leaders pay attention because we advocate for a Minnesota that works for all. And they advance the proposals we submit.

We continue our quest the share power when we:

- participate in weekly check-ins with our state representatives from Northfield and Rochester each Friday in the late afternoon, during the legislative session
- testify at a committee hearing for or against a proposed bill
- write letters to the editor or post on social media advocating a particular justice proposal
- ask candidates for state office what their positions are on a particular issue and suggest that they support the actions we propose

Progress is slow but steady. By joining the ISAI AH-NUMC Team, you have the opportunity to act, with others, however and whenever it works for your life at this time. Contact Evelyn Burry ([evelynburry@hotmail.com](mailto:evelynburry@hotmail.com); 507-645-7481) to receive occasional emails and action alerts.

## Dismantling Racism Team (DRT)

White supremacy is a challenging term because often when we hear it we think about pointy hats, robes, and terror. We think of it as a belief system held by people who have a need to feel "better than" and who meet that need through racial identity. But the term "white supremacy" also describes a system: how our world works in ways that privilege white people. For example, white families have more wealth because white people have been able to take out business loans and mortgages and benefit from government programs for more generations, and with looser criteria, than Black families have. In our justice system white convicts are given prison sentences 17% shorter than the Black convicts who committed the same crime. There is not a law on the books mandating this distinction, but it nevertheless results from what our system produces.

Speaking with an audience at a conference recently about getting to the "other side" of white supremacy, one person warned white people against focusing too much on the things about white supremacy that inspire guilt or shame. Instead, we should focus on the hopeful vision of ending white supremacy. The alternative is not Black supremacy, it is full equality. "This is hard," the speaker warned, "because we've never lived like that before." But, referencing Jonathan M. Metz's book *Dying of Whiteness*, they showed how white supremacy is also harmful for white people: states like Tennessee, Kansas and Missouri that adopted policies birthed from white supremacist rhetoric saw life become shorter, harder, and sicker for their white residents.

The work of dismantling racism is properly the church's. Jesus loves us all but racial distinctions so often prevent us from fully loving our neighbors. In addition to being more able to live out love of God and neighbor, a benefit of dismantling racism as we are doing in and through Northfield United Methodist Church will be a better world not just for Black, Indiginous, Latinx and Asian people but for white people as well. We will all see better outcomes on the other side of white supremacy.

So much progress has already been made. Slavery as an institution is over and thoroughly illegitimized - thanks in part to Christian abolitionists. Segregation is legally prohibited - thanks in part to the Jesus-loving leaders and followers of the Civil Rights movement. Many forms of race-based voter suppression are crimes. "No," the same speaker cautioned, "we aren't 'there' yet; but if you tell your grandmother that this thing is just like slavery or that thing is just like Jim Crow, she will have a lot to tell you back." Do not forget the victories already won, and take heart in the momentum of the Spirit in our world and in each of our hearts. The path to the other side of white supremacy is growing clearer. There is a better way ahead for all of us.



## Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will be meeting on April 25th at 9 AM in the church library. Please note the change from our usual meeting day. At this meeting we will finish our study of Women of the Bible Quilt Blocks series. In May we will begin "Boys of the Bible Quilt Block Series"

For centuries, some have inspired, enlightened, and empowered us, while others have remained a mystery to us. The Women of the Bible continue to teach us how to live authentic, God-touched lives. No matter what our religious backgrounds are, we can find ourselves in the stories of the Women of the Bible. You will be introduced to several Women of the Bible through individual quilt blocks. Each block has a historical references and devotional reflection.

New members and guests are always welcome.

# MICAH NEWS

Methodists Investing in Care and Action for the Holy Land - Based on Micah 6:8

*“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” - Micah 6:8*

MICAH brings another program to our church community so that we may become more aware of the history of the Palestinians and their situation today.

## The Bible and The Holy Land Today

April 21, 2022. 7PM CDT on Zoom.

(Registration required)

Retired Methodist Minister Alex Awad was born in Palestine. In 1948, when Israel declared independence, he became a refugee. Rev. Awad has spent decades educating people of faith about the Israeli-Palestinian realities. Sponsored by Northfield United Methodist Church MICAH Team. To learn more, visit [northfieldumc.org/micah](http://northfieldumc.org/micah). Pre-registration required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



### Olive Oil for Sale

Palestinian organic, fair trade,  
extra virgin olive oil.

**500 ml/16.5 oz for \$20.00**

**750 ml/25.4 oz. for \$25.00**

Now available in the church office

We are currently well stocked  
with olive oil.

Olive oil is now stored in the church office for purchase. As you enter the office it is in a box under the table to the right. Both sizes are available and are individually priced. Leave your payment in the envelope in the box. Make checks out to NUMC and indicate MICAH on the memo line. A price increase will take affect with our next shipment.

As we prepare for Easter, pray for the Zreineh family in Palestine. Consider a \$50 months sponsorship or a renewal sponsorship of the family.



We are moving swiftly through Jesus' last days; however, there is still time to "walk" with Him through a number of books.

First, note recent topical additions to the Church Library, with thanks to those involved in various committees or task forces within our congregation and the larger Church's concerns for contributing the following books: *I'm Black, I'm Christian, I'm Methodist* by Rudy Rasmus; on loan, and available for check out, is Naim Ateek's *Justice and Only Justice, A Palestinian Theology of Liberation*; Women's History Month is March, but always relevant is Ann Braude's *Sisters and Saints, Women and American Religion*.

Back to our season of Lent, *The Last Week* couldn't be any more immediate. This is one of a Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan collaborations which is displayed in Fellowship Hall along with the above mentioned. Borg teams up with N. T. Wright in an intriguing manner in the case of *The Meaning of Jesus, Two Visions*. Each writer takes a stance in each "part" of the book. An example is the segment, *The Death of Jesus*. Borg presents his *vision* in the chapter, "Why Was Jesus Killed?" and Wright presents his in "The Crux of Faith." So, the back and forth continues throughout the book.

A secular journalist asked Henri Nouwen, priest, professor, writer, and theologian, to write a book explaining the spiritual life that he, the journalist, and his friends could understand "no theology and technical language." It is here in *Life of the Beloved*, with Nouwen wanting the journalist and readers to understand that this is who God considers us to be.

**Reminder:** Find the wonderful collection for **all** ages on the Library desk.





United  
Women  
in Faith

### UMW Circle Meeting Dates

**April 11, 2022 - Esther Circle** – Meeting at 1:00 PM in person  
Kildahl Park Pointe, 888 Cannon Valley Drive, Northfield, MN  
**Mugs and Muffins – April 25, 2022** – 9:00 AM; Note date change  
Northfield UMC church library      Program: Women of the Bible in Quilt Blocks

### Emma Norton Mission Needs

Make someone smile this Easter! Share a bit of happiness with an Emma Norton resident.

**Bring to NUMC by April 11th. See display.**

**Paper Products:** Paper towels, toilet paper, journal

**Cleaning Supplies:** liquid laundry detergent, sprays, wipes, scrubbers, dish & cleaning soaps

**Baskets:** laundry basket, flat & fitted twin sheets – pillow & pillow case – 1 blanket (comforter, quilt, winter blankets) – new hand & bath towels

**Hygiene products:** toothbrush & toothpaste – shampoo & conditioner (note: culturally appropriate hair care is appreciated!)- bar soap – deodorant, feminine sanitary pads, lotion

**Fun items:** new make-up & nail polish, jewelry, activity books, other personal items.

### Mission Rummage Sale is back!

Mark your calendars!

Our unwanted Treasurers for Mission

**Friday, June 24th**

**9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Saturday, June 25th**

**9:00 to 12:00 noon**

**Bring your treasures to share June 22-23**

House Hold Items

Dorm Room needs

Sports items

Books

Clothes for all Ages

Miscellaneous

Do you have anything left to purge from your abode?  
Bring it to NUMC Wednesday and Thursday, June 22 & 23.  
Sponsored by United Women in Faith

The women of the United Methodist Church have been a resilient group of women for 150 years. Names have changed, churches have united, but our meeting mission needs continues. We change with the times and the times change us. We find ourselves at that juncture again. You noticed our new name, United Women in Faith. Originally, 1869, we were a Woman's Missionary group. "Methodist" was added in 1973, following the uniting of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches.

United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) is stretching us to meet our new day of renewal as an open, inclusive organization. I see all those smiling faces on the website that look like my daughter or granddaughter having fun together with us in a sisterhood of women doing God's work in our communities and world. How inviting it looks. Such a vision of the future.

We have a great organization, but any organization has to change and grow with the times or it dies. We have been resilient and adapted to needed changes for over 150 years. We can do it. Let us make a place for all women doing God's work where God calls us.

### 2022 Opening Doors Gala

Emma Norton is excited to be hosting an in person Gala for the first time since 2019! **Join us at the InterContinental St. Paul Riverfront (or online) on Thursday, April 28, 2022!**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for fellowship and coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship every Sunday!

For Sunday 9:30 am livestreamed worship service, visit our website: [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org)

## SUPER WEDNESDAY MEAL MENU FOR APRIL

**April 6:** Tilapia, green rice, corn relish, green salad, and French bread. Cheesecake

**April 13:** Pulled chicken sandwiches, coleslaw, potato chips, baked beans. Cupcakes

**April 20:** Tator Tot Hot Dish, green beans, raspberry fluff, and French bread. Chocolate chip cookies and ice cream.

**April 27:** Nachos, chicken or beef, refried beans, fruit salad, and nacho toppings. Ice cream

Don't Miss the

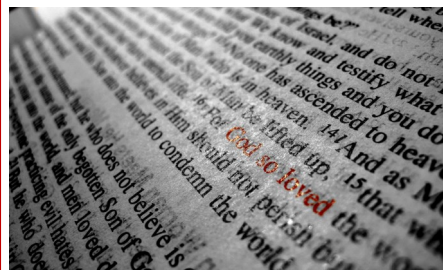
**DEADLINE!**

### May Herald Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May issue of the Herald Newsletter is

**Noon on Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

Please submit your items in a digital format to [northfieldumc@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldumc@gmail.com).



### Reading the Bible Through in 2022: Gathering

Have you taken up reading the Bible this year? Join others on the journey after worship Sunday, April 3rd (hybrid event: you can attend in person or via Zoom link) for support, discussion, and sharing what we are learning and be surprised by. RSVP isn't necessary, but it is helpful: [info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org).

### The Methodist Mile Update!

The Methodist Mile - a 7 lap route extending through the NUMC building - has seen quite a few feet since opening in January! If you are on track to complete the Methodist Marathon (26 miles), please let the office know - [info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org). We will invite finishers in for a prize upon completion!

The route will be open through April in light of its popularity and the capricious weather of Minnesota, so there will be more time for more miles!



### Now Hiring: Choir Director

Do you or someone you know have a passion for leading worship of God through congregational singing and choral music?



Your church would love to talk with them about joining our team!

Find a position description here: <https://northfieldumc.org/job-openings>



## Spring Clean Up Day!

April 30, 8:30am - Noonish  
(Rain date: May 7)



HELP the Trustees spruce up the church and parsonage grounds! Bring your rakes, shovels, pruning shears/loppers, hoe, chain saw, wheel barrow, etc. and wear appropriate outdoor clothes, gloves, and safety gear. We will have work for all levels of physical ability and grounds keeping experience. There will be an indoor work list for those preferring to donate time this way.

### Card Making with Margie

Thursday, April 21, 2:30-4:00 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10 to cover supplies.

Join Margie Brockton for a fun time of making greeting cards.

She will have all the supplies needed. Call 507-649-2324 to register and for more info!



### The snow will thaw. . .now let's get GREEN

If you like planting and gardening - or are interested in learning about both! - join our landscape and grounds crew! We are looking for folks who enjoy the outdoors and working independently for this ministry; if you are interested, please let us know: [info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org).



## NUMC COMPOST/RECYCLING/GARBAGE - CONFUSED ON WHAT GOES WHERE?

Church policy requires that supplies used for meetings/events at the church be compostable or recyclable so that we may be good stewards of the earth, but sometimes it can be hard to remember what goes in each container. Here's a little hint that might help with that...the containers are color coded!

**Compost** goes in the **GREEN** container or in a **GREEN** bag in a container.

**Recycling** goes in the **BLUE** container.

**Landfill** or garbage items go in the **BROWN** or **BLACK** container.

Easy - peasy!

Another tip...**napkins and paper towels** are ALWAYS compost (**GREEN** container).



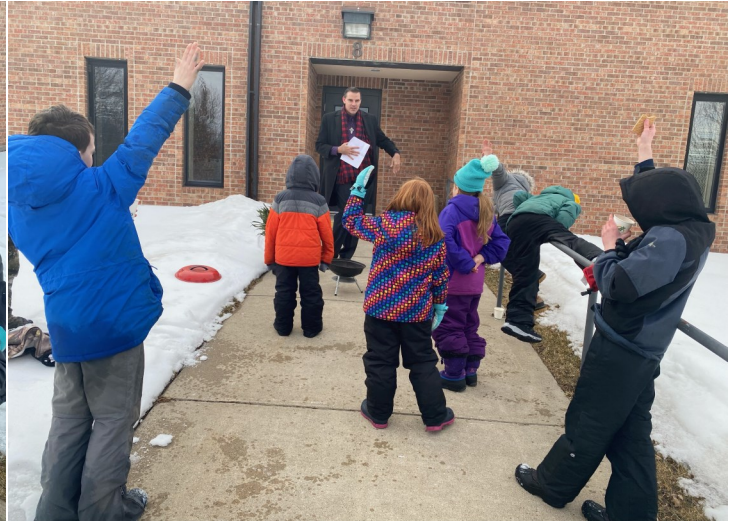
If you need help with supplies for your group, contact Sandy in the church office and she will help you with what items you might need free of charge for church related events/meetings or for a small fee for non-church related.



### Items available for your use:

Forks, Knives, Spoons	6" dessert bowls (white)
5 oz cups	6" dessert plates (white)
8 oz short clear beverage cups	8" dinner plates (white)
9 oz tall clear beverage cups	9" dinner plates (white)
12 oz tall clear beverage cups	
8 oz (hot) coffee cups	
10 oz hot/cold cups	

# Because every picture has a story to tell...



In KC3, Pastor Jerad joined Youth Director Todd Campbell and Children's ministry coordinator Gregory Ennis to teach the meaning of the ashes as we impose as a cross on our foreheads for Ash Wednesday as we begin the Lenten journey.



Addie Lloyd and AJ Morey play "Be Thou My Vision".



Shoes on NUMC sanctuary platform invite our church family to consider "walking a mile in someone else's shoes" as our Lenten Discipline.



Gregory Ennis, ready to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with Minnesota hockey at KC3 with our elementary students!

Emily Fulton-Foley of the Northfield Union For Youth, along with two youth board members, present to NUMC on February 20th regarding needs for underhoused youth right here in Northfield.



Rachel and her mom, Lynne McIver, complete the Methodist Mile in early March!

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00 Men's Breakfast	2
3 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Read the Bible in a Year Gathering	4 3:00 UMW meeting 7:00 Guest Welcome meeting	5 9:00 Bible Study 1:00-2:30 Goodbye Blue Monday Pastor Hours 7:00 Trustee meeting	6 9:00 Mission Sewing <b>Super Wednesday</b> 3:30 KC3 5:30 Shared Meal 6:00 Youth meet 6:30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 ArtMakers	7	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast	9
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## Why do I need to fill out a room reservation form for my meeting space?

Only church related meetings/events are listed on the monthly calendar above. Many other non-church related community events/meetings are scheduled at NUMC on a daily basis. A photo of the actual calendar of events/meetings (from March, April is even busier!) is posted to the right. As you can see NUMC is a very busy place!

In order to guarantee your space and the heat/air systems are turned on please fill out a room reservation form for the church office. (This includes use of the Sanctuary for rehearsals, etc.) The form may be filled out on our website [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org) or call the church office 507-645-5689 and one will be emailed to you. If your group meets on a regular basis you may reserve your space for multiple dates.



## A statement from the leadership of the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:



### **GC2020 postponement: What it means for us**

On March 3, the Commission on the General Conference announced that General Conference 2020 would be further postponed to 2024. Here's a look at what that means for us as the Minnesota Annual Conference and how we will live together during this extended liminal time.

United Methodists around the world, including Minnesotans, have been waiting for a very long time to resolve The United Methodists Church's longtime impasse over LGBTQIA+ inclusion. General Conference 2020 was going to be the time to chart a way forward, likely through an amicable separation for the denomination. Today's news of a further postponement of this gathering due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while expected, still may elicit feelings of disappointment and frustration that we continue in this prolonged season of waiting and wondering.

The Council of Bishops will meet on March 8 to discuss implications of this postponement and how we can move forward as a church, considering issues such as holding jurisdictional conferences for the election of bishops, the disaffiliation process, and a pathway to new expressions of United Methodism in advance of the next General Conference. Bishop David Bard will share more information as details become clear.

So then, how do we live in the meantime?

We continue to engage in the ongoing work of creating a post-pandemic church. The Minnesota Annual Conference is clear about its vision: that every congregation be a vital expression of the scriptural imperatives to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world. In the aspirational vision adopted at the 2019 Annual Conference, we have identified four core values that guide our shared journey: We are rooted in Jesus, grounded in Wesleyan theology, inclusive of all persons, and engaged in the work of justice and reconciliation. Living into our vision and embodying our core values means that we are committed to creating a place at the table for everyone, including LGBTQIA+ persons, and to listening more deeply to voices that have often been marginalized. The Extended Cabinet has created a statement of our commitments that speaks specifically to how we hold the value of LGBTQIA+ inclusion in this waiting season. We believe we are stronger and better together, and even as we await General Conference, we will continue living into our vision and embodying our values. We are not at a standstill.

To be clear, whenever General Conference 2020 takes place: If legislation is adopted through which the continuing United Methodist Church commits to the full inclusion of all persons, and the prohibitive language in the Book of Discipline regarding LGBTQ persons is removed, this would align with our aspirational vision and the intention is that the Minnesota Annual Conference would remain part of The United Methodist Church. If General Conference does not make progress toward a fully inclusive church and ends in a stalemate, our expectation is that the Minnesota Annual Conference will chart a new future with other like-minded annual conferences that are committed to our values of being rooted in Jesus, grounded in Wesleyan theology, inclusive of all persons, and engaged in the work of justice and reconciliation. The North Central Jurisdiction, at its latest meeting, adopted a "Covenant to Build BeLoved Community" that names a commitment to anti-racism work and LGBTQIA+ inclusion. We are a part of a larger movement within United Methodism.

We must remember that we, as the Minnesota Annual Conference, can decide what our future holds. Nothing about General Conference meeting or not meeting prevents us from following the call of Jesus to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Regardless of the outcome of the next General Conference, we will be unwavering in our commitment to full inclusion and laser focused on furthering Jesus's ministry of extending abundant life to all of God's children. This extended liminal time does not change who we are as the Minnesota Annual Conference or who we are in Christ.

So as we look ahead and await General Conference 2020, let us live the way of Jesus—with patience, acceptance, grace, and understanding for one another—and let us focus on being the conference, churches, pastoral leaders, and disciples that we know we're called to be.

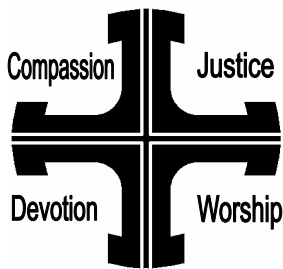
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