

United Methodist Herald

February 2022



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February Worship

February 6
Celebration of Holy Communion

Luke 6:20-26

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

February 13

Luke 6:27-36

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

February 20

Luke 6:37-42

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

February 27

Transfiguration Sunday

Luke 9:28-36

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

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 fellowship and
 coffee in the
 Fellowship Hall
 following worship!

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 livestreamed
 worship service,
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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

Beginning in January the Stewardship and Finance committee met in a joint session with the Administrative Council. We will continue in this manner until this summer when we transition to a single board of directors model for church governance. These joint meetings will help to get the current Administrative Council members up to speed on the financial oversight and budgeting process of the Stewardship and Finance committee.

At time of submitting this report we did not have year end financial reports, however, based on November financial reports we are anticipating closing out 2021 with a balanced budget.

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 for a form.
2. Donate online using a credit card, by clicking on the GiveMN tab on the church website 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
The church mail is checked daily.

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 or by emailing northfieldumc@gmail.com.

End of year financial information was not available at time of print. An update will be available in the March Herald Newsletter.

Dismantling Racism Team (DRT)

Now that the Ad Council has approved the land acknowledgment statement (look for it to be on the website soon), the DRT is looking for productive ways to move beyond that first step and "work to repair the damages of settler colonialism by sharing accurate histories, building and sustaining meaningful relationships with our Dakota neighbors, and working towards authentic acts of healing." Some possibilities include:

- Visiting the Lower Sioux Agency near Morton, MN and/or Hockata Ti in Shakopee
- Continuing to work with Jessica Intermill, an attorney who specializes in Indigenous law and treaty rights, on discerning a path forward that fits our congregation
- Connecting with other United Methodist churches and/or other Northfield churches that are engaged in this work

We welcome participation by anyone interested in pursuing these activities or others that contribute to dismantling racism within ourselves, our congregation, and our world. We meet monthly after Sunday worship. Send a message to info@northfieldumc.org to be added to the email group. And remember to take advantage of the list of resources curated by the DRT, available as a link on the church website: <http://northfieldumc.org/anti-racism-resources>.

Message from the Pastor

Beginning February 7th, Pastor Jerad will be serving NUMC at a quarter time from his previous half-time appointment here. This is due to a shift in his own call and ministry. The Minnesota Council of Churches, where Pastor Jerad has served since before coming to NUMC, has grown significantly over the last year and is now a primary partner for Minnesota faith communities engaging in Truth and Reparations racial justice ministries and a growing national voice for the same. His role at the Council is growing in proportion to that.

NUMC has had a robust budgetary year and is well-poised to grow in staff size. While over the past two years Pastor Jerad has assumed responsibility for some areas like communication technology, these portfolios would ultimately be better served by dedicated lay staff rather than by an appointed pastoral position of the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Pastor Jerad will continue to work with confirmation students, graduating students, the Dismantling Racism Team, and MICAH, but his presence in worship will change and we will be working to develop the right positions to meet the needs of our new and developing online ministries and technology management. Online worship will continue as it has in the meantime, as well as our other current online ministries. We look forward to discerning how God is calling us to grow into these areas even more.

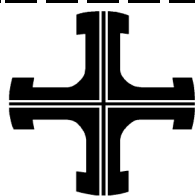
As I write, the Omicron variant is wreaking havoc across our community. Vaccinations continue to be key in combating the worst of the illness and reducing hospitalizations, but the speed of spread has been breathtaking. The Administrative Council continues to monitor communications from the MN Department of Health and the annual conference to help guide our decisions as to how to best be in ministry for such a time as this. Blessed as we are with the resources to move to online and hybrid formats for many of our ministries, the need to be flexible is overwhelming and exhausting. Offer yourselves and others you are working with as many buckets of grace as you can. This is a hard season.

Finally, a note of blessing: on January 30th, we will have met to discuss the opportunities our congregation has to use one of its most abundant resources, our acreage, for God's purposes. I write a couple of weeks before that in a spirit of encouragement and hope - I know firsthand what can change in a community when a church wraps its head and arms around using every resource at its disposal for the good of God's children, and it can be transformative for everyone who touches it.

In all things, know you are loved, and with every change and every disruption there is still bedrock under our feet made of divine love. Stand firm, and reach far - we will yet see the glory of God in our midst.

Blessings,
Rachel

Below you will find a pledge commitment card, which is an opportunity to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to share your time, treasure, and talents in this coming year. Return by mail or in person to the NUMC office.



Northfield United Methodist Church Worship. Compassion. Devotion. Justice. 2022 Estimate of Giving Return Form

Name: _____

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**Northfield UMC General Operating Fund
Estimate of giving for 2022:**

\$ _____/month

OR

\$ _____/week

OR

\$ _____/year

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to do with what you have been given.

**Please cut along dotted line, fill out and mail by February 14th to the church office:
1401 S. Maple St.,
Northfield, MN 55057**

Note: If you are making a change to your current electronic deduction amount you will need to fill out a new authorization form with the church office.

Family Ministry Communications and Updates

Given how quickly COVID-19 conditions are changing, we will be updating family ministries via email as we move into February. If you aren't on the list but you would like to be, find us at: info@northfieldumc.org

KC3 for Elementary Students (K-5th grade)

KC3 (Kids Creating Community Through Christ): Every Wednesday after school until 5:30pm. Busing available! Email Gregory Ennis, Children's Ministry Coordinator, at: gregorym.ennis@gmail.com.

Winter FunFest

February 5th, 3:30-5:00 pm The weather may be frightful, but playing in the snow is delightful! Join the fun in sledding, outdoor games, cocoa, and more on February 5th, 3:30-5:00 pm at NUMC, and invite your friends! For families of all ages. If need to postpone due to unforeseen circumstances we will reschedule for February 13th.

6th-10th Grade Youth

Sundaes on Wednesdays (6th-10th grade youth): 6:30 pm February 9, NUMC Fellowship Hall.

10th Grade Confirmation

February 13, 10:30am

After worship we will meet to plan and prepare for the Confirmation worship service.

Graduating Seniors meeting

February 27, 10:30am

Members of the Class of 2022 will gather to reflect on their journeys and the graduation worship service.



ISIAIAH

Faith in Democracy

A call to bringing the beloved community into reality, take action through through our NUMC ISIAIAH Team. We are a ISIAIAH-MN member congregation Our vision is of a community, state, nation and world where everyone is included and thrives.

Such work requires quick response and constant revision of strategic plans. Thus, it is important to become a part of the team, because then you receive emails outlining the next actions so you can sign up to join in. (Contact information is at the end of this article.)

What have we been doing in January?

- ISIAIAH members have brought forth justice resolutions for the February 1 caucuses held by all political parties.
- In Northfield, we have been advocating for housing policies that provide more safeguards for tenants, and develop a land trust fund to make housing more affordable.

What is ahead?

- During the state legislative session, held February through May, we will be advocating with state legislators for voting rights and the ISIAIAH faith agenda.
- Throughout the year, we will be advocating with the governor and other administrators to keep justice values in the front of their minds and actions.
- Throughout the year, we will be contacting state and legislators to thank them when they work for justice, to counteract the many complaints they get.
- Ongoing, we will work with the Northfield Area ISIAIAH Teams continue to address housing, and climate concerns.
- Always, we stand ready to address emerging justice issues.

For further information and to join the team, contact Evelyn Burry (evelynburry@hotmail.com; 507-645-7481.)



Notes from the Parish Nurse

In February our thoughts turn to our hearts: Valentine hearts filled with love, our spiritual journey as we soon begin the Lenten season, and our physical hearts as it is American Heart Month. We should be concerned about heart disease because “heart attack and other cardiovascular diseases are America’s number #1 killer of adults.” Stroke can cause death, but it is also considered the leading cause of severe, long-term disability. Prevention of cardiovascular disease is important. The following risk factors of cardiovascular disease are ones you can do something about. They are: smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, being overweight or obese, and lack of exercise or physical inactivity. Care providers should cover these topics with individuals during physical exams.



Heart Attack Warning Signs

- Pressure, squeezing, or severe pain in the chest which lasts more than a few minutes
- Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, back, neck, or jaw
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort
- Nausea, lightheadedness, or cold sweat

Stroke Warning Signs

- Sudden dizziness, loss of balance, or trouble walking
- Sudden blurred vision or trouble seeing with one or both eyes
- Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm, or leg (especially on one side of the body)
- Sudden confusion, or trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden severe headache without known cause



Cardiac Arrest Warning Signs

- Sudden loss of responsiveness, where the person doesn’t respond at all to a tap on the shoulder or to verbal cues
- No normal breathing, where the person doesn’t take a normal breath when the head is tilted up. (Must check for 5 seconds.)

Important Actions to Take Immediately on Witnessing a Cardiac Arrest

- Ensure scene safety
- Check for response of the victim
- Shout for help, call 911, and have someone get an AED, if available
- Check for no breathing or only gasping and start CPR with compressions
- Continue with high quality CPR, as follows:

*Compress the center of the chest 2” (on an adult)

*100-120 compressions/minute

*Allow chest to return to normal position after each compression

*Use AED as soon as it arrives. (Turn on, apply pads, and follow prompt.)

*Continue CPR until the person starts breathing and moving or until an EMS team arrives

You can “help raise awareness that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. and [is] largely preventable” by participating in and celebrating **National Wear Red Day** on Friday, February 4, 2022.

For more information check out the following websites: www.nhibi.nih.gov/health/hearttruth or www.heart.org

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

According to United Methodist Kairos Response (www.kairosresponse.org), dozens of people rallied at General Mills' Minneapolis headquarters during a September shareholder meeting to protest the company's profit from a factory in occupied Palestine. UMKR seeks, through nonviolent means and in partnership with Palestinian Christians, freedom, justice and equality for all Palestinians and Israelis. Our own Northfield United Methodist Church's MICAH group is connected to that effort. To continue advancing equality, the United Methodist organization has joined Jewish Voice for Peace and the American Friends Service Committee in calling for an international boycott of Pillsbury products.

Pillsbury, which is owned by General Mills, has a factory in the Atarot Industrial Zone. This is an illegal settlement in East Jerusalem whose existence advances the Israeli settler economy at the expense of Palestinian property and land rights. East Jerusalem's occupation has been determined as illegal by the International Court of Justice as recently as 2004 and by the United Nations most recently in 2016. The government's discriminatory planning and zoning regime systematically denies Palestinian communities building permits on the occupied land. According to a letter from UMKR to General Mills, "The Israeli-only settlements perpetuate a system of segregation and gross inequality between Palestinians and Israelis. Israel's settlement enterprise has also led to cruelly limiting Palestinians' access to water and making Palestinians virtual prisoners in their communities through a complex matrix of checkpoints, roadblocks, closures, curfews, and segregated roads."

With a Pillsbury factory in that zone, General Mills profits from the gross inequality. General Mills states, in their support of the Policy on Human Rights, that "Respect for human rights is fundamental to our purpose of serving the world by making food people love and to our commitment to ethical business conduct," United Methodist Kairos Response and their partner organizations urge the boycott to move General Mills to better act in accord with its own policy.

In a resolution adopted in 2012, the United Methodist Church: "...calls on all nations to prohibit the import of products made by companies in Israeli settlements on Palestinian land, and we ask all companies that profit from and/or support settlements through their business activities to examine these and stop any business that contributes to serious violations of international law, promotes systemic discrimination, or otherwise supports ongoing military occupation." Supporting the Pillsbury boycott is one way that MICAH and UMKR urge United Methodists to live out their church's Social Principles.

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and ready for check-out along with the books, mainly for Youth, recommended in the December/January Herald.

This month as the pastors lead the congregation through passages in the Gospel of Luke in their sermons, church library resources related to this gospel will be available on the Library display table in Fellowship Hall.

These same resources may be helpful supplements to the Zoom Bible Study led by Pastor Rachel on the book of Luke.

As adults consider dismantling racism, there are several new additions to the Children and Youth section related to racism and are available on the desk in the Library





United Methodist Women (UMW)

UMW Circle Meeting Dates:

February 14, 2022 - Esther Circle - 1:00 PM; Valentine's Day
Kildahl Park Pointe, 888 Cannon Valley Drive, MN 55057

Mugs and Muffins - March 21, 2022 (no meeting in February) – 9:00 AM; Northfield UMC church library.
Program: Women of the Bible in Quilt Blocks

The past 2 years have challenged us and during anxious times we have learned how we can still stay connected to our church and our faith families while maintaining social distancing. The Reading Program provides us an opportunity to explore and discuss new books in person or via phone or Zoom. Subject areas include Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.

The mobile cart in the church library contains books on reading lists during the last 6 years. Anyone may check out these books using the sign-out sheet in the front of the 3-ring binder. In addition please complete an individual page for yourself so you can track books read during this calendar year.



We have some very interesting books just received this month and included on the following list by subject:

Leadership Development

BECOMING by Michelle Obama. First Lady Michelle Obama established herself as an advocate for women and girls. Learn about the experiences that have shaped her life's work.

THE MOMENT OF LIFE; HOW EMPOWERING WOMEN CHANGES THE WORLD by Melinda Gates. Her narrative about the inspiring people she's met during her travels is backed by startling data on issues that need our attention.

Nurturing for Community

SHE CAME TO SLAY; THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HARRIET TUBMAN by Erica Armstrong Dunbar. This book highlights one of the most famous conductors on the Underground Railroad and is a fresh and accessible take on one of the most exceptional women in American history.

TATTOOS ON THE HEART; THE POWER OF BOUNDLESS COMPASSION by Gregory Boyle. This pastor created an organization to provide jobs, training and encouragement to youth living in a neighborhood with a large gang population.

THE BOY WHO DELIVERED JOY by Marvin Bartlett. A rare bone cancer robbed Jarrett of a normal childhood but it didn't steal his spirit. This is the true story of a little boy's legacy and how, after his death, he continues to inspire.

Social Action

NATIVE: IDENTITY, BELONGING AND REDISCOVERING GOD by Kaitlin B. Curtice. This book shares what it means to experience faith through the lens of indigenous heritage and encourages us to embrace our own origins and listen to one another's stories so we can build a more inclusive and diverse future.

Education for Mission

FINDING JESUS AT THE BORDER; OPENING OUR HEARTS TO THE STORIES OF OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS by Julia Lambert Fogg.

Spiritual Growth

LOVE IS THE WAY; HOLDING ON TO HOPE IN TROUBLING TIMES by Bishop Michael Curry. Bishop Curry, an African American pastor in the Episcopal Church delivered a sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Here he expands on his message by inspiring readers to discover the gifts they need in order to live the way of love.

GLIMPSES OF HEAVEN; GOD'S GIFTS OF GRACE IN DAILY LIFE. Roela Victoria Rivera shares devotions, prayer and stories accompanied by watercolors which she created after she became legally blind. Join in the joy and excitement of experiencing the amazing grace of God.

Response Magazine – Mission activities of United Methodist Women on the International and National front, can be found in Response, published by United Methodist Women. Find copies of this magazine on the Reading cart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPER WEDNESDAY MEALS: PAUSED UNTIL March 16

Our Super Wednesday Community Meal ministry will resume March 16th (after Northfield Public Schools' spring break). Want to join the fun in the kitchen or helping with set up or clean up? Let us know! Info@northfieldumc.org

Now Hiring: Youth and Family Ministries Director

Now Hiring: Choir Director

Do you know someone with a heart for youth and family ministry? What about worshipping God through choral music? Your church is hiring for two positions: A Youth and Family Ministries Director and a Choir Director. Find both position descriptions here:

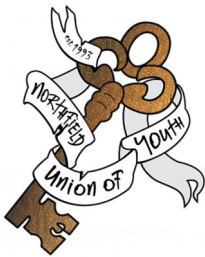
<https://northfieldumc.org/job-openings>

Online Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke

Luke's telling of the story of Jesus has many of the same teachings and stories as the other three gospels, but there are elements that make it distinct: it stands alone in telling the story of the birth at Bethlehem and the presentation of Jesus at the temple, for example. What is the good news as Luke tells it? What stories shape his understanding of the character of Jesus?

Beginning Thursday, February 3rd, we will offer a 6 week online study over the 24 chapters of the gospel of Luke. Want in? email us: info@northfieldumc.org.

The Key: A Conversation with Executive Director Emily Fulton-Foley



On February 20th, immediately following worship in the Reception Room, we have an opportunity to hear from the director of the Key, which is a drop-in center for youth in Northfield and coordinates a number of programs for specific needs. The Wallflower Project is a host-home program designed for youth who need a short-term place to stay to find stability, and she will speak to that and the need for housing in general in Northfield. This is part of NUMC's larger exploration of how we are called to come alongside our neighbors in need of housing in our community. Questions? Info@northfieldumc.org.

The Methodist Mile!

These boots were made for walking, and that's just what they'll do. . .right here on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-4pm! Need a place to get your steps in while the weather outside is still frightful? Our Methodist Mile is a 7 lap route you can walk (please no running!) inside our church facility. Follow the signs, and keep track of your miles - if you make a Methodist marathon (26 miles) while the route is up (until the end of March) come let the office know. . .we will have a surprise for you!



Notary Service Available

Need something notarized? The church office can help you with that! Sandy in the church office is a Notary Public and notary services will be offered during regular church office business hours.

Notary service is free to church members, non-members \$5.00 fee.

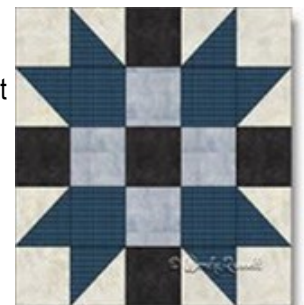
Please call ahead to the church office at 507-645-5689 to make sure Sandy is available.



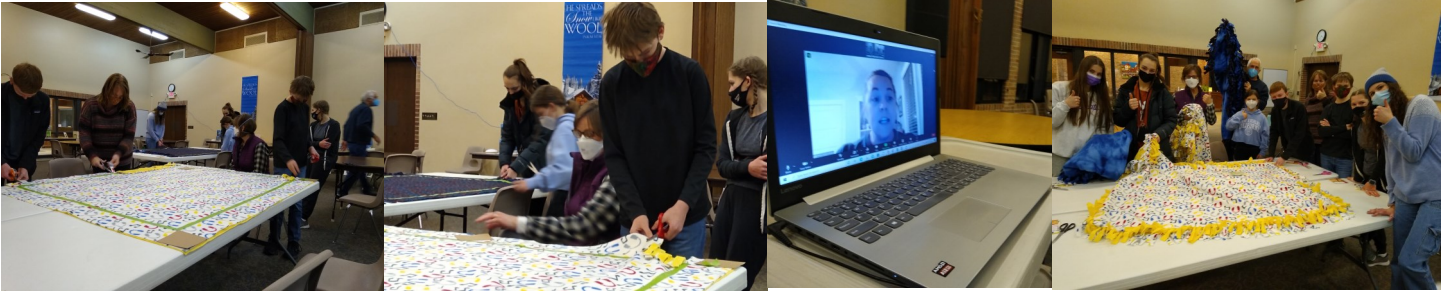
Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins is not meeting in February but will meet on March 21. Mugs and Muffins meets the third Monday of the month in the church library. We are continuing our study of Women of the Bible Quilt Blocks 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 are always welcome.



Because every picture has a story to tell...



On January 12, SALT (Serving and Learning Together) team partnered with Sundaes on Wednesdays middle school youth to make blankets for the Key, Northfield drop-in youth center. Executive director Emily Fulton-Foley joined us to talk about the Wallflower Program, which is a host home program for youth in crisis - she will be joining us for a Sunday adult forum to invite anyone interested in hearing more to learn about all they do. Great work, team- may these blankets be part of God's love extended to the youth at the Key!



Hanging of the Greens! The greens were hung, the trees were lit...Advent was upon us!



Bill Thornton measures out the route for the Methodist Mile, a 7 lap route you can walk inside our church facility every Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4 pm through March. Just follow the route signs!



Our 12th Night of Christmas Pop-Up Pageant was held on January 5th after having to reschedule due to weather. The kids did a great job - we had practiced having different roles each rehearsal, and may we all take a lesson from them in flexibility when we don't know what life will bring us from week to week.



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 Bible Study 2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile walking	2 9:00 Mission Sewing 3:30 KC3 6:30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal	3 2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile walking	4 8:00 Men's Breakfast	5 3:30 Winter FunFest
6 9:30 Worship with Communion	7	8 9:00 Bible Study 2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile walking 3:00 Annual Conference Anti Racism Triad	9 9:00 Mission Sewing 3:30 KC3 6:30 Sundae on Wednesday 6:30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal	10 2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile walking	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast	12
13 9:30 Worship 3:00 10th Grade Confirmation	14 1:00 Esther Circle - Kildahl	15 9:00 Bible Study 2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile walking 3:00 MICAH 6:45 Ad Council	16 9:00 Mission Sewing Noon - March Herald Newsletter Deadline 3:30 KC3 6:30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal	17 2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile walking 2:30 Card Making with Margie 6:30 Luke Bible Study 7:00 Renewal	18 8:00 Men's Breakfast	19
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PLEASE NOTE:

Many other non-church related community events/meetings are scheduled at the church facility on a daily basis. For scheduling purposes of your meeting/event whether it be church related or non-church related you must contact the church office for availability and reservation of space. If your group meets on a regular basis you may reserve your space for multiple dates. Reserving your meeting space with the church office not only assures the space you want is available it also schedules the heating/cooling/air sanitizing systems to run during your meeting/event.

NOTE: The room reservation form may also now be found on our website northfieldumc.org.

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

March Herald Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the March issue of the Herald Newsletter is

Noon on Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Please submit your items in a digital format to northfieldumc@gmail.com by the deadline.



Hospitality and Welcome Team

The Welcome Team wishes to thank all individuals representing different segments of the church for offering warm and gracious hospitality to those attending worship at NUMC. A Minnesota winter doesn't make this an easy time of service in the best of years but the effort is even more appreciated during these many months of working with pandemic necessitated guidelines.

Operating on a trial basis, the Welcome Team will be reaching out to large groupings within the church to act as greeters at all entrances Sunday mornings. Since November this idea has taken on a more definitive shape.

November 2021, church members active in hands-on work with Rice County Habitat for Humanity were the faces of welcome. December offered the opportunity of those providing music to greet us. The new year saw faces of women from United Methodist Women, women's bible studies, circles, etc. As with every group, spouses are *welcomed*.

This month the Men's Friday Breakfast is tapped to, in the words of St. Peter, "offer hospitality to one another..." (1 Peter 4:9-10 NIV).

Born out of the MCCI movement, the committee was formed the fall of 2019, pre-pandemic, coming to a halt before concrete action could be put in place. With the church building once again open and staffed, and health procedures determined, the committee took up their work, in modified form, the spring of 2021. Adjustments continue as the church and community respond to COVID-19 and variants.

As a committee, we thank *all* who from May 2021 through this month of February have offered your gift of hospitality.

Cindy Anderson, Linda Davis, Thalia Duffield, Kris Estenson, Diane Genova, Kerry Hanson, Ruth Kruse, Kathy Lillevold and Pastor Rachel McIver Morey

Card Making with Margie!

Thursday, February 17th, 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!



Adult Formation Team

We believe faith is a lifelong journey and invites us to continued reflection on contemporary issues in light of God's grace and calling. Are you interested in being part of the team that helps shape these opportunities? Let us know!

info@northfieldumc.org

Mission Sewing Layette Project

A few months ago, Mission Sewing received a donation of cotton knit and flannel fabric. We got busy and have made 22 receiving blankets, 58 gowns, 16 jackets and 79 diapers!

We are happy to report that soon the items will be going to the United Methodist Midwest Distribution Center where they will help to complete Layette Kits which are sent all over the world. Mission Sewing also donated 30 quilts to Operation Joy. Thanks to all the people who helped on these projects.



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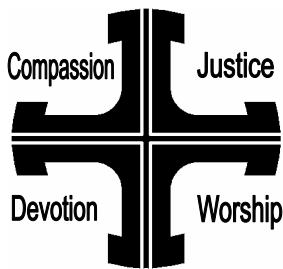
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Please cut out this form, fill in the information and place it in the basket in the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

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Our Church Staff

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Parish Nurse	Ruth Kruse
Office Administrator	Sandy Vesledahl
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Children's Ministry	Gregory Ennis
Handbell Choir Director	Kathy Szydlo
Custodian	Arturo Rosas Avila
Treasurer	John Stull (Volunteer)
Web Site	Jesse Steed (Volunteer)

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