

# United Methodist Herald

July 2022



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## July Worship

**Summer Worship Series:  
How Can I Keep From Singing: Hymns of our Faith**

**July 3 (July 4th Weekend) Online Worship Only**

*This is My Song - Matthew 6:5-14*

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

**July 10**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead - Jeremiah 8:22*

Rev. Todd Campbell, Jr.

**July 17**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear - Luke 2:8-14*

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

**July 24**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand - Isaiah 41:1-13*

Rev. Todd Campbell, Jr.

**July 31**

*Pass It On - Luke 15:8-10*

Rev. Rachel McIver 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.

## FINANCE UPDATE

### 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

### 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.

**General Fund May 2022 contributions \$29,786.66**

**General Fund May 2021 contributions \$32,256.66**

**General Fund YTD 2022 contributions \$153,460.76**

**General Fund YTD 2021 contributions \$162,925.30**

## NUMC COVID-19 POLICY UPDATE

At their June 21st meeting, the Administrative Council of Northfield United Methodist Church voted to adopt the CDC color-coded system to address on-going COVID-19 concerns (see the chart below). When Rice County is "green," we are at low risk and masking is optional; when we are at high risk or "red", we will require masking indoors. If you want more information, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>. We pray for families who have lost loved ones to COVID-19 and those who continue to live with ill-effects long after initial infection, and we are grateful for scientists, vaccines, treatments, and medical professionals who have brought us to this new point of pandemic management.

Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li>• <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are <u>at high risk for severe illness</u>, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions</li> <li>• Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li>• <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear a <u>mask</u> indoors in public</li> <li>• Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li>• <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms</li> <li>• Additional precautions may be needed for people <u>at high risk for severe illness</u></li> </ul>

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Masks are recommended in indoor public transportation settings and may be required in other places by local or state authorities.



## MINNESOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TUESDAY, MAY 24-WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022

The Annual Conference Session was condensed into a 2 day, 1 night experience. This was the 168th session of the MN Annual Conference. The conference was held in St. Cloud, MN at the Conference Center. The theme of this meeting was **Who is your everyone? I want to know!**

The Conference was introduced with John Wesley's words: **Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can.**

Initially the legislation focused on diversity/inclusiveness actions. The three action items proposed reflect the conference 2019 vision statement that called for the MN UMC Annual Conference to more fully live out our ministry rooted in Jesus, grounded in Wesleyan theology, inclusive of all persons and engaged in the work of justice and reconciliation. The three proposals approved were addressing:

- Fund and carry out an equity audit of conference personnel and hiring practices;
- Require that conference hires and appointments prioritize candidates of color and LGBTQIA+;
- Fund and make the current half-time Racial Justice Organizer position a full-time Director of Racial Equity and Justice position.

We also passed an apportioned budget for the 2023 fiscal year of \$5,885,000. This budget is less than the budgets of the previous three years.

We approved the disaffiliation of three MN UMC congregations which had followed the 2022 MN Annual Conference Disaffiliation Agreement of May 12, 2022. This agreement follows the current UMC Discipline and is in effect until December 31, 2023. The three congregations approved are:

- Crossroads Church of Lakeville and Inver Grove Heights, MN.
- Redeeming Grace Community of Lake City, MN
- Hillspring Church of New Prague, MN

Submitted by: Linda and George Davis  
June 2022

### Dismantling Racism Team (DRT)



What comes to mind when you think of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) in Prior Lake? Probably Mystic Lake Casino, maybe the original Little Six Casino if you've been around for a while. But the SMSC has much, much more going on than just gaming. As the largest employer in Scott County, the SMSC owns and operates a diverse collection of enterprises, ranging from entertainment venues and retail stores to facilities that care for the earth through organic farming and organic recycling. A recent addition to the Community is Hočokata Ti, the cultural center that opened in 2019.

The Dismantling Racism Team sponsored a field trip to this beautiful facility in June. A group of 12 people were led by a professional cultural interpreter through the museum exhibit, called "Mdewakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake." All of the attendees were impressed with the amount of material covered in the exhibit and the amount of new information they learned about the Dakota people and their history, including the recent history and current enterprises of the SMSC. We agreed that it was time well-spent and would recommend a visit to anyone. A couple members of the group have already shared their enthusiasm by incorporating a second trip to the cultural center into a family reunion!

More information about Hočokata Ti (pronounced 'ho-cho-ka-ta tee') can be found on their website: [hocokatati.org](http://hocokatati.org). Current hours are Wed – Sat, 10am-4pm. The DRT is considering a second group tour later in the year. If you would be interested, please speak to a DRT member or Pastor Jerad.



# 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) is live on our website [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Confirmation Photos - Sunday, May 22, 2022

On Sunday, May 22nd we confirmed two youth, Griff Dahle and John Newberg who are taking up the mantle of leadership by joining our SALT (Serving and Learning Together) team - we can't wait to see God's spirit at work in them as they lead our church in service!







# Notes from the Parish Nurse

July is “Fireworks Eye Safety Awareness Month” and the American Academy of Ophthalmology reminds consumers to “leave fireworks to professionals.” More than 13,000 injuries and 8 deaths related to fireworks happen each year, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Over 4,000 injuries are head-related and of those nearly 30% are eye injuries. One-fourth of fireworks eye injuries cause permanent vision loss or blindness. These are sobering statistics. “Children are the most common victims of fireworks accidents...” People often think sparklers are “safe” for children to use, but they burn at about 2000 degrees Fahrenheit, which can cause third degree burns. Bottle rockets cause the most serious injuries because of abrupt trauma to the eye. These injuries include: corneal abrasions, retinal detachment, optic nerve damage, eye muscle damage, and complete blindness. Please heed the following tips from the Academy: never let children play with fireworks, view fireworks from a safe distance (500 feet to ¼ mile), respect safety barriers of professionals and leave lighting fireworks to them, do not touch unexploded fireworks that you might find, and seek medical help immediately if you receive an eye injury from fireworks. More information about eye safety can be found on the following websites: [www.aao.org](http://www.aao.org) or [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org).



The National Council on Fireworks Safety recommends the following safety tips if you choose to set off your own fireworks.

- Observe local laws for purchasing fireworks; buy from reliable sources.
- Always read and follow label directions.
- Have an adult supervise all fireworks activities.
- Ignite fireworks outdoors, away from buildings and vehicles.
- Keep a bucket of water handy.
- Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks.
- Light fireworks one at a time; never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Never throw fireworks at another person.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- Eye protection should always be worn by the fireworks shooter.
- No part of the shooter’s body should be over the fireworks.



Happy 4th of July! Enjoy the holiday. The safest way to celebrate is to watch a fireworks show.





Minnesota has a primary election in August and a general election in November. We are called to participate in these from the foundation of our Christian faith.

**Why bother to vote in the primary?**

Those who vote will determine which candidates will proceed to the general election in November. To locate your polling place and to review the specific ballot for your polling place go to: <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>

Most positions are partisan. There is an endorsed candidate and a challenger. Each party can advance only one person for the November ballot. Remember that in the primary, you can vote within only one party. You cannot cross party lines and vote for candidates of different parties for different races.

However, some positions are non-partisan. There may be three or four candidates for a position but only two can advance to the general election. In Northfield, three people are standing for the City Council at-large Member. Every registered voter who lives in Northfield can vote for two in this race. There are also three running for the Rice County Sheriff's office.

**Apply for an absentee ballot soon** for the August 9th primary, if you wish to vote absentee although early voting period is also an option. An absentee ballot will be mailed to you as soon as your application is approved.

**Hints:**

- On the form, check the box for both the 8//9 and 11/8 elections and you will receive the absentee ballot for November without further action from you.
- Supply both your driver's license/MN ID number and last 4 digits of your Social Security # in the that section of the form. The number you use on the absentee ballot itself must match one on your application. If you supply both on the application now, then when you prepare your ballot won't need to remember which one you used on the application.

Complete and submit the application online at this site:

<https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx>

Or

Print the form on this site:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/media/2444/english-regular-absentee-ballot-application.pdf>

If you live in Rice County, mail the completed form to the Rice County Election Office (Rice County Government Services Building, 320 Third St. NW, Faribault, MN 55021). Or if you live in Northfield, you can also take it to the city clerk's office (801 Washington St., Northfield, MN 55057) and they will get it to the Faribault office. Election offices for other counties are listed at:

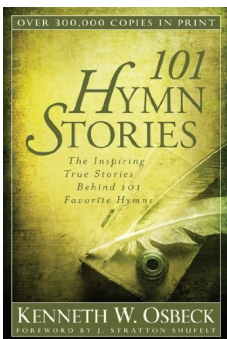
<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/find-county-election-office/>

If you have any questions, you contact Evelyn Burry ([evelynburry@hotmail.com](mailto:evelynburry@hotmail.com) or 507-645-7481).



“Converting from the Religion of Whiteness.”  
 “The Great Resignation Goes to Church, many pastors are stepping away from ministry, and the institutional church will never be the same.”  
 “Icons and Endangered Species”

Whoa! All of the above are articles in the July issue of *Sojourners*. For brief, current, and informative reading look to magazines. The church library has reinstated most of its magazine subscriptions. Find this periodical and other recent ones, on the library display table in Fellowship Hall.



This month's sermons will continue tying hymns to scripture. Curious of the background to the hymns? Check the indexes of *Background on Hymns-the Hymns of the United Methodist Hymnal*, or that of *101 Hymn Stories* and *101 More Hymn Stories*.

Check the Library's bulletin board for other suggestions for books to be found with the above mentioned: from a collection of short stories described as “a fiction lover's book of common prayer” to *This Girl is Different*, a young adult work.

Remember, more summertime reading can be found down the hall in the Library.



# 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*

*Oh, little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see the lie  
Above the dark and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth,  
The everlasting light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in you tonight.  
- Hymn No. 230*

**Yet In the Dark Streets Shining** details the little-known story of Palestinian Christians through the heartbreaking but inspiring account of a boy who grew up to be a spiritual and community leader in Bethlehem. **Bishara Awad** was just a child when his father was killed by a sniper during the Israeli-Arab war of 1948. After the family fled their Jerusalem home, Bishara and his siblings grew up as refugees. His spiritual journey brought him through poverty and danger, while witnessing loss and death. Under the shadows of persecution and war, he learned how to live his Christian faith in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ.

When Bishara learned how to forgive, he became a firebrand of faith and hope. Rising to the many challenges, **he launched Bethlehem Bible College**, the first Bible college in the West Bank. Through the dashed hopes of one war after another, as well as opposition on all sides, Bishara's story conveys how he and other Palestinian Christians continue to live their faith and envision a better future.

“This is a story that is as riveting as is historically important.”  
- Gary Burge, author of *Whose Land, Whose promise?*

\* Bishara Awad is Alex Awad's older brother.



## Olive Oil for Sale

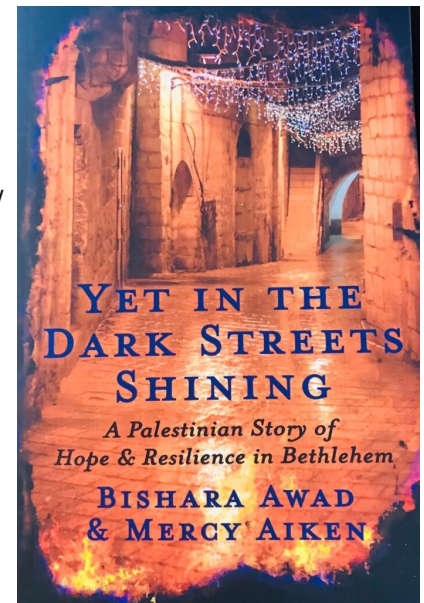
Palestinian organic, fair trade, extra virgin olive oil.

**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.



## Bishara and Selwa Awad's Palestinian Spinach Pastries

### Dough:

In  $\frac{3}{4}$  c warm water dissolve:  
**1 tsp. active dry yeast**  
**1 tsp. sugar**

Mix:

**3 c. flour**  
 **$\frac{1}{4}$  c. oil**  
 **$\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt**  
**yeast mixture**

Knead on floured surface until dough is soft and elastic, adding a little more flour if needed. Let rise 1 hour.

### Filling:

Mix:

**4 c. spinach, chopped and packed**  
 **$\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. salt**  
 **$\frac{3}{4}$  c. onions, finely chopped**  
 **$\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. pepper**  
 **$\frac{3}{4}$  tsp. ground cumin**  
**2 Tbsp. olive oil**

Mix well.

Divide dough into 20 small balls. Roll very thin. Put a heaping  $\frac{1}{4}$  c. spinach mixture in center of dough. Fold 3 edges in, making triangular shape, and pinch together at center. Bake at 350 degrees in greased pan 15 minutes or until golden brown.

*Option:* These freeze well. Make a double recipe and freeze half before baking.



United  
Women  
in Faith

## Join us in a special study of Jesus parables in Luke 13

### UMW Circle Meeting Dates:

**August 21, 2022 - Esther Circle** – 5:00 Annual Picnic in person members and friends

Kildahl Park Pointe, 888 Cannon Valley Drive, Northfield, MN

**Mugs and Muffins – July 18, 2022** – 9:00 AM

Northfield UMC church library Program: Boys of the Bible in Quilt Blocks

No UWFaith Executive Board meeting in July.

United Women in Faith is making a concentrated effort to provide more spiritual connections to God's "Kin-dom". Join in the study of Jesus' parables and their illumination of today's work in God's world.

### **Mission U: July 23-24 • 9 am-4 pm Cost \$15 • Virtual via Zoom**

(This information is taken from the June Fresh Connection) **Apply by July 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### **WHO CAN WE BE TOGETHER?**

A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13

**Study Leaders Kim Harris and Shirley Durr**

What does it mean to be a community? • What can we do to move our earthly kin-dom closer to God's kin-dom? • Is there room for all?

Register at <https://forms.gle/nmQEcUikf1gg1LFa7>

Tech Check: 7 pm July 22. Get comfortable with the virtual technology that will make your Mission U experience more enjoyable.

#### **JULY 23 Schedule**

9-10 am Session 1: "Repent or Perish" - What motivates change?

10:30-11:30 Session 2: Barren Fig Tree Parable - What conditions make things grow?

12:30-1:30 Session 3: Jesus heals on the Sabbath - What are boundaries?

2-4 pm Session 4: Mustard Seed Parable - Who has laid foundations for us, personally and communally?

#### **JULY 24 Schedule**

9-10 am Session 5: Parable of the Yeast - What can we do to move our earthly kingdom(s) closer to the kin-dom that Christ describes?

10:30-11:30 Session 6: The Narrow Door - What kind of door should be made for entrance into the kin-dom?

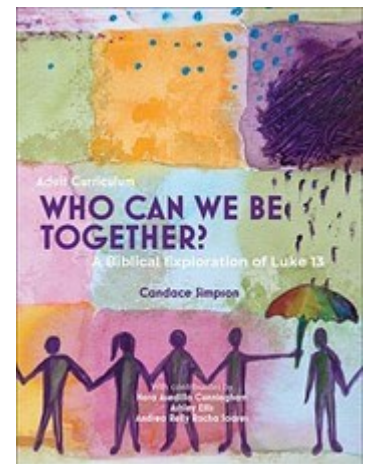
12:30-1:30 Session 7: The Fox and the Hen - How do oppressed peoples create safe havens in the midst of turmoil?

2-4 pm Session 8: Reflection - What do we do with this information now?

Register by July 11<sup>th</sup>. A few days before July 23, you will be emailed some handouts along with the Zoom link. Please check that they do not land in your spam or junk mail.

You may want to have on hand something for journaling and taking notes, craft supplies (paper, markers, scissors, glue, etc.), mustard seeds, active dry yeast, and fig (any form).

The study book: **Who Can We Be Together?** can be purchased for \$10 at [https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping\\_product\\_detail.asp?pid=53516](https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53516)





# 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)



## Coffee Shop Office Hours

Pastor Rachel will be at her coffee shop office hours on Thursdays through July 28th, 1:30-3:00 pm on the **back patio** at Little Joy Coffee Shop 300 Division St. S., Northfield.

No appointment needed!

**No coffee shop hours Thursday, July 21st.**

## Card Making with Margie

Monday, July 25th, 2:30-4:00 pm

In classroom #120

Cost: \$10 to cover supplies.

Join Margie Brockton for a fun time of making greeting cards. She will have all the supplies



## Welcoming Top Factor in Church Choice "Am I Welcome Here?"

This question is the number one question new guests are asking themselves when they attend worship the first time - this is what the MCCI Guest Welcome Team learned at its workshop in the summer of 2019. The Guest Welcome Team has been living into that ever since, and we have been trying new formats of this work since returning to the building in 2021.

It has been exactly a year this month since the Welcome Team put into action what they had begun behind the scenes the fall of 2019, as part of the MCCI (Missional Church Consultation Initiative) concept. By January the Team started a pilot program of broadening your opportunity to be involved in this service of extending hospitality. Groups, large and small, within this congregation were assigned a month of Sundays to provide greeters. The church's Softball Team plus those who provide all of us with a beautiful, welcoming campus--upkeep of flowerbeds, hanging of art work-- just completed their service this past month.

The results of this pilot program will be reviewed by the Team as we move into the fall season. Feedback from you how this trial run worked from your point of view, suggestions for improvements to, or a different direction taken, may be made to the pastors or team members. Written responses may be left in the church office in the mailbox labeled for the Library/Diane Genova.

Welcome Team: Cindy Anderson, Linda Davis, Thalia Duffield, Kris Estenson, Diane Genova, Ruth Kruse, and Kathy Lillevold.



## Vintage Band - Worship Service, Sunday, July 31st

It's that time of year again, and Northfield will once again play host to the Vintage Band Festival! One of the beloved traditions of the festival is hosting VBF groups in area churches the Sunday of the celebration - we will be playing host to Northfield's own 50North Band (including our own David Miller!). Join us for an exceptionally celebratory Sunday - 9:30am July 31st!



**Pastor Rachel and Pastor Jerad will be on vacation July 18-28. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care during that time please contact the church office at 507-645-5689.**



### Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will be meeting on July 18th at 9 AM in the church library. We are continuing our study of the "Boys of the Bible Quilt Block Series."



In July we will be studying Adam, Cain and Abel. New members and guests are always welcome!

### Women of the Bible Quilt

Members of Mugs and Muffins will share some information from their study of Women of the Bible Quilt Block series and display the quilt at an adult forum July 17th. The quilt will then be donated for Refugee Resettlement.



### Mission Sewing Project

Mission Sewing received a donation of flannel in June. We will be busy cutting out diapers and receiving blankets to be donated to Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Once we have these items cut out, we will be looking for volunteers to help sew. Some of the quilts are given out at church baptisms. Some go to the Masonic Cancer or Children's Hospital. Some are donated to Operation Joy. Some go to refugee resettlement.

Mission Sewing meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month to tie quilts. We meet at 9AM in Room 120. We would love to have some new members.



### Aluminum Cans for Operation Backpack



Collect your aluminum cans and place in the container behind the church kitchen. All proceeds from the cans go towards Operation Backpack.

"Thank you"

Dear NUMC,  
A HEART FELT THANK YOU to Pastors Rachael and Jared and all our friends at Northfield United Methodist Church for all your support, condolences, food, visits, memorials at the time of Bill's passing and during these weeks I have been preparing to move. Bill and I loved NUMC and I will miss all of you very much. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.  
Sincerely,  
Judy Hofer

Dear Members of United Methodist Church,  
On behalf of the thousands of Northfield neighbors we walk alongside, thank you for your generous, continued support of the CAC. Your contributions enable our staff and volunteers to focus on creating a healthy, caring and just community. We welcome you all to join us as volunteers.  
In gratitude,  
Rachel Matney, CAC Board

Dear NUMC,  
We are so grateful for your gift to Rice County Habitat for Humanity. You have chosen to give a gift that will last for generations - and that's HOMEOWNERSHIP! Your gift has helped to provide safe, affordable and healthy housing for people in our community. This will change their life TODAY and the lives of their children TOMORROW. At Rice County Habitat for Humanity we build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter and we're so appreciative that you've joined us in this effort. We believe that everyone deserves a decent place to live and we're doing all we can to provide more house to more people in need. Thank you for your support in our mission to provide everyone a place to call home.  
God's Joy, Dayna Norvold, Executive Director

Dear Northfield UMC,  
Your sewing machine donation provides someone an opportunity to learn a trade in order to support themselves and their families. Thank you for your gift of layette items! We pray that the mothers and children receiving them will feel surrounded by God's love.  
In his service, Midwest Mission Team





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00 Men's Breakfast <i>Church office closed</i>	2 8:30-11:00 <i>Community Reservation</i>
3 9:30 On-line worship only	4 <b>Holiday Office closed</b>	5 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Trustee meeting	6 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 <i>Community Reservation</i> 7:00 Administrative Council meeting	7 12:00 <i>Community Reservation</i> 1:30-3:00 Pastor Rachel, Little Joy Coffee Shop office hours	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast <i>Church office closed</i>	9 8:30-11:00 <i>Community Reservation</i>
10 9:30 <b>Worship</b> 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Forum - Read the Bible Through in 2022 6:00 <i>Community Reservation</i>	11 1:00 Esther Circle - Kildahl 7:00 <i>Community Reservation</i>	12 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Operation Backpack meeting 7:00-8:30 Feed My Starving Children (6th-12th grades)	13 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 <i>Community Reservation</i>	14 10:30 <i>Community Reservation</i> 12:00 <i>Community Reservation</i> 1:30-3:00 Pastor Rachel, Little Joy Coffee Shop office hours	15 8:00 Men's Breakfast <i>Church office closed</i>	16 8:30-11:00 <i>Community Reservation</i>
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## PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEETING SPACE WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE

Did you know you can reserve your meeting space via our website? Go to [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org) and click on "Reserve a Room". Just fill in the blanks and click on submit. It's that simple! Meet on a regular basis? Reserve multiple dates on one form. Reserving your meeting space in advance assures you the space (prevents conflicts with other groups) and schedules the HVAC/Air sanitizing system so your meetings are comfortable.

### HAVING A SNACK/BEVERAGE OR ANY FOOD AT YOUR MEETING? REMEMBER TO COMPOST!

Contact Sandy in the church office for a list of compostable items available (plates, cups, utensils) provided free for church related meetings.



**Church Office Summer Hours**  
Monday-Thursday,  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Closed on Friday

Don't Miss the  
**DEADLINE!**

## August Herald Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the August issue of the Herald Newsletter is:

**Noon on Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

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



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



The trustees/facilities team has been hard at work both at the NUMC main building and at the parsonage to spruce things up! Church volunteers pulled out most of the overgrown and neglected plants and shrubs from around the parsonage during the Trustees work day last fall. A new landscaping plan was provided by Fox Landscaping early this spring. Good soil was brought in, 14 new shrubs or perennials were planted, new edging and cypress mulch were put around 3 sides of the parsonage. A future sitting/entertaining area is planned for the SW corner of the house. Thanks to Bruce Paulson for his work leading the project, and to Fox Landscaping for being great partners in the work.



Church softball league is great fun and fellowship! Teams gather for prayer before and after each game, praying for safety and fun for all. NUMC Manager Ned Newberg huddles with the team to set the batting order, and Jeanette Gilbertson always keeps score at the game - pictured is the score card v. Bethel, while the cheering section watches the action!





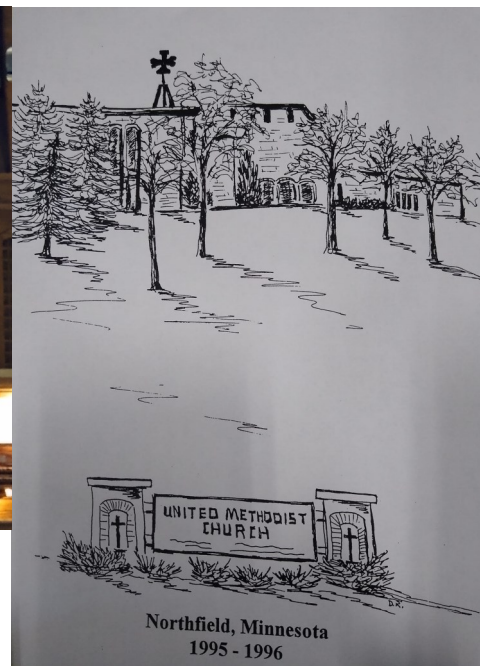


**PRIDE IN THE PARK**

Northfield UMC joined our fellow welcoming and affirming churches on "church row" at Pride in the Park June 4th. It threatened rain, but the weather cooperated for a beautiful celebration of welcome for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Thanks to all of our Reconciling Response Team for their work assembling pinwheels and flags, and to Thalia and Bev for hosting the NUMC table.



Paul Kluge reads scripture at the celebration of Pentecost and Commencement on Sunday, June 5th which included communion and a blessing for the high school graduates.



During office clean out day, we discovered some historical gems as we cleaned files!

This ink sketch of our building was made by Darlene Raadt, an artist and member who was tasked with helping design our letterhead in the mid-90s. This, as well as other items have been stored away for safe keeping.

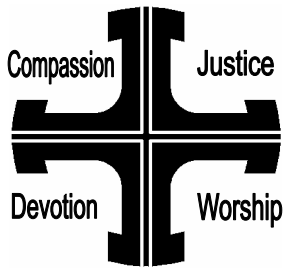
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