

# United Methodist Herald

September 2022



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## September Worship

September 4  
Celebration of Holy Communion  
Genesis 1:31-2:3  
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

September 11  
Mapping our Lives: Where Are You?  
Jeremiah 31:35-37  
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

September 18  
Fall Ministry Kick-Off  
Forest: Isaiah 32:14-20  
Rev. Jerad Morey

September 25  
Field: Ruth 2:1-13  
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](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

### 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).

**General Fund July 2022 contributions \$31,690.66**

**General Fund July 2021 contributions \$32,392.66**

**General Fund YTD 2022 contributions \$204,473.08**

**General Fund YTD 2021 contributions \$212,780.62**

### NUMC Board

The governing body of the church is the NUMC Board. The members of the board are duly elected at an annual meeting, or "Charge Conference," open to all membership. Share any concerns with the NUMC Board here: [info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org)

Co-Chairs: Kevin Dahle and Pierce Follansbee-Delong

Treasurer: John Stull

Secretary and Communications: Carolyn Seas

SPRC Liaison: Jody Friedow

Stewardship and Finance Liaison: Tim Goodwin

At-Large Members: Sara Newberg, Jessy Hoffer, Allie Lyman, Warren Winkelman, Bruce Benson, David Wolf, Bruce Dalgaard

### Northfield UMC Leadership Board - Wednesday, August 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Bruce Benson, Carolyn Seas, John Stull, Warren Winkelman, Kevin Dahle, Pierce Follansbee-Delong, Allie Lyman, Sara Newberg, Jody Friedow, Bruce Dalgaard, Tim Goodwin, Dave Wolf, Jessy Hoffer, Pastor Rachel McIver-Morey, Pastor Jerad Morey

**Not Present:**

**Meeting Called to order: 7:00 pm** by Pastor Rachel

**NUMC Prayer**

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by John Stull to approve both the May 2022 NUMC Administrative Council minutes and the July 2022 NUMC Board minutes. Dave Wolf seconded. **Approved as read.**

**Standing Agenda Items**

**Website Update:** Allie Lyman presented an update on the progress she and Jesse Steed have made on redesigning the  
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## **Northfield UMC Leadership Board - Wednesday July 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes - Continued**

church's website. They are approaching it in two phases. The content of the first phase will be focused on resources for church members and Northfield community needs. The board viewed their progress. A suggestion was made to make our Family ministries a larger focus on the front page.

### **Finance** : Treasurer's Report and YTD statements for July 2022

John Stull reported the current bank balance and current giving are slightly under budget, but this is normal for this time of year. No cause for concern at this time. The extra \$23,000 reported as income, is actually a transfer from the physical plant savings account held at Northfield Shares. This money was used for electrical upgrades in the Nursery School space and for driveway pavement work.

As our endowment investments remain down in earnings, John Stull moved that we do not take any distribution at this time. Warren Winkelman seconded. Unanimously **approved**.

### **Physical Plant Account at Northfield Shares**

Pastor Rachel informed the board that our church office administrator, Sandy Vesledahl, has concerns about our physical plant savings account with Northfield Shares. She has had great difficulty in obtaining current statements from them and has observed privacy issues concerning their methods of communication and procedures. There was also confusion concerning the \$23,000 withdrawal made from the physical plant savings. Pastor Rachel will be sending the board a detailed description of Sandy's concerns. A motion was made by Bruce Benson and seconded by Sara Newberg, to look into a different investment vehicle for the Physical Plant savings account. **Unanimously approved**.

### **SPRC** : staff review

Jody Friedow reported that the annual check-in evaluation of staff positions will be coming up the week of August 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Facilities** : NNS Update, parking lot work

Pastor Rachel informed the board that pavement work will start soon on the south side driveway.

The Trustees met with the Northfield Nursery School Board to discuss raising their rent. It will be a step-up process this year and next. The increase is to allow for rising building expenses.

### **COVID policy check-in**

Ruth Ruse informed the board of the latest CDC guidelines, concerning masking and quarantines. The church will continue to follow the Rice County CDC risk level guidance.

### **New Business**

#### **Facilitated Conversation re: Signature Ministry - Next Steps**

Pierce Follansbee-Delong and Kevin Dahle lead a discussion to determine what the church's signature ministry should look like. The members were asked to consider the following: Core Values, Target Market, Core Focus and Goals. Below is a list of ideas brought forth by the members -

#### **Core Values: Who we are**

- Everyone is welcome , Inclusive
- Kind, Transparent, Just
- Lead by example/ role model
- Teachers of the word
- Stewards of people and earth

#### **Target Market: Who we are called to serve**

- Young families
- orphans, widows, poor, strangers
- retirees
- people who need to belong

The rest of the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**Next Meeting will be September 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Seas - Secretary



# Message from the Pastor

"Can you find how we did that in 2019?"

In the church office, we have noticed a trend over the summer. It's becoming clearer that this coming school and program year will not be as dramatically impacted by COVID-19 as any year since 2020. As some things come back or are revisited, we are getting requests to see how projects and programs did whatever they did back in 2019. We have been asked to look up old Herald articles, meeting minutes, bulletins, and billing information. It's no trouble to do so, mind you, but it has been frequent enough to draw our attention to it and make note. What are we saying when we ask, "How did we do that in 2019?"

On a hopeful note, I think it means we are, by and large, finding our way toward living with COVID-19. Between vaccines and public health information regarding local community rates of infection, COVID-19 has not disappeared, but it has become more manageable. Our ICUs and clinics aren't the war zones they once were, and while outbreaks still can and do happen, the impact is slowly waning. So, I think this question, "How did we do that in 2019?" reflects a broad sense that life moving forward will not have COVID precautions as the dominant concern it has been. This doesn't mean we walk away from our obligations to care for those who get sick or who are living with the little-understood phenomenon of "long COVID." But it does mean that we are going to grocery stores, restaurants, and the State Fair at much more significant rates than the two previous years.

That said, it is worth offering a caution here: 2019 has less to teach us about how to proceed than we might think. For example, in looking up a vendor we used for baptismal plates, they have gone out of business in the intervening years; the pandemic was brutal to small business owners near and far. Another example: in 2019 grocery delivery services existed

but were not widely utilized. That changed entirely in 2020, and now - even for Super Wednesday meal shopping - grocery delivery is a strategy we can use to support our community meal ministry.

We can look up how we did things in 2019. But we are finding that in 2022, that doesn't always help us very much.

This is to say nothing of how politics and protests and people's lives finding new rhythms now shapes life in new ways. A recent article in the Atlantic Monthly, in exploring the ongoing tense spaces between religion and public life, quoted a think tank director as saying that, "if religion is the opiate of the masses, then politics is the amphetamine of the masses." Public discourse, as tense as it was three years ago, has taken on a religious fervor; we are no longer discussing policy ideas, we are claiming moral identities with our partisan choices. Choosing to disengage with political life simply cedes the microphones to those who will yell the loudest and most angrily, leaving folks who want a better, more compassionate way to work out differences damned if they do and damned if they don't. The stakes are high, and we know it's no time to sit out the work of managing our common life together.

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So as the school year comes, and with it some sense of normalcy or stability, don't be fooled: we haven't returned to pre-pandemic life. Not by a long shot. Nor will we ever - as Paul writes in his second letter to the Corinthians, "Everything old has passed away; behold, all things are become new." It's ok to grieve the losses that have come with the changes wrought by the last three years - write them down, talk about them, and let yourself name them as lost to you. We have all lost much, and there is no going back to 2019 and starting from before COVID-19 descended upon us. We can keep looking things up in the office as a starting point, but let's release ourselves from any expectation that it will be an ending point. God who was our help in ages past is yet our hope for years to come. The future is our home.

Blessings,  
Rachel

## Super Wednesday Meals Return!

Wednesday, September 28th  
Fellowship Hall  
5:30-6:30 pm  
Free Will Donation



The folks at Kildahl gather once a month with pastor Rachel for a "non-coffee coffee klatsch" - what a gift to be able to come together in person!

Mark your calendars! Need any info on the ministries below?  
email us at [info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org)

**Fall Ministry Kickoff Celebration -**  
**Sunday, September 18th, 9:30am worship**

**Beginning Sunday, September 25:**  
**Children's Church (5th grade and under)**

Younger children are dismissed from the sanctuary at 10am to a worship service of their own, followed by fun and fellowship in the gym.

**Sunday Youth Connect (6th-12th grade) 10:30am**

Older youth are invited to their own time for fellowship and conversation in the high school room.

**Beginning Wednesday, September 28:**

**KC3 (K-5th grade) 3:30-5:30pm**

Join the fun after school at NUMC! Time to play, time to pray, time to learn and lead - children from Spring Creek Elementary are walked across the street, and students from other schools in the Northfield School District can ride the "church bus." Registration info coming the first week in September (NOTE: because of busing, registration in advance is required for KC3).



**Super Wednesday Meal - Free Will Donation, Fellowship Hall 5:30-6:30pm**

**Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade) 6:30-8pm**

Older youth will gather for fun and faith development in the high school room after the Super Wednesday meal.

**Open Gym (with supervising staff): 6:30-7:30pm**

**NEW! Parent Fellowship 6:30pm**

We all need support and sounding boards as we do the hard work of raising kids and talking about faith with them in an authentic way. Let's figure out how to do it together! Meet up with Gregory Ennis, children's ministry coordinator, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm.

**Note: There will be no Super Wednesday October 19 (MEA week), November 23 (Thanksgiving week), and December 21, 28, and January 4.**

**Confirmation**

**9th and 10th Grade Confirmation Orientation**

October 9th, after church

This year both 9th and 10th graders will be together in confirmation class. Orientation to confirmation will take place after church on October 9 in the Reception Room. For more information contact Pastor Jerad at [jmorey@northfieldumc.org](mailto:jmorey@northfieldumc.org).

## Dismantling Racism Team (DRT)

Last month we told you about the oppressive—and in some cases illegal—conditions placed on the residents of Viking Terrace mobile home community by the new corporate owner. This month we have some updates to share. The good news is that the MN Attorney General's Office stepped in and issued a cease-and-desist order to the company, Lakeshore Management, meaning the new rules they were trying to impose have been suspended. The Attorney General, Keith Ellison, and his team also traveled to Northfield at the end of August to meet with the Viking Terrace Resident's Association and allies to discuss how they can continue to help.

The bad news is that the residents' struggle to stay in their homes is only just beginning. These are our neighbors and they don't deserve to be pushed out of their homes—which they own—by an unethical company. To support Viking Terrace residents in feeling that they belong, feel safe and are empowered, a large group of local church members, community leaders, city employees, and other concerned individuals met in August to identify needs and available resources. They plan organized smaller action groups around such areas as volunteerism, skilled workers, financing, and fundraising. There are many ways to get involved; if you're



interested in helping out or just want more information, let Pastor Rachel know or contact Tracy Goodwin at [timtracyg@gmail.com](mailto:timtracyg@gmail.com).

Did you know that National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually between September 15 and October 15? It is a time to appreciate and celebrate the beautiful cultures, rich histories, and diversity of the American Latino community. Locally, the Northfield Public Library and the Hispanic Heritage Celebration Committee are sponsoring the 2022 Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Saturday, September 17 at Central Park. Between 11am and 6pm, there will be dancing, music, food, art, and activities for all. Visit [guides.mynpl.org/hhc/2022](https://guides.mynpl.org/hhc/2022) for more information.



### Isaiah action items for the fall

The general election is November 8 but early voting and absentee voting begin September 23. Prayerfully consider the values you are voting for as you cast your vote. Become familiar with the character of each candidate and the actions they promote. And prepare to vote.

Read the campaign literature; attend candidate forums, study the ballot in advance whether you vote absentee, vote early, or vote on the day of the election.

**Apply for an absentee ballot asap** if you think you won't be voting in person on November 8 or in the early voting period (beginning September 23). Absentee ballots will be mailed out beginning September 23.

Complete and submit the application online at this site <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx>

Or you can 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, complete the form and mail it to the Rice County Election Office (Rice County Government Services Building, 320 Third St. NW, Faribault, MN 55021). 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, please ask Evelyn Burry ([evelynburry@hotmail.com](mailto:evelynburry@hotmail.com), 507-645-7481).







# Notes from the Parish Nurse



**Falls Prevention Awareness Week**, September 18-24, 2022, is a national health campaign with the goal of increasing awareness of falls, health, and injury prevention. The focus of the week is how to prevent fall-related injuries among older adults. Every year in the United States, one in four adults over the age of 65 years will fall. Most of these falls are preventable.

Fall prevention is very important because falls are the leading cause of injuries for older Americans. The results of a fall, such as a fractured hip, broken bones, or head injury, can threaten one's safety and independence. They can also cause economic and personal hardship for elders. The National Council on Aging website, [www.ncoa.org/healthy-aging/falls-prevention](http://www.ncoa.org/healthy-aging/falls-prevention), has very helpful information on how to avoid falls.

Falls are not an inevitable part of aging, but there are certain risk factors for falls that seem to come with aging. As one ages, sense of balance declines and reaction time slows. Medications and chronic illnesses also affect the likelihood of a fall.

NCOA suggests six easy steps to take to help avoid falls.

- Enroll in a good balance or exercise program to help increase balance and build stability, strength, and flexibility.
- Tell your health care provider if you have fallen or are afraid that you might fall. A risk assessment can be made and a plan to avoid falls can be formulated.
- Review your prescriptions and over-the-counter medications with your physician or pharmacist. Some side effects of medications can cause an increased risk for falls, as can interactions between medications.
- Have your vision and hearing checked yearly as eyes and ears help to keep you upright.
- Keep your home safe by getting rid of throw rugs, keeping areas well lit, installing grab bars in the bathroom, keeping stairways free of clutter, and installing handrails in stairways.
- Get support from family members to help you stay safe and independent as long as possible.



Parkinson's is a nervous system disease that affects one's ability to control body movements. As the disease progresses the person can develop a tremor, slowed body movements, rigid muscles, stiff limbs, and coordination and balance problems. Exercise and using the NCOA "six easy steps" listed above, can help a person who has Parkinson's.

There is another helpful resource for people experiencing Parkinson's that was not available when I wrote a Herald article about that disease 11 months ago. Northfield Hospital once again is offering a Parkinson's Support Group. The Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 3:00-4:30 PM, in the Northfield Hospital Conference Center on the Lower Level. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 28, 2022.



Contacts for the support group are:

Kathy Lathrop, 507-646-1195, or [lathropk@northfieldhospital.org](mailto:lathropk@northfieldhospital.org)  
Maria Bohl, 507-646-8840, or [bohlm@northfieldhospital.org](mailto:bohlm@northfieldhospital.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*



## Olive Oil for Sale

Palestinian organic, fair trade,  
extra virgin olive oil.

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

Available in the church office.

Support the farmers of Palestine in the struggle  
for their livelihood and land.  
(Zatoun = Olive)

Thank you  
for purchasing Zatoun  
olive oil and for  
supporting the  
farmers of Palestine.



For most farmers,  
olives and olive oil are  
their major or only  
source of livelihood.

Olives are grown and  
harvested by  
Palestinian farmers at  
great personal danger  
and cost.



## Fundraiser for our Bethlehem Family Saturday, September 24th, 2022

NUMC has sponsored a struggling Palestinian Christian family for several years. Sponsorships are an outreach program of Bethlehem Bible College and a project of the Global Methodist Church. Our particular family is the Zreineh family, Marleen and her children. They live in a village outside Bethlehem. Marleen is a widow, she is also a baker.

MICAH has partnered with our own local bakery, the Brick Oven Bakery for special donation days where a portion of the profits of the day are donated to MICAH. Join us once again on September 24th, 2022 from 6AM to 3PM when the BOB will donate 10% of sales to MICAH. We appreciate (so much!) the generosity of the BOB and all the patrons who make it possible. We also sell olive oil - Zatoun Palestinian Fair Trade Virgin Olive Oil - from Zatoun, a non-profit volunteer organization registered in Canada dedicated to creating awareness for a just peace for Palestine-Israel. Besides these tangible connections to Marleen and her community, MICAH also accepts cash donations where you can share in sponsoring Marleen for one month for \$50.

It is difficult for Marleen to make ends meet in her small bakery under the Israeli occupation. Our partnership with the Brick Oven Bakery provides significant support for our ministry. Members of MICAH will be on hand at the BOB during the day on September 24th promoting our cause. A bakery fundraiser for a baker seems to be a natural connection and we hope that many will stop by to show support by buying bread, sticky rolls, cakes, and more. Preorders are also welcome, just contact the Brick Oven Bakery.

## A letter from Nicola Zreineh, who turned 21 in May 2022

Thank you for remembering me always in my special days! The weather here is so hot, nowadays people likes to have summer fruit specially melon. I think Lilac bloom in Palestine between rocks and in villages. Zreineh family roots are from Beitjala we are not refugee.

I always have plans to do in summer but with the return of Corona, the situation here is not stable. So, I decide to help my mom in her job through summer. Big hug and kisses from my mom, Fadi and me.







United  
Women  
in Faith

## Apple Pies for Sale August 15 to September 4. Baking September 6.

### United Women in Faith August Meeting Dates:

**September 1, 2022 – UWF Executive Board meets – 3:00 Fellowship Hall**

**September 12, 2022 - Esther Circle – 1:00 PM**

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

**Mugs and Muffins – September 19, 2022 – 9:00 AM - Northfield UMC church library**

**Apple Pie Pre-Sale continues September 4 & 11. Cost remains \$10. Pie making will be Tuesday, September 13, 10:00 AM to 3:00. Bring your lunch.** We keep learning how to make pies. We will put in more apples this year and have less juice. **Send pie email orders** to Lin Wolf at [lin\\_wolf@charter.net](mailto:lin_wolf@charter.net) or place your order in church at the orchard display. Pick up your frozen pies on September 18 at the kitchen door.

**UWF Silent Auction in November – It's Back!!** The exciting **UWF Silent Auction** will be happening in November. Keep an eye out for items to offer ie. theme baskets (art materials, reading, leisure, spa etc.) or individual items ie. dinners to serve, tickets to an event, a time at your cabin; sharing the results of baking, knitting, woodworking skills - are just a few ideas. Be creative. Let's have fun.

**WHO CAN WE BE TOGETHER?** It takes a congregation for a successful mission response.

Ladies! Are you feeling the urge to meet, greet, and network with other ladies at Northfield UMC? Has God touched you to take action on something He is calling you to do? Is your soul yearning for something but you know not what? **United Women in Faith would be open to planning programs or even starting a grouping of younger women of the church at a time, place, with interests you have.**

United Women in Faith want to meet women of different generations where they are in their lives; and to consciously build connections/relationships with each other. We will help find other ladies in church to make those connections. Begin by meeting at church coffee time with someone you do not know. We strive to help make Northfield UMC a place of hospitality and inclusion.

All women are invited to meet in groups of like interests and faith formation. We have Esther Circle and Mugs and Muffins who have standing invitations to join them. There is a women's Bible study and a women's sewing/quilting group. See yourself in a different group of ladies but do not know how to make it happen? Contact Catherine Williams, UWF president, Pastor Rachel, or anyone on the UWF Executive Board. Lin Wolf, Lynn Gryc, Thalia Duffield, Dorothy Orde, Linda Betzold to name a few.

**United Women in Faith Vision Statement: "United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities."**

Christian spiritual formation: UWF is developing Soul Retreats and Mission U studies for mind, body, and spirit renewal. We need to take care of ourselves to better care for others. Education: The Reading Program and Gathering programs on a District/Conference level keep us informed on what is happening and changing in the world. Creative Fellowship: There are no limits on where and how we gather to meet others and take action on God's work. Leadership Development: We provide training for all ladies to develop your self-confidence in supporting your call to do God's work. We can help you put "Words into Action!"

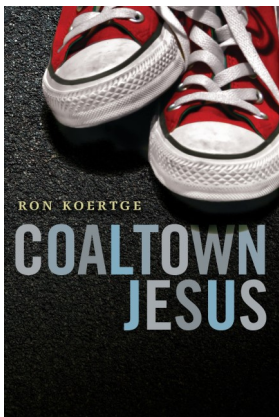
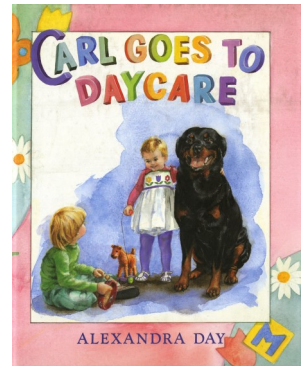
Minnesota Conference Fall Gathering is led by Nancy Beaulieu on why we are all treaty people and why protecting treaties and Indigenous ways is sacred and fundamental to protecting our environment. Meet at Holy Trinity UMC, Prior Lake; 9:00 AM, October 1, lunch at Noon. Cost \$15. Ask Catherine for more info.



For all of September, the Church Library staff is saying, “Yay, You” to children and youth as your activities here at Northfield United Methodist gear up. We are saying this through the displays in both the library and Fellowship Hall, not to mention, what is on the shelves.

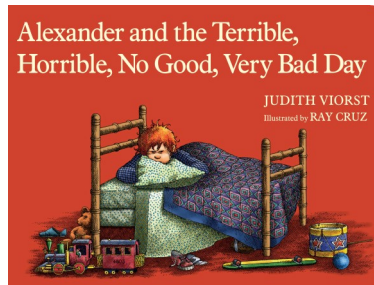
Adults will find resources directed to their roles in the lives of our young people scattered amongst, *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, *How It Feels to Be Adopted*, *The River*, *This Girl is Different*, or *Carl Goes to Daycare*.

*Coaltown Jesus*...this young adult book is another way of letting you Readers, Youth and Children’s Ministry leaders, and parent figures, know, that we are happy to suggest, resource, locate items for you. Have articles in the periodicals we subscribe to been mentioned? These are often good discussion starters for young adults.

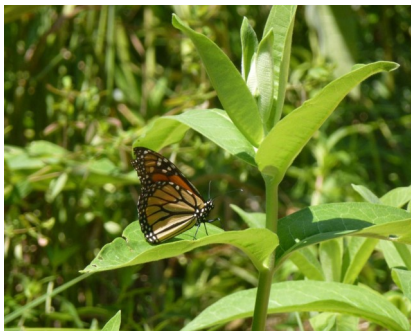


Other than signing your name and the title of the material you are borrowing from the library, and returning in a reasonable amount of time, ENJOY!

Ruthi Henrichs, Linda Davis, Corinne Simonson, Diane Genova  
Church Library Committee



## Why do we have milkweed plants on church property?



Northfield is part of the I-35 Monarch Highway - the migration path that Monarch butterflies take. Milkweed plants are essential for their survival. One of the ways we can use our abundance of church property is to provide food for the monarchs (which, incidentally, were named the official MN State butterfly in 2000 following a campaign by 4th graders in Anderson, MN) Monarchs have also recently been added to the endangered species list.

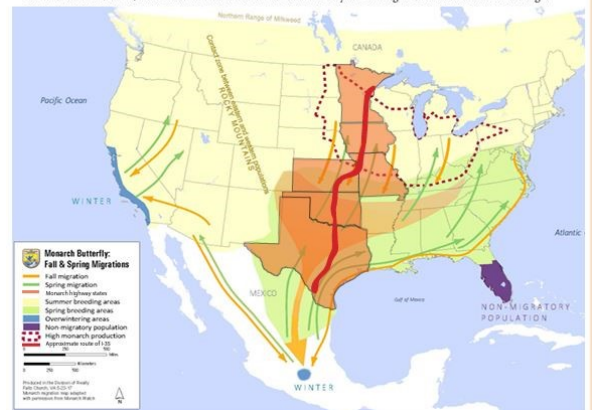
One of our Maple Street neighbors raises and bands monarchs. She even traveled to Mexico one winter to see the butterflies there! Right now, monarchs are in the Carleton Arboretum and she has received permission to catch and band some from there.

Look for Monarchs on church property - and wish them well on their journey south for the winter. For more information on the Monarch Highway:

[https://monarchjointventure.org/images/uploads/documents/Monarch\\_Highway\\_NAPPC\\_final.pdf](https://monarchjointventure.org/images/uploads/documents/Monarch_Highway_NAPPC_final.pdf)

### What is the Monarch Highway and how did it come to be?

The “Monarch Highway” is a symbolic migration corridor that follows Interstate-35 (I-35) from Laredo, Texas, to Duluth, Minnesota, aligning with the central flyway of the eastern migratory population of the monarch butterfly. The symbolic highway is a partnership effort bringing people together to catalyze conservation actions throughout the central flyway where monarchs need it most! However, in order to bring back the monarchs from their dramatic decline, conservation efforts are needed from everyone throughout the entire monarch range.







### 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.

### Torch Care Packages

Tackling Obstacles-Reaching College Hopes

A recently received thank you.....

" Thank you for the awesome care package!.....I always look forward to receiving TORCH packages at the end of the semester."

If you want to make a difference to one person, one event at a time, join our church family in sending 2 care packages each year to a Northfield student attending college.

Your effort can offer much needed support from the young person's home community and giving them hope and confidence to continue with their education.

If you are interested please contact Ann Richards at [delightfulread@yahoo.com](mailto:delightfulread@yahoo.com) Packages go out in December and May and contain treats, \$20, and an encouraging note, card or photo.

### Mission Sewing Project

Fall is here and it is a good time to get involved in different activities. Mission Sewing would love to have more members. We have many projects; from quilts, book bags, diapers, layette gowns, layette jackets and receiving blankets. 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 September 28th, Wednesday to tie quilts. We meet at 9AM in Room 120.



### Church Fall Work Day

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, October 8th

8:00 am - noon

Plans for the work day will be firmed up by the next Herald Newsletter!

## 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)

### Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will be meeting on September 19th at 9 AM in the church library.

We are continuing our study of the "Boys of the Bible Quilt Block Series." This month we will be studying Mathew, Abraham and Isaac. New members and guests are always welcome!



### Card Making with Margie

Monday, September 19, 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 needed.

Call 507-649-2324 to register and for more info!





# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Community Reservation</i> designates a room reservation for a non-church related community organization.</p>	<p><b>Church Office Hours</b>  <b>Beginning September 12th</b>  <b>Monday-Thursday</b>  <b>9:00 am - 4:00 pm</b>  <b>Friday 9:00 am - noon</b></p>			<p>1  <b>12:00</b> <i>Community Reservation</i>  <b>3:00</b> UWF Board Meeting</p>	<p>2  <b>8:00</b> Men's Breakfast  <i>Church office closed</i></p>	<p>3  <b>8:30-11:00</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i></p>
<p>4  <b>9:30</b> <b>Worship with Communion</b>            UWF Pie Sale  <b>10:30</b> Coffee in Fellowship Hall  <b>10:30</b> Adult Forum</p>	<p>5  <b>Holiday Office Closed</b>    <b>7:00</b> <i>Community Reservation</i></p>	<p>6  <b>9:00</b> Bible Study  <b>9:30-10:30</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i>  <b>7:00</b> Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>7  <b>9:00</b> Sewing  <b>11:30-1:00</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i>  <b>9:30-10:30</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i>  <b>1:30-2:00</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i></p>	<p>8  <b>10:30</b> <i>Community Reservation</i>    <b>12:00</b> <i>Community Reservation</i></p>	<p>9  <b>8:00</b> Men's Breakfast    <i>Church office closed</i></p>	<p>10  <b>8:30-11:00</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i></p>
<p>11  <b>9:30</b> <b>Worship</b>            UWF Pie Sale  <b>10:30</b> Coffee in Fellowship Hall  <b>10:30</b> Adult Forum  <b>6:00</b> <i>Community Reservation</i></p>	<p>12  <b>1:00</b> Esther Circle - Kildahl  <b>7:00</b> <i>Community Reservation</i></p>	<p>13  <b>9:00</b> Bible Study  <b>10:00-3:00</b> UWF Pie Baking  <b>5:30-9:30</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i></p>	<p>14  <b>9:00</b> Sewing  <b>11:30-1:00</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i>  <b>7:00</b> NUMC Board meeting</p>	<p>15  <b>12:00</b> <i>Community Reservation</i>  <b>7:00</b> Renewal via zoom</p>	<p>16  <b>8:00</b> Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>17  <b>8:30-11:00</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i></p>
<p>18  <b>9:30</b> <b>Worship</b>  <b>Fall Ministry Kickoff</b>            UWF Pie Pickup  <b>10:30</b> Coffee in Fellowship Hall  <b>10:30</b> Adult Forum</p>	<p>19  <b>9:00</b> Mugs &amp; Muffins    <b>2:30</b> Card Making with Margie    <b>7:00</b> <i>Community Reservation</i></p>	<p>20  <b>9:00</b> Bible Study  <b>3:30</b> MICAHA    <b>Noon - Herald Newsletter deadline</b></p>	<p>21  <b>9:00</b> Sewing  <b>11:30-1:00</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i></p>	<p>22  <b>12:00</b> <i>Community Reservation</i></p>	<p>23  <b>8:00</b> Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>24  <b>8:30-11:00</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i>    <b>6:00-3:00</b> MICAHA fundraiser Brick Oven Bakery</p>
<p>25  <b>9:30</b> <b>Worship</b>  <b>10:00</b> Children's Church  <b>10:30</b> Youth Connect  <b>10:30</b> Coffee in Fellowship Hall  <b>10:30</b> Adult Forum</p>	<p>26  <b>7:00</b> <i>Community Reservation</i></p>	<p>27  <b>9:00</b> Bible Study</p>	<p>28  <b>9:00</b> Mission Sewing  <b>11:30-1:00</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i>  <b>Super Wednesday</b>  <b>3:30-5:30</b> KC3  <b>5:30</b> Shared meal  <b>6:30</b> Youth Fellowship  <b>6:30</b> Parent Fellowship  <b>6:30-7:30</b> Open gym</p>	<p>29  <b>12:00</b> <i>Community Reservation</i></p>	<p>30  <b>8:00</b> Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>1  <b>8:30-11:00</b>  <i>Community Reservation</i></p>

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEETING SPACE WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE**

Now that Super Wednesday and other fall programming is starting it's really important that you reserve your meeting space. Go to [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org) and click on "Reserve a Room". Just fill in the blanks and click on submit.

Need help? Call the church office and we will be happy to walk you through making the on-line reservation. Meet on a regular basis? You can reserve multiple dates on one form.

Don't Miss the

**DEADLINE!**

**October Herald Newsletter Deadline**

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

**Noon on Tuesday, September 20, 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...



NUMC kids had the chance to go to Trailblazers Camp at Camp Koronis July 31-August 3! Swimming, games, archery, crafts, and celebrating the goodness of God's creation with friends - it really doesn't get any better than that. Campers: Elina Merkle, Brynley Merkle, Emery Peterson, Bennett Peterson, AJ Morey, Heron Morey, Tanna Moldenhauer, Blayke Vrieze, Addie Malecha, and Paige Franek.



## Trailblazers Junior Camp

Gregory & Todd hosted our youngest disciples who were not quite ready for sleep away camp. They explored God's creation, appreciated and studied what they saw, heard, smelled and felt as they played outside and walked in the woods.

## Parents' Night Out!

Our SALT group and Middle schoolers partnered to give our younger kids a fun night while our parents enjoyed a night out on the town.



## Middle & High school Kayak Trip

The youth ended their summer programming on Union Lake followed by a grill out with pool time, trampoline, and frisbee toss at the Updikes.



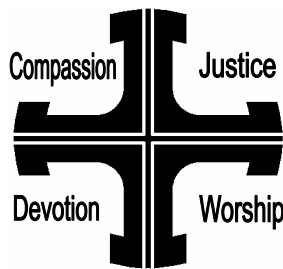
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Northfield United Methodist Church offers an electronic option for our monthly newsletter. By having our newsletter available electronically, we will save costs on paper, postage and copier usage. The newsletter will still be available to those who want to receive a hard copy in the mail.

For those that sign up, you will receive an e-mail directing you to a link to view the newsletter. If you have more than one member in the household that would like to receive this e-mail, please list them also.

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

Please print clearly! Thank you!

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**Our Church Staff**

Pastors	Rachel McIver Morey Jerad Morey
Parish Nurse	Ruth Kruse
Office Administrator	Sandy Vesledahl
Child Care Provider	Kathryn Steed
Youth and Family Ministry	Rev. Todd Campbell Jr.
Children's Ministry	Gregory Ennis
Handbell Choir Director	Kathy Szydlo
Custodian	Arturo Rosas Avila
Information & Worship Technology Consultant	Jesse Steed
Treasurer	John Stull (Volunteer)

Retired Clergy: Wayne Abdella, Carl Caskey,  
Richard Collman, Jeanne Martin, Dick Waters,  
Mary Keen, Gordon Orde,  
Clay Oglesbee, Melvin Henrichs