

United Methodist Herald

October 2023



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October Worship

Life is not a Game: when the rules of the game aren't enough to live by.

October 1 - Risk
World Communion Sunday
Matthew 24:1-8
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

October 6 - Jenga
Matthew 16:21-27
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

October 15 - Memory
Matthew 17:20-24
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

October 22 - Chess
Matthew 22:15-22
Rev. Jerad Morey

October 29 - Trivial Pursuit
Matthew 22:34-46
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. Authorization forms are available on our website northfieldumc.org or by emailing northfieldumc@gmail.com.

General Fund August 2023 contributions \$18,366.66
General Fund August 2023 contributions \$30,001.66

General Fund YTD 2023 contributions \$237,013.28
General Fund YTD 2022 contributions \$234,474.74

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

Co-Chairs: Kevin Dahle and Pierce Follansbee-Delong

Treasurer: Dave Wolf

Secretary and Communications: Carolyn Seas

SPRC Liaison: Sara Newberg

At-Large Members: Jessy Hoffer, Allie Lyman, Warren Winkelman, Bruce Benson, Thalia Duffield, Crystal Greenfield

Super Wednesday Community Meals

Food for the soul and the stomach!

5:30-6:30 on Wednesdays during the program year.

October 4 menu: Pizza, deluxe salad bar and apple crisp.

Watch our Facebook page and our website for future menus and any cancelations due to weather.

(NOTE: NUMC follows the policy of Northfield Public Schools for weather closures.)



Message from the Pastor

I didn't grow up in a gaming family. I have a few fuzzy memories of an early game of Yahtzee at the kitchen table, but most of our family time that we did have was spent in doing farm tasks. I had a friend who I would sometimes play Monopoly with at sleepovers, but we would abandon the game once Saturday Night Live came on TV. Beyond that, any games I played were either sports (basketball, volleyball, and an ill-fated stint on the local club softball team) or in a classroom setting toward some learning goal. My college social group, however, had a number of gamers that introduced things Cranium, Scattergories, Catchphrase, and other party games to my experience. Seminary had LOTS of gamers, so we had a number of game nights that would go late on a Friday (never a Saturday, we all had Sunday gigs to get to early). Still, the games were primarily social and party games that stretched well or adapted to a mixed group pf people without too much fuss.

Then I married into a family of gamers. The Moreys go DEEP on gaming. Jerad has an uncle who for years hosted monthly game nights, and they would host up to 30 people for games as varied as Guitar Hero on the Nintendo Wii in the basement for kids (to my sadness, because I absolutely dominate at Guitar Hero, and I didn't want to be "that adult") to complex role playing games for the serious folks in the living room, and many things in between. My father-in-law has a gaming group he has been in for decades that meets every Friday night. For that family, gaming has been both a means of connection internally and a mode of interacting with friends externally. So Jerad and I figured out what games work best for us over the course of the years - as a couple, Scrabble and 7 Wonders: Duel often won the day. As parents, we have a broad array of family games that require little setup (Dixit, Apples to Apples) and complicated things that take a full afternoon (Arabian Nights, Colt Express, and Evolution: Climate). During the height of COVID, board games - sometimes played with other households via Zoom - were lifesavers for social contact.

What games have been part of your family or social fabric? Many of you are in card groups (which I learn about when I try to set up a visit during bridge group!), some of you are into table tennis, others have family games that come out primarily at holidays or "up at the cabin." Maybe sports are the only spaces you have played games. Or maybe you, like me, didn't have much of that growing up... or perhaps that's a memory that you hold dear from time with family in years past.

Archaeologists have found table games in ancient Egypt and a famously brutal ball game in Aztec ruins in which losers would be executed. Humans have long created artificial spaces with artificial rules and artificial ends as part of social interaction and helping understand - or teach - how the world works (or at least how the game designer believes the world works.) This has value to a point. But the truth is that life is not a game, and - as anyone has followed all the rules and still gotten kicked in the teeth by life can attest - sometimes winning just means surviving with some integrity intact to face another day.

Our fall worship series looks at some of the more well-known games, the lessons they teach, the rules they follow, and pairs them with parables from Jesus where we see him challenging our expectations of how the world works. The hope is that this will allow all of us to take a closer look at our own expectations and assumptions about how things work and what counts as "winning" in the first place.

Our family will keep playing games - old and beloved, new and challenging - because we find that's a good way for us to be together, off screens, and sharing time as ages and interests change. Also, each game offers some insight into how each of us operates and the assumptions we bring to the table. That's all to the good. And then there's a point in time where we need to put the board, dice, and pieces away, and get back to the business of life in all its messy, rule-defying glory. We win when we do this with love and grace and humility, Christ-like in our family interactions and with folks we are blessed to find as part of our broader community.

Blessings,
Rachel



You are Invited to the Adult Forum on Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 (after worship)

Evelyn Burry, Rich Graves and Judy Tonolli, members of the Northfield ISAIr Leadership Team, will be leading the group in celebrating justice work achieved in the 2023 legislative session and in shaping the agenda for the 2024 state legislative session and at the city and county level. This is your opportunity to influence next steps for ISAIr's justice work

- What does our community need?
- How are people hurting?
- Where are the gaps in service?

Think broadly – climate, environment, health and mental health care, broadband, housing, etc. Based on finding from many of these conversations, ISAIr will shape its agenda for the next year. We look forward to our time together. Hope to see you there!

FAMILY ministry

For September-May, we invite our youngest disciples into both Sunday and Wednesday opportunities for fellowship, faith development, and fun. For more information: info@northfieldumc.org

Sundays

10:00am - Children's Church (5th grade and under) in Nursery immediately following the children's message.

Super Wednesdays

3:30-5:30pm - KC3 (Kids Creating Community Through Christ) for our grade school kids, K-5th grade.

5:30-6:30pm - Community Meal (ALL are welcome - free will donation)

6:30pm-8pm - Youth Group (6th-12th grade) in the youth room.

10th & 11th Grade Confirmation

October 8, 10:30am - Noon

Confirmands will meet after church to expand upon plans for the November 12 confirmation worship service.

10th & 11th Grade Confirmation

November 5, 10:30am - Noon

Confirmands will put the finishing touches on, and rehearse for, the November 12 confirmation worship service.

SALT Pumpkin Carving Party

Wednesday October 25, 6:00-8:00pm

Bring the pumpkins, but leave the mess with us! SALT (Serving and Learning Together) will provide carving equipment and templates and some extra pumpkins - feel free to bring your own or carve one we have on hand.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday October 29, 11:00am-12:00pm

(WEATHER PERMITTING) Decorated cars and trunks around the parking lot will hand out candy and offer games and prizes for trick or treaters! Also, visit the Cutest Li'l Haunted House in Northfield (TM). Need more info? Contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Gregory Ennis: info@northfieldumc.org.

Back to School Party Hosted by NUMC a Success!

Approximately 120 people enjoyed the fun at our August 26th Back to School Splash party which included several vendors, a bounce house, water slide, brats and root beer floats!





Notes from the Parish Nurse

National Dental Hygiene Month (NDHM) has been observed every October since 2009 when it was launched to celebrate the work of dental hygienists and raise awareness of the importance of good oral health. "An essential component to our overall wellbeing, good oral hygiene is one building block of a healthy lifestyle." www.adha.org The focus is on preventative oral health. Routine teeth cleanings aren't just for cosmetic reasons. They can affect total body health. Good oral health is important and can be assisted by taking the following three steps in a regular oral health routine. This routine can have a significant impact on oral and overall health.



1. **BRUSH:** The magic number is "2." Tooth brushing for two minutes, two times a day helps reduce biofilm and prevent cavities, gingivitis (inflammation of the gums), and related diseases. During the 2 minutes, each of the 4 quadrants of the teeth should be brushed for 30 seconds. Brushing one's tongue is also very important as bacteria grows there easily.
2. **FLOSS:** It removes biofilm and food particles that cannot be reach by a toothbrush. Some news coverage about flossing says there is a lack of research to support the importance of flossing. Because dental professionals still think it is important, they say more research needs to be done to prove that this technique IS important in daily tooth care.
3. **RINSE:** Doing so with an antimicrobial alcohol-free mouth wash helps to eliminate biofilm and bacteria that have been missed with brushing and flossing. This is important since teeth take up less than ½ of one's mouth and other areas of the mouth need to be cared for too. Mouthwash can also help to eliminate bad breath.

It is important to remember that what is learned in this article or on the website is information that should be confirmed with your own dentist or dental hygienist. Individual care and decision making about your teeth by someone who knows your dental health is paramount.

VALUABLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

(Open to members of all Faith Communities in Northfield)

What: Emergency Preparation/Refresher Course
(no certification available)

Date: Monday, October 16, 2023

Time: 6:30-8:00 PM

Location: St. Dominic Catholic Church (Social Hall),
104 Linden Street North

Topics to be Covered: AED, CPR, Naloxone,
"Stop the Bleed"

Facilitators: a local EMT and ER physician





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HolyLand**

Micah 6:8



Olive Oil for Sale

Palestinian organic, fair trade,
extra virgin olive oil.

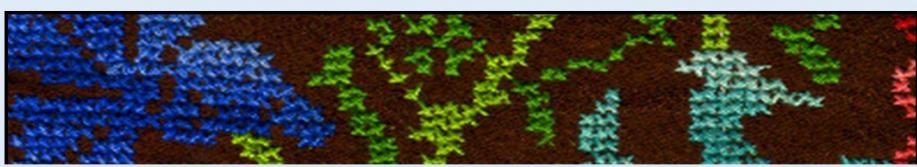
500 ml/16.5 oz for \$20.00

750 ml/25.4 oz. for \$25.00

Now available in the church office

We are currently well stocked
with olive oil.

"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



Come celebrate MICAH's 10th Anniversary!

**Enjoy an evening of
Palestinian food and music!**

Speakers: Fred Rogers and Jenny Hartley

"From Northfield to Ramallah: Experiencing Life in Palestine"

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

5:30—7:00 pm

**Northfield United Methodist Church
1401 Maple Street, Northfield MN**

Tickets: Adult \$20.00, Child \$10.00

Reservations required

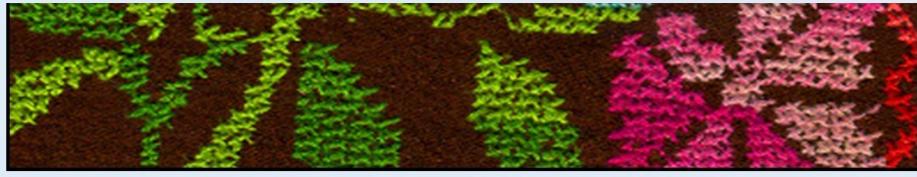
**Tickets available after Sunday worship
and on Super Wednesday evenings**

Meal catered by Mediterranean Cruise Café

Co-sponsored by: Northfielders for Justice in Israel/Palestine

For tickets or questions, contact Darlene Cox

darlenebccox@gmail.com or 507-649-7319





United Women in Faith August Meeting Dates:

October 2, 2023 - UWF Executive Board meeting - 3:00 Fellowship Hall

October 9, 2023 - Esther Circle – 1:00 PM Happy Harvest!

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

Mugs and Muffins – October 16, 2023 – 9:00 AM - Northfield UMC church library.

Website: UWFaith.org – National UWFaith

mnconfumw.com – Minnesota UWFaith

United Women in Faith Support KC3 Bus

United Women in Faith is using their December fundraiser to help finance the KC3 (Kids Creating Community in Christ) bus which brings students to NUMC from Bridgewater Elementary School on Wednesday afternoons. We are announcing this early because of the lead time needed to make craft items for sale. This is our opportunity to support ministry with children through our church; we can see the face of Jesus in every child!

Calling all Crafters

On December 3rd we will be having a Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale. We are looking for homemade items that you would be willing to donate. Here are some item ideas for you to make:

Sewing: Placemats, table runners, pot holders, eye glass cases or phone cases

Needlework: Scarves, hats, mittens

Woodworking: Cutting boards, bookends, toys

Gifts for children, teachers, family, friends

So many possibilities – **Do these ideas whet your creative appetite?** It is early but a good time to start some projects.

Would you consider contributing? More information about the Bazaar will follow. Questions? Call or email Lin Wolf at 612-532-1467 or lin_wolf@charter.net

Thank You to all our apple Angels!

Three orchards donated apples. **Trump Orchard in Faribault, MN; Fireside Orchard in Northfield, MN; and Nelson's Apple Farm in Webster, MN.**

The **Newberg, Soltis, and Paulson families** donated apples from their apple trees.

Family Fare Grocery and Cub Foods donated pie ingredients. **Fareway Supermarket** in Faribault, MN sold us 40 - 9" deep dish pie shells at cost. Please thank them all when you are there.

Apple Pie Makers were Linda Betzold, Thalia Duffield, Ilse Jones, Roseanne Galegher, Connie Hehling, Peg Jennings, Carol Nelson, Nancy Paddleford, Marge Randolph, Catherine Williams, Marcia Wills, Lin Wolf.

We just met our goal of \$750 for Emma Norton Services. Thank you to God's Angels.

Alliance Stamp Ministry All types of cancelled postage stamps & **Stamp Collections** are accepted. Put them in the box in Fellowship Hall. This is an ongoing ministry.



IT Tech Corner

By Jesse Steed

Online Scam Catch Phrases

"Are you Kelly?"

"Did you get my message about the party tonight?"

"Grandma, this is your grandson and I need help!"

Scam artists use all kinds of tools to trick you. They use scare tactics, generous offers, requests for help, intentional wrong numbers, masquerades, attractive photos, and more. It seems like there's something new every day. What isn't new is that every attempt is designed to elicit a response. The best way to protect yourself is to not engage at all and simply delete, block, and report the attempt. Recently, I've heard some people say that they only answer phone calls if the caller has been entered in their phone address book. When they didn't answer my call, I left a message and they called me back. Others configured their email program to only show messages from senders entered into their email address book while filtering out all other messages. These practices are very strong protections from scams but nothing can protect you from yourself. Remaining vigilant and thinking critically about every communication and notification you receive is the best protection against the next new way to try to trick you into a dangerous position online or on your phone.



Mission Sewing Project

Sewers Needed! For Mission Sewing Project

Mission Sewing is making diapers, shorts and tank tops for boys to be given to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. We have diapers, tops and shorts cut out, ready to sew. The tank tops are made with a serger. Let Dorothy Orde know if you can help with this project.

Mission Sewing is busy getting quilts finished so we will be able to donate many different places. Some of the places we donate to are Masonic Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Emma Norton Services, the Key, Operation Joy.



Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will meet on October 16th at 9AM in the church library. We are continuing our study of the "Boys of the Bible Quilt Block Series." We will be studying Thaddeus, The Zealot, and Malachi.

New members and guests are always welcome.



♪ Calling all Singers! ♪

Have you heard? Starting in late October, there will be a new adult choir! We will rehearse Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:15, and sing for worship one Sunday per month. We hope you will join us! If you would like to be part of this new choir, please e-mail Debbie Miller, Choir@northfieldumc.org

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



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.

Card Making with Margie

Monday, October 16, 2023

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.



Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

November Herald Newsletter Deadline

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

Noon on Monday, October 23, 2023

Please submit your items for the newsletter in a digital format (word document) to northfieldumc@gmail.com.

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NOW HIRING: Youth and Family Ministries Director

We are hiring a Youth and Family Ministries Director to maintain momentum in our youth program. If you know someone with good administrative and interpersonal skills and a love of God and ALL God's children - especially middle school and high school youth - then please invite them to [apply for this position!](#)



Church Office Hours
Mon.- Thurs.,
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday - 8:00 - noon

NUMC Scholarship Committee:

Thank you so much for the generous amount of money for my school. This helps more than you know and I am so grateful. I am loving it down there and am attending a Methodist Church in Lincoln that I love. I can't thank you all enough! Ruby Holman

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

Now that Super Wednesdays are back in full swing it's a good time for a refresher course on the NUMC Compost/Recycling policy. Church policy requires that supplies used for meetings/events be compostable or recyclable, but we know it can get confusing which container is for which items, so here's a little hint that might help with that...the containers are color coded!

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

Recycling goes in the **BLUE** container.

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

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

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

Bats: Friend or Foe?

It is a bit awkward to be giving a tour of meeting space at the church to an organization who would like to hold an event here at NUMC and have the person say "did you know there is a bat hanging in your hallway above the entrance to the church?" Yep, that happened. Enter our resident "batman" Arturo to humanely remove the bat and relocate it outside where it belongs. Arturo has gotten very good at bat removal. He even has a "bat removal" kit which includes gloves, a garbage can and plastic bags. Arturo has bat removal down to a science since he has had to perform this duty on several occasions as bats seem to find their way into the NUMC building often and require relocation to a more suitable place, such as outside.

I like to write about the various animals and critters that call the NUMC campus home, however, I wouldn't say that bats are one of my favorite creatures that frequent the NUMC campus. While not the cutest (depending on your perspective) or most cuddly (not recommended) of God's creatures, they are actually very important to the balance of our environment and ecosystem. Bats can easily enter a building through a small opening in an attic, wall space, chimney or through open doors and windows. When you spot a bat, typically the first instinct is to reach for a broom or some blunt object to harm the bat, but bats should always be removed to a suitable location humanely. Bats play an essential role in pest control, pollinating plants and dispersing seeds. While many bats eat insects, others feed on nectar and provide critical pollination for a variety of plants like avocados, mangoes, peaches, cloves, bananas and agaves. In fact, bats are the sole pollinator for the agave plant, a key ingredient in tequila! Bat colonies consume thousands of mosquitoes and other pests every night, lessening the need for pesticides and bug spray. Although Minnesota's bats do not aid directly in plant pollination, they do feed on a host of agricultural pests that damage crops and forests, providing an estimated \$3 billion in ecosystem benefits annually in the U.S. alone.

Unfortunately, bats are declining across the globe. Many are needlessly killed because people do not understand the important role they play in a healthy ecosystem. The loss of habitat and disruptions during hibernation are also detrimental to the bat population. They only have one baby (pup) per year so repopulating is a slow process. Making matters worse, a fungal disease called white-nose syndrome has claimed the lives of millions of bats and has spread across North America at an alarming rate.

Bats are actually our friends, even though we tend not to realize it. Bats are nothing to be afraid of, and we definitely shouldn't be trying to get rid of them. They are amazing creatures. Bats can live more than 30 years and fly at speeds of 60 miles per hour or more. They can eat up to 1200 mosquitoes an hour and often consume their body weight in insects every night. Bats can find their food in total darkness by emitting inaudible high-pitched sounds, 10-20 beeps per second, and listening to echoes. This is called echolocation. By using echolocation, they bounce sounds off the objects around them, creating a three-dimensional picture in their brain. Studying the echolocation in bats has led to advancements in the ways visually impaired people can navigate!

What can you do to help bats?

- **Turn off unnecessary lights and watch for bats.** Light pollution can disrupt or deter bats.
- **Promote natural habitat around your home.** Leave dead and dying trees in areas where they don't create a hazard - they may be used as roosting sites for bats! Create a garden to help attract insects that pollinate plants and feed bats.
- **Feed hungry bats by minimizing the use of pesticides in your yard.** A single bat can eat up to 3,000 insects in a single night!
- **Provide shelter by installing a bat box.** Providing shelter for bats is a great way to promote a healthy environment.
- **Avoid disturbing bats.** Stay out of caves and mines where bats are hibernating in winter.
- **Remove unwanted bats humanely.** If a bat accidentally flies into your home, remove it safely without harming the bat.

Simply left alone, bats are harmless and highly beneficial. They are fascinating creatures, vital to the balance of nature around the world. Like most wild animals, bats prefer to avoid contact with humans. But in situations where bats and humans come into close proximity, it is important to understand how to prevent negative outcomes for both. Unfortunately, bats are the leading cause of rabies deaths in people in the United States. People and domestic animals should avoid contact with bats. Rabies can spread to people from bats after even a minor bite or scratch. If you know you've been bitten or scratched by a bat wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and seek immediate medical attention. If possible, the bat should be captured and sent to a laboratory for rabies testing.

Who knew the bat played such an important role in the lives of humans? God's world does not depend on us fully understanding it for it to be remarkable and amazing. The bat is truly a remarkable creature that was put here for a specific purpose. While it may scare us at times, once we take a closer look we find that bats truly are our friends. After a little research, I have a new respect for bats. I may still cringe and call Arturo for bat removal when I come across one in the hallways of NUMC, but I'll do it with a new found respect for one of God's most misunderstood creatures. - Sandy Vesledahl, NUMC Office Administrator



Meet Arturo!

Birthdate: August 20, 1971

Family: wife Noemi Ortiz de Rosas (married 2001), and children Emilia (23), Guillermmina (18), London (15), and Daleyza Rae (6).



Arturo, who has been cleaning and assisting with facilities needs at NUMC full time since 2018, grew up in Mexico, splitting time between family homes in Maltrata (in the mountains, which have a cooler weather pattern at 3 thousand meters above sea level) and Veracruz (a bustling city right on the ocean where it never gets cold!). He grew up with eleven brothers and sisters and came to the United States in 1999. After a short stop in Hollandale, MN, he and Noemi (Mimi to those who know her!) were married in Albert Lea, MN, in 2001. They later moved to Dundas/Northfield, where they raised their family.



He has worked in a variety of factories and packing plants, often working second and third jobs -he came to us after working for ServiceMaster here in Northfield, cleaning for a wide variety of businesses and organizations. As those who help out around the NUMC campus know, he is an immensely helpful soul who pitches in to whatever odd projects the church has going any given day - from cleaning up after Super Wednesday chaos to weeding the playground by the south entrance.



You will see Arturo pictured in another article in this issue about bats - he says he has seen bats in nearly every room in the church building (!). He has become our resident bat-removal specialist, and has managed to humanely remove a number from the building without too much fuss.



Arturo has a remarkable story of his journey to the US and to us here at Northfield UMC - we are blessed to have him on the NUMC team! When asked if there's something he would want the congregation to know, he shared that sometime he would love to bring his family to church here (Mimi works as the administrator at Bethel Lutheran Church, so Sundays are very busy around the De Rosas home.) When you see him around the church, make sure to say "hello!", and if you have a few words of Spanish, he is quite patient with folks trying out speaking Spanish for the first time.



Eugene Lyman received the Joseph Lee Heywood Distinguished Service Award during the 2023 Defeat of Jesse James Days celebration for his many years of service to the Northfield community.

Gene and Elaine rode through the Grand Parade in style!



Pastor Rachel offers a prayer at the Joseph Lee Heywood Graveside Ceremony to kick off the 2023 Defeat of Jesse James Days 75th Anniversary celebration and also gives the invocation before the Joseph Lee Heywood Distinguished Service Award Banquet.



Because every picture has a story to tell...



SALT Youth led us in service to prepare for the upcoming school year's programs by painting the lower half of the gym. Thanks to all who helped!

Before and after photos of the gym wall which received a badly needed coat of paint.



It's apple pie season and the UWF group spent a full day peeling apples and mixing ingredients to make pies for their annual pie sale. \$750 was raised through the sale of pies for Emma Norton Services.

Thank you to our visuals team for the awesome display for our Back to School Worship Series - Life is NOT a Game!



While a virtual Sandy greeted church office visitors, Office Administrator Sandy Vesledahl who is also the Treasurer for the Defeat of Jesse James Days spent the week of the annual celebration covering those duties plus acting as the liaison to the DJJD committee for the appearances of the World Famous Clydesdales. (she loved every minute of being around those horses, just ask her, she'll tell you all about it) She even got to ride in the semi that hauls these beautiful horses around the country.

Hunter Railey changes banners in the Fellowship Hall in preparation for the start of the fall season.





OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:00 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Youth Mission Trip - Adult Forum	2 3:00 UWF Board mtg. 6:00-8:00 Community Reservation 7:00 Community Reservation	3 9:00 Bible Study	4 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation Super Wednesday 3:30-5:30 KC3 5:30 Shared Meal 6:15 Adult Choir 6:30 Youth Fellowship 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Open Gym	5 12:00 Community Reservation	6 8:00 Men's Breakfast	7 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
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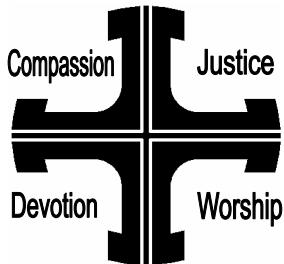
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