

# United Methodist Herald

May 2024



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## May Worship

May 5

Celebration of Holy Communion

Acts 11:1-18

Rev. Jerad Morey

May 12 - United Women in Faith Sunday

Psalm 2

Ephesians 3:14-21

Rev. Donna Buell

May 19 - Pentecost

Farewell Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

Rev. Jerad Morey

(reception following worship service)

May 25

Luke 8:22-25

Rev. Dick Waters



## 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.

<b>General Fund March 2024 contributions \$22,266.66</b>
<b>General Fund March 2023 contributions \$17,168.66</b>

<b>General Fund YTD 2024 contributions \$87,395.98</b>
<b>General Fund YTD 2023 contributions \$64,511.98</b>

## Treasurer's Report for March 2024

### General Fund

The Community Resource Bank checking account balance at the end of March was \$31,831.95. This is a decrease of \$22,990.15 from the end of February balance of \$54,822.10. Due to cash flow, only January and February apportionments have been paid.

Monthly Offering Income for March was \$22,266.66. YTD Actual Offering Income was \$87,395.98 which is \$22,884.00 more than YTD Last Year but \$12,604.02 less than a straight-line YTD Budget of \$100,000.00. General Fund Income Total for March was \$24,720.34. Other Income Totals of \$2,453.34 came from Interest Income, Super Wednesday Meal Proceeds and Regular Facility Usage. General Fund YTD Actual Income was \$97,623.89 which is \$26,888.41 more than YTD Last Year but \$6,813.70 less than a straight-line YTD Budget of \$104,437.59.

Monthly Expense Totals for March were \$42,619.99. YTD Actual Expense Totals were \$108,093.32 which is \$1,167.82 less than YTD Last Year but \$19,191.17 more than a straight-line YTD Budget of \$88,902.15. YTD we are \$10,469.43 in the red, compared to \$15,535.44 we budgeted to be in the black.

### Physical Plant

Support from General Fund income for March was \$10,244.07. YTD Actual Income was \$29,656.29 and was made up of \$27,606.29 from General Fund Support for Physical Plant and \$2,050.00 from continuing contributions to the last Building Campaign. YTD Actual Expenses were \$37,871.70 which leaves a negative balance of \$8,215.41.

### Endowment Funds

At the end of December 2023 these funds totaled \$941,047.78 which includes \$334,802.54 that we owe ourselves. The YTD Balance at the end of March was \$964,187.35 which is a YTD gain of \$23,139.57. No distributions from the endowment funds have been taken yet this year.

## Northfield UMC Leadership Board - Wednesday March 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Bruce Benson, Carolyn Seas, Warren Winkelman, Kevin Dahle, Pierce Follansbee-Delong, Allie Lyman, Sara Newberg, Crystal Greenfield, Thalia Duffield, Dave Wolf, Jessy Hoffer, Pastor Rachel McIver-Morey

**Not Present:** none

**Meeting Called to order:** 5:30 pm by Pierce Follansbee-Delong

**NUMC Prayer**

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**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Kevin Dahle to approve the **Jan 31,2024** NUMC Board minutes. Allie Lyman seconded.  
**Approved as read.**

**Approval of Agenda:** Sara Newberg moved to approve the agenda. Allie Lyman seconded. **Agenda Approved.**

**Board Missional Responsibilities:**

**UMC Mission Statement: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

**NUMC Mission Statement: We are called, nurtured, and sent out for this purpose: To glorify God by acts of or devotion, worship, compassion, and justice.**

**Agenda items**

**Fiduciary**

**SPRC** (Closed Session )

**Finance – Treasurer's Report**

**General Fund**

The CRB checking account balance at the start of 2024 was \$47,795.27. The end of January balance was \$44,890.56 and increased to \$54,822.10 at the end of February. January apportionments of \$4,645.58 were paid.

Respective Monthly Offering Income for January and February were \$28,525.66 and \$36,603.66. YTD Actual Offering Income was \$65,129.32; \$17,786.00 more than YTD Last Year and \$1,537.38 less than YTD Budget of \$66,666.70. Respective General Fund Income Totals for January and February were \$35,080.70 and \$37,822.85. General Fund YTD Actual Income was \$72,903.55; \$23,129.34 more than YTD Last Year, and \$3,278.45 more than the YTD Budget of \$69,625.10. Other Income Totals of \$7,774.23 came from Interest Income, Super Wednesday Meal Proceeds and Regular Facility Usage

Respective Monthly Expenses for January and February were \$32,236.57 and \$33,236.76. YTD Actual Expense Totals were \$65,473.33; \$6,204.99 more than the YTD Budget of \$59,268.34.

YTD we are \$7,430.22 in the black, compared to \$10,356.76 we budgeted to be in the black at the end of February.

**Physical Plant**

Respective Monthly income (Support from General Fund) for January and February was \$9,359.07 and \$8,003.15. YTD Actual Income was \$18,862.22 and was made up of \$17,362.22 from General Fund Support for Physical Plant and \$1,500.00 from continuing contributions to the last Building Campaign. YTD Actual Expenses were \$25,784.71 which leaves a negative balance of \$6,922.49.

**Endowment Funds:**

At the end of December, these funds totaled \$941,047.78 which includes \$334,802.54 that we owe ourselves. The YTD Balance at the end of February was \$951,107.82 which is a YTD gain of \$10,060.04.

Dave Wolf made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Sara Newberg seconded, - **Motion Approved**

**Nominations –** The nominations committee is moving forward finding replacements for three outgoing members of the board. They will present confirmed names to the board at the May meeting.

**Ministry Items:**

**Back to School event**

Pierce confirmed that family ministries will hold the Back to School celebration on August 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be very similar to last year's event.

**Family ministry summer dates-** Gregory Ennis will be setting up “get to know you” dates with our new Pastor Donna.

A farewell reception for Pastors Rachel and Jerad will be held on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting**

**May 15, 2024, 5:30 pm.**

A motion was made by Kevin Dahle to adjourn and seconded by Sara Newberg.

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Seas

Secretary

# Message from the Pastor

From April 23-May 3, the much-delayed 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held in Charlottesville, VA. The last time this body gathered, it approved legislation that would prove an earthquake for our churches around the globe: codifying further exclusionary language regarding our siblings in the LGBTQIA+ community and deepening the hurt that had begun when the first version of this language was approved in 1972.

In the wake of this, the churches that comprise our denomination had two truths to address: the harm done locally by this language, and the fact that we were not going to be able to find a way to live across this difference as a denomination. Something would have to give.

And, in fact, much has given - in Minnesota, we passed open and affirming legislation of our own at our annual conference in 2019, and we have been living into that vision since. In our own congregation, we affirmed our choice to be inclusive in July of 2019 as well.

This General Conference has legislation before it to "regionalize" the church - as a global body, the logic goes, there are some things we simply can't do in concert. Some of this is related to very real legal differences from country to country (real estate laws, for example, vary widely and much of our current Book of Discipline is irrelevant outside the US in this regard), but much is related to how cultural differences play out in our common life together.

From a summary document from the Standing Committee (you

can find the full document and other resources here: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/partners/connectional-table/home/resources/legislation/regionalization-legislation>).

## SUMMARY

The Worldwide Regionalization legislation proposes the formation of eight Regional Conferences. Our current Central Conferences— Africa, Central and Southern Europe, Congo, Germany, Northern Europe, Philippines, and West Africa—are to be renamed Regional Conferences. A new Regional Conference will be created for the United States.

Each Regional Conference will have authority to maximize the effectiveness of their mission and ministry by adapting portions of The Book of Discipline.

Regions would not have the authority to adapt Parts I through V of The Book of Discipline, which contains tenets of our faith – our Constitution, Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task, Christian ministry, and Social Principles.

In addition to this regional change, there is proposed legislation to remove the exclusive language currently held in our Social Principles, which would end the long-held tension between our language and theology of grace and the practice of holding that some groups of people are somehow not "enough" for the work of the church.

We have all (I hope) learned some humility about predicting how these votes will go; certainly, after 20-25% of our denomination's churches have disaffiliated, the math has changed. Whatever happens at the general conference level, Northfield UMC's commitment as contained in our welcome statement (included in this Herald) will remain, and your lay leadership and incoming clergy will do as they have always done - discern wisely and well how this church is called to respond to this and other events in the world and church.

Blessings, Rachel (pastor emerita)



## Pastors Rachel and Jerad Farewell Reception Sunday, May 19th

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19th to celebrate the Morey family as they depart Northfield UMC for new adventures (and a new house!) in the Twin Cities. During the nine years of their service to NUMC, we have walked many difficult journeys together, shared many joys and watched AJ and Heron grow up before our eyes! The NUMC Board invites you to gather to celebrate, give thanks and, yes, grieve a little. Join us for worship service at 9:30 am, refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the service at 10:30 am with a program at 11:00 am.

Looking for more family ministries information?  
Contact the church office at [info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org).

## DATE REMINDERS

Final Super Wednesday: May 1

Final Children's Church: May 5

Nursery care for young children will continue to be offered on Sundays throughout the summer.

## Speaking of summer. . . Save the Date!

As NUMC welcomes a new pastor this summer, there will be opportunities specifically for families to meet, greet, and get to know Pastor Donna! On **Thursday, June 20, from 5:00-8:00** we will have a Methodist night at the Northfield Old Memorial Outdoor pool. Please join us for swimming, pizza for dinner and fun. This is open to parents, KC3, middle and high school students! See you there!

## Kids ages 8-12: Sign up for Trailblazers

July 21-24, Camp Koronis, Paynesville

All kids aged 8-12 years are invited to go to Trailblazers at Camp Koronis can sign up at [Campminnesota.org](http://Campminnesota.org). Talk to Gregory Ennis about scholarship opportunities so that everyone who wants to can attend.

## Graduation Sunday

On June 9, we will celebrate our seniors, Griff Dahle and John Newberg, and we will announce scholarships. There will also be cake!

## Game and Movie Night

**Monday, July 22, from 5:00-8:30** we will have a game and movie night at the church! Board games, outside time/gym time followed by a movie and pizza! KC3, middle and high school students and families please join us. Students can be dropped off but parents are welcomed and encouraged to stay for the fun.

## 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!](#)

**Youth bowling party!** 12 NUMC youth went bowling on April 19th at Flaherty's Northfield Lanes.





The Minnesota legislative session is rapidly coming to a close. Legislators have been working long days – sometimes from 9 in the morning until 10 at night! Some single-issue bills are still being considered, but many issues are being combined into omnibus bills while others, in which House and Senate versions differ, are being negotiated in committees of representatives from both houses. The final day of the session is May 20.

ISAIAH advocates have been working hard to get positive action on its priorities. There have been some successes and some disappointments. Where there was a success, we will propose a further step towards justice in 2025. Where a proposal has languished, we will try again next year. Proposals that do not require major funds have had the most success.

- While a next step toward the Minnesota Care Public Option has stalled, a Commission for Equitable Health Care Service bill, to assess access to care, is still in process.
- Voting rights and access bills have had good support, but support for child care improvements have stalled.
- Geo-thermal energy community network pilots are likely, but action on affordable housing solutions are not likely.
- A Medical Debt Fairness Act – to lessen the impact of medical debt on credit ratings, access the care, and wage garnishment – is still under consideration.

Join other United Methodists and people of other faiths in work for economic and racial justice and for a caring economy. For more information and to join in the advocacy work through the NUMC team of ISAIAH-MN, contact Evelyn Burry at [evelynburry@hotmail.com](mailto:evelynburry@hotmail.com), 507-581-4684.



## IT Tech Corner

By Jesse Steed

Our church uses Google Workspace, but did you know that your church committee or ministry can use it too?

You can use Google products like Drive, Calendar, Forms, and more! Collaborate with fellow committee members to work efficiently in committees and teams and streamline project management and event planning. Everything from monthly meetings to easily storing minutes and beyond. Use Google Groups as an email list and easily share content to groups of users in one fell swoop. Use Google Calendar to create a calendar event, invite people, include links to agendas, documents, locations, and more. Use Google Forms to make a signup, RSVP, application form, etc. Link the form to a spreadsheet and share access to others. To learn more about how your church committee or team can benefit from Google Workspace, contact Jesse at [jsteed@northfieldumc.org](mailto:jsteed@northfieldumc.org).



## Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will meet on May 20th. We are continuing the “Boys of the Bible Quilt Block Series.” In May we will be studying Artaxerxes, Ezra, and Job.

New members and guests are always welcome. We will meet in the church library at 9 AM.



## Mission Sewing Project

Mission Sewing is working hard to meet their goal of having 30 quilts done by early December to donate to Operation Joy.

We also are working on items for Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

We are always looking for more people to help meet our goals. Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 22 to tie quilts and start other projects. We meet at 9AM in Room 120.



# Notes from the Parish Nurse

Myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as chronic fatigue syndrome, “is a serious, long-term illness that affects many body systems.” ([www.cdc.gov/me-cfs](http://www.cdc.gov/me-cfs)) People affected by this illness often cannot partake in their usual activities, experience severe fatigue along with sleep problems, and might even be confined to bed. World-wide about 17 million people, which includes 2.5 million Americans, suffer from ME/CFS. Many people though are undiagnosed due to the complex nature of the illness. Most commonly, young to middle-aged adults are affected and women are four times more likely than men to have the illness. The occurrence of this disease often happens suddenly and can last for years.

The cause of ME/CFS is unknown, but many theories have been proposed and there could be a combination of factors. Genetics might be a factor as ME/CFS appears to run in some families. And some people are born with a higher likelihood of developing the disease. Viral or bacterial infections, physical or emotional trauma, or the body being unable to convert nutrients (fats and sugar) into energy might also be possible causes.

ME/CFS is a complicated disorder that is difficult to diagnose. No single test can confirm a diagnosis; a variety of medical tests to rule out other health problems need to be performed. There are many overlapping symptoms between illnesses and symptoms can mimic those of many other health problems. Extreme fatigue must have lasted for a least 6 months for a diagnosis to be made. Also “symptoms worsen with physical or mental activity, but don’t improve with rest.” ([www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org))

Symptoms vary from person to person, and their severity fluctuates from day to day. Some symptoms associated with ME/CFS are listed below.

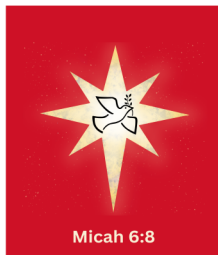
- Extreme fatigue and weakness, or extreme exhaustion after physical or mental exercise
- Problems with memory or thinking skills (“brain fog”), or inability to concentrate
- Insomnia, or trouble falling asleep, or unrefreshing sleep
- Muscle or joint pain
- Forgetfulness or confusion
- Tender lymph nodes, low grade fever, chills or night sweats, sore throat, or headaches
- Sensitivity to light, sounds, smells
- Depression or mood swings
- Orthostatic intolerance (light-headed, dizzy, or weak when sitting up or standing)
- Visual changes such as blurring vision or seeing spots
- Allergies and sensitivities to food or chemicals and digestive upsets
- Irregular heartbeat, shortness of breath

There is no cure for ME/CFS, but treatment focuses on symptom relief. Deep breathing, muscle relaxation, massage, and movement therapy such as stretching, yoga, or tai chi, are often found to be helpful. They can reduce stress and anxiety and promote a sense of well-being. The goal is to remain active without overdoing. A variety of medications might be prescribed depending on symptoms. They might include pain, blood pressure, heart rhythm, corticosteroids, or antidepressant medications. Dietary supplements and herbal preparations and psychotherapy and supportive counseling, could also be helpful.

([www.hopkinsmedicine.org](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org))

## Myalgic Encephalomyelitis & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS)





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Care and  
Action for the  
HolyLand**



**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*

**To understand the root causes of the unrest in the Holy Land come to this event:**

**NAKBA** Remembering Palestine's 1948 Disaster  
**and Mothers' March** Walking in Solidarity  
**Saturday May 11, 2024**  
**1:00pm**  
**Bridge Square**  
Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel  
www.njpmn.org

The Nakba is the expulsion of over 750,000 Palestinians from their homes and land, and the destruction of Palestinian society during the creation of the State of Israel – a destruction that continues today – an ongoing Nakba.

*The Palestinian Nakba (catastrophe) of 1948 has been called the poisonous root of all that has plagued the Holy Land since that time, with a never-ending impact that pervades the Middle East and the entire world.*

Check out this video produced by United Methodists (umkr.org):

[Knowing the Nakba: The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine for the Creation of the State of Israel \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) – The video is linked from the Micah page on our church website.

To learn more about MICAH: [northfieldumc.org/micah](https://northfieldumc.org/micah)



**Olive Wood Hearts**

Need a nice gift for Mother's Day, Graduation or Confirmation?

To purchase olive wood hearts (\$5.00 each)  
Contact: [micah@northfieldumc.org](mailto:micah@northfieldumc.org).

These hearts are being sold in support of the olive wood carvers of Bethlehem who are suffering from the lack of tourism.





United Women in Faith

## “Happy Hearts” Quilt Raffle May/June 2 Emma Norton Restoring Waters - Open!

### United Women in Faith :Meeting Dates

May 6, 2024 – UWF Executive Board meeting – 3:00 Fellowship Hall

May 12, 2024 - UWF Sunday - Rev. Donna Buell speaking

May 13, 2024 - Esther Circle – 1:00 PM

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

May 20, 2024 - Mugs and Muffins – Church Library – 9:00 AM

Website: [UWFaith.org](http://UWFaith.org) – National UWFaith

[mnconfumw.com](http://mnconfumw.com) – Minnesota UWFaith

### UWFaith Happy Hearts Quilt Raffle



UWFaith has a goal of \$750 for Emma Norton’s operating budget this year. How can you help? Donations to our quilt raffle!

Quilt Raffle Tickets: \$2 for one ticket or \$5 for three tickets. Tickets will be sold starting May 5<sup>th</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Drawing is after worship June 2<sup>nd</sup>.



### Restoring Waters building is OPEN!!! Residents are moving in.

Restoring Waters & Nellie Francis Court Grand Opening and Open House - May 14, 2024 Open House and tours of Restoring Waters 4:30-7:00 PM. Location: 801 Mount Curve Blvd., St. Paul, MN. To purchase tickets visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/restoring-waters-nellie-francis-court-grand-opening-and-open-house-tickets-880918098747>

Restoring Waters will provide stability, growth, and healing to 60+ individuals and small families who have experienced homelessness. Nellie Francis Court will provide 75 apartments for low-income working individuals and families.

Tours of Restoring Waters begin in the lobby (4:30) and continue every 15 minutes with the last tour at 6:45 PM. Tours run approximately 20 minutes.

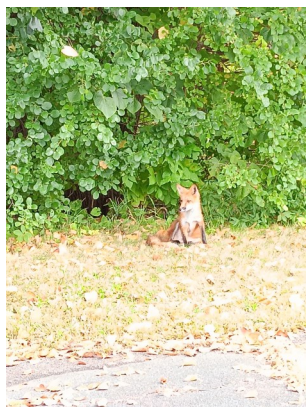
Alex Dalbey-Thomas communications specialist for Emma Norton Services says “Restoring Waters isn’t just a new and bigger building for Emma Norton residents and staff; it’s built specifically with trauma-informed design. Restoring Waters will have a designated space for a Living Room model. This means dignity and independence for residents, safety and privacy, inviting spaces and a sense of stability and security for everyone who walks through the doors.”

Each resident will have their own individual space with cooking facilities, bed, and a bathroom. If a woman is pregnant, the baby may stay with her in her private space.

**Emma Norton Residence, Restoring Waters**, capital campaign is in full swing. You are called to help lift the response over the top. Contact Shawna Nelsen-Wills, Advancement Dir. at [snelsen@emmanorton.org](mailto:snelsen@emmanorton.org) or call 651-251-2632.

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

## A Fox Among Us

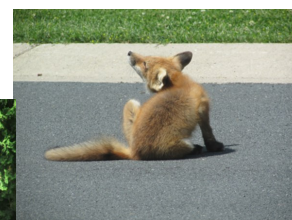
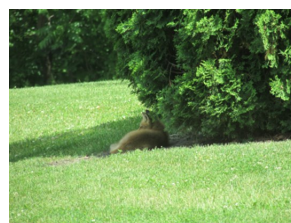


Have you ever seen our resident fox on the NUMC grounds? She has lived here for a few years and really makes herself at home. She doesn't bother anything or anyone and in fact probably helps us out by hunting rodents on the grounds. She likes to lay in the grass along the trees on the north side of the property or snoop around the wooded area behind the parsonage. She's so used to people, traffic and commotion around here that she really doesn't pay any attention to us. I see her occasionally when I arrive for work early in the morning and many folks have reported that they see her in the early evening hours on the church grounds. I enjoy seeing her and she always brings a smile to my face. She isn't frightened when she sees me in the mornings, she will trot a short distance away and watch while I get out of my car and walk into the church. I'm happy she finds the NUMC church



campus a safe space, but I'm also a bit sad that society has encroached so much on wildlife habitat. Foxes can easily adapt to human-dominated environments and she definitely has. She is truly an "urban fox" living within the city limits. She has figured out how to co-exist with us and that's what I love about the animal world. They are accepting and learn how to adapt to whatever the situation may be. Not always the case with humans.

A female fox has a territory that she will live in most of her life. NUMC is evidently this mother fox's territory as she has been around for a few years now. She typically has a litter of pups, or kits as they are called, each year and we are sometimes lucky enough to see them out playing or sleeping on the grounds. The three photos to the right are from a couple of years ago when she had a litter of three and they spent an entire morning playing and napping right outside the church office window. Those pups did not have a care in the world that day. What a gift from nature it was to experience watching them. As you can imagine, I didn't get much work done that day!



A female fox will give birth to her kits anytime from March-May so I thought it might be a good time to share some info about their habits during this time as you may see her on the grounds more frequently. Once she has her babies, she may look a bit haggard. (Most moms can probably relate to that). She will leave her babies during the day and hunt for food. If you see her out in the daytime hours just leave her alone as she is fine. There's a myth that if you see a fox around during the daytime hours, they must be sick. That is not true. In fact, most "urban foxes" are mostly seen during daylight hours, especially if they have babies to feed. When the kits are old enough, she will show them around and help to disperse them to find their own territories. You may see the pups without mom during this time, but she is always nearby watching them, just out of sight, until they are dispersed.

The actions and habits of animals intrigue me, we can learn so much from them. While we may enjoy watching them, we need to remember that they are wild animals and should be left alone, not feared but respected, co-existing with us in this space at NUMC and enjoyed from a distance. Animals and nature are gifts from God, and we are responsible for being good stewards of the earth and all of its inhabitants. – Sandy Vesledahl, Office Administrator

**NOTE:** In the March issue of the Herald Newsletter, I asked folks to send in photos of your pets and a few sentences about your pet and how they improve your life. I only received a couple of photos so I am holding those until the next Herald Newsletter in hopes more of you will email photos of your pets to [northfieldumc@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldumc@gmail.com). Deadline for the next newsletter is May 20<sup>th</sup>.



# 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)



## 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.

Our church will be sponsoring the Meals On Wheels for the Northfield community the week of June 17-22, Monday through Saturday. We



are seeking volunteers to be drivers to deliver the meals made by the hospital. It is a great service to get meals to those who need a good healthy meal. It only takes about an hour over the noon hour. You can volunteer 1 day or every day or as many as you want.

Please send Marie Beck an email at [Marieyvonne-beck@gmail.com](mailto:Marieyvonne-beck@gmail.com) or call her at 608-322-3596 with days of the week you would be available to help. If you have a preferred route color (blue, green, yellow, pink or orange) include that with your message. Thanks everyone. It is fun seeing people as you deliver these meals.

## Card Making with Margie

Tuesday, May 21, 2024  
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.



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

The church office will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

## SUPER WEDNESDAY MEALS

Wednesday evenings 5:30-6:30 pm

**FINAL SUPER WEDNESDAY - MAY 1**

Don't Miss the

**DEADLINE!**

## June/July Combined Herald Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the June/July combined issue of the Herald Newsletter is:

**Noon on Monday, May 20, 2024**

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

Late submissions will not be accepted.

## Vest Fest

Saturday May 18th, 2024  
4pm-7pm



VFW  
516 Division St.  
Northfield, MN 55057



Event will happen rain or shine

Funds raised will purchase protective vests for the Northfield Fire & Rescue and Northfield Hospital + Clinics Emergency Medical Services

- Fire and Rescue will have vehicles available for kids to explore.
- Emergency Medical Service will have an ambulance and a blood pressure check station.
- Food will be available for purchase with all profits going to Vest Fest.
- Protective vest will be on display.

Checks payable to: NAFRS (Northfield Area Fire Rescue Services)

Mail checks to:  
301 5th St W  
Northfield, MN 55057

QR payment code

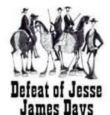


This fundraiser is strictly a monetary donation event

Sponsored by: VFW Post and Auxiliary 4393 & DJJD Committee



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



On Maundy Thursday we offered drop in communion and the opportunity for foot/hand washing in remembrance of the last supper



Pastor Jerad led the congregation in waving palms during the children's message.



Alleluia! We celebrated the resurrection on Easter morning with music and worship, food, and fellowship.



Easter brunch is a tradition we can all love - the NUMC church family gathered at the table for a beautiful morning of celebration. Proceeds from the brunch benefitted the youth program.



A human knot at youth group.

Youth group on the roof? Who let this happen?



# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation <b>Final Super            Wednesday</b> 3:30 KC3 5:30 Shared Meal 6:15 Adult Choir 6:30 Youth Fellowship 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Open Gym	<b>2</b> 12:00 Community Reservation	<b>3</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>4</b> 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
<b>5</b> 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:00 Final Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	<b>6</b> 3:00 UWF meeting 7:00 Community Reservation	<b>7</b> 9:00 Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation 6:15 Adult Choir 6:30 Handbell Choir	<b>9</b> 10:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	<b>10</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>11</b> 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
<b>12</b> 9:30 Worship - United Women in Faith Sunday 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 6:00-8:00 Community Reservation	<b>13</b> 10:00 MICAH mtg 1:30 Esther Circle - Kildahl 6:30 Community Reservation 7:00 Community Reservation	<b>14</b> 9:00 Bible Study	<b>15</b> 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation 5:30 NUMC Board 6:15 Adult Choir	<b>16</b> 12:00 Community Reservation 7:00 Renewal via zoom	<b>17</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>18</b> 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
<b>19</b> 9:30 Worship - Pentecost Farewell Sunday 10:30 Farewell Reception for Pastor Rachel & Pastor Jerad	<b>20</b> 9:00 Mugs and Muffins <b>Noon - Herald            Newsletter Deadline</b> 7:00 Community Reservation	<b>21</b> 9:00 Bible Study 2:30 Card Making with Margie 7:00 Facilities Team mtg	<b>22</b> 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation 6:15 Adult Choir	<b>23</b> 12:00 Community Reservation	<b>24</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>25</b> 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
<b>26</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day            Church            Building            Closed</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 Bible Study	<b>29</b> 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation	<b>30</b> 12:00 Community Reservation	<b>31</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>1</b> 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation

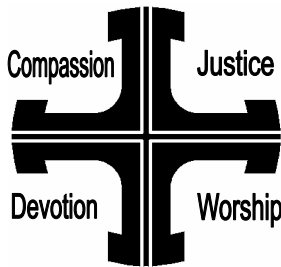
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For those that sign up, you will receive an e-mail directing you to a link to view the newsletter. If you have more than one member in the household that would like to receive this e-mail, please list them also.

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**

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Child Care Provider	Kathryn Steed
Children's Ministry	Gregory Ennis
NUMC Band	Dave Miller
Handbell Choir Director	Kathy Szydlo
Adult Choir	Deborah Rae Miller
Custodian	Arturo Rosas Avila
Information & Worship Technology Consultant	Jesse Steed
Treasurer	David Wolf (Volunteer)

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Richard Collman, Jeanne Martin, Dick Waters,  
Mary Keen, Gordon Orde, Clay Oglesbee,  
Melvin Henrichs, Dana Hauck