

United Methodist Herald

May 2023



Photo credit: Tim Freeland
2022 Spring bloom on the NUMC campus.

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May Worship

May 7
Celebration of Holy Communion
Acts 7:55-60
Rev. Todd Campbell, Jr.

May 14
Acts 17:22-31
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

May 21
Ascension Day & United Women in Faith Sunday
Rev. Pam Ngunjiri

May 28
Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
Rev. Rachel McIver Morey



NUMC WELCOME STATEMENT

We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and, as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, family status, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, socio-economic status, or age. We unreservedly support and affirm the full inclusion of persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities in all facets of ministry at Northfield UMC, including ordination and marriage. Following Christ's example, we open our hearts, minds, and doors to welcome all who come to us in God's grace.

FINANCE UPDATE

How to make tithes and offerings

You can make your tithes and offerings a few different ways:

1. Make automatic donations from your bank account.
Contact northfieldumc@gmail.com for a form.
2. Donate online using a credit card, by clicking on the GiveMN tab on the church website northfieldumc.org.
3. Drop a check in the offering basket during in person worship.
4. Mail a check to: Northfield United Methodist Church
1401 S. Maple St., Northfield, MN 55057

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving!

Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Please consider electronic giving.

Authorization forms are available on our website northfieldumc.org or by emailing northfieldumc@gmail.com.

General Fund March 2023 contributions \$17,168.66
General Fund March 2022 contributions \$34,471.66

General Fund YTD 2023 contributions \$64,511.98
General Fund YTD 2022 contributions \$95,695.44

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: 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

IN 2021, we began discerning together regarding the size and scope of our administrative structure. Coming through the pandemic we realized that we needed to right-size our administration if we wanted to free up human resources for ministry; additionally, the communication between four different administrative bodies that covered HR, facilities, finance, and nominations had only grown more difficult during the years of the COVID shutdown.

Toward that end, we worked together, using resources from the Minnesota Annual Conference and similarly sized churches, to restructure from four administrative bodies to two. We passed a probationary plan to try this at our November 2021 charge conference. January-June of 2022 we spent as a combined body, and then in July of 2022 a new at-large body, the NUMC Board, took the reins and began overseeing the ministry and administration of the church. We did so with the understanding that we would "live into" the new structure for a year, and finalize a plan for leadership in our summer 2023 charge conference.

The following document (pages 3-4) was approved by the NUMC Board on April 29th to put before the NUMC charge conference on June 25 (immediately following worship), our annual Leadership Sunday celebration. You are invited to review the document to prepare for the vote that day. - Blessings, Pastor Rachel

NUMC Single Board: Purpose, Structure, and Function

Background: The administrative council began exploring options in spring of 2021 for how we could better shape church governance for the future of ministry at Northfield UMC. This document was drafted by a task force (Pastor Rachel Morey, Bruce Dalgaard, and Catherine Williams) assigned to begin this work by the Administrative Council and is intended to create a concrete picture of what church governance for NUMC would look like if the functions of staff/parish relations, stewardship and finance, facilities, and elected leadership were held by a single body.

What would this do? Transition Staff/parish relations committee, stewardship/finance committee, and elected leader teams to a single team ("NUMC Board") of 11-13 members, an odd number in total, as duly elected by NUMC charge conference. "Trustees" will convert to a Facilities team, migrating their governance/legal obligations to the new board, but keeping the facilities upkeep as their ministry.

The NUMC Board is an at-large body, with a new class of 3-5 replacing an existing class of 3-5 each year. A member is elected to a three-year term. While the new elected class will be at large, one or two people will be elected as SPRC point persons, and one will be elected as treasurer. The facilities team chair will have voice but not vote. The chair, lay leader, SPRC, communication leader/secretary, and finance roles will all be voted on by the board itself. The board is charged with care and oversight of the functions and ministry of the church, ensuring that appropriate leadership is in place for the ministry priorities of the congregation. In the unfortunate event that a board member needs to be removed, it may happen by a 2/3 charge conference vote. Such action would be triggered by a 2/3 vote of the board itself. In the event of a resignation, a seat may be filled by appointment or election to fill the term. Terms will be limited to three years, with a necessary three-year gap in between terms of service for any one person.

Staff relationship to board: The lead pastor will function as the executive director of the organization, executing the vision as discerned by the collective body of the church and as expressed by the board. All other staff will be supervised by the lead pastor. The SPRC designees of the board will serve as liaisons should there be need for an intervention at the staff level. The board chair will serve as liaison for the pastor in the same case. The employee handbook of NUMC will serve as the basis for staff benefits, corrective actions, and other personnel matters. Staff may attend board meetings with voice, but they do not have vote.

Meetings: Meetings will be on a published schedule and open to the congregation, with a minimum of six of meetings per year. A quorum of 2/3 will be necessary for decisions, and the board cannot meet without the pastor present (per its SPRC function) unless there is written consent of the pastor or district superintendent. The minutes of the meetings will be available via publication in the Herald, excepting any confidential personnel matters (minutes held in the pastors' office). A closed meeting may be called for the following matters: personnel, litigation, arbitration, adversarial matters, attorney communication, personal member matters, contract negotiations, or investigations into wrongful conduct. Closed sessions are initiated by action of the board itself. Special meetings for urgent needs can be called by the chair and/or the pastor.

Relationship to other groups/teams/individual members in the church: all leadership in the UMC is elected. Each year 3-5 people will be needed to take on the mantle of leadership; if any group wants to put forward a candidate for the board, that will serve as a nomination at charge conference. Nominations can also come from the pastor, or from the membership at large at the charge conference for elected leadership. Nominations will be brought to the floor of a charge conference by June 30 of each year for election. Recognizing the importance of lay leadership and congregational ministry, any church group or individual member may have a voice at a board meeting, but only the duly elected members of the board may have a vote. Annually, the board will host an opportunity for the congregation to reflect on the vision and goals set, and to collectively discern God's intentions for the church. Teams and groups of the church will be asked to provide a report to the board via email or in person as appropriate to their scope and purpose. This will ensure the board's ability to coordinate calendar, mission, and fundraising priorities for the church.

New ministries emerge from many directions – from the Spirit at work in the church community, from the leadership of the congregation, or from outside opportunities presenting themselves in some way. The board is charged with ensuring that emerging ministries are within the vision and values of the church and discerning appropriate relationships with new groups and efforts, whatever direction they come from.

Decision making by the board: All decisions will be determined by a majority of those voting with a quorum of members in attendance. Either voice or ballot can be used as determined by the board chair. A simplified version of Robert's Rules of order will be used for board proceedings.

Budget and fundraising: The board will have final authority and responsibility to determine the budget for each fiscal year. If any ministry area has needs beyond what is budgeted, the board may determine adjustments as necessary. The facilities team representative will oversee the facilities budget and line items, and need only petition the board for more if the physical plant expenses will exceed the total allotment. Any capital or other fundraising campaigns will be need board approval, as well as any decision to take on debt.

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Ad hoc groups: For hiring, campaigns, or specific ministry objectives, the board may form ad hoc groups relevant to the task at hand that may be dissolved upon its completion. Ad hoc group members can be recruited from the wider congregation.

Relationship to the Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church: The district superintendent will meet annually with the board, and the board will complete clergy evaluations as mandated by the conference each fall. The board will ensure that our obligations to the wider church are met.

As the global church finds its way regarding separation, the board of NUMC will monitor the situation closely to ensure that NUMC congregation's wider connection reflects its vision and values, and the board will initiate any necessary processes toward that end.

Probationary year: July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Approved by NUMC Board: April 19, 2023,

Message from the Pastor

(Note: a version of this editorial was published in the Northfield news in March of 2018.)

Everyone is a good guy.

This requires some explanation.

When someone –in or outside my congregation - is struggling with some action that caused (or is causing) harm to someone else, I often find an eagerness to tell me just why it was the only right action, why it had to happen that way, why it was in fact a good thing to do.

I was talking with a colleague about this, and he told me a story about a parishioner who had abandoned a destitute wife and children in another state decades before – because “God called me to this city to preach for a Holy Ghost revival.” As an old man in a nursing home, he was still telling that story. The city in which he found himself did not have any such transformative experience, and he found himself with no congregation or following to speak of. His children did not come to his funeral.

That's a sad story of a man insistent, even in the face of strong evidence, that he was the good guy.

He is not alone. For example, the perpetrator of the Mother Bethel AME Church shooting in Charleston in 2015 was clear his intent was to start a “race war” in America. The shooter at the Orlando PULSE Nightclub had been radicalized by ISIS-related online propaganda, and was reported by coworkers to have expressed negative views on Jewish people, Hispanic people, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community. The shooter at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, CO, called himself a “warrior for the babies,” and had praised previous attackers on abortion providers for doing “God's work.” The shooter at a congressional Republican baseball practice in Northern Virginia in 2017 belonged to Facebook groups called, “Terminate the Republicans” and “The Road to Hell is Paved with Republicans.” Covenant Presbyterian School in Tennessee, the University of Oklahoma in Norman, the Isle of Palms. . .2023 has

begun with its own horrifying litany of death by gun, and each shooter had some reason they did what they did – some left manifestos, some a series of disturbing conversations, others social media histories: but the common denominator for each of them was that each one took up a gun as their major tool to right what they believed was wrong.

Each thought they were doing the right thing when they took weapons in hand and started shooting. Each one thought that he was the good guy with the gun.

Repentance follows an act of harm – some of these shooters will never come to that, because they remain convinced that they are in the right. While for some this is a function of illness, we need to be very careful in attributing all such actions to mental health issues: every country in the world has people who suffer from mental illness, but not all have the same rates of firearm deaths. Ill or no, left to our own devices, we will always self-select as the good guys in the story we are telling. And we can be very, very stubborn about that.

Every story has a villain, a victim, and a hero. That is what electrifies the Christian story during holy week. Each year we stand with the crowd as they cry, “CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!” We cast ourselves as the villains in the story – those who demand the death of the innocent to appease the powerful, those who wash their hands of Jesus' fate, those who jeer as he is raised on a cross against an indifferent sky. We do this to remind ourselves that we are the bad guys in the story, in need of Repentance and in need of resurrection.

If, as Paul writes, “there is not one righteous; no! Not one” (Romans 3:10), we should wonder in humility whether any of us ever could be, with a gun, “the good guy.” I have my doubts about myself. And as followers of Jesus, our mandate does not come from the bill of rights or any other government document, but from the commandment to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. It is ultimately our obedience to these commandments – not our self-righteous commitments, however satisfying the anger – that will determine whether we were the good guy in the story God is writing.

Blessings,
Rachel

For children, youth, and families, we will have opportunities for fun and faith development this summer. More information and pre-registration information will be available as each date approaches; join the family ministries or NUMC all-church email list to stay up-to-date (need to join? Email us at youth@northfieldumc.org)

May 3 - Final Super Wednesday

May 3 - Youth Bonfire

To celebrate the end of youth programming, the youth will have a bonfire directly following Wednesday supper.

May 7 - Final Sunday of Children's Church & Youth Connect

May 7 - 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation, 10:30am

June 11 - Graduation Sunday

Help us celebrate and bless the class of 2023!

June 17 - Youth Summer Chill

Youth will meet up over ice cream or boba to connect and cool off.

July 9-12 - Trailblazer Camp (ages 8-12)

Northfield UMC will provide transportation to/from camp this summer and our youth will enjoy the great outdoors in community. If there are any kids who could use scholarships, we do have fund available to assist with that.

July 23 - 28 - Youth Mission Trip

Youth will travel to Alamosa, Colorado to help with food insecurity and sustainability.

July 30 - August 3 - Vacation Bible School

Northfield UMC will partner with Little Prairie UMC (2980 130th St E Dundas, MN 55019) to offer our young students a memorable VBS.

2023 Easter Egg Hunt

Over 100 children from the Northfield community had a great time searching for the over 900 eggs on the NUMC campus on Saturday, April 8th. Thank you to the youth and adults who volunteered in any way to make this event so much fun for our NUMC kids and neighbors. A good time was had by all as Pastor Rachel once again signaled the start of the hunt with her trombone from the roof of the church.



Thank you to the following for contributing to our Easter flower display

Dennis and Marge Randolph in memory of Brian Randolph.
Perry and Ruth Kruse in memory of our parents.
Phil and Patty Gangloff in memory of Marian Gangloff.
Phil and Patty Gangloff in memory of Robert and Sharon Gangloff.
Patty and Phil Gangloff in memory of Darlene Kuhnert.
Patty and Phil Gangloff in memory of Ronald Eggert and Ruth Virnig.
Clare Mather and Philip Spensley in memory of our parents.
Patricia Warner in memory of Tom Warner.
Patricia Warner in memory of Jill Warner Klimek.
Robert and Catherine Williams in memory of our parents.
Dick and Jeanne Waters in memory of Irene Dougherty.
Tim and Tracy Goodwin in memory of Pat Herbst.
Robert and Cheryl Anderson in memory of Kyle & Q.
Amy Allin in memory of Lew & Joyce Allin.
Betsy Peterson in memory of Bob & Louise Kraft.
Mike Boehne in memory of Colleen Boehne.
Erickson's in memory of Jack Erickson, Allen & Marietta Viergutz, Allen Morse Viergutz.
Darin, Nancy, Ryan, Ella and Maria Hegland in memory of Katherine & Daniel Hegland.
Jody and Al Mousel in memory of Robert & Evelyn Mousel and Shirley Claude.
Ann and Kent Lundstrom in memory of Vivian Downs and in honor of Richard & Frieda Olin.
George and Linda Davis in memory of our parents.



OUR ACTION IN APRIL:

On April 16th, a grey and blustery Sunday, ISIAIAH members from various Northfield congregations gathered at the UCC Church around the topic of "Minnesota as a Caring Community". More than a dozen NUMC members participated in conversation with Kristi Pursell, our district's representative to the state legislature. (Our district's senator, Bill Lieske, had been invited but was not able to attend.)

After a grounding in the faith-based values of ISIAIAH, a member of the group told her story of how the lack of paid family and medical leave impacted her family and asked Rep. Pursell how she was working to see that this need would be met. Rep. Pursell then updated us on the status of a state-backed paid family and medical leave insurance program that she supports. By the time you read this article in the Herald, more progress will have been made.

Other stories were shared – one on the need for a MN Care for All option, one on treating our budget as a moral document, and another on the need to reinstate a Citizen Review Board for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. After each story, Rep. Pursell told us about the current status of that proposal and how she is working to make it become reality.

We adjourned after committing to take action by writing letters to the editors, attending forums with legislative leaders, and spreading the word about legislative possibilities.

OUR TASK FOR EARLY MAY:

By mid-May, the legislature is required to complete and pass a comprehensive budget for the next two years. We need to support our legislators as they enact this moral document. Take a few minutes now and phone them, urging them to include the specific proposals that you believe would make life better for all Minnesotans. Rep. Pursell's phone is 651-296-0171; Sen. Lieske's phone is 651-296-5019.

Phone them again next week with more encouraging words and after the session ends, thank them for their service.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN THE NUMC-ISIAIAH TEAM:

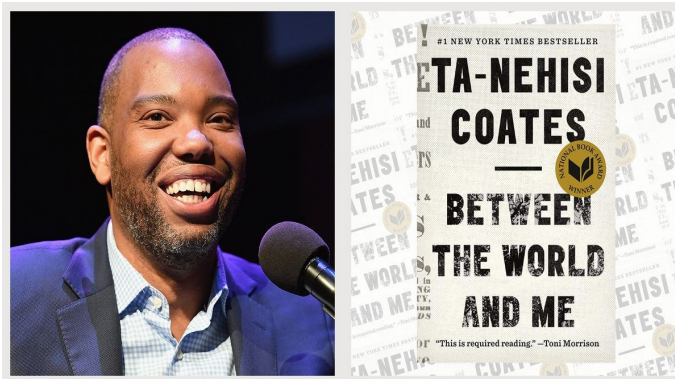
Contact Evelyn Burry, the team leader at 507-645-7481, or email her at evelynburry@hotmail.com

Dismantling Racism Team (DRT)

As a way to mark the three-year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd on May 25, the DRT shares the following excerpt from Pastor Jerad's review of Ta-Nehisi Coates' book, *Between the World and Me*:

Readers of racial justice literature may be familiar with the phrase "black bodies" but as a white male I don't think I'd understood what the utility of the term was. But with Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*, a mixture of autobiography and reflection on the lived experience of systemic racism in the United States written as a note to his then-teen son, this reader understood more viscerally what an emphasis on the embodied experience of being black achieves.

In the book, Coates recalls a moment leaving a movie theater with his son. A white woman pushes the 5-year-old because he is apparently walking too slowly. The protective father, Coates yells at her. A white man defends her. As a predominantly white crowd grows, Coates pushes the man, who then threatens to have him arrested. Coates feels certain that the man does have that power over him - that the man could cause him to be incarcerated, cause his son to be taken away by civil servants. In order to avoid this nightmare scenario arising from his own attempt to protect his son's body from white hands, the father finds another way to conclude the incident. But his own shakiness causes him to reflect on the violence he experienced growing up. For Coates' whole life in the United States he has been in a state of constant vigilance and readiness for danger.



Coates later shares that the constant thread of disembodiment - of not being in control of what happens to his own body - alters everything he knows. Has shaped every facet of who he understands himself to be, how he behaves and how he parents in the world. Not only does he have less control over what happens to his body - white bodies have more control over what happens with his and his son's bodies.

White bodies like mine do not experience that same constant vulnerability. For black bodies the danger of being misinterpreted - or even correctly interpreted but overreacted to - carries the real risk of physical and emotional pain in a way that people with white bodies do not experience with remotely similar regularity. That danger for a black body in the United States is near-constant.

Between the World and Me is recommended for the insight and visceral empathy it can engender towards black bodies. It helped me to better understand how my own presence, words and actions can be something against which black bodies must be vigilant whatever my intentions might be. The book gave me another lens through which to acknowledge white privilege and motivate repentance of the system that creates it.



IT Tech Corner

By Jesse Steed

From the Streamdesk:

Are you curious about what happens at that computer desk off to the side during worship services? Would you be interested in learning about the worship technology that helps provide the livestream video and audio to worshippers online? I'd love to have some help with the broadcast on Sunday mornings. In fact, we're looking at making some upgrades to the broadcast capabilities in the very near future that would offer some really exciting features.

Along with considering acquiring new remote controlled cameras, I am also very interested in enhancing the video production experience in various ways. It would be much easier to accomplish this if we could have at least two people at the streamdesk each week to operate the broadcast. Please contact me at jsteed@northfieldumc.org if you're interested in volunteering, learning more, getting a tour of the streamdesk, or contributing your thoughts about improvements we could make to broadcasting church services or other events such as weddings and funerals.





Notes from the Parish Nurse

A goal for many seniors as they age is to remain in the home of their choice. There are some risk factors though that can cause a person to move permanently from his or her home to a long term care setting. These include:

- needing help with everyday tasks
- having had a fall with injuries
- having no one available to help out
- having a caregiver who is stressed
- living alone
- having memory concerns
- thinking of moving to get more help



The good news is that there are agencies and devices that can be utilized to help a person remain at home as long as possible.

Using a medical alert service can give elders and their family members' peace of mind. The individual wears a simple button device, either around the neck or on the wrist, which can be pressed to activate a call in time of need. The device can be used for a medical emergency, a fall, a fire, or other emergencies. Medical alert services advertised in AARP literature include the following websites: www.lively.com, www.medicalalert.com, www.medicalguardian.com, and www.lifealert.com. (This is NOT an endorsement for any particular program.)

Another agency that helps seniors is the *Senior Linkage Line*, which advertises that "We connect you to the services you need. Call us. It's free!" Call them at 1-800-333-2433 or check their website www.MinnesotaHelp.info. *Senior Linkage Line* is a service of the MN Board on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging. They have thousands of resources including:

- assistance with free or discount prescriptions
- help understanding Medicare choices
- information about housing options
- help finding home care or chore services
- contacts for transportation
- services for caregivers and family members

Another device that some elders should consider wearing, is a medical alert bracelet. On it can be engraved information about chronic health conditions, medications, or a contact person's name and phone number. These bracelets can be ordered through most of our local pharmacies.

In order to stay in one's own home, some people need to have more help. Home health care agencies can provide: homemakers, home health aides, nursing care, companions, and occupational, physical, and speech therapy. Some of the activities provided include: bathing and dressing, meal preparation, housekeeping and laundry, medication reminders, and transportation. Northfield Home Care (Northfield Hospital & Clinics), Home Instead, Rice County Public Health and Nursing Services, and Visiting Angels are a few of the agencies that offer services in Northfield.

Many people want to "age in place." Hopefully by using some of these suggestions that will be possible.





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Action for the
HolyLand**

“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

NJP/II's 10th Annual NAKBA Remembrance

The MICAH Team supports this 10th annual event, this year marking 75 years of the ongoing Palestinian Nakba (Arabic for “catastrophe”), which is hosted by Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel.

NAKBA

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of Palestine's 1948 Catastrophe

Saturday
May 13, 2023
1:00pm
Bridge Square

Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel
www.njpmn.org

After a brief introduction, the ceremony consists of the reading of the names of the 418 Palestinian villages that were ethnically cleansed in 1948 by Zionist militias. As each village name is read, a bell is rung, and a small Palestinian flag is placed in a large map in the location of one of the villages. Attendees may take a turn placing the flags or may choose to be an observer. A few chairs will be provided, but you may wish to bring a folding chair. An open mic will be available at the close of the ceremony. The event is free and open to the public, and lasts about 1 ½ hours.

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. We are currently well stocked with Olive Oil.



UP GALLERY: ART: A WINDOW TO PALESTINE

During the month of May, please visit the Northfield Arts Guild, Up Gallery to view Art: A Window to Palestine.

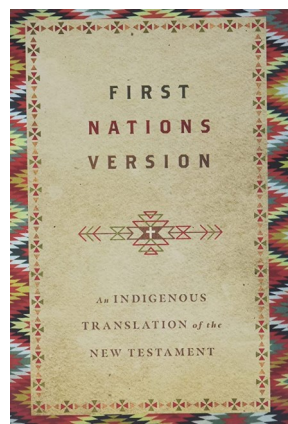
Sponsored Family Update

The Shepherd Society has announced that the Palestinian Bethlehem Family that we have been supporting for 10 years is now stable and no longer needs our help. MICAH is sincerely grateful for our church's dedicated support of our sponsored family! The MICAH team is considering sponsoring another Bethlehem Family in need through the Shepherd Society of Bethlehem Bible College (an Advance project of the global Methodist Church).



It is still Eastertide, folks, the second-longest, fifty days, liturgical season, ending with Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles.

Sermons throughout May will be based on the Book of Acts. Resources regarding this time period of the Christian year and of this book of the New Testament will be available. As usual, check the table in the back of Fellowship Hall. If the “feature of the month” is not there, it will be on the desk in the library.



United Methodist Churches use the Revised Common Lectionary. For each Sunday, four passages are recommended, usually two from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament. The Church Library team will try to make available any relevant resources. One is the magazine, *Sojourners*.

An intriguing recent donation is *First Nations Version, An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament*. The telling of the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:55-60), the basis of the May 7 sermon, is a fascinating one in this bible translation. Take a look.





United Women in Faith

Mission Rummage Sale June 16-17, 2023

United Women in Faith March Meeting Dates:

May 1, 2023 – UWF Executive Board meets – 3:00 Fellowship Hall

May 8, 2023 - Esther Circle – 1:00 PM

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

Mugs and Muffins – May 15, 2023 – 9:00 AM - Northfield UMC church library

Saturday, April 29, 2023, Thank you to all those of you who attended and volunteered to make the River Valley District Spring Gathering a success. Thank you to Gina Washburn, and Rev. Pamela Ngunjiri for sharing part of their life's mission to support and educate others about the needs of many marginalized people in our area and nation. Thank you to Sara Newberg (piano), Crystal Greenfield (technology), and Lisa Weis (laughter) for their special skills. Thank you to all NUMC & River Valley leadership that said "Yes" to supporting this event.

Mission Rummage Sale – Notice dates are adjusted. (there was a prior commitment for the space at the church)

June 11, 12, 13 Early Drop off in class room 121 - During regular church business hours. Mon. & Tues. 8am-4pm

June 14, 15 Set up the Sale in Fellowship Hall – 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

June 16 Sale is open 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

June 17 Sale open 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Take down and clean up 12:00 until done.

United Women in Faith are asking all members to bring clean, usable, mended items for sale.

What you bring should be something you might purchase in another sale at another time.

Furniture in good condition is to be small enough to be carried in by you and out by another.

No TV's. Electronics need to be usable & with all pieces and cords.

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT CATHERINE WILLIAMS 507-301-5865



June 16
June 17

Mission
Rummage
Sale

House Hold Items - Dorm Room needs
Sports items
Books
Clothes for all ages
Jewelry
Art Work
Children's Toys
Collectibles
Antiques
Miscellaneous

Grooming or Hygiene kit supplies can still be brought to the church until May 14th.
See the list in the March Herald newsletter.

Helping hands are needed to make this sale a success. Proceeds go to the United Women in Faith budget to help women, children, and youth of our church and the world.

Website: UWFaith.org – National UWFaith
<https://www.mnconfumw.com> – Minnesota UWFaith

Alliance Stamp Ministry All types of cancelled postage stamps & Stamp Collections are accepted.
Box in Fellowship Hall.

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.

SUPER WEDNESDAY MEALS

Wednesday evenings 5:30-6:30 pm

For the weekly Super Wednesday meal menu visit our facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthfieldUMC>

each week or call the church office at 507-645-5689.

FINAL SUPER WEDNESDAY - MAY 3

Card Making with Margie

Monday, May 15th, 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.



Carol Sell Celebration of Life

A celebration of life will be held for Carol Sell, who passed away on September 9, 2022, at Little Prairie Church, Dundas, at 11am, Saturday, May 6th.



May 21: NUMC Softball Brat Feed Fundraiser 10:30am (after worship)

HEY BATTER BATTER HEY BATTER BATTER - SWING! It's church league softball season, and your own NUMC Fightin' Methodists are back on the diamond Sunday evenings, playing for fun and fellowship (and bragging rights). With players new and old taking the field, the team will be hosting their annual fundraiser for registration fees and uniforms on May 21st. Freewill donation invited. See you Sunday mornings in the sanctuary, and in the evenings at the ballpark!



please check
Lost & Found

As the school year programs wrap up in the next few weeks, please check the lost and found box in the NUMC Narthex to see if there are any items of yours.

Any items still present at the end of May will be donated.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

June Herald Newsletter Deadline

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

Noon on Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Please submit your items for the newsletter in a digital format (word document) to northfieldumc@gmail.com.
Late submissions will not be accepted.

Mission Sewing 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, Emma Norton Services, Operation Joy.

Our next meeting is May 24th, Wednesday to tie quilts. We meet at 9AM in Room 120.



Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will meet on May 15th at 9AM in the church library. We are continuing our study of the "Boys of the Bible Quilt Block Series." In May we will be studying Andrew, Philip, and Joshua. New members and guests are always welcome.



Gene Lyman Selected as 2023 Joseph Lee Heywood Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Congratulations to NUMC member Gene Lyman who was selected by the Defeat of Jesse James Days Committee as the 2023 Joseph Lee Heywood Distinguished Service Award Recipient. Gene is the 40th recipient of this prestigious Northfield award and will be honored at a banquet on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, during the Defeat of Jesse James Days at the Northfield Ballroom.

In part, Gene's nomination reads, "Gene certainly doesn't let grass grow under his feet as demonstrated through the multitude of volunteer endeavors and leadership positions held over the years...while working a full-time job along with farming and caring for his properties. He has been a dutiful servant to the Northfield community and greater Rice County community."

Born and raised on the family farm east of Northfield, Gene is a true 'townie'. At 93 years young Gene has lent his time and talents to a variety of organizations at the local, county and state levels over the last eight decades. Gene's involvement in the community started while he was a boy and gained leadership skills through his local 4-H club, since then he's added to his resume being an active member of rotary, his church, the Northfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Northfield Industrial Development Corporation, and the DJJD Committee just to name a few.

For those who wish to attend the Joseph Lee Heywood Distinguished Service Award Banquet in September, ticket details can be found at djjd.org.

Congratulations Gene on this well deserved honor!

Mission Statement of the Heywood Committee:

To honor a Northfield citizen who we feel exemplifies the commitment to public service, which Heywood lived. It is an award that reminds us of our past and our promise to improve ourselves and our community for the future. An award that each of us would someday hope to be considered worthy of receiving.



The DJJD board of directors surprised Gene with the news while he was at a family event at the home of his granddaughter.



Welcome our new District Superintendent, Rev. Michelle Hargrave!



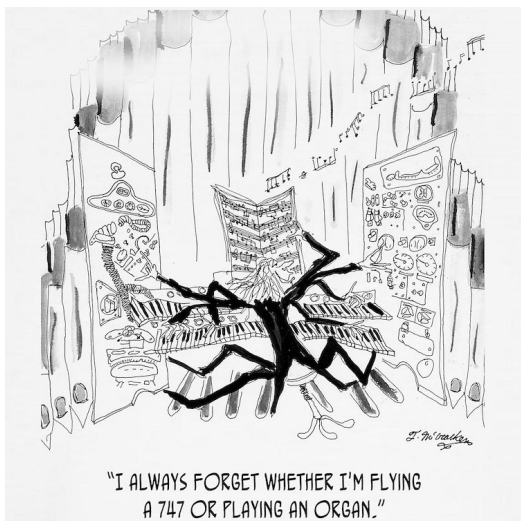
Family: Husband, Kelly, a musician; young adult children, Zane and Liz
Favorite scripture: 1 Kings 19 (where Elijah experiences God in silence and learns not to go it alone)
Gifts cited by colleagues: Strategic, creative, faithful friend, dedicated to sustaining relationships, says what needs to be said
StrengthsFinder strengths: Strategic, learner, input, intellection, ideation
Favorite book: "Holy the Firm" by Annie Dillard
Favorite movies: "Lord of the Rings," "Star Wars," "Star Trek," "Harry Potter"
Favorite TV show: "Doctor Who"
Hobbies: Photography, playing clarinet, hand embroidery, needlepoint, sewing, bullet journaling, writing poetry
Favorite food: Pancakes (she also loves tea)
People she admires: Brené Brown; colleagues in ministry who have gone before her and taught her how to be a good, whole person: Kathi Austin Mahle, Lynda Ellis, Bill Mate, Tom Brennan, Ruth Phelps, and Brian Hacklander
Something interesting most people don't know: She hates clowns ("they're creepy")

The Organ Gets Some TLC

In 1993, Northfield UMC purchased and installed a new pipe organ to replace the instrument that had been installed in 1935 at the 3rd street church location and moved with the church to its new address on Maple Street. The debt on this project was retired in 1995 through a capital campaign.

The instrument began showing its age over the last decade, and in August 2022, the facilities team voted to accept a bid for repair for the organ that would amount to around \$15,000. Joanne Rodland and Donna Paulsen were instrumental (ha!) in moving this project forward, and Perry Kruse worked with Russell Draeger Company, the organ repair company, on updating our electrical infrastructure for the organ as well.

The project was completed just before Holy Week in March 2022, and now our organists can literally "pull out all the stops" for big pieces! We are grateful for the ongoing stewardship of the congregation which allows for maintenance of instruments, facilities, and technology needs for worship and service - this allows us to fulfill our mission: "we are called, nurtured, and sent out for this purpose: to glorify God by acts of worship, compassion, devotion, and justice."



"I ALWAYS FORGET WHETHER I'M FLYING
A 747 OR PLAYING AN ORGAN."



Because every picture has a story to tell...



Pastors office at the end of Holy Week.

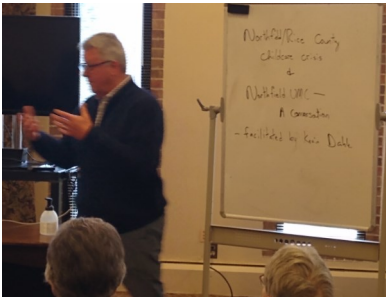


The kids get a jelly bean lesson from Pastor Rachel during the Children's message.

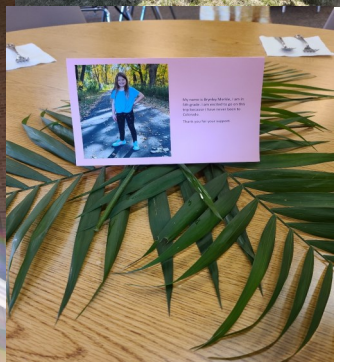


NUMC households with an imam at the Taking Heart Ramadan Iftar in Faribault.

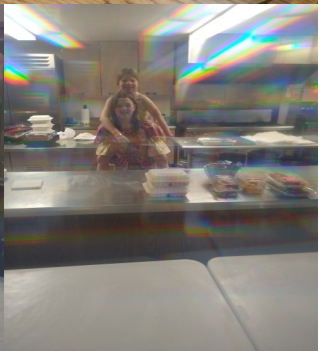
You never know who is going to stop by NUMC for a visit. Mary Franz brought Aqua and baby Chocolate Otto to visit the NNS kids.



Kevin Dahle leads an adult forum further exploring the need for affordable childcare options in Northfield and what our church might be called to do.



Easter Sunday celebration included music from Just for Fun, the NUMC band, organ, dance, light refraction glasses and an Easter brunch Mission Trip fundraiser hosted by the NUMC youth.





May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Community Reservation" designates a room reservation for a non-church related community organization.</p>	<p>1 7:00 Community Reservation 3:00 UWF meeting</p>	<p>2 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Facilities Team Mtg.</p>	<p>3 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation Final Super Wednesday 3:30-5:30 KC3 5:30 Shared meal 6:30 Youth Fellowship Bonfire 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30-7:30 Open gym</p>	<p>4 12:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>5 8:00 Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>6 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation</p>
<p>7 9:30 Worship with Communion - Dixieland Sunday 10:00 Children's Church 10:30 Youth Connect Final Children Church and Youth Connect 10:30 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Forum</p>	<p>8 10:00 MICAH Mtg. 1:00 Esther Circle - Kildahl 7:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>9 9:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>10 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>11 10:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>12 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Community Reservation 1:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>13 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation</p>
<p>14 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Forum</p>	<p>15 9:00 Mugs & Muffins 2:30 Card Making with Margie 7:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>16 9:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>17 9:00 Mission Sewing 10:30 Community Reservation 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>18 12:00 Community Reservation 7:00 Renewal via zoom</p>	<p>19 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4:30-6:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>20 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation 3:00-6:00 Community Reservation</p>
<p>21 9:30 Worship - Ascension Day & United Women in Faith Sunday 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 NUMC Softball Brat Feed Fundraiser 10:30 Adult forum</p>	<p>22 5:30 Community Reservation 7:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>23 9:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>24 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation Noon - Herald Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>25 12:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>26 8:00 Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>27 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation</p>
<p>28 9:30 Worship - Pentecost 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult forum</p>	<p>29 Memorial Day Church Office closed 7:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>30 9:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>31 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>1 12:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p>2 8:00 Men's Breakfast Church Office Closed</p>	<p>3 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation 12:00-4:00 Northfield Pride in the Park</p>

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEETING SPACE WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE

Go to northfieldumc.org click on "Reserve a Room" fill in the blanks and click on submit. You may reserve multiple dates with one reservation! Serving food/beverages at your meeting/event? Contact Sandy in the office for a list of compostable supplies (plates, cups, utensils) available for your use.



Church Office Hours
 Mon.-Thurs., 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Fri., 8:00 am - noon
 Summer Hours begin
 Friday June 2nd
 Mon.- Thurs., 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Closed on Friday

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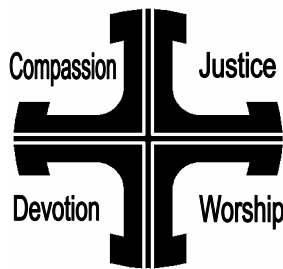
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Please cut out this form, fill in the information and place it in the basket in the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

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