

# United Methodist Herald

September 2023



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## September Worship

September 3  
 Celebration of Holy Communion  
 Romans 12:9-21  
 Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

September 10  
 Romans 13:8-14  
 Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

### Life is NOT a Game! - Back to School Worship Series

September 17 - Monopoly  
 Celebration Sunday  
 Matthew 20:1-16  
 Rev. Jerad Morey

September 24 - Charades  
 Matthew 18:21-35  
 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.

## NUMC Board

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

Co-Chairs: Kevin Dahle and Pierce Follansbee-Delong  
Treasurer: 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

## Northfield UMC Leadership Board - Wednesday, July 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Kevin Dahle, Carolyn Seas, Warren Winkelman, Pierce Follansbee-Delong, Sara Newberg, Dave Wolf, Crystal Greenfield, Thalia Duffield, Ruth Kruse, Pastor Rachel McIver-Morey **Not Present:** Bruce Benson, Allie Lyman, Jessy Hoffer

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

### NUMC Prayer

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Kevin Dahle to approve the June 7, 2023 NUMC Board minutes. Warren Winkelman seconded. Approved as read.

**Approval of Agenda:** Kevin Dahle moved to approve the agenda. Warren Winkelman 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

**On-boarding New Board Members** - Kevin and Pierce reviewed the Board's core values, missionary projects, and vision with the new oncoming board members, Crystal Greenfield and Thalia Duffield.

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

Everyone is Welcome, Inclusive  
Kind, Transparent, Just  
Lead by Example / Role Models  
Teachers of the Word  
Stewards of People and the Earth

### **Who is God Calling Us Towards:**

Young Families  
Youth

**Core Focus:** To Grow our congregation and ministries to serve our families and youth. Pastor Rachel reviewed the board functions of finance oversight, SPRC role and relationship to staff. The new members were given further written details of the scope and responsibilities of the board.

**SPRC: Youth/family director position** - Sara and Pastor Rachel presented a job description of the newly vacated Youth/family director position. The board members recommended changing the employment opening to a 20-30 hour per week position. Kevin Dahle moved to amend the change, Sara Newberg seconded. **Motion approved.**

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The job application will be posted on the annual conference job board, Mn Council of Churches job board, the church's website and Facebook page, among others.

**Finance: stewardship update and treasurer's report:** Dave Wolf presented the Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2023.

**General Fund:** The balance in the CRB checking account, at the end of June was \$64,011.84 which is \$27,807.68 more than at the end of May.

General Fund income for the month was \$31,503.52, \$11,598.55 more than the same month last year. YTD Actual Income for the General Fund at the halfway point of the year was \$206,177.10, \$25,781.86 more than YTD Last Year.

Giving in June was \$31,438.66, \$12,117.00 more than in June 2022. YTD Actual Giving was \$182,170.96, \$9,388.54 more than YTD giving last year. As a reminder, giving fluctuates from month to month and from quarter to quarter. July giving is expected to be up since it is the beginning of a new quarter where charitable giving transfers from IRA accounts are typically received.

Monthly expenses were \$30,351.23, \$13,558.66 less than the same month last year. YTD Actual Expense Totals were \$236,157.43. We finished the month with \$1,152.29 in the black; YTD we are \$29,980.33 in the red.

Most of the expense categories are on budget or slightly under budget. One exception was Super Wednesday Meal Expenses which were \$8,066.23 compared to a YTD Budget of \$3,500.02. This was due to a delayed billing from 2022. Monthly Apportionments of \$4,576.01 per month have not been paid for the months of May and June. Apportionment payments are planned to be caught up in the fall.

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**Physical Plant:** Income for the month of June was \$29,718.85 which included Building Fund Interest Income of \$21,425.12, income of \$7,638.73 from the General Fund, and \$655.00 of Building Campaign contributions.

As was stated in previous monthly updates, Plant income has mostly been from the General Fund. June were \$7,793.83. YTD Actual Income was \$108,701.38 while YTD Actual Expenses were \$88,261.92 leaving a positive balance of \$20,439.46. Two larger than expected expenses recorded within the first 6 month of the year were:

- 1) Insurance payments of \$12,124.53 verses a budget of \$8000.02; included a lump sum up-front payment for wind and hail damage of approximately \$4,100.
- 2) Organ Maintenance expenses of \$15,380.00 verses a budget of \$5000.02, This was a deferred expense from the 2022 budget.

**Endowment Funds:** At the end of June, these funds now total \$915,252.73 including the amount we owe ourselves, which is \$334,802.54. This is \$2,328.79 more than the first of the year due to overall market gains and annual distribution of funds. Two distributions totaling \$7,036.96 were made during June; \$1,539.40 from Sather Missions and \$5,497.56 from Sather Scholarship Funds.

As stated in the Physical Plant section above, a \$21,425.12 distribution was also taken from the Building Maintenance Fund.

**Facilities:** The new freezer was installed in June. The expense of \$3,500 was paid in July.

#### **Ministry Items:**

**Daycare:** For further exploration of a possible daycare within our church walls, Kevin has set up visitations to three daycare facilities in the Northfield area. During the second week of August interested members of the board and congregation will visit Early Ventures and Montessori in Northfield and Little Village in Dundas. We will be announcing this the next few Sundays as well and putting it in the all church email.

**Back to School Splash:** Pierce gave an update on the family event planned for August 26, from 2-7pm. The softball team will be providing burgers and brats. Kris Estenson and her team will provide sweet treats. The event will be free to the public, with family activities, a slip n' slide, a bounce house, and more. There will be string backpacks, with our church logo available for the kids. The police and firemen will also be present to support our efforts. Vendors and organizations will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. Greg Ennis and his team will have a large presence highlighting our KC3 program. Volunteers are always needed, especially for set up and cleanup.

**Next Meeting: September 20, 2023, 5:30 pm.** A motion was made by Kevin Dahle to adjourn and seconded by Dave Wolf.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Carolyn Seas, Secretary

# Message from the Pastor

Visiting some of the marquee national parks in August - Yellowstone (WY), Glacier (MT), Theodore Roosevelt (ND), Devil's Tower, Wind Cave, and Jewel Cave (SD), there are some things I heard over and over again: how humans have changed the environment around them, what certain spaces meant to the indigenous people who have called these places home for thousands of years, the fragility of systems and species in the face of warming temperatures and drought, and the ways some ecosystems used to stretch for hundreds of miles and now are confined to a few hundred acres of protected space. These big western parks uniquely capture the American tensions around land use, human power systems, climate change, and the ways animals, plants, and other living things do not get a vote in what their futures will look like.

Meanwhile, tourists from all over the world crowded around a juvenile male moose on a trail in Glacier National Park to get a good picture. Here's ours. You are welcome.



I have mentioned before that I have a long-standing affection for tourist towns - Wisconsin Dells, Gatlinberg and Pigeon Forge, TN, and the like charm me with their absolute naked intent to separate people from their money in as efficient a manner as possible. I adore the neon kitschy gift shops and fudge stores and the "rainy day" attractions with their cheap plastic scenery and their front of house workers with accents from all over the globe. I appreciate the honesty of these places more than anything else. There's no pretense of a greater cause or any wonder of nature.

Many such places crop up in proximity to national parks or other natural attractions, of course; Gatlinberg and Pigeon Forge are right at the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the Wisconsin Dells (as anyone who has taken multiple Duck tours can tell you) is a natural air conditioner whose geography has attracted people during the hot months from time immemorial.

As we traveled through the tourist towns into the parks, there was a moment where the neon faded and there were no more signs

hawking mini-golf and overpriced pie, and we found ourselves surrounded by the natural wonder of the given park.

And yet.

The roads we traveled in the park, the bleachers and lodges around the Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone, even the well-traveled trails with interpretive signs - we have really left very little "untouched." It is still an experience curated by human hands and with human intent, even in the mountains and amongst the bison (re-introduced, incidentally, by human efforts).

I didn't stand on the Trail of the Cedars in Glacier National Park and feel, ever, that I was alone in the world with these giants that predated the American Revolution. I didn't gaze on the geysers and marvel at the destructive power of the supervolcano so obviously right under our feet. Instead, I noted the boardwalks carrying feet like mine over fragile sulfuric ground and through threatened species. I saw hundreds of signs saying not to feed bears, prairie dogs, moose, and other wildlife. I spent time breathing in the smog of a Yellowstone valley traffic jam, where the volume of cars was forcing more lanes to be built so people could see the bison.

Stewardship of creation is a task divinely appointed to humans very early in the story (Genesis 2 and Psalm 8, to be specific). The national parks are these spaces of contradiction, where we are trying to both preserve a fragile world and give access to it by humans so that we can value the fragile world and try to protect even more. Whatever we touch, changes. That's true in our backyards and in giant national parks. The point is not necessarily to touch nothing at all, but rather to make our touch gentle, knowing, and responsible. Humans have walked the earth for thousands of years, and God has provided for us. We praise this whenever we sing "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "O God, our Help in Ages Past." That also means we are accountable for the changes we make, good and bad.

What spaces evoke this contradiction for you? How do you move through and into the natural world, and what do you leave behind without intention? What does a gentle hand look like in the place that means the most to you?

Grace is not just for humans, but for the whole of creation. May we be a means of grace to a world in profound need of just that.

Blessings,  
Rachel

## FINANCE UPDATE

### How to make tithes and offerings

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

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

### Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving!

Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available on our website [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org) or by emailing [northfieldumc@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldumc@gmail.com).

**General Fund July 2023 contributions \$36,475.66**

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

**General Fund YTD 2023 contributions \$218,646.62**

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

## Dismantling Racism Team (DRT)

National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually between September 15 and October 15. It is a time to appreciate and celebrate the beautiful cultures, rich histories, and diversity of the American Latino community. Here are some facts about National Hispanic Heritage Month:

- The commemoration of Hispanic heritage started as a weeklong event in 1968. It was expanded from a week to a month in 1988.
- It starts on September 15 because El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Nicaragua all observe their Independence Day on that date. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their Independence Day during September.
- Hispanic Heritage Month always has a theme. This year's theme is "Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America."
- Twenty percent of the U.S. population identifies as Hispanic. In Northfield, that number is 10% of the population and 16% of the students in public school.
- In the United States, Mexican Americans make up the largest Hispanic population (approximately 62% of the overall U.S. Hispanic population). The majority of Northfield's Hispanic residents have connections to a town in Mexico called Maltrata, which is in the state of Veracruz.
- You have the opportunity to appreciate and celebrate our Hispanic Northfield neighbors on September 16! The Northfield Public Library and the Hispanic Heritage Celebration Committee are sponsoring the 2023 Hispanic Heritage Celebration from 11am to 5pm in Central Park. The entertainment schedule includes dance groups, musicians, and a comedian. There will be also be cooking demonstrations, kids' activities and even a festive pet costume contest! Visit [myntp.org/hhc/2023](http://myntp.org/hhc/2023) for more information.



## ISAIAH Comes to Adult Forum on Sunday, October 8 10:30 (after worship)

Join us to celebrate justice work achieved in the 2023 legislative session and to shape the agenda for the 2024 legislative session and at the city and county level. This is your opportunity to influence next steps for ISAIAH'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, ISAIAH will shape its agenda for the next year.

Evelyn Burry, Rich Graves and Judy Tonolli, members of the Northfield ISAIAH Leadership Team, will be leading this conversation. We look forward the our time together.

**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](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org)**

## **September 10: SALT Project - Paint the Gym**

SALT youth will lead us in service as we prepare for the coming school year's programs to paint the lower half of the gym - wear or bring comfortable clothes that you can paint in and join the fun! Paint and equipment will be provided.

## **September 17: Celebration Sunday**

We kick off our school year programs with Children's Church (5th grade and under) and finishing the SALT youth project preparing the gym for Wednesday night activities this fall.

## **September 20th: Super Wednesdays are BACK!**

Wednesdays are SUPER at NUMC, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back for our school year programs.

**3:30-5:30pm - KC3** (Kids Creating Community Through Christ) for our grade school kids, K-5th grade. To sign up or for more information, email Children's Ministry Coordinator Gregory Ennis: [Gregory.ennis@gmail.com](mailto:Gregory.ennis@gmail.com).

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

**6:30pm-8pm - Youth Group** (6th-12th grade) in the youth room. . .fellowship, games, and deeper exploration of what it means to follow Jesus. To sign up or for more information, email us at [info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org).

## **10th & 11th Grade Confirmation**

**September 17, 10:30am - Noon**

The confirmands will meet after church to consider faith, membership, and plan for the November 12 confirmation worship service.

## **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.

## **Alamosa, Colorado NUMC Youth Mission Trip**

Each day our youth had the opportunity to show up and do good in Alamosa, Colorado. We tended community gardens, pulled weeds for the elderly and differently abled friends who were at risk of being fined by the city, played Yahtzee with elderly friends, helped with foster child care, and so much more all while sandwiched between morning devotions and nightly worship.

Our theme was "You are Here" and each day we went deeper; "You are here to love," "You are here to share," "You are here to unite," and "You are here to go." Not only did we serve this community in need, but we learned through the Scriptures what it means to be called to serve others. Our youth worked really hard and discovered that mission work isn't always easy. God calls us to places where there is need and sometimes that looks like walking in the shoes of those to whom God has called us to serve in order to serve well.

Parents and church, I encourage you to help our youth explore what service ideas they would like to bring to Northfield and what needs may exist. They were in Alamosa for their summer of mission, but the mission field is all around us. We are here. More detailed information about the trip will be forthcoming in the fall. Please see mission trip photos on photo page of Herald.

Blessings,

Rev. Todd F. Campbell, Jr



# IT Tech Corner

By Jesse Steed

## The NUMC Website

As the fall season nears and many church ministry programs take on new life, it's a great time to consider what we want from our church website. What do you like about it? What do you wish would receive more attention? What should be added or removed or changed or cast away? Browsing websites can often result in wailing and gnashing of teeth, as my mom would say, but my goal is for our church website, [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org), to be a calm place with helpful resources that is easy to navigate and enjoyable to use. I welcome your feedback on what you feel would contribute to these goals. You can reach me at [jsteed@northfieldumc.org](mailto:jsteed@northfieldumc.org).

## 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 Mc Donald House, Emma Norton Services, Operation Joy.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 27th to tie quilts. We meet at 9AM in Room 120. We always welcome new members.



## Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will not meet in September. We 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.

## Try A Bell!

The Handbell Choir will be resuming rehearsals in September and we're inviting new players to join us!

- Never played a handbell before but you'd like to give it a try?
- Not a music reader but you'd like to learn?
- Want to spend an hour with a very fun and welcoming group?

This September we will host 3 Wednesday evening sessions when anyone (middle school age or older) can come and give ringing a try.

Sessions are on September 13, 20 and 27, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. For more information or if you have questions, contact Kathy Szydlo through the church office.



## 🎵 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](mailto:Choir@northfieldumc.org)



# Notes from the Parish Nurse

Labor Day and the beginning of the school year will soon be here. The following are some everyday suggestions that might help the year go more smoothly for you and your student(s).

**STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS**—Students become better learners when realistic expectations are stated, consequences are understood, and when parents emphasize effort and not just results. Review homework, correct mistakes, but always recognize improvement. Praise your child for completing tasks, not just for perfection.

**STRUCTURE**—When parents provide a regular routine and monitor their children's activities, students become better learners. Have a sharing time at dinner and have each family member tell one or two things she/he did that day. Designate a quiet place and a regular time for studying. Although individual family members probably keep their own schedules on an iPad or cell phone, post a family calendar to keep track of activities and chores.

**OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN**—Students become better learners when they have opportunities to learn outside of school. Go on a nature walk, visit a museum, read an interesting article together, or have your child write the grocery list.

**SUPPORT**—When adults talk with students about their schoolwork, praise them for their successes, encourage them to keep trying, and teach them problem-solving and negotiation skills, students become better learners. Attend parent-teacher conferences and school functions

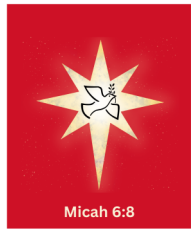
**RELATIONSHIPS**—Students become better learners when they are given warmth and friendliness and when they receive praise, recognition, and respect. A positive environment that affirms one another is important. Send your child to school each day with words of encouragement and a smile. Take your child out for a treat when you see her/him exert a lot of effort on a school project.

**ROLE-MODELING**—Students learn better when adults in their lives read, study, talk about education, and get involved in their children's schools. Read a book for your own enjoyment or take a community education class. Ask your child's opinion about a decision you are making. Share a personal goal with your child. Helping to build a child's self-esteem is an important job for parents and other adults a child encounters. We should love our children with unconditional love like God loves us..."Love is patient, love is kind, love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish, love is never rude, it is not self-seeking. It is not prone to anger, neither does it brood over injuries...There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure..." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

By showing unconditional love and respect for each member, families foster good self-esteem in all family members.







**Methodists  
Investing in  
Care and  
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*

The MICAH Team has been working to support a struggling family in the Bethlehem area for the past 10 years. This B.O.B. fundraiser usually provides about 1/2 of the needed annual sponsorship of \$650.00. We are grateful.



**Shop and dine at the  
Brick Oven Bakery on  
Saturday, Sept. 23!  
6:00 am—3:00 pm**

Thank you, to the Brick Oven Bakery for  
**donating 10% of sales on  
Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023**  
to help support one of the neediest families in  
the Bethlehem area of  
Palestine - an area of great suffering.

You may pre-order online at  
Brick Oven Bakery's Online Store  
brickovenbakery.com  
(gluten-free options available)  
**then pick up on  
Saturday, Sept. 23  
6 am – 3 pm**



**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.



**Shepherd Society**

Sponsorships of families in the Bethlehem area is a project  
of The Shepherd Society of Bethlehem, Palestine.

The Shepherd Society was established in Bethlehem in  
June 1996 when several Palestinian pastors and Christian  
leaders felt called to extend Christ's love in a practical way  
to those in need within their community. As the charitable  
arm of Bethlehem Bible College, it is one of the avenues  
through which we respond to the Gospel's call to love our  
neighbor and care for the poor.

“By providing support for one of the neediest families  
in this area of much suffering, we convey the message that  
they are not forgotten and that there are people who care. “

**A Prayer for Palestine/Israel**

For settled peoples in fear of expulsion, we pray.  
For opinionated peoples in fear of the truth, we pray.  
For stubborn peoples in fear of change, we pray.  
For Jews and Druze, Shia and Sunni, Copt and Orthodox,  
Armenian and Kurd, and  
For all who live in the Holy Lands of sacred scriptures, we pray.  
Amen.

Bruce Thompson, Lincolnshire Methodist, District Chair



United  
Women  
in Faith

## Apple Pie Making September 12, 2023 We need some apples! About a bushel more.

### United Women in Faith August Meeting Dates:

September 4, 2023 - UWF Executive Board meeting - 3:00 Fellowship Hall

September 11, 2023 - Esther Circle – 1:00 PM Welcome Back!

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

**Mugs and Muffins – No meeting in September – 9:00 AM - Northfield UMC church library.**

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

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

### We Believe Love in Action can change the world! So we put a face on why we work for Jesus.

United Women in Faith in Northfield UMC are doers. In June women, men, and youth cleaned out our closets, garages, and storage units for the mission rummage sale. In September women are rolling up their sleeves, putting on aprons (or not), and getting their hands into bushels of apples and food stuffs making delicious pies for sale. Emma Norton Services will receive most of the monetary fruits of our labor.

Who are we supporting with our efforts? “**Emma Norton Services** works with women to develop stability plans that reflect the individual’s needs and goals. The team helps them seek education; get care for mental illness and chemical dependency; maintain stable housing; and expunge criminal charges or unlawful detainers. Emma Norton Residence utilizes harm-reduction policies, providing the same level of care to all without judgment, regardless of where they are on their journey.” [Emmanorton.org](http://Emmanorton.org)

“**Emma’s Place** is a permanent supportive housing development, specifically serving parents with three or more children who were formerly homeless, and who have at least one family member in recovery from mental illness and/or chemical dependency, or who has a physical disability.” [Emmanorton.org](http://Emmanorton.org)

The **Scattered-Site Housing Program** at Emma Norton is designed to give clients independence while they continue to receive support. Clients live in apartments, which are privately owned by landlords in Ramsey County, while being educated on tenant expectations, and meeting regularly with Case Managers who support their journeys toward self-sufficiency.”

Go to [emmanorton.org](http://emmanorton.org) to find faces of those receiving God’s love.

### Calling all Members, Friends & Neighbors!

Do you have an Apple Tree?

We have 3 orchards donating apples. We need a few more. Can you help?

Call Catherine at 507-301-5865

We make and freeze the pies. You bake them.

**Apple Pie Sale:** continues through Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cost will remain at \$10 if we can obtain donations of ingredients from local grocery stores.

Pie making on Tuesday, September 12, 9:00 AM set-up/10:00 AM making.

Pick up pies on September 17.

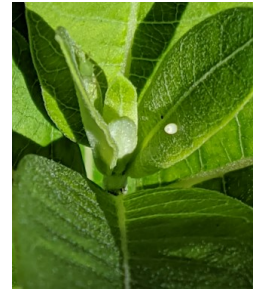
**Alliance Stamp Ministry** All types of cancelled postage stamps & **Stamp Collections** are accepted. Put them in the box in Fellowship Hall. This is an ongoing ministry.



## NUMC - Being a Good Neighbor for the Butterflies

Monarchs (and butterflies in general) really are remarkable. There is just something magical about a butterfly. How does such a beautiful creature evolve from such a creepy, crawly one? Through an incredible process caterpillars are able to transform into one of God's most beautiful creations. In some cultures, caterpillars are considered a delicacy to eat but I think I'll pass on trying out that little treat. I had a Basset Hound one time that ate several caterpillars, it wasn't a pleasant outcome for either of us and also involved a trip to the veterinarian, but that is a story for another time. We really need the caterpillars to survive and evolve into butterflies instead of its fate being the object of a curious Basset Hound who thinks everything is food.

The monarch butterfly population unfortunately is rapidly declining. It's estimated that 90% of monarch eggs that are laid do not survive to adulthood. This is due to environmental factors such as drought, loss of habitat, pesticide use and natural predators. The most critical reason for their decline is the lack of milkweed available for them to keep reproducing. Milkweeds are the required host plants for monarch butterfly caterpillars (female monarchs only lay their eggs on milkweeds, no place else) and their flowers provide nectar for bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.



Monarch egg on milkweed plant.



Monarchs gathering in a tree at Carleton Arb for migration south.

The monarch butterfly migration across the continent provides an invaluable service. It is thanks to these pollinators, such as butterflies, bees, and other insects, that we have many of the flowers and foods that we enjoy. Taking cues from the environment, the monarchs know when it is time to travel south for the winter. Some fly as far as 3,000 miles to reach their winter home! The monarch migration is an amazing process. Monarchs typically live from 2 to 6 weeks except for the last generation of the year, which can live up to 8 to 9 months. It is the fourth or fifth generation of monarchs each year which actually migrate to Mexico in late August or September. The ones that migrate live longer, from August or September to about April (although a lot also die before this).

The monarch does not live long enough to come back to where they were hatched, but their descendants do. At the end of the winter, they begin to travel north. They migrate north as far as they can, lay eggs and die, with their descendants repeating the process as they continue the trip north. Although it takes just one generation of monarchs to make it south to Mexico for the winter, it takes multiple generations, typically three or four, of the butterflies to return to their nesting grounds each spring. In the spring, monarchs must go where milkweed is immediately available because of the urgent need to reproduce before their lives end.

Did you know that Northfield is part of the I-35 Monarch Highway? This is the migration path that monarch butterflies take. We are lucky here at NUMC, as we have a neighbor of the church, Julianne, who is involved in monarch recovery. Julianne collects the monarch eggs in the spring off milkweed, raises them, tags them and then releases them to the wild. She shares with us how she got started in monarch recovery.

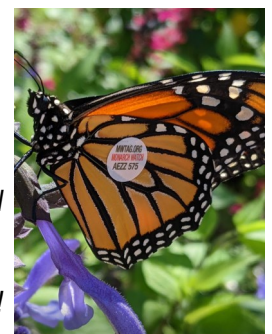
*"In 2014 I saw a Monarch butterfly on a zinnia in my garden. Then while hosting a garage sale, I saw a Monarch eclose (the process in which a monarch comes out of its chrysalis) right in front of me! I started looking for caterpillars and raised a few in an old aquarium. I googled "Monarch butterflies" and fell into the rabbit hole of information! Now, years later I have raised countless butterflies and created a garden full of milkweed and flowers for them.*

*During those years I started to tag them in the fall. It is for research that the University of Kansas does. The Monarchs travel some 2000 miles to winter in the Oyamel trees in Mexico. In late January 2019 a friend and I traveled there to see them in the sanctuaries. We rode up the mountain on horses lead by guides. In the late spring researchers travel to Mexico to collect the tags that were found. The guides get \$5 for each one found with a tag. Of the 1400 or so butterflies I have tagged, 4 have been found! It is very exciting to get the news!*

*The Monarchs have lost a lot of habitat and their numbers are declining. The best thing we can do is stop using chemicals on our lawns and gardens. Let the milkweed grow in your yard because that is the only place they lay eggs and it is the only food the caterpillars eat. Plant flowers for the butterflies to nectar on. They love Tithonia, Zinnias and Liatris.*

*On Saturday, September 9th, the Minneapolis Monarch Festival happens at Lake Nokomis. Music, dancing, food, demonstrations, art and information! Lots of kids' activities too."*

(Photos in article provided by Julianne)



A tagged monarch

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So, what can we do to help the Monarchs? Plant native milkweed and provide nectar-rich plants, which creates a habitat to attract the monarch. We can also refrain from using pesticides. You may have noticed that we have milkweed growing on the NUMC campus. This is to provide food for the monarchs and a place for them to lay their eggs. Also, this year our facilities team is using a natural mixture of vinegar, Dawn dish soap and salt to kill the weeds and grass growing in the cracks of the parking lot instead of pesticides. These are both ways that we can be good stewards of nature as well as a good neighbor.

The butterfly is a symbol of transformation, hope and faith as it goes through so many life cycles, from larva to caterpillar to chrysalis and finally to a beautiful, flying butterfly. The monarch butterfly fills us with a sense of wonder and amazement. I find that watching a monarch gracefully flutter through the air is relaxing and soothing. But beyond its beauty, the monarch butterfly holds a deeper significance. The monarch serves as a reminder of how all living things are connected and about the importance of preserving our natural world for future generations.

Sandy Vesledahl - NUMC Office Administrator



### Farmers recognized for lifetime/lifetimes of achievements (copied from the July 26, 2023 Northfield News)

When Frederick Sommers and his wife, Rosie, and their son first arrived in Northfield, the town was just a log cabin. Their descendants were among those recognized at this year's Rice County Best of the Best ceremony Wednesday morning, which kicked off the Rice County Fair.

Several awards mirrored past years, but the centennial and sesquicentennial farm recognitions don't happen every year at the ceremony.

These awards recognize family farms that have been in Minnesota for 100 years and, in the case of the Sommers' farm, 150 years. Ronald Sommers gave a speech after being recognized during the ceremony.

"Here's a little bit about the Sommers' farm," he said. "Maybe a little bit too much, but it gives a little perspective upon how much time has changed. And they do change. They change dramatically, a little bit at a time, but it counts up over 50 or 100 or 150 years."

He told his family's story from 1821, when Frederick was born in Germany, to today. After a yearslong journey, Ronald said his ancestor arrived in Northfield in 1855.

That same summer, John North constructed a sawmill, which paved the way for Northfield to grow. Frederick died at age 24, leaving behind his two children. His mother followed that same fall.

John, Frederick's grandson, eventually moved to another farm in the Northfield area. John's son, George, is Ronald's grandfather. The second farm is now Ronald's farm, while the other is now the site of Red Barn Pizza.

"The Sommers family (was) the first family to live there," Ronald said. "And the Red Barn Pizza is operated by the Winters family. You just can't make this stuff up. It's unbelievable."



Dear NUMC Scholarship Committee:  
Thank you for supporting me in my future education at UNL!  
The money will help cover my schooling fee as I pursue my degree in Biology and continue into pre-dentistry. As I take on this new adventure, I will always know my local church community and God will be with me supporting me every step of the way.  
Thanks again,  
Megan Snyder

Dear Northfield United Methodist Church,  
Thank you so much for the very generous scholarship! I am so excited to begin my further education. I have thoroughly enjoyed growing up in the church and I am so grateful for everyone's love and support. I am so appreciative of this scholarship as it will allow me to focus on my studies throughout my time in school.  
Thank you,  
Ella Hegland

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

## Youth Mission Trip Photos



# 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.

## Super Wednesday Community Meals Return: September 20th

Food for the soul and the stomach! 5:30-6:30 on Wednesdays during the program year. Watch our Facebook page and our website for menus and any cancelations due to weather.

NOTE: NUMC follows the policy of Northfield Public Schools, so if they close, so do we.

## Card Making with Margie

Monday, September 18th  
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.



Because we love photos, here's some more!



On August 6, Retired pastor Gordon Orde led worship and offered communion while Pastor Rachel and Pastor Jerad were on vacation. Using the theme of gardening, he lifted up planting, cultivating, and harvesting as central to the Christian life - and he enlisted several families in the church to pose in homage to Grant Woods' "American Gothic" painting. Here are the images from that Sunday!



While we didn't come out on top in regular season play, the NUMC softball team won the church league softball tournament 3-0, finally beating the previously undefeated team from Hosanna Lutheran Church in the final game!



The Ennis family would come to regret asking pastor Rachel's advice for vacation destinations... actually, they took this photo en route to pick up daughter Muriel from the NUMC youth mission trip to CO so she could join in the family vacation fun!

# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Community Reservation" designates a room reservation for a non-church related community organization.					1 8:00 Men's Breakfast  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	2 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
3 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	4 <b>Church Office Closed Labor Day</b>	5 9:00 Bible Study 9:00-10:00 Community Reservation 5:00-9:00 Community Reservation	6 9:00 Mission Sewing 9:00-10:00 Community Reservation 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation	7 12:00 Community Reservation	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast <b>Church Office Closed</b>	9 8:00-5:00 Community Reservation
10 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Paint the Gym SALT Project 6:00-8:00 Community Reservation	11 10:00 MICAH mtg. 1:00 Esther Circle - Kildahl 7:00 Community Reservation	12 9:00 Bible Study 8:30-4:00 UWF Pie Baking	13 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation 6:30 Handbell Choir	14 10:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	15 8:00 Men's Breakfast	16 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
17 9:30 Worship Celebration Sunday 10:00 Children's Church 10:30 Confirmation 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	18 2:00 Card Making with Margie 7:00 Community Reservation	19 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Facilities Team Mtg.	20 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation <b>Noon - Herald Newsletter Deadline Super Wednesday</b> 3:30-5:30 KC3 5:30 Shared Meal 5:30 NUMC Board 5:30 Adult Choir 6:30 Youth Fellowship 6:30 Handbell Choir	21 12:00 Community Reservation 7:00 Renewal via zoom	22 8:00 Men's Breakfast	23 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation 6:00-3:00 Micah fundraiser - Brick Oven Bakery
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**Church Office Hours  
Beginning  
September 11th  
Mon.- Thurs.,  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday - 8:00 - noon**

Don't Miss the  
**DEADLINE!**

**October Herald  
Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for the October issue of the Herald Newsletter is: **Noon on Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

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

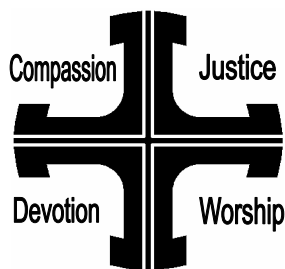
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