



# United Methodist Herald

August 2020

## Simultaneous Worship Watch Parties at 9:30am!

Join your church family either on Facebook (account needed) or at Church.Online (no account needed) for worship! Check in via comments or the chat function so we know you are with us.

## Zoom Coffee Hour!

At 10:00, we will host a Zoom coffee hour for anyone interested in online fellowship after worship - email the church office for the Zoom link [info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org).

## Send Us Your Photo!

Please send us a current photo of you and your family to be included in a future online worship service. Give us a wave from your doorstep! (we miss seeing all of you)

Send your photos in a digital image format (JPEG, PNG) to Sandy at [northfieldumc@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldumc@gmail.com) by Saturday, August 22nd.

(Photos become the property of Northfield United Methodist Church)

Beloved Church Family,

The state of Minnesota will be announcing the school year plan in late July, after the publication date of the NUMC Herald. This issue is shorter by design, because so many of our school year plans and programs will need to be determined after this plan is known - look for more information in our September Herald for how we will be living out our mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus this fall!

Blessings,  
Pastor Rachel McIver Morey

## Pastors Drive-thru Office Hours

Want to connect in person? Pastor Rachel or Jerad will have a lawn chair at the south entrance to the church from 4-5 pm on Wednesdays. Come by, **STAY IN YOUR CAR** for safety, and bring your cell phone if you have it to call Rachel 507-403-0071 or Jerad 507-403-0070 to chat!

## Social Distance Sunday Nights - 6:15 pm, north side of NUMC campus

During the month of August, we will offer outdoor gatherings with prayer, scripture, preaching and communion. We will gather in the grass on the north side of the church building by the upper parking lot.

Communion will be part of the gathering but instead of having bread and juice distributed by the pastor, we will each bring our own to use. Six foot distanced spots will be marked off in the grass and parking lot seating area for household groups to sit by to keep us safely spaced.

What do I bring?

- camping or lawn chair
- mask to wear (if you don't have one, we will have some on hand that you can take home!)
- crackers and juice for communion
- an open heart to what God will speak in our time together

**\*\*Please note - the church building (and bathrooms) will remain closed.**

Please take everything out that you bring in with you!

Hope to see you then! Questions? [Info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:Info@northfieldumc.org), or call Pastor Rachel at 507-403-0071.

## Stewardship & Finance Update

God has given us the gifts we need to both preserve and re-shape our church's ministries in this changing world. Your Stewardship and Finance team along with other church leaders will continue to monitor our expenses as we prayerfully strive to understand how to use what we are given for God's work.

**General Fund June 2020 contributions \$23,036.30**  
**General Fund June 2019 contributions \$30,442.16**

**General Fund YTD 2020 contributions \$202,964.37**  
**General Fund YTD 2019 contributions \$190,824.59**

## Thank You Music Contributors!

We are grateful to people who have recorded music for our online services! Thank you to Tim Goodwin, Linnea Goodwin, David Miller, Al and Karen O'Byrne, Randy Ferguson, Just for Fun group, Danny Allin, Kevin and Amy Allin, students AJ, Miriel, and Theo, Pastor Rachel, Diogo Furquim, the NUMC bell choir, Julia Gates, Tyler Railey, Cathy Rodland, and NUMC E- choir singers. For info on how you can contribute music for worship, email [wendynumc@aol.com](mailto:wendynumc@aol.com).

## UMW Fundraiser

The United Methodist Women (UMW) are holding a fundraiser. We are offering sports team face masks for a \$5.00 donation to Northfield UMW.

We currently have the following team masks available.

- Minnesota Twins
- Minnesota Vikings
- Timberwolves
- US Navy
- NASCAR (does not say NASCAR, but has checkered flags)

We also have non-team masks available for a donation.

If you are interested in getting masks contact us at [lin\\_wolf@charter.net](mailto:lin_wolf@charter.net) you will be contacted with instructions for pickup. Thank you for supporting the activities of Northfield United Methodist Women.

## Operation Backpack - August Work of Mercy

As everyone is aware, the year 2020 has been challenging, and it is still not clear how and when the schools will reopen. The Operation Backpack Committee and the CAC are committed to assuring that the families who qualify for assistance will receive help with backpacks and school supplies.

The Operation Backpack Committee has continued with community fundraising as in other years, and now we are asking NUMC for help through the August Work of Mercy. In 2019 the program served 525 children from pre-school age through high school. A similar number is expected to qualify for assistance this year.

The shopping season is much different for the Operation Backpack Committee this year. Many items were purchased at end of season sales last fall, but there are still many school supplies and backpacks to be purchased. Due to COVID-19 concerns, more supplies will be purchased in bulk, and much of the shopping will be done on-line for curbside pick-up to minimize in-store shopping.

The distribution of backpacks and school supplies will also look much different this year. The date is set for August 19th, and it will be held outdoors and by appointment. Families will stay in their cars, and they will progress through a line where backpacks and school supplies will be loaded into their cars for them. This type of distribution has been used by the CAC for Food Shelf distribution, so their experience will be helpful.

Families who wish to apply for Operation Backpack can call the CAC at 507-664-3550 for an application.

If you wish to contribute to Operation Backpack, please mail your donation to: Northfield United Methodist Church, 1401 S. Maple St., Northfield, MN. Please mark it clearly for Operation Backpack.

## 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, click on the GiveMN tab on the church website [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org).
3. Mail a check to: Northfield United Methodist Church  
1401 S. Maple St.  
Northfield, MN 55057  
The church mail is checked daily.

## ISAIAH - Cast your ballot in the August 11th primary

Live out your spiritual lives in the public sphere through the political process. Vote on August 11th primary or vote by August 10th either by mail or in person at city hall. All registered voters living in Northfield will have a chance to narrow the candidate field in the city's non-partisan mayoral race. In a portion of Northfield, voters will have a chance to do the same for one seat on the Rice County Commission. If you live outside the city, your ballot will list different positions.

## September Herald Deadline

The deadline for the September issue of the Herald Newsletter is **noon on Wednesday, August 19th**. Please submit your items in a digital format to [northfieldumc@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldumc@gmail.com) by the deadline.

## Olive Oil for Sale

MICAH has 500 ml bottles of Palestinian organic, fair trade, extra virgin olive oil available @ \$15.00 each. Contact Darlene Cox, [darlenebc43@msn.com](mailto:darlenebc43@msn.com) to place an order and for delivery or pick up.