



United Methodist Herald

May 2022



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May Worship

May 1 - Celebration of Holy Communion
Acts 9:1-20

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey

May 8 - United Women in Faith Sunday
Creation/Native American Sunday

Psalm 139:13-16

Rev. Dawn Houser

May 15 - Youth and Family Sunday
Acts 11:1-18

Rev. Todd Campbell Jr.

May 22 - Confirmation Sunday
John 14:23-29

Revelations 21:10,22-22:5

Rev. Jerad Morey

May 29

Acts 16:16-34

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.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE UPDATE

The budget is still sound though giving for the month of March 2022 was down as compared to March of 2021, \$34,471.66 as compared to \$56,025.66. However, it's worth noting that March offerings were considerably higher than February offerings. Giving for the entire year to date is also down from 2021, with this year to date offerings for 2022 at \$95,695.44 versus \$110,411.98. This puts us about 5% below the budgeted but still puts us on solid financial ground at this point in time.

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.

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

General Fund March 2022 contributions \$34,471.66
General Fund March 2021 contributions \$56,025.66

General Fund YTD 2022 contributions \$95,695.44
General Fund YTD 2021 contributions \$110,411.98

Thank you to the following for contributing to our Easter Visuals

Clare Mather and Philip Spensley in honor of our families.
 Darin, Nancy, Ryan, Ella and Maria Hegland in memory of Katherine and Daniel Hegland.
 Dennis and Marge Randolph in memory of Brian Randolph.
 George and Linda Davis in memory of Mary Davis and Marian Wayland.
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 Phil and Patty Gangloff in memory of Marian Gangloff.
 Phil and Patty Gangloff in memory of Robert and Sharon Gangloff.
 Phil and Patty Gangloff in memory of Ronald Eggert and Ruth Virnig.
 Robert and Catherine Williams in memory of Eugene and Edla Williams.
 Robert and Catherine Williams in memory of John and Harriet Micensky.



Robert and Cheryl Anderson in memory of Kyle and in honor of Reid and Stefani.
 Ruth and Perry Kruse in memory of our parents.
 Winnie Drentlaw in memory of Eugene Drentlaw.
 Tim and Tracy Goodwin.

Message from the Pastor

May 4-11 Team Morey will be in Oaxaca, Mexico; Pastor Jerad and I will be officiating a wedding for a couple of dear friends (one of whom is from that part of the world). This means that we will be gone for our two final Super Wednesdays of this school year as well as Sunday, May 8th; our Super Wednesday kitchen team and family ministries staff have this work well in hand, so the NUMC school year programs will close out just fine in our absence.

A less joyful event is also happening in early May: you may be reading about the launch of the Global Methodist Church on May 1st. In the April issue of the NUMC Herald, we included a statement from the Minnesota Annual Conference leadership about this, so I won't repeat that information here. For my purposes here, I will simply say that this body is committed to leaving the United Methodist Church to create a new body which maintains the current 2019 Book of Discipline's language around marriage and sexuality (the Book of Discipline is silent on the matter of gender assignment and identification), which specifically says that homosexuality is "incompatible with Christian teaching."

This is essentially a division in the denomination that is over forty years in the making. While many United Methodist churches (including our own) have, through prayerful process and conversation, ultimately decided to conscientiously object to the current Discipline's exclusionary language and chart a course toward full and unfettered inclusion for folks who identify somewhere in the LGBTQIA+ space, other congregations have moved the opposite direction, determining that they cannot in good conscience celebrate a wedding between two people of the same sex or bless gender reassignment or non-binary identification. In Minnesota, United Methodists have overwhelmingly voted to become a fully inclusive annual conference with an 80% vote on the matter at our 2019 annual conference - but we do have some congregations which simply don't see themselves in that kind of a church denomination.

As Jerad and I prepare for this upcoming wedding, I lament that occasions of joining people together, so celebratory and hopeful, are the breaking point for many in the church.

My role as the chair of the board of trustees for the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will demand my attention for these churches seeking to leave our denomination this coming year; some of you know well the heartbreak and energy drain that a divorce can be, and that is a useful analogy to what this is and will be after May 1. Even when a divorce is, unfortunately, the least bad option available, that doesn't make the process easy or without sadness. Add to the emotional messiness the reality of figuring out assets and liabilities and financial obligations, and you have some sense of the difficulty of what these formal denominational disaffiliations will look like.

I invite your prayers for churches on the path toward the exit; there are not many such congregations, but each one has folks in it that have been with us on mission trips, or served alongside us for Simpson Shelter meals, or worked together on UMW projects or Imagine No Malaria fundraisers - in many ways, simply been church together. The coming separations do not negate any of the good work that has been done. The disaffiliations simply name the truth that not all who we walk with are destined to walk with us forever, and seasons of connection can and do come to an end.

There will be an end to the present season of this life in the church, and I have faith that any grace worth talking about can meet us on the far side of where we find ourselves. If Easter teaches us anything, it is that resurrection lies beyond the horizon our eyes can see. May grace be the road that leads us beyond the boundary of our vision.

Blessings,
Rachel



Happy Easter and new life from ours to yours!



Pastor Rachel and Pastor Jerad will be on vacation from May 4-11. During that time if you are in need of emergency Pastoral care please call the church office at 507-645-5689.

FAMILY ministry

Mark your calendars! 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. Questions, or need to sign up for the email lists? Let us know! info@northfieldumc.org. Registration for all summer events (except camp) is live on our website northfieldumc.org.

Confirmation Sunday

May 22

Be led in worship by 10th-grade youth as they confirm their faith and join in membership in the church.

KC3 Evening Celebration (K-5th grades)

Friday, June 3, 5:30-8:30pm

Swimming and s'mores - who could ask for more? We will gather this final afternoon of the school year for fun and fellowship before summer is fully upon us. We will also celebrate advancing our 5th graders to our middle school youth fellowship for the fall.

Graduation Sunday

June 5

This Sunday we celebrate our high school graduates and others completing educational programs.

LYFE Camp (8th-12th grades)

June 18-25

LYFE Camp at Northern Pines is an opportunity to explore God's creation and dive deeper into faith and what relationship with God means - all in the company of other youth from around the United Methodist Church in Minnesota. To register or find more information: campminnesota.org. Scholarships are available, and we will make sure any youth who wants to go to camp can go!

Fire Ring Clean-up and Campfire Gathering (6th-12 grades)

June 22, 6:30 – 9:00pm

For youth who aren't attending LYFE Camp, we will meet at the church fire ring the evening of June 22nd for fellowship and a service project of cleaning up our well-used church fire ring and gathering space. A campfire gathering will follow.

Parents Night Out

(childcare for children 10 and younger, provided by the 6th-12th grade youth and NUMC Family Ministry staff and volunteers)

July 22, 5:00-9:00pm

Raising funds for an August canoe day trip, older youth will offer a night of childcare to parents of younger children from 5pm-9pm. 6th-12th grade kids will have games and activities and fun set up for their younger church family siblings.

Feed My Starving Children (6th-12th grades)

July 12, 7:00-8:30pm

Gathering at the NUMC campus to carpool, 6th-12th grade students and families are invited to pack food for children in need at the Feed My Starving Children site in Eagan (990 Lone Oak Rd, Eagan, MN). Meet at church for carpooling.

Trailblazers Camp (3rd-6th grades)

July 31-August 3

Pack your bags, we're going to church camp! This is a great first "away" camp with three nights in cabins at Camp Koronis near Paynesville, MN. NUMC students will be picked up by a bus at the church and transported to camp on the 31st, and the bus will return the kids that Wednesday. This event requires pre-registration at campminnesota.org - spots do fill up, so make sure your student gets registered as soon as possible - scholarships are available, and we will make sure every student who wants to can go to camp.

Trailblazers Junior Camp at NUMC

August 1 and August 2 (Pre-K - 2nd grades) 6:30-8:00pm

Our youngest disciples may not be quite ready for sleep away camp, but we will have fun for them right here at church! We will explore God's creation and learn more about the amazing world God has made.

Daytrip: Canoes on the Cannon River (6th-12th grades)

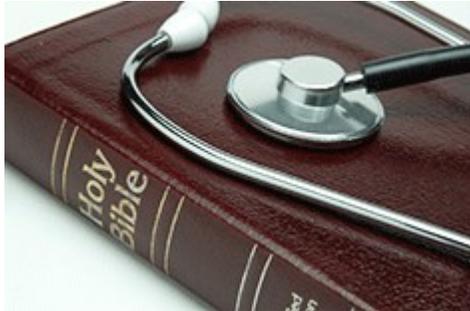
August 13

We will gather at the church to carpool to the canoe launch point and share a day of fun in the sun on the Cannon.



Notes from the Parish Nurse

This month I would like to share some information about Parish Nursing (Faith Community Nursing), Care Ministry Team, and the Volunteer Visitor Program at the Northfield United Methodist Church.



A **Parish Nurse** is a licensed registered nurse who has had at least two years of experience and has completed a parish nurse foundations course. This nursing specialty addresses health issues with the faith of the client and the client's family in mind. There is an intentional care of the spirit of those to whom the parish nurse gives assistance. Parish nurses act as health advisors and educators, as advocates and resource persons, and as integrators of the faith/health relationship. They help empower others to take responsibility for their own health. This ministry is not a substitute for pastoral care, medical care, community health nursing, and social agencies, but rather works in a partnership with these services. The focus of this ministry is on promoting (w)holistic Christian health rather than "hands on" physical

care. We have had a parish nurse at our church since December 1999 when Ruth Kruse started the ministry after taking the foundations course through The Parish Nurse Center of Concordia College.

At the Northfield United Methodist Church, the **Care Ministry Team** is made up of a pastor, a parish nurse, and three trained volunteers. We meet bi-weekly with Pastor Rachel to identify individuals and families who have physical, emotional, or spiritual needs. Prayers and presence are offered during times of crisis or celebration. Depending on circumstances and the degree of involvement of family and friends, visits might be made or meals or prayer shawls might be delivered.



Pastors, parish nurses, and care ministry team members cannot visit folks in hospitals and care centers if their presence at a particular facility is not known. We rely on an individual or his or her family member to inform us of a hospitalization or a move to assisted living or a care center. If you have information to share about yourself or a loved one or would like to have a visit by a pastor or a care team member, please call the church office at 507-645-5689 and leave a message for Pastor Rachel or Parish Nurse Ruth Kruse.

The **Volunteer Visitor Program** of the Northfield United Methodist Church is an outgrowth of the Care Ministry Team and the former EngAging Ministries Team. Volunteers from our congregation are trained to make visits to members of our church family, especially those who are homebound or living in care facilities and are no longer able to attend worship or other church activities. These social visits help members to maintain meaningful connection with the life of the church. Volunteer Visitor training is offered on an individual basis.



Jesus the Great Physician said, "I have come that you might have life in all its fullness." He has commissioned the church on earth to reach out in love and to be His hands and feet on earth. Our church is a place where many elements of health and healing can be discussed and a place where people can learn and be nurtured and supported on their life journey.



ISAIAH

Faith in Democracy

The Northfield NUMC ISAIAH Team is one avenue for living out one aspect of the mission of our congregation: glorifying God by acts of justice.

Team members, while few in number, have been working with ISAIAH leaders from across the state to influence legislative action during this year's state legislative session. We are leading together to create a Minnesota that is **inclusive** and **just** for every person.

To build such an **inclusive** and **just** Minnesota, we ask all elected officials keep two questions front and center:

- **Will this legislative action nourish a democracy that honors every person's dignity?**
- **Will this legislative action create a caring economy that allows everyone to thrive?**

Because of the unspent funds in state coffers, this year the legislature has a special opportunity to make amends for past inaction. Will legislators be bold? Working collaboratively, we make an impact, especially in the House where there is much support for:

- Paid time to care for themselves and their loved ones
- Child care for our youngest Minnesotans, a much-neglected group
- Protecting and expanding voting rights and practices
- Climate justice
- True public safety focused on reconciliation and rehabilitation not on retribution
- Immigrant rights
- Health care through MinnesotaCare for All

Until the legislative session adjourns in late May, we continue to advocate for these priorities with our elected officials – the governor and the legislators. Then, as the election season escalates, we will be engaging with candidates and voters, pushing for their support of these actions into the future.

Do you hear the call to justice through such an endeavor? If so, join us by contacting Evelyn Burry (evelynburry@hotmail.com; 507-645-7481). And take action on your own.

Dismantling Racism Team (DRT)

The 2016 Book of Resolutions includes Resolution #3321, "Native People and The United Methodist Church." Part of the resolution reads as follows: "The General Conference of The United Methodist Church affirms the sacredness of American Indian people, their languages, cultures, and gifts to the church and the world. The United Methodist Church will build bridges of respect and understanding with indigenous persons. Our churches must listen and become educated about the history of the relationship between indigenous persons and Christian colonizers in their own geographic location. Through prayer and relationship building, they will celebrate the gifts that indigenous people bring to the body of Jesus in the world."

We have an opportunity to begin "building bridges of respect and understanding" by learning about our Dakota neighbors through **a field trip to Hočokata Ti on Saturday, May 21**. From their [website](#): "Hočokata Ti [ho-cho-kah-tah-tee] is the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's (SMSC) cultural center and gathering space that is used to interpret and encourage traditional Mdewakanton Dakota cultural heritage, language, and history by sustaining this inherent knowledge for SMSC Members through exhibitions, preservation, and education. Hočokata Ti's 3,805-square-foot public exhibit, called Mdewakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake, provides visitors with a cultural experience that enhances their knowledge and understanding of the Mdewakanton Dakota people and their history."

We have scheduled a guided tour of the facility just for our group. It starts at 10:00 a.m. and will last about an hour. Those wanting to carpool will meet at church at 8:45 a.m. Please join us! To reserve a space, use the online registration form found here: <https://northfieldumc.org/anti-racism-resources>.

Mugs and Muffins



Mugs and Muffins will be meeting on May 16th at 9 AM in the church library. In May we will begin "Boys of the Bible Quilt Block Series". Over 900 men are mentioned in the Bible — far too many to include all of them in this quilt, but all worthy of further study and reflection. Throughout this pattern series, we will take a closer look at 100 men mentioned in the Bible. We will call these men, "Boys of the Bible." Some were truly bad (evil), others were somewhat bad (flawed), and others were good and faithful. New members and guests are always welcome.

MICAH NEWS

Methodists Investing in Care and Action for the Holy Land - Based on Micah 6:8

“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

Martin Buber and the best way to have peace in Palestine-Israel

As we witness daily the ongoing conflicts between Israelis and Palestinians it is worth recalling the important insights of the noted Jewish philosopher, Martin Buber (1878-1965). Buber favored a binational state that encompassed and honored both Jews and Palestinians in which Jews and Palestinians would share sovereignty or co-dominion over the land they both regarded as their national patrimony. He drew this notion from his understanding of the precepts of the Hebrew Bible.

His vision of what should be is best captured by the following quote:

“Not as in ancient days, today we are permitted to enter into an alliance with the [Indigenous Palestinian] inhabitants in order to develop the land together and make it a pathfinder in the Near East—a covenant of two independent nations with equal rights, each of whom is its own master in its own society and culture, but both united in the enterprise of developing their common homeland and in the federal management of shared matters. On the strength of that covenant we wish to return once more to the union of Near Eastern nations, to build an economy integrated in that of the Near East, to carry out policies in the framework of the life of the Near East, and, God willing, to send the Living Idea forth to the world from the Near East again.” - Martin Buber, “Zionism and ‘Zionism,’” May 1948.



Olive Oil for Sale

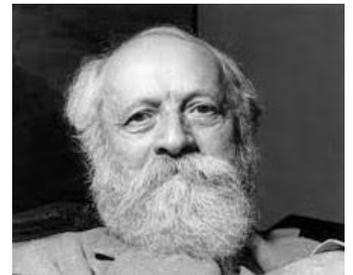
Palestinian organic, fair trade, extra virgin olive oil.

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.



Happy 21st Birthday Nicolas Zreineh!

Nicolas Zreineh, oldest son in our Bethlehem family, will turn 21 on May 31st. The oldest son in many Palestinian families in the village of Beit Jala (next to Bethlehem) is named Nicolas after Saint Nicolas, the Patron Saint of Beit Jala. Birthday wishes can be sent to: m.nour@bethbc.edu and mention the Marlen Zreineh family, sponsored by Northfield United Methodist Church.



***Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow.
All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground.
Inch by inch, row by row someone bless these seeds I sow.***

As I began to write this article on the church's library, for some reason these words, came into my mind. With apologies to composer David Mallett, more along the lines of, "inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this church grow."

The church library is up and "growing" once again - has been open/growing for a few months now. As in the long ago (three years ago?):

See the Library section of the bulletin boards in the hallway across from Fellowship Hall for notices of what is new, suggestions to supplement, support, current sermon themes or studies of the month. Displays of the books and other resources themselves are available on the table in the back of Fellowship Hall; sign-out sheets and return book tray, there also.

Foot by foot, make it down to the Library itself. Browse the shelves on your own or see what is on display on the library desk.

Youth, young adult and children's selections are just to the left of this desk. As more young people return and their activities resume, the library committee members are ready to assist in locating material from a book of games to bible stories to current literature. This offer goes for adults, too.

Linda Davis, Diane Genova, Ruth Henrichs, and Corrine Simonson





United Women in Faith



UMW Circle Meeting Dates

May 9, 2022 - Esther Circle – Meeting at 1:00 PM in person
Kildahl Park Pointe, 888 Cannon Valley Drive, Northfield, MN

Mugs and Muffins – May 16, 2022 – 9:00 AM

Northfield UMC church library Program: Women/Boys of the Bible in Quilt Blocks

Committee of Native American Ministries (CONAM)

Mission Envelope: “CONAM’s goal is the realization that our unity in Jesus Christ provides opportunities for all to become aware of the rich heritage of Native American history and spirituality through experiential learning.” (MN Conference website)

CONAM: Seeks ways to be in relationship with Native American communities in Minnesota.

Supports Native American Leadership, both laity and clergy, within the Minnesota Annual Conference.

Provides learning and emersion opportunities for Minnesota UMC.

Works to rethink mission and mitigate harms caused by settler colonialism, white supremacy, erasure, and exclusion.

Continues to work with conference leaders and congregations on the journey toward repentance.

Mission Rummage Sale is back!

Mark your calendars!

Our unwanted Treasures for Mission

Friday, June 24th

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday, June 25th

9:00 to 12:00 noon

Bring your treasures to share June 22-23

House Hold Items

Sports items

Clothes for all Ages

Dorm Room needs

Books

Miscellaneous

Do you have anything left to purge from your abode?
Bring it to NUMC Wednesday and Thursday, June 22 & 23.
Sponsored by United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith is excited to have Rev. Dawn Houser with us on May 8th. She is part Anishinaabe and Chair of the Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM). She is a licensed local pastor assigned to Aitkin UMC. She says, “We need to see native spirituality as a part of the Christian faith viewed through a Native American lens.”

Rev. Houser’s message will be “The Heartbeat of a Mother,” weaving in the significance of the drum in God’s Creation Care and Native ancestry. The drum becomes the spiritual heartbeat of the Anishinaabe Nations, of Mother Earth and the circle of life.

Adult Forum will host Rev. Houser after the service (10:45-11:00 AM). She has done special studies of the Methodist connection to Native Boarding schools and the significance of trafficking Native American girls. Please take time in your Sunday to hear Rev. Dawn’s special message.

Rev. Dawn says, “It will take a long time to restore trust needed in any relationship with Native Americans. The United Methodist church needs to develop relationships with Native American communities, and fund mission projects working with the Ojibwa or Dakota peoples. It will take a lot of learning about, and immersing ourselves in, native culture and spirituality to start rebuilding trust between us.”



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

SUPER WEDNESDAY MEAL MENU FOR MAY

May 4: Hamburgers, baked beans, French fries, macaroni salad and root beer floats.

May 11 (final Super Wednesday meal): Pizza, Caesar salad and ice cream sundaes.

Thank you to the Super Wednesday meal volunteers for feeding our bodies and souls these past few months!



YOUTH AND FAMILY SUNDAY MAY 15TH

After worship: Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Our youth and family ministries will lead us in worship **Sunday, May 15th** at 9:30am, and immediately following, the **NUMC Softball Team** will host a pancake and sausage breakfast fundraiser! Come to worship hungry for the Word, and hungry to the fellowship hall for pancakes afterwards.



NUMC HOSTS ARTMAKERS - A CELEBRATION OF FANNY CROSBY

2pm May 15th, North Courtyard of the NUMC Campus

Artmakers, a local Northfield non-profit, brings "together artists with disabilities and local, professional and student artists to create art together and build community." Together with NUMC and other Northfield musicians, they will be celebrating Fanny Crosby, a 19th century Methodist hymn writer and poet who was also blind. Join the celebration at an outdoor concert **Sunday afternoon May 15th** (rain date: 6:30pm May 18th).

LOST AND FOUND



As the school year programs wrap up in the next few weeks, come take a look at our lost and found in the NUMC narthex to see if there are any items of yours that could have gone missing. Any items still present at the end of May will be donated.

Card Making with Margie

Thursday, May 19, 2:30-4:00 pm
In the Fellowship Hall
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 and for more info!





We, at Rice County Habitat for Humanity, would like to thank you for your dedication and devotion to our mission. With your help, we have completed 5 houses bringing safe and affordable shelter to 10 children and 7 adults. Whether you were onsite swinging a hammer, providing a delicious meal, helping to organize a group or to pray for our mission, you have strengthened your community and empowered Habitat homeowners to build a better future for themselves. We are God's hands and feet, here to serve others and show them His love. We have posted all our photos from this build season on our website: habitatricecounty.org. Just look for the camera icons on the homepage.



We are looking forward to our next 5 families building with us in Faribault starting this summer. We have also posted a video introducing our next 5 families on our website.

Thank you and peace be with you all.

Thank you and God bless,
Jodi Beach
Community Engagement Coordinator
Rice County Habitat for Humanity





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	2 3:00 UWF meeting 6:30 Guest Welcome via zoom	3 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Trustee Meeting	4 9:00 Mission Sewing Super Wednesday 3:30 KC3 5:30 Shared Meal 6:00 Youth meet 6:30 ArtMakers	5	6 8:00 Men's Breakfast	7
8 9:30 Worship - United Women of Faith Sunday 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	9 1:00 Esther Circle - Kildahl	10 9:00 Bible Study	11 9:00 Mission Sewing Final Super Wednesday 3:30 KC3 5:30 Shared Meal 6:00 Youth meet 6:30 ArtMakers	12	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast	14
15 9:30 Worship - Youth and Family Sunday 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 NUMC Softball Pancake breakfast fundraiser 2:00 ArtMakers and NUMC Fanny Crosby concert	16 9:00 Mugs and Muffins	17 9:00 Bible Study 3:00 MICAH meeting 6:45 Administrative Council meeting	18 9:00 Mission Sewing Noon - Herald Deadline	19 2:30 Card Making with Margie 7:00 Renewal via zoom	20 8:00 Men's Breakfast	21 8:45 Hočokata Ti field trip carpool meet
22 9:30 Worship - Confirmation Sunday 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	23	24 9:00 Bible Study	25 9:00 Mission Sewing	26	27 8:00 Men's Breakfast	28
29 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	30 Memorial Day Church office closed	31 9:00 Bible Study	1 9:00 Mission Sewing	2	3 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4:30-8:30 KC3 Summer Celebration Church office summer hours begin.	4

Don't forget to fill out the room reservation form when planning your meeting/event!

Only church related meetings/events are listed on the monthly calendar above. Many other non-church related community events/meetings are scheduled at NUMC on a daily basis. In order to guarantee your space is available and the heat/air systems are turned on please fill out a room reservation form for the church office when planning your meeting/event. (This includes use of the Sanctuary for rehearsals, etc.) The form may be filled out on our website northfieldumc.org or call the church office 507-645-5689 and one will be emailed to you. If your group meets on a regular basis you may reserve your space for multiple dates.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.
Summer Office Hours begin June 3rd
Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed on Friday

Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**

June Herald Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the June issue of the Herald Newsletter is

Noon on Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Please submit your items in a digital format to northfieldumc@gmail.com.

Because every picture has a story to tell...



ArtMakers, a nonprofit organization providing opportunities to perform and create to individuals with disabilities, is partnering via zoom with NUMC musicians for a performance using the work of Fanny Crosby, a Methodist hymn writer who was blind. See this Herald's announcement page for details on the outdoor concert in May.



Dixie land band Sunday is an annual favorite - no matter what style of music we have, our musicians open our hearts and souls to the glory of God.



The walls of NUMC have heard the Ukrainian National Anthem 3 times: on organ as a postlude to worship; in Rotary by group vocals; and a vocal solo by the Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra pictured here as the opener to their concert held at NUMC.



NUMC Youth had the chance to get to know new Youth and Family Director Todd Campbell during a bowling outing at Flaherty's Jesse James Lanes in Northfield.



When the smell of pancakes, bacon and eggs fills the church hallways we know it's Friday and the Men's Breakfast has started!



History comes alive! Communion trays from the original NUMC building have been resurrected for use. Many thanks to Paul Kluge for his work in getting them cleaned up and in shape for Sunday morning worship!





KC3 kids celebrate and learn about Palm Sunday.



Hosanna in the highest! We celebrated Jesus triumphant travel into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday!



KC3 (Kids Creating Community through Christ) fun on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 pm!



The NUMC Youth meet each Wednesday evening 6:30-8:00 pm.



NUMC youth met to pack eggs for the egg hunt, and to share in fun and fellowship the Wednesday before Holy Week.



Our SALT youth led us in a community egg hunt serving 41 eager youngsters on the NUMC campus Palm Sunday afternoon!



Pastor Rachel signals the start of the Easter Egg Hunt by playing her trombone on the roof of the church!

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