

# United Methodist Herald

February 2023



**Photo Credit:** Tim Freeland. Photo taken with drone on the beautiful frosty morning of January 4th after a snow storm. The church was closed due to the weather conditions.

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## February Worship

*Kairos and Chronos: Divine Time Intersects with Human Time*

**February 5 - Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Matthew 5:13-20**

**Rev. Jerad Morey**

**February 12**

**Matthew 5:21-37**

**Rev. Rachel McIver Morey**

**February 19 - Transfiguration and Youth Trip Sunday**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

**Rev. Todd Campbell, Jr.**

**Lenten Series: "What Is truth?"**

**February 22 - Ash Wednesday (6:30 pm Sanctuary)**

**Psalm 51:1-17**

**Rev. Jerad Morey**

**February 29**

**Proverbs 11:1-3**

**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](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. Please consider electronic giving.

Authorization forms are available on our website [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org) or by emailing [northfieldumc@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldumc@gmail.com).

**General Fund November 2022 contributions \$33,011.66**  
**General Fund November 2021 contributions \$25,247.66**

**Year-end financials were not available at the time of printing of this newsletter. 2022 year-end will appear in the March Herald newsletter.**

**General Fund YTD 2022 contributions \$306,866.72**  
**General Fund YTD 2021 contributions \$314,422.26**

## 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: 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 Wednesday January 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

### 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.

**Attendees:** Bruce Benson, Carolyn Seas, John Stull, Kevin Dahle, Allie Lyman, Sara Newberg, Jody Friedow, Bruce Dalgaard, Tim Goodwin, Dave Wolf, Jessy Hoffer, Ruth Kruse, Pastor Rachel McIver-Morey

**Not Present:** Warren Winkelman, Pierce Follansbee-Delong

**Meeting Called to order:** 5:30 pm by Kevin Dahle

### NUMC Prayer

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Sara Newberg to approve the **October 2022** NUMC Board minutes. Bruce Benson seconded. **Approved as read.**

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## NUMC Board Meeting Minutes Continued...

**Approval of the meeting's Agenda** – Dave Wolf moved to approve the agenda. Tim Goodwin seconded. **Agenda Approved.**

### Agenda items

#### **Fiduciary Items:**

**SPRC (Closed Session – updates from Allie and Rachel)** Motion made by Tim and seconded by Sara to move to a closed session. The board then resumed an open session after a motion from Sara, and seconded by Allie. **All motions approved.**

#### **Finance (John Stull and Tim Goodwin)**

Tim reported that the final year end numbers were not complete, as of meeting time. He recommended that the budget process be done at the next meeting, after the final 2022 numbers are complete. John reported that the year end checking account balance was \$76,716.00, after increased giving in December.

It is projected that final ledger balances will indicate a year end deficit of around \$30,000. Tim led a discussion for moving some undesignated funds to the general fund. This is just an internal movement of spent funds from one line item to another. Tim made a motion to move \$6,439.54 from undesignated gifts and \$10,000 from undesignated memorials to the general fund. Sara Newberg seconded. - **Approved**

**Facilities** - Pastor Rachel informed the board that the City of Northfield is constructing a sidewalk and bike path on Maple Street this summer. After some discussion on the repercussions of this change to church property, John Stull made a motion that the board support the construction, as the church continues to embrace such community efforts. Bruce Dalgaard seconded the motion. - **Approved**

**Bylaws Update** – After consulting with other church leaderships, Pastor Rachel was pleased to inform the board that with the change to a single leadership board, no immediate changes need to be made to the by-laws.

#### **Ministry Items:**

**Daycare – Congregational Engagement proposal** - Kevin and Rachel shared an email from Warren Winkelman, concerning a conversation he had with Erin Bailey, Northfield Community Education Director. Erin outlined many issues affecting the growing lack of affordable daycare in Northfield. Staffing is the biggest concern, as the cost of good staff can make a daycare unaffordable for low income families. Paper work for county assistance can become more difficult than some daycare providers wish to deal with.

Erin has happily agreed to conduct an Adult Forum on February 26<sup>th</sup>, to provide further information on this issue, and answer any questions the congregation may have.

We will continue to learn more about the community's affordable childcare needs and what role our church can take on this issue.

**Key Update** – Pastor Rachel informed the board that the UWF has adopted The Key as well, as part of their missions work.

**Family event** – Pastor Rachel suggested that this item be tabled until this spring/summer.

**Wednesdays – Community Schools impact** – Kevin also talked to Erin Bailey about the Community School programs that are now happening at the elementary schools, as an after school activity. Some of these activities occur on Wednesdays. He believes these programs might affect our own programming/meals on Wednesday nights. This is a question to consider in the future. Kevin agreed to send the board an email with a short power point about the Community School programs.

#### **Next Meeting**

**March 1, 2023, 5:30 pm.**

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

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Carolyn Seas

# Message from the Pastor

February is Black History Month. As Methodists, we have an astonishing array of Black saints to lift up without even leaving the sanctuary of our own tradition: Harriet Tubman! John Lewis! Ellen Sirleaf Johnson! Rosa Parks! Joseph Lowery! We can and should be humbled by the names we can claim as "ours," singing the same hymns, sharing the same baptism, and proclaiming the same prevalent, justifying, and sanctifying grace at work in the world.

Before we become too self-congratulatory, though, each of these names is connected to stories that paint a broader, less joyful picture.

Harriet Tubman freed hundreds of slaves. . .some of whom were enslaved by plantation owners who also worshipped at Methodist churches.

John Lewis was a hero of the Civil Rights Movement to end segregationist policies. . .policies which some white Methodists were all too happy to fight for to keep in place.

Ellen Sirleaf Johnson was the first woman president of Liberia coming out of a horrific and bloody civil war. . .which came about in part because Liberia was colonized by formerly enslaved people from the US, an effort supported by some Methodists who wanted to establish a "civilized" Black nation on the African continent, quite ignorant of the indigenous folks already living in the area.

Rosa Parks walked into the history books by sitting down on a Montgomery bus. . .and she was booked by Deputy Sheriff DH Lackey, who worshipped at an all-white Methodist church.

Joseph Lowery's leadership in the Civil Rights Movement earned him honorary degrees from a number of historically

Black colleges and universities. . .which came into existence precisely because of strong opposition, including from Methodists, to integrated higher education.

Maybe you were around when some of these stories were happening in real time. How did the televised news and local newspapers cover these events? What did you make of them? And what do they mean to you now?

These last 3 years have taught us the unfinished nature of racial reconciliation. We often think of "reconciliation" as a matter between people or groups of people to resolve a conflict, but I think about it in terms of bank statements. Online banking has changed some of these practices, but when the bank sends statements at the end of the month, we check our checkbook entries against the bank statement numbers, note any discrepancies, and we either call the bank or correct our own accounting. "Reconciliation," in this sense, is checking our own math against what the bank says. Reconciling ensures we have an accurate picture of debits and credits so we don't overspend.

Black history month, in this sense, is an opportunity for us to check the bank statement against what we think we have in our account, but this time in the sense of history. Does the story go entirely the way we thought it did? Is it possible we wrote a check and forgot to enter it, and now we need to take a look at what actually happened? Are there any errors in the record that need correcting? What is actually in our account?

This is good and holy work, uncomfortable as it is. On Sunday mornings, occasionally someone will offer me a note on something I said that was hurtful, whether intentional or not. I never love these moments, but each time is a chance to make things right, or even better, to make things good. Repentance and reconciliation always go together. Ministry worthy of the tradition of Harriet, John, Ellen, Rosa, and Joseph inevitably leads us back to the sanctuary to sing God's praise for how far we have come by faith, leaning on the Lord. It is only grace that will lead us home to each other.

Blessings, Rachel

## Pastor Rachel's Epiphany Coffee Hours

**Target Starbucks  
Every Thursday,  
1:30-3:00 pm  
through February 16  
No appointment necessary!**



Don't Miss the  
**DEADLINE!**

**March Herald  
Newsletter Deadline**

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

**Noon on Monday, February 20, 2023**

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

Late submissions will not be accepted.

Mark your calendars! Need any info on the ministries below?

email us at [info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org)

## Sundays:

### Children's Church (5th grade and under)

Younger children are dismissed from the sanctuary at 10am to a worship service of their own, followed by fun and fellowship in the gym.

### Sunday Youth Connect (6th-12th grade) 10:30am

Older youth are invited to their own time for fellowship and conversation in the high school room.

## Wednesdays:

### KC3 (K-5th grade) 3:30-5:30pm

Join the fun after school at NUMC! Time to play, time to pray, time to learn and lead - children from Spring Creek Elementary are walked across the street, and students from other schools in the Northfield School District can ride the "church bus."

(NOTE: because of busing, registration in advance is required for KC3. Register at [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org)).

## Super Wednesday Meal - Free Will Donation, Fellowship Hall 5:30-6:30pm

### Youth Mission Trip 2023

February 8 is the final day to register. NUMC youth (6th-12 grade) will be serving in Alamosa, Colorado July 23-28. For more information contact [youth@northfieldumc.org](mailto:youth@northfieldumc.org)

### February SALT: Valentines

#### February 1, 5, 8

The SALT team of confirmed youth who lead our congregation in intergenerational service projects have set a goal of making 200 valentines for people in Northfield nursing and care facilities. Please join in this ministry to love our elderly neighbors on February 1, February 5 and February 8! We hope to deliver Valentines on the 12th.

### 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation

#### February 12, 10:30am - Noon

Confirmands will follow up last month's conversation about worship with an exploration of sabbath - its purpose and role in our lives today.

### Youth Trip Fundraising Kick-Off

#### February 19

The youth will begin fundraising for their summer trip. Join us Sunday for what's planned! If you would like to be involved or donate, please contact [youth@northfieldumc.org](mailto:youth@northfieldumc.org)

**\*\*No Children's Church February 19th\*\***

### Ash Wednesday

#### February 22

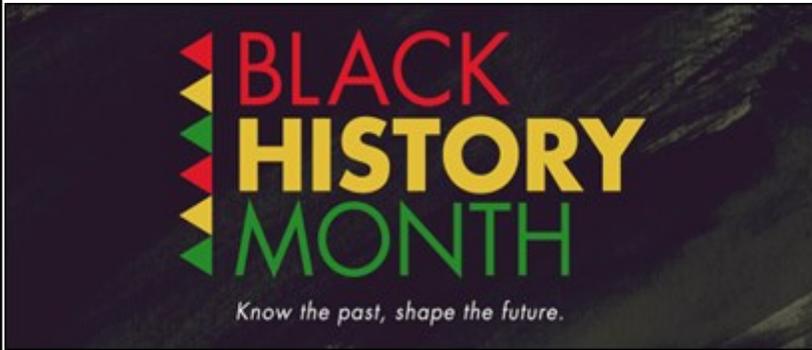
There will not be Youth Group following supper. Join the congregation for our Ash Wednesday Service.

### Graduating Seniors Meeting

#### February 26, 10:30am - Noon

The Class of 2023 and their parents are invited to this first meeting in preparation for the celebration of Graduation Sunday in June.

## Dismantling Racism Team (DRT)



We all know that February is Black History Month, but most of us probably don't know much about how it started or how it's evolved over the years. The origins of Black History Month go back to 1915, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-trained historian, founded what is known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). In 1926, the organization sent out a press release announcing the second week of February as Negro History Week, and encouraging the study of the countless black people who had contributed to the

advancement of human civilization. From the beginning, the response to this call was enthusiastically promoted by schools, clubs, and local governments, and by the 1960s, the shift to a month-long celebration had begun. President Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976. A more detailed history can be found at [asalh.org/about-us/about-black-history-month/](http://asalh.org/about-us/about-black-history-month/).

Each year the ASALH provides a theme for Black History Month to focus the attention of the public. The 2023 theme is "Black Resistance." The following is excerpted from the description of the theme on the [ASALH website](http://asalh.org): African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms, and police killings since our arrival upon these shores.... Black people have had to consistently push the United States to live up to its ideals of freedom, liberty, and justice for all.... This is a call to everyone, inside and outside the academy, to study the history of Black Americans' responses to establish safe spaces, where Black life can be sustained, fortified, and respected.

Here are a few people within our Methodist tradition whose acts of resistance are worth learning more about:

**Richard Allen**, born into slavery, became a Methodist preacher and later founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church in response to continued persecution from the white Methodist preachers.

**Mary McLeod Bethune**, a Methodist laywoman, started a school for Black girls in Florida, which became Bethune-Cookman College.

**Joseph Lowery** was a Methodist pastor who, along with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957.

**Leontine Kelly**, in 1984, was the first Black woman elected bishop in the UMC or in any mainstream Christian church in the world.



Borrowing from the pastors' sermon theme from last month, your Church Library team is echoing the time reference this month. It is time to return books. There are return trays in the library and on the display table in Fellowship Hall.

Critical to the library's resources is the return of the children and adult books dealing with the understanding of racism. If you are still in need of their use, please speak to one of the team members or leave a note in the Church Office.



The library volunteers are ready to collect and store the Advent and Christmas books for another year; it would be helpful to have them returned asap.

It is a pleasure to announce that one more novel by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Marilynne Robinson, has been added to our collection. *Housekeeping*, joins the other works of Robinson, beginning with *Gilead* and the related books in that series. *Housekeeping*, is a "stand alone" and, yes, it is about the effort to keep house, but it refers to keeping anything, be that a psychological, emotional or physical *thing* maintained.

February is a month filled with days noted on our calendars. None more important than Wednesday the 22nd., Ash Wednesday. Lenten materials will be available for check out in both Fellowship Hall and on the Library desk. Study groups and family and youth groups, let the Library team know of any supplemental resources we may be able to locate for you.

Linda Davis, Diane Genova, Ruthi Henrichs, Corinne Simonson



ISAI AH has a vision of our state – a place where everyone’s dignity is honored, a caring economy that allows everyone to thrive, a climate future that nurtures all of creation.

This month is a busy time for our state legislators and thus for ISAI AH. Legislative committees are holding hearings; ISAI AH-NUMC team members are learning about ISAI AH’s top five proposals:

- Paid Family and Medical Leave
- 100% Clean Energy by 2040
- Child Care
- Democracy – restore the vote and automatic voter registration
- Budgeting for Equity

The secondary priorities include:

- Driver Licenses for All
- MN Care Buy-in
- Transit Funding
- Paid Sick Leave
- Education Funding
- Public Safety

The legislature is positioned this year to make positive gains on all of these, but they need to be bolstered in their work by hearing from us, their constituents. When we thank them for supporting a proposal, they are energized to stay committed. If they are waffling or opposing a proposal, our task is to explain to them how the changes would impact our lives positively. Your story may be the one that brings a change of heart.

Act now! Be in touch with your legislators about the proposals that matter the most to you. Their contact information is at this web address: <https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/>. Just enter your address and click. Your legislators’ names appear; click the “contact” bar and get all the details you need.

Want to learn more? Each Tuesday evening during the session, at 6 until 7, several legislators meet with ISAI AH supporters via Zoom – letting us know what is happening in the committees and full sessions. We find out how to be supportive. If you need a registration link, contact Evelyn Burry. Also contact her to be added to the ISAI AH-NUMC action alerts email list. ([evelynburry@hotmail.com](mailto:evelynburry@hotmail.com), or 507-645-7481)

### Mission Sewing Project

In December Mission Sewing donated 30 quilts to Operation Joy.

We want to thank everyone who helped sew diapers and receiving blankets for Midwest Distribution Center. In December we brought 24 receiving blankets, 10 layette jackets and 61 diapers to Rochester where from there they will get picked up to go to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois.

Our next meeting is February 22nd, Wednesday to tie quilts. We meet at 9:00 AM in Room 120.





# Notes from the Parish Nurse

*A heart at peace gives life to the body.* Proverbs 14:30 (NIV)

In February our thoughts turn to our hearts: Valentine hearts filled with love, our spiritual journey as we begin the Lenten season, and our physical hearts as it is American Heart Month. We should be concerned about heart disease, as it continues to be a primary cause of death and disability in our country.



“The American Heart Association’s signature women’s initiative, ‘Go Red For Women’, is a comprehensive platform designed to increase women’s heart health awareness...It’s no longer just about wearing red; it’s no longer just about sharing heart health facts. It’s about all women making a commitment to stand together with ‘Go Red’ and taking charge of their own heart health as well as the health of those they can’t bear to live without.” This national movement was founded to help fight back against the #1 killer of American Women, as cardiovascular disease is the cause of one in every 3 female deaths in the United States. Join with thousands of women across America on national Wear Red Day, Friday, February 3, 2023, by wearing red and by making a donation to the American Heart Association to support research and education about women and heart disease.

The following risk factors of heart disease are ones you can do something about. They are: smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, being overweight or obese, and lack of exercise or physical inactivity. Related to these risk factors, the American Heart Association suggests “10 Ways to Love Your Heart.”

- Get regular checkups.
- Know your blood pressure and cholesterol numbers.
- Follow your doctor’s recommendations for diet and exercise.
- Take prescribed medications as directed.
- If you smoke, quit now.
- Get at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity each day.
- Eat a heart-healthy diet, including fruits and vegetables, whole-grain food and fish.
- Limit food high in saturated fats and dietary cholesterol.
- Limit your salt intake to 1500 mg of sodium a day.
- If you drink alcoholic beverages, drink in moderation—an average of no more than one drink a day for non-pregnant women.

The American Heart Association shares other facts about women and cardiovascular disease.

- This disease kills more women than all forms of cancer combined.
- Nearly 45% of women over the age of 20 years are living with some cardiovascular disease.
- Less than 50% of women entering pregnancy have good heart health.
- The #1 killer of new moms is cardiovascular disease. (It accounts for over 1/3 of maternal deaths!)
- Heart disease is NOT caused by menopause but this midlife stage is often a time when cardiovascular risks increase.
- Most cardiac and stroke events can be prevented through lifestyle changes and education.
- 51.9% of hypertension (the “silent killer”) deaths are in women.
- 57.5% of stroke deaths are women though there are around 4.1 million women living today who have survived a stroke.

In 2004 the goal of “Go Red for Women” was to raise awareness of women’s greatest health threat, cardiovascular disease. Nowadays “Go Red for Women” continues to advocate for the health of all women and it is “committed to removing the unique barriers women face to experiencing better health and well-being.”

Helpful websites: [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org) and [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

# 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*

### What is... ?

**Allah** – Arabic word for God. Arabic-speaking Christians use the same term for God.

**An Arab Christian** – An Arab who believes in Jesus the Messiah. Many Arab Christians consider themselves descendants of the early church.

**An Arab** - An Arab is a person whose native tongue is Arabic, generally one who comes from the Middle East or North Africa. Arabs are not a religious group but a linguistic and cultural group.

**Palestine** – The Romans first applied the name Palestine to the area between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. Generally, Palestine refers to the 27,090 km political unit designated by the British Mandate that took possession of the region from the Ottoman Empire during the first World War. Since 1988 Palestine started to refer to the West Bank and Gaza. West Bank is the territory west of the Jordan River. **Palestinian** - A person born in Palestine or whose ancestors were born in Palestine.

**Occupation/Occupied Territory** – Occupation refers to the invasion, conquest, and control of territory by military force. In Palestine, occupation means that Israel, a foreign power, exercises complete control over every aspect of Palestinian lives.

**Settlement/Settler** – Settlements are Jewish-only housing units built in strategic areas of the Palestinian Territories occupied by Israel in 1967 in order to colonize the land, secure control over it, and prevent the emergence of a Palestinian State. Settlers carry out significant violence against Palestinians and their property, often with protection from and even with the assistance of the Israeli military. All settlement is illegal under international law, “The occupying power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies.” (Article 49, paragraph 6 of the Fourth Geneva Convention)

**Anti-Semitism** – Generally used to describe negative attitudes towards Jews. *\*Note:* In 2008 A letter was written to the General Secretary of the United Methodist Church by 114 Israelis. In the letter was the following paragraph, “We assure the Methodist Church that it is no more anti-Semitic to criticize and oppose Israeli Government policies than it is anti-American to oppose the Vietnam war [or current policies]. It is never anti-Semitic to oppose injustice, destruction, gross inequity, and inequality.”

**Zionism** - Contemporary political Zionism stems from a nationalistic Jewish movement in the 1800s in Europe seeking to establish a Jewish Homeland. In 1975 the UN passed resolution 3379 declaring Zionism a form of racism. Contemporary Zionists are those who have associated themselves with the goals of the modern state of Israel.

**Anti-Zionism** – Because Zionism is a political ideology/practice and Judaism/Jewishness is a religion/ethnicity, the term anti-Zionism is used to distinguish between opposition to a political movement and opposition to the people a political movement purports to represent.

**Christian Zionism** – Christian Zionism merges theology and politics. It teaches that the secular state of Israel is a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. Christian Zionism believes that this fulfillment of Biblical prophecy began when European Jews started moving to Palestine in the 1800s and continued as Israel became a nation in 1948. [www.christianzionism.org](http://www.christianzionism.org)



### 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.





United  
Women  
in Faith

## Valentine Bake Sale February 12th! New Vision ACTION Plan!

### United Women in Faith February Meeting Dates:

February 6, 2023 – UWF Executive Board meets – 3:00 Fellowship Hall

February 13, 2023 - Esther Circle – 1:00 PM

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

Mugs and Muffins – March 20, 2023 – 9:00 AM - Northfield UMC church library

### Calling All Bakers!

#### Valentine Bake Sale

February 12, 2023 8:30-11:00 am

South Door– Narthex

Come to church to purchase delectable treats  
for your Valentine!

Proceeds for UWF Budget & Children's Ministries.

### Habitat for Humanity Lunch Ministry

Volunteer Teams are forming to provide lunch about once a month to Habitat Workers, currently in Faribault.

Need is Tues., Thurs., & weekends.

Can you add a side dish to one of the lunches?

Contact Ann Richards for more information:

[delightfulread@yahoo.com](mailto:delightfulread@yahoo.com) or call 763-221-4823.

### Grooming or Hygiene kit supplies needed for assembling April 29, 2023.

Hand Towels (15x25 to 17x27 inches –no kitchen or cleaning towels); Washcloths (no dishcloths); combs, toenail or fingernail clippers; Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger – no Ivory or Jergens's soap); adult tooth brush in its packaging; Shampoo (12 to 19 oz.); Deodorant (2 -3 oz. – stick, roll on, or pump) adhesive bandages (about 3/4 by 3 inches); one gallon size re-sealable bag; \$2 donation for razor and toothpaste.

### Alliance Stamp Ministry being supported by United Women in Faith of Northfield UMC

All types of cancelled postage stamps & Stamp Collections are accepted. Bring to the box in Fellowship Hall.

## New Vision ACTION Plan!

New Vision of ACTION has started its journey through a New Year. It is well known that United Women in Faith are "Women of Action! and We get things done!" Can that be said about the women of Northfield UMC? We have been asked for support of the children's and youth's ministries at NUMC. Our bakers and members have chosen to support that request. Won't you join them?

How can you add your drop making a new ripple to the pond of needs? Does someone have the call to put together Welcome bags for NUMC church visitors? Can someone help in the City of Northfield with books for Northfield Promise, or volunteering in Northfield Shares. The Key has needs of grooming kits, meals, or a gift of time as a godparent. How about sending TORCH packages to a college student? We can partner with other Northfield churches in sponsoring a refugee family or individual. Do you know of other needs?

The Minnesota legislative session has started off running. A strong focus is on children and family needs. ISIAIH is there and has an action plan and time line that we can plug into to get things done politically. Contact Evelyn Burry [evelynburry@hotmail.com](mailto:evelynburry@hotmail.com) for more information and getting on their weekly email list and notices.

Jesus Food meets the first Saturday of the month from 10:00AM to 12:00 noon in the Faribault West Mall. They put together food packets like Feed My Starving Children does and ships them all over the world. Show up before 10:00 to be assigned to a production line. Contact Catherine [cwilliamsteacher303@gmail.com](mailto:cwilliamsteacher303@gmail.com)

**Next New Vision ACTION group meeting of women is planned for the Fourth Sunday in March.**

**Meeting after worship - March 26 – 10:45 AM.** Reflection and assessment of our work so far and deciding on adding a new ripple to our mission journey. Let's keep the ripples of support going!

# 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 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.

## Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins meets the Third Monday of the month, March through November. Our next meeting will be March 20th at 9 AM in the church library. We are continuing our study of the "Boys of the Bible Quilt Block Series." In March we will be studying Zechariah, John the Baptist, and Joseph the Dreamer.

New members and guests are always welcome.



## PLAYTIME FOR TODDLERS!

Tuesdays and Thursdays

8:30 - 10:00 am

Through March 23rd

It's PLAYTIME!!!!

Winter can be tough on little ones - so bring them to the Northfield UMC gym to play and get the wiggles out on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30am-10am. Our gym is open for Northfield's youngest kiddos ages 5 and under with adult supervision, there is no admission fee. We provide space, a BOUNCEHOUSE!, large muscle toys - balls, wheeled elements, playhouses and other structures.

More info? Email us at [youth@northfieldumc.org](mailto:youth@northfieldumc.org).



## The Methodist Mile!

These boots were made for walking, and that's just what they'll do. . .right here on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-4pm!

Need a place to get your steps in while the weather outside is still frightful? Our Methodist Mile is a 7 lap route you can walk (please no running!) inside our church facility.

Just follow the signs with the feet! Now through March 23rd.



OH, THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS...

Inclement Weather Policy

## NUMC Inclement Weather Policy

NUMC follows the Northfield School District policy for inclement weather. If the Northfield Public schools are closed the church building will be closed and all church activities cancelled.

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



Thanks to all the kids and volunteers who made the Christmas pageant happen so our youngest disciples could tell us the ancient story.



The Advent service for peace and healing offered a contemplative space for those who needed it this season.



Christmas cookie decorating led by our SALT youth. Dozens of cookies were delivered to our friends at the Laura Baker Services Association.



Two little elves getting ready to deliver the Christmas cookies.



The "kitchen elves" prepare our wonderful Super Wednesday meals.



If anyone knows what kind of elf this is, please let Sandy know, she looks confused.



Mary Williams takes advantage of the Methodist Mile indoor walking route. A great way to get your steps in while the weather outside is frightful!



SALT collected 135 pairs of gloves for Ukrainian refugees resettled in MN.



Ian and crystal playing in front of the Narthex Nativity scene.

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Community Reservation" designates a room reservation for a non-church related community organization.</p>	<p><b>PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEETING SPACE WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE</b></p> <p>Go to <a href="http://northfieldumc.org">northfieldumc.org</a> click on "Reserve a Room" fill in the blanks and click on submit.</p>	<p><b>Church office hours:</b>  <b>Mon-Thur. 9 am - 4 pm</b>  <b>Fri - 9 am - noon</b></p>	<p><b>1</b>            9:00 Mission Sewing            11:30-1:00 Community Reservation  <b>Super Wednesday</b>            3:30-5:30 KC3            5:30 Shared meal            6:30 Youth Fellowship            6:30 Handbell Choir            6:30-7:30 Open gym</p>	<p><b>2</b>            8:30-10:00 Playtime for Toddlers            12:00 Community Reservation            1:30-3:00 Epiphany coffee hours Target Starbucks            2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile</p>	<p><b>3</b>            8:00 Men's Breakfast</p>	<p><b>4</b>            8:30-11:00 Community Reservation</p>
<p><b>5</b>            9:30 Worship with Communion            10:00 Children's Church            10:30 Youth Connect            10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall            10:30 Adult Forum</p>	<p><b>6</b>            3:00 UWF meeting            7:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p><b>7</b>            8:30-10:00 Playtime for Toddlers            9:00 Bible Study            2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile            4:00-6:00 Community Reservation            7:00 Facilities Team Mtg.</p>	<p><b>8</b>            9:00 Mission Sewing            11:30-1:00 Community Reservation  <b>Super Wednesday</b>            3:30-5:30 KC3            5:30 Shared meal            6:30 Youth Fellowship            6:30 Handbell Choir            6:30-7:30 Open gym</p>	<p><b>9</b>            8:30-10:00 Playtime for Toddlers            10:30 Community Reservation            12:00 Community Reservation            1:30-3:00 Epiphany coffee hours Target Starbucks            2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile</p>	<p><b>10</b>            8:00 Men's Breakfast            4:00-9:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p><b>11</b>            8:30-11:00 Community Reservation</p>
<p><b>12</b>            8:30-11:00 UWF Bake Sale            9:30 Worship            10:00 Children's Church            10:30 Youth Connect            10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall            10:30 Adult Forum            10:30 9th &amp; 10th Grade Confirmation            6:00-8:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p><b>13</b>            1:00 Esther Circle - Kildahl            6:30-7:30 Community Reservation            7:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p><b>14</b>            8:30-10:00 Playtime for Toddlers            9:00 Bible Study            2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile</p>	<p><b>15</b>            9:00 Mission Sewing            11:30-1:00 Community Reservation  <b>Super Wednesday</b>            3:30-5:30 KC3            5:30 Shared meal            6:30 Handbell Choir            6:30-7:30 Open gym</p>	<p><b>16</b>            8:30-10:00 Playtime for Toddlers            12:00 Community Reservation            1:30-3:00 Final Epiphany coffee hours Target Starbucks            2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile            7:00 Renewal via zoom</p>	<p><b>17</b>            8:00 Men's Breakfast</p>	<p><b>18</b>            8:30-11:00 Community Reservation</p>
<p><b>19</b>            9:30 Worship - Transfiguration Sunday &amp; Youth Trip Sunday            10:30 Youth Connect            10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall            10:30 Adult Forum</p>	<p><b>20</b>            Noon - Herald Newsletter Deadline            2:30 Card Making with Margie            7:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p><b>21</b>            8:30-10:00 Playtime for Toddlers            9:00 Bible Study            2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile            3:00 MICAH Mtg.</p>	<p><b>22</b>            9:00 Mission Sewing            11:30-1:00 Community Reservation  <b>Super Wednesday</b>            3:30-5:30 KC3            5:30 Shared meal            5:30 Handbell Choir            6:30 Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p><b>23</b>            8:30-10:00 Playtime for Toddlers            12:00 Community Reservation            2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile            5:00-7:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p><b>24</b>            8:00 Men's Breakfast</p>	<p><b>25</b>            8:30-11:00 Community Reservation            10:00-12:00 Community Reservation</p>
<p><b>26</b>            9:30 Worship            10:00 Children's Church            10:30 Youth Connect            10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall            10:30 Graduating Seniors Meeting</p>	<p><b>27</b>            7:00 Community Reservation</p>	<p><b>28</b>            8:30-10:00 Playtime for Toddlers            9:00 Bible Study            2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile</p>	<p><b>1</b>            9:00 Mission Sewing            11:30-1:00 Community Reservation  <b>Super Wednesday</b>            3:30-5:30 KC3            5:30 Shared meal            5:30 NUMC Board            6:30 Handbell Choir            6:30-7:30 Open gym</p>	<p><b>2</b>            8:30-10:00 Playtime for Toddlers            12:00 Community Reservation            2:00-4:00 Methodist Mile</p>	<p><b>3</b>            8:00 Men's Breakfast</p>	<p><b>4</b>            8:30-11:00 Community Reservation</p>

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