

# United Methodist Herald

September 2024



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## September Worship

September 1

**Celebration of Holy Communion**  
**Ephesians - The Power of Words**  
**Ephesians 4:25-32, James 3:1-12**  
**Pastor Donna Dempewolf**

September 8

**Ephesians: Love is Risky**  
**Ephesians 6:10-20**  
**Pastor Donna Dempewolf**

September 15

**Parable Improv**  
**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-47**  
**Pastor Donna Dempewolf**

September 22

**The Lord's Prayer**  
**Our Father, Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name**  
**Psalm 139:7-10, Matthew 6:9-13**  
**Pastor Donna Dempewolf**

September 29

**The Lord's Prayer**  
**Thy Kingdom Come, They Will Be Done, On Earth as It is in Heaven**  
**Matthew 6:9-10, Luke 22:41-42**  
**Pastor Donna Dempewolf**



# Message from the Pastor

## Parable Improv

When I lived in Denver, I took a class at Rise Comedy titled Improv 101. It was the prerequisite to Improv 201, which was the prerequisite to Improv 301, 401, 501, and 601.

Improv, which breathes in spontaneity, which lives in the moment, actually has a structure and rhythm. The basic building block of improv is “yes, and.” It suggests that you should accept the contributions of another. You should acknowledge their reality and receive what they have to offer. You are not to say “no” – because that would shut down the story line.

You are to say “yes,” and not only say “yes,” but “yes, and.”

The parables of Jesus require the same sort of agreement and spontaneity that we might reserve for improv comedy.

Let’s consider a parable in Mark’s gospel. Jesus asked, “What’s a good image for God’s kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it?” He then answered his own question: “Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it’s the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; but when it’s planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants” (Mark 4:30-32).

Notice how none of the disciples said, “No. Botanically speaking, a grown mustard seed would be a herb, but sometimes a very big herb, popularly considered a shrub.”

You don’t correct the story line in improv. You don’t say, “It’s not a tree, it’s a shrub.”

Interestingly enough, Matthew and Luke, which were written a decade later, said “yes, and” to Mark.

On Celebration Sunday, we’ll explore Matthew’s riff of short parables – mustard seed, yeast, hidden treasures, pearls, nets. Each starts with the phrase, “The Kingdom of God is like…” yet continues with a different story line. We’ll then begin to wonder, where is God calling us, individually and collectively, to say, “Yes, and” today?

The following Sunday, we’ll then turn our attention to God’s “Kingdom Come”. We delve deeper into the Lord’s Prayer, and the structure and rhythm it might provide to our lives. This six-week sermon series will be paired with a small group offering (see below).

As we enter the fall, I’m looking forward to the leading of God’s “yes, and” Spirit.

Blessings,  
Donna

## Faith Formation

### ***The Lord’s Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer that Jesus Taught***

Six-weeks, 10:45-11:45 am, beginning September 22, NUMC Library  
Facilitators, Bruce Dalgaard and Pastor Donna Dempewolf

With Adam Hamilton’s book, *The Lord’s Prayer*, as our guide, we’ll delve deeper into the meaning and power of the prayer Jesus taught. Come to one session or all six. You can purchase the book at Cokesbury, Amazon, or Content Bookstore (shopping local is always a plus). We’ll also have a copy of the book in the church library.



## 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. 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 2024 contributions \$33,963.72**  
**General Fund July 2023 contributions \$36,475.66**

**General Fund YTD 2024 contributions \$182,924.68**  
**General Fund YTD 2023 contributions \$218,646.62**

### Treasurer's Report for July 2024

#### General Fund

The Community Resource Bank checking account balance at the end of July was \$50,446.57. This is an increase of \$2,532.47 from the end of June balance of \$47,914.10. Due to cash flow, June and July apportionments have not been paid. Monthly apportionments are \$4,645.58.

Monthly Offering Income for July was \$33,963.72. Year to date (YTD) Actual Offering Income was \$182,924.68 which is \$35,721.94 less than YTD Last Year and \$50,408.67 less than a straight-line YTD Budget of \$233,333.35. General Fund Income Total for July was \$35,328.73. Other Income Totals of \$1,365.01 came from Interest Income and Regular Facility Usage. General Fund YTD Actual Income was \$197,704.48 which is \$46,314.61 less than YTD Last Year and \$45,983.07 less than a straight-line YTD Budget of \$243,687.55.

When comparing 2024 to 2023, YTD giving is down \$35,700. As noted in the April Treasurer's Report, several giving units have informed the church office that they are changing their giving pattern from monthly to end-of-year based on advice from their financial planner. Thus, monthly EFT giving has dropped from about \$7,000 to \$5,000. Weekly offering amounts have also decreased since more people are doing quarterly or end-of-year contributions. This change in giving patterns makes it difficult to manage cash flow.

Monthly Expense Totals for July were \$31,654.02. YTD Actual Expense Totals were \$236,649.79 which is \$31,915.01 less than YTD Last Year but \$28,433.75 more than a straight-line YTD Budget of \$208,216.04. YTD we are \$38,945.31 in the red, compared to \$35,471.51 we budgeted to be in the black.

#### Physical Plant

Support from General Fund income for July was \$10,305.58. YTD Actual Income was \$115,842.85 and was made up of \$77,219.18 from General Fund Support for Physical Plant, \$5,095.00 from continuing contributions to the last Building Campaign, and a total of \$33,528.67 from the Building Maintenance Endowment made up of an Annual Interest Income disbursement of \$21,928.67 and a \$11,600.00 disbursement for the increase in Gap Insurance (wind and hail damage beyond regular insurance coverage). YTD Actual Expenses were \$93,396.55 which leaves a positive balance of \$22,446.30.

#### Endowment Funds

At the end of December 2023 these funds totaled \$941,047.78 which includes \$334,802.54 that we owe ourselves from the last building campaign. The YTD Balance at the end of July was \$926,516.89. Considering disbursements, the combined Endowment Funds show a gain of \$33,671.99 (about 6.25%) during the first seven months of 2024. A 6% disbursement, a total of \$36,602.88, on the balance in the accounts as of the April 30th statement, was taken in May. An additional \$11,600 from the Building Maintenance Endowment was also taken in May to cover the unexpected fourfold increase in gap insurance.

## Northfield UMC Leadership Board Minutes Wednesday, July 17, 2024

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Kevin Dahle at 5:35p.m. Members present: Kevin Dahle, Pierce Follansbee DeLong, Sara Newberg (remote), Jessy Hoffer, Crystal Greenfield (remote), Thalia Duffield, Marilyn Hanson, Mary Twitchell, Kerry Cipra, Pastor Donna Dempewolf, Ruth Kruse, David Wolf and Bruce Paulson. Absent: Allie Lyman

### **NUMC Opening Prayer (prayer card)**

Introductions were shared. This was a first meeting for 3 incoming Board members: Marilyn Hanson, Kerry Cipra, and Mary Twitchell.

**Approval of Minutes** – David Wolf moved approval of the May 15 minutes, Pierce seconded. Motion approved.

**Approval of Agenda**- Agenda approved without objection.

### Agenda items

**Onboarding New Members** – Pierce shared the UMC Mission statement and responsibilities and our Core Values. Pierce also shared our signature Ministry goals/projects. Kevin shared Board purpose, structure, and functions. Brief discussion ensued.

### Fiduciary

**Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)** - Sara asked about opportunities to meet with Pastor Donna in small group settings. Setting up 6-10 dinners hosted by willing congregation members. If anyone is willing to help Sara, please let her know. Mary Twitchell offered to assist.

**Facilities** – Bruce Paulson shared a report about the state of the parsonage. One document he shared summarized major parsonage renovations completed in March -October 2021. A second document outlined current and potential parsonage projects as of July 15, 2024. Much discussion about what to do with these reports. Jessy suggested the facilities team prioritize the list highlighting immediate needs, a timeline and cost. Some discussion about the value of the parsonage and the need for a church parsonage. Bruce or a member of the Facilities team will report back with a prioritized list.

**Finance** – Treasurer's Report – David shared the Treasurer's Report for May-June 2024. See attached. The treasurer's report was approved.

### **Ministry Items:**

**Back to School event** - Pierce shared plans for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual back to school event for the church. The event will be held August 24 from 1-4PM. Volunteers and publicity help will be greatly appreciated. Kevin will check with the SALT team HS students...eligible for National Honor Society Volunteer hours. Pierce will get flyers distributed. Looking at an overall budget of \$500.

**Other items** – A question for future discussion. Should Super Wednesday meals continue throughout the summer? Connecting with those who organize will be important. Past experience indicated low turnout in the summer months.

Jesse Steed is looking for volunteers for Sunday Sound/video. Pierce suggested he set up an instruction sheet for potential volunteers

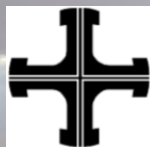
**Next Meeting date** - August 14 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Closing Prayer**

**Adjournment** – Pierce motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jessy. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Dahle

**NUMC  
Breakthrough  
Prayer**



**Northfield United Methodist Church  
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*Open our hearts, O God, to your presence already at work in our lives. Break through any barrier in our hearts separating us from you and others. By your Spirit, show us possibilities beyond what we can imagine for ourselves and our church. Make us ready; our hands are yours. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Looking for more family ministries information?  
Contact the church office at [info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org).

**Greetings families! We are excited to announce some upcoming dates for the start to our fall children's programming.**

### September 15: Celebration Sunday

We kick off our school year programs with Children's Church (5th grade and under) and prepare our youth for Wednesday night activities this fall.

### September 18: Super Wednesdays are BACK!

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

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

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

**6:30-7:30 pm - 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 [ddempewolf@northfieldumc.org](mailto:ddempewolf@northfieldumc.org) or [info@northfieldumc.org](mailto:info@northfieldumc.org).

### NOW HIRING: Youth and Family Ministries Director

We are hiring a Youth and Family Ministries Director to maintain momentum in our youth program. If you know someone with good interpersonal and administrative skills and a love of God and ALL God's children - especially middle school and high school youth - then please invite them to [apply for this position!](#)

## 🎵 UMC Choir Notes! 🎵

The Northfield UMC adult Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, October 30!

We meet Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., and sing for worship approximately once per month.

We welcome new choral voices to be part of this leadership group for worship.

If you would like to join the adult choir, please contact Debbie Miller [choir@northfieldumc.org](mailto:choir@northfieldumc.org)



Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord. - Ephesians 5:18b-19

## Ring Out Ye Bells!

The Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals in September. We meet on most Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 - 7:30, in the sanctuary.

New players are always welcome to join this fun group! Our September 11 rehearsal will be especially geared towards new players who would like to give bell ringing a try.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Kathy Szydlo through the church office.





This is a month for listening and speaking out; for clarifying and sharing our faith values, for preparing to choose the governmental leadership for our local, school district, county, state and national communities in November.

If you are wanting to vote absentee in the November 5 election and did not do that on your application for an absentee ballot for the August primary, apply now. You can do that online, or print the application from that website (and follow directions for returning it) at the MN Secretary of State website: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/>. Absentee ballots will be mailed out as early as September 20. Once you return your ballot, you can check the Secretary of State website to see if it has been delivered and accepted.

A recent ISAI AH-MN email challenges us with the following words:

“As people of faith, we are challenged to engage deeply with our democracy — not as passive participants, but as active agents of change. In this crucial time, when the weight of political decisions feels heavy, we are called to use our freedom not for selfish gain or fear mongering, but to create good in the world, to uplift our communities, and to work together for the common good.

Even when some seek to divide us by sowing seeds of fear and mistrust, we are called to be bearers of light, joy, and hope. Our faith is not in the fleeting promises of political leaders but in the enduring love and justice of our Creator God, calling us to be powerful political actors in our own right. We are not called to succumb to the anxieties of the moment, but to stand firm in our belief that we can tell a better story about the future — one rooted in love, equity, and justice for all. This is our prophetic task: to envision and work toward a future where all people are valued and where our collective actions reflect the divine love that binds us together.

As we approach the upcoming election, let us remember that our ultimate allegiance is to God and the just future we are co-creating with the Divine for one another. We must exercise our right to vote, engage in our communities, and use our agency to shape the state and country we need. But we must also keep our trust in the One who holds the future. In this trust, we find the courage to act, to hope, and to love. Together, we make our future.”

To more information or to join the NUMC-ISAI AH Team, contact Evelyn Burry, Team Leader ([evelynburry@hotmail.com](mailto:evelynburry@hotmail.com)); or at 507-581-4684).

## Super Wednesday Community Meals Beginning September 18th

Food for the soul and the stomach! 5:30-6:30 pm on Wednesdays.

### September 18th menu:

Hot dogs and hamburgers, with bacon.  
Potato chips, green salad, corn on the cob or baked beans  
and ice cream sundaes.

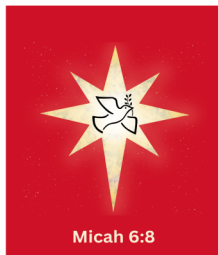
### September 25th menu:

Pizza, salad bar, garlic bread and root beer floats.

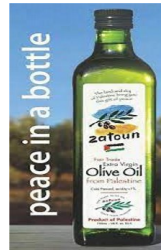
In honor of International Bacon Day in September, bring a bacon joke to share to Super Wednesday on September 18th and 25th. Write it out on a piece of paper and place it in the “Bacon Box”. All bacon jokes will then be read to everyone by John Stull!

**Watch our Facebook page and  
our website [northfieldumc.org](http://northfieldumc.org)  
for future menus.**





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**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.

*“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*



**Brick Oven Bakery  
158 Water Street N #6  
Northfield MN**

To learn more about MICAH: [northfieldumc.org/micah](http://northfieldumc.org/micah)

**Shop and dine at the  
Brick Oven Bakery on  
Saturday, September 28th!  
6:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Thank you, to the Brick Oven Bakery for  
**donating 10% of sales on  
Saturday, September 28th**  
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](http://brickovenbakery.com)  
*(gluten-free options available)*  
**then pick up on  
Saturday, September 28th  
6 am – 2 pm**



### Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will meet on September 16th. We are continuing the “Boys of the Bible Quilt Block Series.” In September we will be studying Ezekiel, Obadiah, and Joel.

New members and guests are always welcome. We will meet in the church library at 9 AM.



### Mission Sewing Project

Mission Sewing is working hard to meet their goal of having 30 quilts done by early December to donate to Operation Joy (formerly Christmas Sharing). We have 20 quilts finished and have more ready to tie. We also are working on items for Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

We are always looking for more people to help meet our goals. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 25th, to tie quilts and start other projects. We meet at 9AM in Room 120.



# Notes from the Parish Nurse

September is Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) Awareness Month. This disease is a leading but preventable cause of death in the United States. It affects nearly 20 million Americans. ([www.scai.org](http://www.scai.org)) PAD is an atherosclerotic disease that causes plaque (fats and cholesterol) to build up in the arteries in one's arms and legs, though more commonly in the legs. Narrowed blood vessels make it harder for the blood to carry nutrients and oxygen to tissues in the area. When there is not enough blood flow to keep up with the demand of exercise, it results in leg pain called claudication. This pain is also intermittent because the leg pain starts with walking or exercise and goes away with rest.



Though some people have no symptoms with PAD, most people have a few common symptoms. The first symptom is usually pain, cramping, or discomfort in one's legs or buttocks (intermittent claudication). The pain can be described as dull and aching, muscles firing out, or an actual muscle spasm or cramp. The more activity, the more pain. Some people may feel numbness if the nerves are not getting enough blood flow. "An important detail about claudication is that it affects muscles only. It doesn't cause arthritis and joint pain. The pain should also stop within a few minutes—or even less—once you stop to rest." ([www.clevelandclinic.org](http://www.clevelandclinic.org)) Other symptoms include coldness, numbness, or weakness in one's lower legs. The affected extremity may have shiny skin, skin color changes, slow growing toenails, hair loss or slow hair growth, more frequent skin and soft tissue infections of feet and legs, or toe and foot sores that don't heal. Pulses in legs and feet often are weak or absent. If the condition is severe, pain might occur when one is lying down during rest or sleep. ([www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org))

There are a number of risk factors for developing PAD, but tobacco use is a significant one. Statistics show that 80% of people with PAD currently smoke or have smoked in the past. "Tobacco use increases the risk for PAD by 400%. It also brings on PAD symptoms almost 10 years earlier." ([www.clevelandclinic.org](http://www.clevelandclinic.org)) Other risk factors include having diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, obesity, kidney disease, blood clotting disorder, personal or family history of blood vessel disease, heart disease, or stroke, age (most frequently over 65 years), or being African American.

Early detection and treatment are important. "Half of the people who have PAD don't have any symptoms. PAD can build up over a lifetime. Symptoms may not become obvious until later in life. For many people symptoms won't appear until their artery narrows by 60% or more." ([www.clevelandclinic.org](http://www.clevelandclinic.org)) Techniques used to diagnose PAD are a physical exam, medical history, symptoms, feeling and listening to pulses in extremities, ankle-brachial index (ABI) which compares the blood pressure in one's ankle to one's arm, angiography which is imaging by using dye, MRI, CT scan, or vascular ultrasound.



There are two important goals for treating peripheral artery disease. The first is to reduce one's risk of cardiovascular events such as heart attack or stroke. And secondly to improve one's quality of life by easing pain that occurs when walking so exercise can be more comfortable. ([www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org)) Lifestyle changes include quit using tobacco products; eat a balanced diet that is high in fiber and low in cholesterol, fat, and sodium; drink plenty of water to stay hydrated; exercise by walking regularly; manage health issues such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and high cholesterol; maintain a healthy weight; get good sleep; keep stress low with yoga or meditation; and have good foot and skin care. Medical treatments include medications such as blood thinners or statins, and medications used to control diabetes or high blood pressure. Surgical treatments include angioplasty to open a narrowed or blocked artery by inserting a stent, bypass surgery to insert a new blood vessel, or atherectomy to remove the plaque.





United Women in Faith

# UW Faith Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale 12/1

Women's Day Apart - October 12, 2024  
River Bend Nature Center

### United Women in Faith: Meeting Dates

September 5, 2024 – UWF Executive Board meeting – 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall.

September 9, 2024 - Esther Circle – 1:00 pm Kildahl, 888 Cannon Valley Drive

September 16, 2024 - Mugs and Muffins – Church Library – 9:00 am

Website: [UW Faith.org](http://UW Faith.org) – National UW Faith [mnconfumw.com](http://mnconfumw.com) – Minnesota UW Faith

Winner - "Happy Hearts" quilt.



### Thank You to all of you that gave to Emma Norton Services through donations and/or quilt raffle tickets.

Congratulations to Jody Mousel, the winner of the "Happy Hearts" quilt. The quilt was pieced by our Dorothy Orde, and quilted by Marcia Speiker of Fourth Avenue UMC. Twenty-seven of you bought tickets. It only takes one ticket to win. Of course Jody did not leave anything to chance. Enjoy the warmth and beauty of the quilt, Jody.

Thank you to all others that gave donations. We raised \$1,000 for Emma Norton Services. Many of you gave individual donations that equaled \$750. A separate donor felt nudged to add \$250, making that \$1,000.

Thank you to all that made our mission for Emma Norton successful. Therefore, no pie baking this year.

### Ladies Day Apart – Saturday, October 12, 2024 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

River Bend Nature Center, Faribault, MN Morning snacks and lunch will be served.

Cost: To be determined. Openings for 40 ladies.

Come, expand and calm your spirit, exercise your body, and rejuvenate your mind. Spend time with other women in a day set apart to care for our souls and well-being. October is a beautiful time among the fall colors in River Bend Nature Center. We will hike some of the trails. Pastor Jerad Morey will lead Forest Therapy for 10 of the attendees with varied activities for everyone. Other leaders will join us through the day. Gather for a time set aside in contemplation and fellowship. We are working to make this an affordable, feel good day for all.

Questions? Contact Catherine Williams, [cwilliamsteacher303@gmail.com](mailto:cwilliamsteacher303@gmail.com)

**Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale December 1, 2024** – We welcome the creations of men, women, and younger crafters to fill out the offerings for this sale. Keep the buzz going! Questions? Call or email Lin Wolf – 612-532-1467 or [lin\\_wolf@charter.net](mailto:lin_wolf@charter.net) Bring your craft offerings to Lin when done.

**Spend summer time reading the great books in the UW Faith reading library.** Find them on the cart to the left in our church library. Children's books are there, and some are great for youth readers, too.

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

## Community

Community. That's what I think of when this time of year comes around. When over 200,000 folks flock to Northfield for 5 days of cowboys, carnival rides, classic cars, craft fairs and of course corn dogs over a 5 day span of Defeat of Jesse James Days (DJJD). There's of course a lot more going on than just those items, there's literally something for everyone. As usual I will be away from the office for that time period as I serve as treasurer for the DJJD organization as well as helping out at a few events, specifically the Entertainment Center and the Parade line up. I'm sure I will see several of you during this time as well, since there are many Northfield United Methodist Church folks who volunteer during the weekend at various events (car show, raid re-enactment, Entertainment Center, rodeo, garbage pickup, parade banner carriers, bike ride, craft fair, concession stands, just to name a few) besides those just enjoying the festivities. I love and am very thankful for how the NUMC community has not only supported my involvement over the years but has embraced being a part of the DJJD community with volunteers at events. You truly understand and partake in being a part of this wonderful community celebration. There are many NUMC members who overlap with DJJD in many ways either through the church itself or through their various non-profit affiliations. Seeing so many of you at events warms my heart and makes me so proud to be a part of the NUMC community.



This year marks 41 years that I have been a volunteer on the DJJD committee. When people ask me why I continue to do it I have a very simple answer. Community. I love the DJJD celebration and what it represents. I have always been a history buff and while DJJD is about history it is also so much more. If you have never taken the tour of the Northfield Historical Society bank museum or watched a bank raid re-enactment I highly recommend it. The re-enactors are all volunteers who do an amazing job of telling the story of how a group of community members defeated the James-Younger gang, one of the most notorious gang of outlaws at the time, and triggered the largest manhunt in the history of the United States. There were many local heroes that day and it

is the extraordinary courage of these ordinary community members that we honor each year, specifically Joseph Lee Heywood who was the acting cashier of the bank that day and gave his life defending it.

At the time of the raid the bank held deposits from St. Olaf College and Carleton College, as well as many businesses and prominent leaders in town. In 1876 there was no FDIC insurance that would have covered the bank's losses. After the raid, both college presidents said their institutions would have closed down had the bank lost all its money that day. In the end the bank's cash in the vault remained untouched, the robbers got away with only \$26.70. An alert community saved a community bank thus saving the community of Northfield. Had the raid been successful, Northfield would quite possibly be a much different place today.

What a lot of people do not realize about DJJD, and what I am most proud of, is what a large financial impact the DJJD celebration has on numerous non-profit organizations in this community.



More than 40 area non-profits use the DJJD weekend to generate funds, raising more than \$150,000-\$200,000 each year through event sponsorships, sales of products, etc. Additionally, the DJJD committee pays out \$40,000-\$50,000 each year directly to non-profits that are contracted to help at events throughout the weekend. Groups at NUMC have been the recipient of some of these funds in the past. In the last 9 years, the DJJD committee has donated nearly \$60,000 to the Northfield Hospital Breast Care Center and the Northfield Hospital Cancer Care and Infusion Center from funds raised during the celebration as part of the Give Cancer the Boot

campaign held during DJJD weekend. The DJJD committee awards 5 scholarships each year totaling \$8000 to the DJJD Ambassadors. All of these funds being raised at DJJD. After the tragedy in Burnsville this year and discovering that our local Fire Department and EMS do not receive any funding for protective vests the DJJD committee in conjunction with the Northfield VFW Auxiliary rallied community members and raised over \$32,000 to purchase vests for each member of the Northfield Fire Department and the Northfield Hospital and Clinics EMS. This will be an ongoing fundraiser during DJJD this year so as to provide a continuing fund to keep our 1st Responders safe. This is what a community of people do and this is why the Defeat of Jesse James Days celebration is so much more than a 5 day festival. The funds raised for non-profits helps make our community a better place for so many people.

Whether it's your church, neighbors, friends, work, or a community festival, our lives are so enhanced by being a part of a community. I hope you all get a chance to attend an event or grab a comdog on Bridge Square and soak in some "community" during Defeat of Jesse James Days. I know I will.

Sandy Vesledahl, Office Administrator

(pictured with my mom at the 2015 DJJD having a comdog)



# 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.

## A Gentle Reminder NUMC Uses Compostable Items

Now that summer is coming to a close and our fall programming will be starting soon, it's time for a little refresher course on what goes where!

Please place **ALL** of these items in a green bag (compost) after use on Sunday morning coffee time. The utensils are made from corn (!); plain paper plates and napkins are **ALWAYS** compostable.



## Card Making with Margie

Monday, September 16, 2024  
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.



## Current Church Office Hours

Mon.– Thurs.,  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday– closed

Beginning September 13

Mon-Thurs.,  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday  
8:00 am - noon



These cups are **COMPOSTABLE!**  
Please place them (with or without food still in them) in the green compost containers/bags.



Don't Miss the  
**DEADLINE!**

## October Herald Newsletter Deadline

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

**Noon on Monday, September 23, 2024**

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.

Please empty water bottles completely; then replace the cap/lid and place in the **BLUE** recycle bins.



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



Mary Jane Goertz turned 100 and was celebrated after Sunday worship with cake and coffee. What a milestone!



A large crowd enjoyed a Noontime Organ Recital at NUMC by our own Joanne Rodland in July. Donna Paulsen accompanied Joanne on the piano. Two talented musicians we are privileged to have regularly share their talents during Sunday worship with us.



Thank you to Barbara Hanson who offered her home to host a Meet and Greet with Pastor Donna. In order for Pastor Donna to get to know more of our congregation members, small group gatherings have been organized and hosted by members in their homes.



Once again this year Northfield United Methodist Church served as a polling place during the August primary elections. NUMC is proud to serve our community in this way each year!

If you have photos from your church group, event or an activity happening at the church and would like them printed in the next Herald newsletter, email them to the church office at [northfieldumc@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldumc@gmail.com) with a brief description.

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	<b>2</b> <b>Labor Day Office and Building Closed</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 Bible Study 9:30-10:00 Community Reservation 5:00-9:00 Community Reservation	<b>4</b> 9:00 Mission Sewing 9:30-10:00 Community Reservation 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation	<b>5</b> 12:00 Community Reservation 3:00 UWF Board Mtg	<b>6</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast  <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
<b>8</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 6:00-8:00 Community Reservation	<b>9</b> 10:00 MICAHA Mtg 1:00 Esther Circle - Kildahl 7:00 Community Reservation	<b>10</b> 9:00 Bible Study	<b>11</b> 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation 6:30 Handbell Choir	<b>12</b> 10:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	<b>13</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>14</b> 8:00-4:00 Community Reservation
<b>15</b> <b>Celebration Sunday</b> 9:30 Worship 10:00 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	<b>16</b> 9:00 Mugs & Muffins 2:30 Card Making with Margie 6:30 Community Reservation 7:00 Community Reservation	<b>17</b> 9:00 Bible Study 9:30 Meet & Greet with Pastor Donna 7:00 Facilities Mtg.	<b>18</b> 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation <b>Super Wednesday</b> 3:30 KC3 5:30 Shared Meal 5:30 NUMC Board Mtg. 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth Fellowship	<b>19</b> 12:00 Community Reservation 7:00 Renewal via zoom	<b>20</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>21</b> 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
<b>22</b> 9:30 Worship 10:00 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:45 Faith Formation - The Lord's Prayer	<b>23</b> 7:00 Community Reservation  <b>Noon - October Herald Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 Bible Study 11:30-2:30 Community Reservation 7:00 Facilities Team mtg	<b>25</b> 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation <b>Super Wednesday</b> 3:30 KC3 5:30 Shared Meal 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth Fellowship	<b>26</b> 12:00 Community Reservation	<b>27</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>28</b> 6:00-2:00 MICAHA Brick Oven Bakery Fundraiser 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
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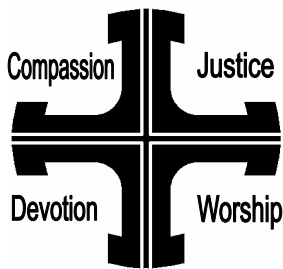
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Please cut out this form, fill in the information and place it in the basket in the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Please print clearly! Thank you!

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