

United Methodist Herald

November 2024



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November Worship

November 3, 2024

All Saints - Celebration of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer - Glory

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor Donna Dempewolf

November 10, 2024

Sharing the Story

Ruth 1:1-8

Pastor Donna Dempewolf

November 17, 2024

Everything is Spiritual

1 Thessalonians 5:15-19

Philippians 4:4-7

Pastor Donna Dempewolf

November 24, 2024

How Much is Enough

Mark 10:17-22

Mark 12:41-44

Pastor Donna Dempewolf



Message from the Pastor

Thank You

"If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough."
Meister Eckhardt

As we enter the month of November, I would like to say "Thank You!" "Thank you" for welcoming me as the Pastor of Northfield United Methodist Church, and for sharing your lives with me.

More specifically, here are some things for which I say "thank you."

- Thank you for loving God, each other, and your neighbors in need. When I look over the congregation on Sunday mornings, the beauty of the Spirit shines in your faces.
- Thank you for valuing children and youth, and placing them at the center of our strategic visioning. The buzz on Wednesday nights is contagious,
- Thank you for serving meals on Super Wednesdays. The meals are great, and the community is even better.
- Thank you for caring for one another by sending cards, visiting the homebound, and holding each other in prayer. Your care for one another is heartwarming.
- Thank you for advocating for a more just world for all God's children. Your voice is desperately needed.
- Thank you for sharing your gifts of technology. It takes a team to share the way of Jesus.
- Thank you for growing in faith and supporting each other (from Adult Forums to Bible Studies to Breakfasts to United Women in Faith – and the list goes on).
- Thank you for sharing soul-tending and spirit-energizing music on Sunday mornings. From trombone to cello to hand bells to organ, there is something for everyone.
- Thank you for the many ways you serve behind the scenes (from greeting to leadership to assisting with our kids to watering flowers, and again, the list goes on).

I am thankful for the ways you live your faith, and share your time, talents, and treasures with Northfield UMC.

Blessings,
Donna

Breakthrough Generosity

Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? Would you consider leading congregation hymns on organ Sundays? How about playing an instrumental solo?

Are you energized when you are around young people? How about becoming a part of our (yet to be launched) Children's and Youth ministry teams?

Do you care passionately about our world? Is God's Spirit moving within you to coordinate an adult forum? Or lead a mission trip? Or take the next step in advocating for inclusion?

Would you like to become more involved in worship? Serving communion. Reading scripture. Assisting with technology. Participating on a (soon to be formed) worship design team.

Later this month, you will receive a letter inviting you to prayerfully consider how you might continue to share your time, talents, and treasures with Northfield UMC. Until then, begin to pray, *"O God, show us possibilities beyond what we can imagine for ourselves and our church. Make us ready; our hands our yours."*

We will bless our generous intentions in worship on Sunday, November 24.



NUMC WELCOME STATEMENT

We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and, as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, family status, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, socio-economic status, or age. We unreservedly support and affirm the full inclusion of persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities in all facets of ministry at Northfield UMC, including ordination and marriage. Following Christ's example, we open our hearts, minds, and doors to welcome all who come to us in God's grace.

NUMC Breakthrough Prayer



**Northfield United Methodist Church
Worship. Devotion. Compassion. Justice.**

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.

New Interim Youth Director!

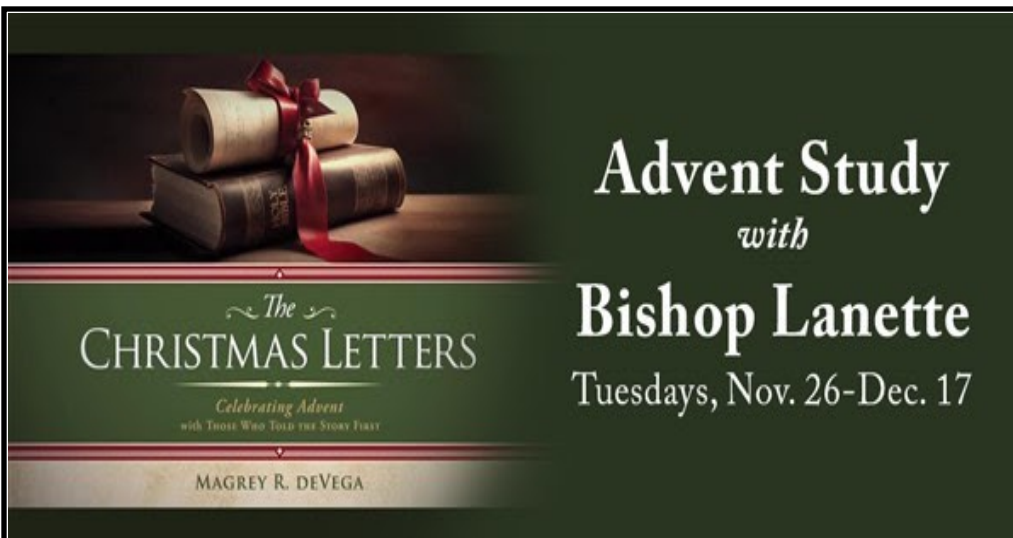
Join with us as we welcome Kristen Twitchell as our new Interim Youth Director.

You may already know Kristen, as she sings with the band on Sunday mornings. Now she will be sharing her gifts and passion for youth in a newly constructed 10 hr/wk position.

Kristen brings significant experience to this role, with nearly 20 years of experience working in youth and camping ministers, including: Director of Youth and Young Adult Programs at Hennepin Avenue UMC (Minneapolis, MN); Senior Youth Director at Davidson UMC (Davidson, NC); and Director of Leadership at Good Earth Village (Spring Valley, MN).

She is currently the Recreation Supervisor (Arts & Events) for the City of Eden Prairie. A multi-tasker, Kristen will continue in this role, while serving as our part-time Interim Youth Director.

We are excited by this breakthrough, and invite you to say "hi" to Kristen when you see her on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings.



Advent Study with Bishop Lanette: The Christmas Letters

Tuesdays, Nov. 26-Dec. 17, online. Participate in the 2024 Advent Study led by Bishop Lanette. We will read and discuss "The Christmas Letters" by Magrey DeVega. Now is a good time to order copies of the book.

FINANCE UPDATE

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 or by emailing northfieldumc@gmail.com.

General Fund September 2024 contributions \$23,366.66
General Fund September 2023 contributions \$22,601.66

How to make tithes and offerings

You can make your tithes and offerings other ways as well:

1. Donate online using a credit card, by clicking on the GiveMN tab on the church website northfieldumc.org.
2. Drop a check in the offering basket during in person worship.
3. Mail a check to: Northfield United Methodist Church
1401 S. Maple St., Northfield, MN 55057

General Fund YTD 2024 contributions \$229,556.00
General Fund YTD 2023 contributions \$259,614.94

Treasurer's Report for September 2024

Summary:

General Fund

- The checking account balance of \$41,343.15 at the end of September was \$8,124.27 less than at the end of August. August and September apportionments have not been paid.
- Monthly Offering Income for September was \$23,366.66 and Other Income Totals were \$1,935.94 which yields a General Fund Income Total of \$25,302.60.
- Monthly Expense Totals for September were \$31,138.06.
- YTD Expenses are \$53,575.81 more than YTD Income.
- Fourth quarter income is expected to increase as members fulfill their annual giving goals.

Physical Plant

- Income total for September was \$11,029.77.
- YTD Actual Income was \$131,126.06 and YTD Actual Expenses were \$116,766.77 which leaves a positive balance of \$19,974.29.

Endowment Funds

- The combined endowment funds show a market gain of \$47,960.27 (about 10.0%) during the first nine months of 2024.

Detailed Analysis:

General Fund

The checking account balance of \$41,343.15 at the end of September was \$8,124.27 less than the end of August balance of \$49,467.42. Due to cash flow, August and September apportionments have not been paid. Monthly apportionments are \$4,645.58.

Monthly Offering Income for September was \$23,366.66. Year to date (YTD) Offering Income was \$229,556.00 which is \$30,058.94 less than YTD Last Year and \$70,444.00 less than a straight-line YTD Budget of \$300,000.00. Other Income Totals of \$1,935.94 came from Interest Income, Super Wednesday Meal Proceeds and Regular Facility Usage. Thus, General Fund Income Total for September was \$25,302.60. General Fund YTD Income was \$246,366.76 which is \$44,470.41 less than YTD Last Year and \$66,945.77 less than a straight-line YTD Budget of \$313,312.77. As noted in the April report, weekly offering amounts have decreased since more members are doing quarterly or end-of-year contributions. This change in giving patterns makes it difficult to manage cash flow. Fourth quarter income is expected to increase as members fulfill their annual giving goals.

Monthly Expense Totals for September were \$31,138.06. YTD Actual Expense Totals were \$299,942.57 which is \$34,349.78 less than YTD Last Year but \$32,236.45 more than a straight-line YTD Budget of \$267,706.12. YTD we are \$53,575.81 in the red, compared to \$45,606.41 we budgeted to be in the black.

Physical Plant

Income total for September was \$11,029.77, which includes: Support from General Fund of \$10,729.77 and \$300.00 donations to the Building Fund. YTD Actual Income was \$131,126.06 which includes: \$97,597.39 Support from General Fund for Physical Plant; \$5,615.00 from donations to the Building Fund; and \$33,528.67 disbursement from the Building Maintenance Endowment made up of an Annual Interest Income of \$21,928.67 and \$11,600.00 for the increase in Gap Insurance (wind and hail damage beyond regular insurance coverage). YTD Actual Expenses were \$116,766.77 which leaves a positive balance of \$19,974.29.

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 September was \$1,077,036.12. The Undesignated Endowment fund received \$127,100.20 from the Anne B. Mayer Charitable Fund in August. A 6% disbursement on the balance in the funds as of the April 30th statement, a total of \$36,602.88, was taken in May. An additional \$11,600 from the Building Maintenance fund was also taken in May to cover the unexpected fourfold increase in gap insurance. Considering receipts and disbursements, the combined endowment funds show a market gain of \$47,960.27 (about 10.0%) during the first nine months of 2024.

**Looking for more family ministries information?
Contact the church office at info@northfieldumc.org.**

We are excited to announce that Kids Creating Community in Christ (KC3) and Children's Church are going strong, we are having lots of fun and learning about our relationship with God and our neighbors.

Sundays:

Children's Church (5th grade and under)

Children's Church continues to meet every Sunday morning during worship that the public schools are in session. Children's Church is geared towards pre-k through elementary age disciples and are dismissed from the sanctuary at 10am to a worship service of their own followed by fun and fellowship. For more information contact Gregory Ennis at Gregory.ennis@gmail.com.

Super Wednesdays

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) is our Wednesday afternoon youth program for K-5th grade. We meet every Super Wednesday right after school until 5:30 (ending just in time for community dinner). Transportation from all local schools is available free of charge. To sign up or for more information email Gregory Ennis at 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) meet in the Youth room for fellowship, games, and deeper exploration of what it means to follow Jesus. To sign up or for more information, contact Pastor Donna at ddempewolf@northfieldumc.org or info@northfieldumc.org.

No Super Wednesday November 27th (Thanksgiving)

Children's Bibles

On Sunday, November 17th we will be doing a Bible handout and blessing for those young disciples who are ready for a picture Bible (pre-school through 2nd grade) and those who are ready for an adult Bible (3rd grade and up). If you or your child have not received your Bible please contact Gregory Ennis at Gregory.ennis@gmail.com.

Confirmation

9th and 10th Grade Confirmation

9th and 10th graders are invited to be part of this years confirmation class. Confirmation will meet twice a month following worship service from 10:30 - 11:30 am. For more information contact Pastor Donna at ddempewolf@northfieldumc.org.

November SALT: Rice County Toys for Tots

Northfield United Methodist Church is a Rice County Toys for Tots donation site! Donate a toy to help bring holiday joy to less fortunate children living in Rice County. Last year 774 children on assistance from Rice County Social Services received a toy. Toys are distributed to children between the ages of 6 months to 14 years.

What: New, unwrapped toy(s)

When: Sunday, November 17 to Wednesday, December 11

Where: Boxes will be located in the NUMC narthex and south entrance.





Cast Your Ballot in the General Election

Vote on November 5th, if you haven't voted already either by mail or early in-person. If you voted early by mail, you can track your ballot on the MN Secretary of State website, <https://mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/abstatus/index>

Once you submit your identifying information, you will reach a page stating the status of your mail ballot. If it does not list your ballot as received and waiting to be counted, you will need to follow up with the county election office to find out how to cast another ballot in person.

Looking Ahead

After November 5th, ISIAIH turns to the work of the 2025 state legislative session. In preparation, planning meetings have been held in many locations in the state.

On Sunday afternoon, October 13, 200 neighbors from churches, mosques, childcare centers in Southeast Minnesota, met in Mankato for a conversation about the 2025 state budget with Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan and State Senator Nick Frentz.

Leaders lifted up key priorities – building decarbonization and weatherization, more sustainable and accessible transportation, the MinnesotaCare Public Option, making Minnesota the best state to raise a family by increasing funding for childcare and youth programming, and more.

In December the ISIAIH's statewide priority list will be finalized and specific actions identified.

Watch for action alerts in email and the e-newsletter as we move in 2025.

To learn more about and/or join the NUMC-ISIAIH Team, contact Evelyn Burry, Team Leader (evelynburry@hotmail.com; 507-581-4684).

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Dismantling Racism Team (DRT)

November is Native American Heritage Month. It has been national recognized since 1990, when a joint resolution was approved by President Bush. This month is a time to celebrate and learn more about rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. The DRT encourages you to take advantage of one or more of the following opportunities:

The Taking of Indigenous Lands for What Becomes Northfield

November 10, after worship in the Reception Room. Matt Rohn, retired St. Olaf professor and member of the Beyond the Land Acknowledgement team of First United Church of Christ, will share what he has learned about the troubling history of land being taken from Indigenous people to make it possible for speculators to found towns and churches in the area that we now call Northfield.

Why Treaties Matter: Self-Government in the Dakota and Ojibwe Nations exhibition

October 9–November 17, Center for Art & Design, St. Olaf College <https://wp.stolaf.edu/lutherancenter/why-treaties-matter>

This exhibit reveals how Dakota and Ojibwe treaties with the U.S. government affected the lands and lifeways of the Indigenous peoples of the place we now call Minnesota, and explains why these binding agreements between nations still matter today. It is meant to share important cultural information with all Minnesotans, that they may better understand the true circumstances surrounding Minnesota land, its use, and the vibrant cultural and political traditions its original inhabitants have sustained in the face of challenges.

Mdewakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake

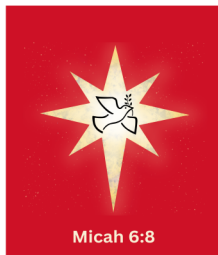
Hocokata Ti, Shakopee, open year-round, Wed – Sat, 9am – 4:30pm

<https://shakopeedakota.org/culture/hocokatati/>

This public exhibit provides visitors with a cultural experience that enhances their knowledge and understanding of the Mdewakanton Dakota people and their history.

14 Contemporary Books by Indigenous Writers You Need To Read

[Link to an article](#) at BuzzFeed



Methodists Investing in Care and Action for the HolyLand



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

Churches for Middle East Peace and 19 US Christian faith leaders, send letter to Harris and Trump campaigns

(One of the signatories is United Methodist Council of Bishops, Ecumenical Officer, Bishop Hope Morgan Ward.)

The letter expresses a shared deep concern regarding the ongoing injustice and violations of human rights in Israel/Palestine. One of the 5 recommendations was the protection of Palestinian Christian communities: In Gaza, many of the approximately 600 remaining Christians are sheltering in one of two churches in Gaza City with limited access to food, water, and medical supplies. We have grave concerns that the Christian community in Gaza faces the very real threat of complete annihilation and extinction.

- Churches for Middle East Peace cmep.org

Prayer:

God, raise up prophets and people of goodwill among the world's leaders, in our churches, and in Israel – those who will see and then do what is right and just for the Palestinian people who have resisted oppression for many decades. Bring the land back to its holiness, make it a land of justice and peace for all its inhabitants.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Brick Oven Bakery for giving us 10% of all sales on Saturday, Sept 28, which amounted to \$334.00. \$115 was received in donations. This will cover 1/2 the cost of our Bethlehem family sponsorship. Thank you to all who supported this project. It was a very busy day at the Brick Oven Bakery.

Candle Lighting

On Sunday, October 6th and Sunday, October 13th, the MICAH Team hosted an opportunity for the congregation to light a candle and say a prayer in remembrance and lament for the suffering of the past year in the Holy Land.



Light a Candle, Say a Prayer
To remember and lament the suffering
of the past year in the Holy Land.



Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will meet on November 18th. We are continuing the "Boys of the Bible Quilt Block Series." In November, we will be studying Micah, Nahum, Asher, Simeon, and Levi.

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



Mission Sewing Project

We did it! Mission Sewing met our goal of having 30 quilts done by early December to donate to Operation Joy (formerly Christmas Sharing).

We are continuing to finish up lap quilts and work on projects for Midwest Mission Distribution Center. We are always looking for more people to help meet our goals. Due to Thanksgiving, we will meet on Wednesday, November 20th instead of the fourth Wednesday, to tie quilts and start other projects. We meet at 9AM in Room 120.



IT Tech Corner

By Jesse Steed

Looking for news and happenings for NUMC? Northfield United Methodist Church communicates event details and information through a variety of channels. Our Facebook page has events and posts about upcoming events like Trunk Or Treat, Super Wednesdays, Worship services, blog posts from our committees, and more. Our website northfieldumc.org has a ton of information including the worship service videos, Herald newsletters, Super Wednesday meal menus, blog, and more. Our Youtube channel has our livestream worship services. We send a weekly email on Fridays with brief updates and reminders. The Herald newsletter is emailed every month and some folks also receive it by mail. Announcements are found on Sunday bulletins, boards around the church, and the TV in the narthex. Sunday worship services have a scrolling news set of slides prior the worship service and announcements are briefly mentioned as the service begins.

Phew! That's a lot of ways to receive information about happenings at the church!

If you ever have questions or feedback about the website or social media accounts of the church, you are welcome to contact me at jsteed@northfieldumc.org.

Super Wednesday Meals

Food for the soul and the stomach!

5:30-6:30 pm, Wednesdays.



Menu

November 6:

Pork loin, green rice, broccoli, raspberry fluff, French bread, and cupcakes.

November 13:

Watch our facebook page and website northfieldumc.org for menu updates.

November 20 Harvest Dinner:

Ham, mashed potatoes, roasted veggies, green salad, dinner roll, assorted pies.

November 27:

No Super Wednesday - Thanksgiving



Notes from the Parish Nurse

Since 2003 the March of Dimes has designated November as Prematurity Awareness Month. The goal of their Prematurity Campaign is to reduce rates of premature births in the United States and to raise awareness that this is a serious and costly problem. The focus is not only on the preterm birth rate, but also reflects the state of maternal infant health in the US.

“Premature birth is a birth that happens too soon, before 37 weeks of pregnancy. Babies born this early may have more health problems or may need to stay in the hospital longer than babies born later.” Long term health problems for preemies can have lasting financial effects on the family and later in life can affect a child’s education, and an adult’s ability to work. Some of the health problems might be cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities, jaundice, chronic lung disease, blindness, and hearing loss.

“Even babies born at 36-38 weeks of pregnancy can struggle in school.” A baby’s brain is still developing and growing during the last few weeks of pregnancy. At 35 weeks a baby’s brain weighs only two-thirds of what it will weigh at 39-40 weeks. If a woman’s pregnancy is healthy, it is best for her to stay pregnant for at least 39 weeks. This extra time gives a baby’s brain and other organs time to develop before birth. Studies and research encourage women and their medical caregivers NOT to schedule inductions or Cesarean births early unless there are problems with the pregnancy.

A premature birth can happen to any pregnant woman. The March of Dimes is studying what causes premature births and how they can be stopped. “We know it’s possible for women to have healthy pregnancies, but the US remains among the most dangerous developed nations in which to give birth.” One in 10 babies born in the United States will be premature, for a total of over 380,000 premature births a year, or 10.4% of all births. That is “an alarmingly high preterm birth rate...”

In conclusion, the two main goals of the March of Dimes is to raise public awareness of the problems of prematurity and to decrease the rate of premature births in the United States. The Prematurity Campaign:

- Funds research of the causes of premature birth
- Encourages testing of promising interventions
- Educates women in regard to risk-reducing strategies and signs of preterm labor
- Provides information and emotional support to families affected by prematurity
- Advocates for health care coverage that will improve maternity care and infant health outcome
- Helps healthcare providers detect and address risk factors



Statistics and quotations from www.marchofdimes.org

Thank You

I don’t even know where to begin to say thank you to this amazing community of caring folks at NUMC. As you are aware, my mom recently passed away at the age of 94. She was my best friend, my adventure partner (or partner in crime) and she was so loved by so many. She is leaving a big hole in our lives. I talked to her every day. Thank you for your text messages, phone calls, emails, memorials and cards with your kind and caring words. Thank you to all who came to the visitation and funeral, I was overwhelmed by the presence of so many of you and it meant so much to me.

Mom was a force of nature and always up for an adventure. She mowed her 3-acre lawn until she was 90 (when we made her stop), rode the ATV trails in WI at 91, loved going to the cabin and went on a motorcycle ride at 93. She wanted to go again this year for her 94th birthday but was not physically able. She sewed thousands of catnip pillows for the local Humane Society and made hundreds of quilts for her church mission. She was well known for her chocolate chip cookies. Here is her full obituary if you wish to read it: <https://www.northfieldfuneral.com/obituaries/Dorothy-Louise-Vesledahl?obId=33353328#obituaryInfo>

I was privileged to be with her when she took her final breath, surrounded by children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. How appropriate that the heavens were lit up so beautifully with the northern lights that evening in mom’s favorite color pink. So take a note from my mom; go on the adventures, make friends everywhere you go, give back when you can, eat the cookies and always, always, when saying goodbye to those special folks in your life, tell them you love them. My mom always ended every conversation and visit with “I love you”. I was blessed to have her as my mom.

I am also very blessed to have all of you in my life and I cannot say thank you enough for your support and care during the last few weeks. - Sandy Vesledahl, Office Administrator



Mom on her motorcycle ride at 93 yrs old.



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

November 4, 2024 – UWF Executive Board meeting – 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall.

November 11, 2024 - Esther Circle – 1:00 pm Kildahl, 888 Cannon Valley Drive

November 18, 2024 - Mugs and Muffins – Church Library – 9:00 am

Website: UW Faith.org – National UW Faith

mnconfumw.com – Minnesota UW Faith

Restoring Waters Seeks Art Supplies The nonprofit Art to Change the World is bringing art classes to Restoring Waters residents. Some of the art materials not used at the retreat will be donated to Emma Norton Residence for their art classes. The list was in last month's newsletter. **Bring to box at church.** Questions contact Catherine Williams cwilliamsteacher303@gmail.com

Ladies Day Apart – Saturday, October 12, 2024 at River Bend Nature Center, Faribault, MN, was a colorful, relaxing day. The trees were a gorgeous golden hue interspersed with greens and reds. The nature walk was an exhilarating countryside trek watching the robins, hearing chickadees, listening to the crunch of leaves beneath our feet.

Pastor Donna high lighted the spirituality of the water of life, starting with the power water has on the hardness of rocks. We shared the sharp places in our lives contrasted with the smooth places as we held rocks with sharp corners and smooth places. We ended with baptism retrieving shells in water.

Lisa Weis kept us laughing and giggling, lifting our spirits even more. Joyce Lindquist facilitated the art table. We appreciated her willingness to share her skills. Dorothy Orde shared the beautiful quilt made from the "Boys of the Bible" quilt. Some did quilt tying. Dorothy **announced "We have made our goal of 30 quilts for Christmas Joy!!!"**



Rev Jerad Morey started out by giving some history of Forest Therapy from Japan. We then went to heightened senses in the forest by smelling burning smoke, tasting the wind, feeling the air on the body, seeing the textures of the forest. The colors were gorgeous. On a short walk we tuned in to movement of anything around us. We gathered only to be sent off to find a tree calling each of us to discover what it had to teach us. The time ended with a tea ceremony. The tea was hot water steeped with black raspberry leaves collected on site.

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 Bring your craft offerings to Lin when done.

Spend some 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.

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



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.



Our church will be sponsoring the Meals On Wheels for the Northfield community the week of November 4-9, Monday through Saturday. We are

seeking volunteers to be drivers to deliver the meals made by the hospital. It is a great service to get meals to those who need a good healthy meal. It only takes about an hour over the noon hour. You can volunteer 1 day or every day or as many as you want.

Email Marie Beck at : Marieyvonbeck@gmail.com or call/text her at **608-322-3596** with days of the week you would be available to help. If you have a preferred route color (blue, green, yellow, pink or orange) include that with your message. It is nice to have a team of 2 – one to be a driver and one to hand out the meals – so let me know if you want to help with one role and I can team you with someone else on the other role. It is fun seeing people as you deliver these meals. They sure appreciate this service.

Card Making with Margie

Tuesday, November 19, 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.



Church Office Hours



Mon-Thurs.
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday
8:00 am - noon
The church office and building will be closed November 28-29 for Thanksgiving.

Welcoming LGBTQ+ Congregants

On Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m., MN Reconciling Congregations will host "Welcoming LGBTQ+ Congregants" with Dr. Ellie Krug. Ellie brings her personal experience of transitioning from a straight, cisgender male to a member of the LGBTQI2+ community at age 52. She will share tips on how churches can be more welcoming. This will be a Zoom event. Go to tsu.me/zvdr3 to register.

Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**

Two Month Issue!
December/January Herald Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the combined December/January issue of the Herald Newsletter is:

Noon on Monday, November 18, 2024

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

Late submissions will not be accepted.

Remember to reserve your meeting space at the church!

As you can see by the calendar the NUMC campus is a very busy place as fall programming starts back up.

Planning a church group meeting or event?

Reserve your space on line at northfieldumc.org.

Click on "reserve a room" and fill in the blanks.

Without a reservation we cannot guarantee the space you want will be available or will have the HVAC turned on.

Because every picture has a story to tell...



Pastor Gordon Orde as Zacchaeus, The Tax Collector during worship on October 6th.



On October 6 and 13 MICAH hosted an opportunity for the congregation to light a candle and say a prayer in remembrance and lament for the suffering the past year in the Holy Land.



Pastor Jerad Morey led a Forest Therapy session during the United Women in Faith retreat on October 12th at the River Band Nature Center.



A few of our wonderful Super Wednesday kitchen crew!



Thanks to all who came out to help at the Fall Facilities work day on September 28th.

Wednesday evening Youth Group.

KC3 kids with Youth Group leaders.



Meet and Greet with Pastor Donna with some of the NUMC residents at Millstream Commons.



"I can hear the Children's Message just fine from back here."

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00 Men's Breakfast	2 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
3 9:30 Worship with Communion No Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Faith Formation: The Lord's	4 8:00-noon Polling place set up 3:00 UWF Board Mtg 7:00 Community Reservation	5 6:00-9:00 Election Polling place 9:00 Bible Study	6 8:00-noon Polling place tear down 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation Super Wednesday 3:30 KC3 5:30 Shared Meal 6:15 Adult Choir 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth Fellowship	7 12:00 Community Reservation	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast	9 8:00-4:00 Community Reservation 10:30-12:30 Community Reservation
10 9:30 Worship 10:00 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:45 Matt Rohn - The Taking of Indigenous Lands for What Becomes Northfield 6:30 Community Reservation	11 1:30 MICAH Mtg 10:00 Esther Circle - Kildahl 7:00 Community Reservation	12 9:00 Bible Study 5:30-7:00 Community Reservation	13 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation Super Wednesday 3:30 KC3 5:30 Shared Meal 6:15 Adult Choir 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth Fellowship	14 10:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	15 8:00 Men's Breakfast	16 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
17 9:30 Worship Children's Bible Blessing 10:00 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	18 9:00 Mugs & Muffins 7:00 Community Reservation Noon - Dec/Jan combined issue Herald Newsletter Deadline	19 9:00 Bible Study 2:30 Card Making with Margie 7:00 Facilities Mtg.	20 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation Super Wednesday 3:30 KC3 5:30 Shared Meal 6:00 Adult Choir 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth Fellowship	21 12:00 Community Reservation 7:00 Renewal via zoom	22 8:00 Men's Breakfast	23 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation
24 9:30 Worship 10:00 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	25 7:00 Community Reservation	26 9:00 Bible Study	27 9:00 Mission Sewing 11:30-1:00 Community Reservation No Super Wednesday	28 Thanksgiving Day Office and Church Building Closed	29 8:00 Men's Breakfast Office and Church Building Closed	30 8:30-11:00 Community Reservation

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