

United Methodist Herald

March 2025



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March Worship

March 2, 2025 - Celebration of Holy Communion
United Women in Faith Sunday
 Guest Speaker Shawna Nelsen-Wills

March 5, 2025 (Ash Wednesday)
Intention & Action, Luke 9:51-62
 Pastor Donna Dempewolf

March 9, 2025
Stranger & Neighbor, Luke 10:25-37
 Pastor Donna Dempewolf

March 16, 2025
Faith and Works, Luke 10:38-42
 Pastor Donna Dempewolf

March 23, 2025
Rest & Growth, Luke 13:6-9
 Pastor Donna Dempewolf

March 30, 2025
Lost & Found, Luke 15:1-7
 Pastor Donna Dempewolf



Message from the Pastor

Everything [In] Between

The story of Lent is a story of messy middles. Jesus is on the road, but he's not there yet. Jesus is telling stories, but the crowds don't understand. Jesus is leading a parade, but the crowds don't understand. Jesus is risen, but the disciples can't forget the cross.
Rev. Sarah Speed

We live in the messy middle – the spaces between what was and what will be. We live between joy and sorrow, mountaintops and valley lows, brokenness and wholeness, certainty and doubt. This Lent, our church will journey together through *Everything [In] Between*, a beautifully crafted resource by A Sanctified Art. We will wade into the middle of our sacred texts to find God and stretch our understanding beyond the binaries that our world so often gives.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the Gospel of Luke will be our guide with Jesus setting his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51). From there, we will explore several familiar stories – the Good Samaritan, the Lost Sheep, Zacchaeus, and more. We'll notice the dichotomies – intention and action, stranger and neighbor, lost and found, righteousness and mercy. And we will also imagine where God might be meeting us beyond the categories we create.

Throughout his ministry, Jesus often highlighted the cultural and political polarities of his time to emphasize the radical, inclusive, and surprising love of God. When we study these stories in their historical and cultural context, we begin to see how they mirror the cultural and political divides many of us experience today – in our families, churches, and communities.

Rather than seeking clear-cut, easy answers, this series encourages us to trust that God shows up in ways we don't expect. Instead of the monochrome tones of right or wrong, true or false, this or that, we'll encounter the kaleidoscopic hues of the messy middle.

Each week, we will engage with scripture, art, and poetry designed to expand our imagination of faith, deepen our understanding of justice, and open our hearts to the Spirit's work in the in-between. Lenten Devotional Booklets and Lenten Cards will also be available. This journey is not just about preparing for Easter morning – it's about embracing the sacred unknown, honoring our questions, and finding courage to participate in God's ongoing work of love and liberation.

I invite you to join us as we walk through this sacred season together. May we step boldly into the messy middle, trusting that God is not only with us, but is also calling us forward in this moment in history – a moment that desperately yearns for resurrection hope.

Blessings,
Donna

Coffee with the Pastor
Tuesday, March 11
1:00-2:30 pm
Goodbye Blue Monday Coffeehouse
319 Division St. S.
No appointment necessary, just drop by!

Ash Wednesday Service March 5th, 6:30 pm

We will mark the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service, a time for reflection, renewal, and recommitment. We will pause to remember our shared humanity, and embrace the journey toward transformation.

Lenten Services

Sunday, April 13, 9:30 am - PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Thursday, April 17, 6:30 pm - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Friday, April 18, 6:30 pm - GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday, April 20, 9:30 am - EASTER SUNDAY



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.

Save the Date: Tuesday, March 11, 6:00–9:00 PM Rule of Christ Training

During the first year of a pastoral appointment, the Minnesota Annual Conference encourages churches to participate in Rule of Christ training.

Conflict is something we all encounter—whether it arises from misunderstandings or misinformation. We can all benefit from guidance on how to navigate these challenges.

Wouldn't it be helpful to have a step-by-step, Christian-based tool for addressing difficult issues?

Rule of Christ training equips individuals, families, workplaces, schools, and churches with practical tools for handling conflict and improving relationships.

The three-hour training will take place on Monday, March 11, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, and will be led by John Mueller Nowell, a trained and experienced leader in this area. All adult and older youth members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

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 January 2025 contributions \$30,997.55
General Fund January 2024 contributions \$28,525.66

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

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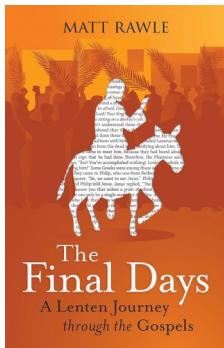
Adult Forum

The Final Days: A Lenten Journey through the Gospels

Each Sunday, March 9 - April 13, 10:45 am (Reception Room)

Facilitated by Bruce Dalgaard

Each session is free-standing, come to one or all. Books may be purchased at Content Book Store or online (Cokesbury, Amazon)



The four New Testament Gospels aren't the same story, but they offer the same Resurrection hope. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John devote most of their story detailing Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, all highlighting Jesus' triumphant entry into the city, the suffering and humiliation of the cross, and the empty tomb come Sunday morning, but the stories they tell aren't quite the same.

Each gospel offers a different lens through which we understand Jesus' Passion. One portrait reveals Jesus to be in control, while another emphasizes his suffering. In one story Jesus offers hope to the thief on the cross, and in another Jesus only receives derision. These different perspectives aren't a reason to dismiss the Gospels; rather they reveal an abundant, diverse and complementary picture of God's work in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Everything [in] Between | Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes

Wednesday, March 12, 6:00 pm

In-person (Reception Room) or via Zoom

Facilitated by Pastor Donna Dempewolf

Join us for a **Super Wednesday Meal** and an engaging Lenten gathering where we'll explore the sacred spaces between life's extremes. Through **scripture, art, and poetry**, we'll expand our imagination of faith, deepen our understanding of justice, and open our hearts to the Spirit's presence in the in-between. Our **Lenten Devotional Booklets** and **Lenten Cards** will guide our reflections.

Dreams of the Bible: God's Forgotten Language

Tuesday, March 18th, 6:30 pm, in person (Reception Room) or via Zoom

Presented by Dana Houck

Dreams have fascinated people for centuries, often seen as mysterious messages from beyond or reflections of our inner thoughts. In the Bible, dreams are not merely random images during sleep but are a means through which God communicates with individuals. There are numerous examples in the Old and New Testaments where dreams convey divine revelations, warnings, and guidance. Exploring the biblical perspective on dreams, we can better understand their significance, how they were used in biblical times, and how they hold spiritual meaning for believers today.

Caring for Creation: What Then Shall We Do? (John 3:10)

An invitation from Tim Goodwin and Clay Oglesbee (retired Elder)

Starting on Sunday, April 27 our congregation will host a four-week worship-and-teaching series, **Caring for Creation: "What Then Should We Do?"**. We invite our members, as well as guests from the wider community, to consider together current understandings of climate change or climate crisis, the implications for us and for all in these times. We ask, depending on our understanding of what is taking place, what is a faithful response? "What then shall we do?" (John 3:10).

Why are we offering this series? Studies and observations by most trained scientists today indicate that we are undermining our planet's ecosystems and its healthfulness for living creatures by the extent and rate of burning fossil fuels and emitting carbon dioxide and other gasses like methane into our atmosphere. In fact, 99.3 percent of active researchers and scientists say that we are experiencing "incontrovertible evidence of planetary-scale warming" due to the Greenhouse Effect (carbon dioxide and other gases accumulating in the atmosphere which tends to hold heat on the surface or in the oceans). The effects include:

- Arctic sea ice is being reduced by 12% per decade since 1979 (the air conditioning for our planet)
- Some monitored wildlife vertebrate and fresh water species have been reduced in numbers by 75-85% since the first Earth Day fifty-five years ago (World Wildlife Federation)

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- Sea levels are rising, and there are more and longer-lasting heat waves and global drought so that public health and adequate food and water supplies are threatened
- Increasingly powerful and damaging hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, hail and flooding point toward increasing losses and insurance costs
- Infectious diseases or pandemics are more common and spread more rapidly due to intense and extended heat waves
- Global climate refugees are said to be in the tens of millions now and projected into the billions in decades to come
- Carbon dioxide and other gases in the atmosphere will linger for decades or centuries or longer, and will already indefinitely affect quality of life on earth; carbon storage and many other technological steps are needed to slow, reduce or eliminate carbon emissions

Our Leadership Board, while holding varying opinions about climate change, has agreed it is important and timely to examine scientific evidence, to observe our own experiences, and to reflect together on how our Faith guides us to care for the planet, and what actions we each might take. We are open to many answers to these questions; the point is to share questions, share our values, and act to Care for Creation.

Our series schedule will be as follows:

Eastertide: *Caring for Creation: "What Then Should We Do?" (John 3:10)*

Four Week Series--Weekly Worship and Adult Forum

Week 1 Gratitude for Creation, Suffering and Deep Hope

4/27 9:30 am Worship
 Text: John 20:1-18
 Sermon: *Hope Through Tears*
 Preacher: **Rev. Dr.** Kiara Jorgenson, Professor/Eco-Theologian, St. Olaf
 Facilitated Reflection led by **Tim Goodwin**
 Facilitated Sharing about Our Care for Creation
 10:30 am Class: *Our Current Climate Situation: Global and Local*
 Presenter: **Dr. Mark Seeley**, Minnesota Extension Emeritus meteorologist and climatologist

Week 2 Our Creatureliness in the Creation/Earth

5/4 9:30 am Worship
 Text: John 21:1-19 and Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17 (inclusive language)
 Sermon: *Called to be Creatures*
 Preacher: **Rev. Dr. Timothy Eberhart**, Eco-Theologian, Garrett Seminary and Director of the Center for Ecological Regeneration
 10:30 am Class Title/Focus: *God in All Things: Recovering our Spiritual Ties to the Land*

Week 3 Mother's Day In the Face of Loss and Challenge: Resilience and Care

5/11 9:30 am Worship
 Text: John 10:22-30
 Sermon: *Listening for a Voice*
 Preacher: **Pastor** Donna Dempewolf
 10:30 am Class: Courage and Resilience to Care for Creation
 Presenters: **Mary Lynn Oglesbee**, Courage and Renewal Facilitator (Parker Palmer methods)

Week 4 The Path of Engagement and Action

5/18 9:30 am Worship
 Text: John 3:7-10, John 13:31-35,
 Sermon: *A Path and Plan of Resolute Love*
 Preacher: Rev. **Howard White**
 Climate Witness: Tim Goodwin, Science Educator and Musician
 10:30 am Class: *What Then Shall We Do? What You **Do** Matters*
 Rev. Clay Oglesbee, *What's Your Plan? Four Scenarios*
 Panel: Rev. Howard White, Citizens' Climate Lobby,
 Alan Anderson and Richard DeBeau, Rotary Climate Action Team
 Other Voices on Climate Commitments

Sundays:

Children's Church (5th grade and under)

Children's Church meets 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 Sunday worship service at 9:40 am for a worship service of their own. We worship, read scripture, talk, sing and share in community. For more information contact Gregory Ennis at Gregory.ennis@gmail.com.

Super Wednesdays

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.

Children's Hymn Sing - Sunday, March 16th

We will have a hymn sing for our Children's Church on Sunday, March 16th. Children are encouraged to come and learn a hymn that morning and the Sundays before to sing for the congregation on March 16th.

Due to spring break there will not be children's church on Sunday, March 23rd and 30th, and no KC3 on March 26th.

Youth Scripture Readers - 2nd Sunday of the Month

We are looking for youth in grades 6-12 to read scripture during worship on the 2nd Sunday of the Month. If you know a young person who would be willing to read, please email Kristen at youth@northfieldumc.org. Upcoming Sundays: March 9, April 13, May 11.

Northfield UMC Youth Group (grades 6-12)

NUMC Youth Group includes time for fun and recreation, community building games and activities, a mini-lesson to help our young people connect to God in everyday moments, and time for supporting and celebrating each other through our highs and lows.

Adult Youth Group Volunteer: We are in need of one additional adult/parent volunteer to help with Youth Group from 6:30-8pm. This can be a different adult/parent each week. Please let Kristen Twitchell know if you are available/willing to help. You can email Kristen at youth@northfieldumc.org.

March Youth Group Schedule: 6:30-8pm unless otherwise noted

March 5: Ash Wednesday Service & Youth Group

Theme: Face Off (Cotton Swap Style): A Lenten Lesson

- Youth Group will start immediately following the Ash Wednesday service (approximately 7:15pm).
- Youth and their families are invited to attend the service.

March 12 - 6:00 - 6:30pm: Mission Trip Meeting

Youth Group: 6-8:30pm: Fasting, Feasting & Service: A Lenten Lesson

March 19: Bowling Outing at Flaherty's Northfield Lanes, 6-8pm

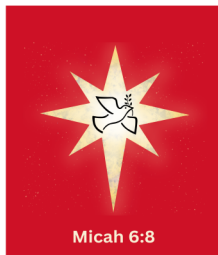
Cost is \$10 per youth and includes bowling, pizza, and shoe rental.

- Additional spending money optional if youth would like to play arcade games or order additional food.
- Rides from church provided at 5:45pm or youth can meet at Flaherty's at 6pm.
- Pick-up is from Flaherty's at 8pm.
- Parent/Adult Chaperone and Drivers needed. Please email youth@northfieldumc.org if you can help.

Spring Break Activity:

We will be planning something fun to do together over Spring Break. More info to come!

Watch for more information coming regarding the Community Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter Sunday Brunch in April!



Methodists Investing in Care and Action for the HolyLand

“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

Trips to Palestine-Israel are back - Visit the Holyland! Here are just a small sample of upcoming trips you can join.

Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA) trips: friends@fosna.org
["Grassroots Partners in Justice: A Delegation for Organizational Leaders" — April 1-7, 2025](#)
["Walking in Faith: A Palestinian Pilgrimage to the Empty Tomb" — April 12-21, 2025](#)
"Young Adult Delegation to the Holy Land" - May 20-28, 2025

Holyland travel scholarships may be available - contact micah@northfieldumc.org for information.

Prayers for Lent

That you are Lord to me, suffices me for strength; that I am servant to you, suffices me for glory. - Arabic prayer of reliance

Lord, protect all healthcare workers who risk their lives to serve others and be present with the people of Gaza. Holy Spirit, guide us to keep our eyes and hearts open so that we may never be complacent in the face of oppression, but rather, be strengthened in our resolve to act against injustice.

Holy God, we cannot keep track of the deaths and lives lost due to the injustice and cruelty carried out in the West Bank. We grieve the havoc wrought by settlers and the suffering inflicted upon innocent lives. We lament the loss of children in Tubas and all in the Holy Land whose futures are stolen by oppression and tyranny. Amidst this violence, help us to see your life-giving presence in the West Bank and ignite in the world a resolve to denounce injustice and work for liberation.

To learn more about MICAH: northfieldumc.org/micah



NUMC Youth
sending birthday
greetings to
Nour, the
daughter in our
sponsored
family.



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.



Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will meet on March 17th to continue our study of "Boys of the Bible" Quilt Blocks. The men we will be studying are Dan, Naphtali, Judah, Benjamin, and Issachar. We meet in Room 120 at 9 AM. New members and visitors are always welcome.



Mission Sewing Project

Mission Sewing is busy working on meeting goals for 2025. We are working on finishing a quilt that will be donated to Emma Norton Services when a representative is here on March 2nd.

We are always looking for more people to help meet our goals. Our next meeting to tie quilts will be on March 26th. We meet at 9AM in Room 120.



IT Tech Corner By Jesse Steed

Streamdesk "Open Desk"

Learn how to help with the worship technical arts! Come to the streamdesk "Open Desk" on the first and second Wednesdays at 5pm before the Super Wednesday meal and take a turn at the sound board, camera, PowerPoint slides, and more. Learn the ins and outs of running the equipment in a supervised environment. Contact Jesse at jsteed@northfieldumc.org to register your interest. No experience necessary. All ages welcome.



"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:12)

The past few weeks have seen a dizzying number of dismaying actions at the federal level. Some family members, friends, neighbors and strangers have seen their lives turned upside-down; others live in fear that they may be next.

As the ISAI AH-MN newsletter of Feb. 11 expressed it: "In moments like these, it is easy to feel overwhelmed — to believe the lie that we are powerless, that the battle is too great, and that our communities are too fractured to resist. But the truth, as scripture reminds us, is that **we are strongest when we are together.**

We must not let chaos pull us apart. The tools of division — racism, fear, and scarcity — are nothing new; they are the weapons of empire used for generations to break our collective power. But we serve a God of justice, a God who calls us into beloved community, into the kind of unity that can withstand every assault. Now is the time to double down on our mission: building a multiracial democracy and a caring economy where all can thrive. **We will not be distracted. We will not be divided.** We will stay organized, rooted in faith, and focused on the work of love and liberation. Because together, bound in the strength of God's justice, we are unbreakable."

The state legislative session is well under way. As the month of March moves along, there may be times for our action by phone, email or in person. Members of the NUMC ISAI AH Team will receive email alerts as these opportunities arise. If you are not already a member of the team, please contact Evelyn Burry to join (evelynburry@hotmail.com or 507-581-4684).



Notes from the Parish Nurse

March is National Nutrition Month®. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has created the campaign annually since 1980 because of growing public interest in nutrition. “The campaign focuses attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.” This year’s theme is “Food Connects Us.” We are connected with our cultures, our families, and our friends by the food we prepare and eat. “What’s more, health, memories, traditions, seasons, and access can all impact our relationship with food.” During National Nutrition Month we can learn about “these connections and how the food [we] eat impacts [our] health throughout life.”



Food Connects Us
2025 NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH®
A Campaign by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

The website www.eatright.org contains a lot of valuable information from The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics about exercise, wellness, and nutrition. Some of the topics covered are:

- Eating Right and Reduce Food Waste
- Eating Right on a Budget
- Eating Right: Tips for Older Adults
- Healthy Eating on the Run: A Month of Tips
- Smart Snacking Tips for Adults and Teens
- Smart Snacking Tips for Kids

Sometimes people complain about becoming forgetful as they are aging. That can be caused by lack of sleep, genetics, physical activity level, lifestyle, and environmental factors. Another big factor in brain health is diet! Good blood flow to the brain helps boost memory and brain function. Researchers have found that eating a Mediterranean Diet not only helps the cardiovascular system, but it helps keep aging brains sharp. The tip sheet “4 Types of Foods to Help Boost Your Memory” lists the following:

- Eat your veggies: especially broccoli, cabbage, and dark leafy greens
- “Be sweet on berries and cherries”: blackberries, blueberries, and cherries
- Consume food containing omega-3 fatty acids: salmon, bluefin tuna, sardines, and herring
- “Work in walnuts” by adding to oatmeal or salads, snacking on a handful, or mixing them into stir-fried vegetables for extra protein

Whether we are young or old or somewhere in between, good nutrition is important to our health and well-being. Take a moment to check the above website and see if you can make some healthy changes in your diet.





United
Women
in Faith

Supporting Emma Norton Services & Restoring Waters Shower of Donations

United Women in Faith: Meeting Dates

March 3, 2025 – UWF Executive Board meeting – 10:00 am room #120
March 10, 2025 - Esther Circle – 1:00 pm Kildahl, 888 Cannon Valley Drive
No meetings until March 2025 - Mugs and Muffins

Website: UWFaith.org – National UWFaith mnconfumw.com – Minnesota UWFaith

United Women of Faith Sunday, March 2, guest Shawna Nelsen-Wills – worship and Adult Forum. Continued **monetary donations**, and **shower with needed items**.

Emma Norton Services' 2025 Opening Doors Gala will be held on Thursday April 24, at the InterContinental St. Paul Riverfront! We can donate toward their silent auction and/or purchase a ticket.

Part of United Women in Faith's work is in their Social Action initiatives. The following are excerpts from the United Methodist Insight article, edited for length.

Micah 6:8 Pledge Draws More Than 2,600 to Faith, Community by Cynthia B. Astle February 5, 2025 United Methodist Insight Special Feature source: um-insight.net

"Our Micah 6:8 Pledge is a movement that inspires courage and action, 'What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?'" said Emily Jones, UWFaith's executive for racial justice and director of the organization's reading program."

"It's about what we're called to do in this moment, when many folks are wondering how to act (in response to the new federal administration)," Jones told *United Methodist Insight* in an online interview. The Micah 6:8 Pledge is intended to give people spiritual encouragement and a willingness to act in society according to the scripture's instruction. "We trust God's promise to give us a future with hope, ...," Jones said.

"We make change most effectively as women of faith operating in a community; we think there's something powerful about being a sisterhood that's working together collaboratively," said Jones. "We build spiritual resolve and mission effectiveness working together, especially in this moment for intersectional justice." "How do I make sense of it?" she asked. "Stay in community, be in sisterhood and share communal strength."

"UWFaith transformation officer Khia Shaw-Wilson said "remember who we are, channeling the courage and wisdom of our foremothers to commit to God's work." She believes the Micah 6:8 Pledge reminds people that United Women in Faith, reaffirms principles of justice, kindness and love of God it has held for 156 years. For example, UWFaith still supports some 80 national mission institutions such as [Emma Norton Services] Bethlehem Centers and Wesley Centers, along with organizing and leading annual Mission u educational gatherings."

"Shaw-Wilson affirmed that UWFaith will continue to organize grassroots activism, especially around Reading Program emphases like racial disparities in maternal health, mass incarceration and climate justice. UWFaith also will continue to amplify women's voices and equip them for church leadership, she said."

Cynthia B. Astle serves as Editor of United Methodist Insight, an online news-and-views journal she founded in 2011 to amplify the perspectives and activities of marginalized and under-served United Methodists.

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.

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.



The Methodist Mile

These boots were made for walking, and that's just what they'll do. . .right here on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 pm through March 27th. 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! Our Methodist Mile has become a very popular destination in the community!

Card Making with Margie

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
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.



Playtime for Toddlers

Tuesdays through March 25, 2025, 10:00 - 11:30 am for preschool and younger children: join us for Playtime in the gym! Large muscle toys and space to run for littles who have wintertime wiggles. For children 5 and under with their caregivers.



Church Office Hours
Monday - Thursday,
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday, 8:00 am - noon

Super Wednesday Community Meals

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

March Menu

March 5 - Ash Wednesday
Chili and bread bar, salad bar, treats and ice cream.

March 12
Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, green salad, French bread, treats and ice cream.

March 19
Quesadillas (chicken, shrimp or cheese), chips and salsa, fried rice, Mexican corn salad, root beer floats.

No Super Wednesday meal March 26 - Spring Break

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

April Herald Newsletter Deadline

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

Noon on Monday, March 24, 2025

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

Late submissions will not be accepted.

Because every picture has a story to tell...



Modern day Nehemiahs. Working together to serve God and Super Wednesday meals. Pam Franz, Jody Mousel and Gorden Orde.



A hard working crew has been busy replacing the outdated and badly needed cabinets and counter top in the parsonage. (while Iggy supervises) Watch for photos of the finished job in the next Herald Newsletter.



NUMC Youth making Valentines cards for the "Love One Another" program.



NUMC Youth enjoying a game during Super Wednesday youth activities!



A good time was had by all, even though a bit chilly, during a KC3 (Kids Creating Community through Christ) sledding party.

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation
2 9:30 Worship with Communion 9:40 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Reconciling Team mtg. 10:45 Adult Forum - Shawna Nelsen-Wills	3 3:00 UWF Mtg. 7:00 Community Reservation	4 9:00 Bible Study 10:00-11:30 Playtime for Toddlers 1:30-3:30 Methodist Mile Walking 2:00-3:00 Community Reservation	5 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation Super Wednesday 3:30 KC3 5:00 Streamdesk training 5:30 Shared Meal 6:15 Adult Choir 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service	6 12:00 Community Reservation 1:30-3:30 Methodist Mile Walking	7 8:00 Men's Breakfast	8 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation
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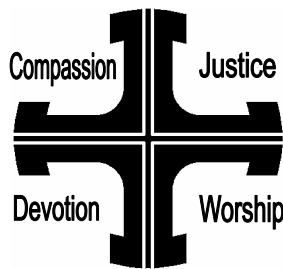
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