

United Methodist Herald

August 2026



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August Worship

August 2, 2026
Worship with Communion
Genesis 37:1-11, 18-28
Pastor Donna Dempewolf

August 9, 2026
Acts 10:9-23
Pastor Donna Dempewolf

August 16, 2026
1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Pastor Donna Dempewolf

August 23, 2026
Psalm 139:1-2, 13-14, 23-24
Pastor Donna Dempewolf

August 30, 2026
Deuteronomy 16:13-15
Pastor Donna Dempewolf



Message from the Pastor

Late Summer Days

August has a way of inviting us to slow down. There are summer evenings to enjoy, gardens to tend, vacations to take, and time to gather with friends and neighbors. Before the rhythms of fall return, the days of late summer invite us to savor the gifts already around us.

It's also a season for good stories—whether shared around a campfire, read on a porch, or watched on the screen. This month, our worship series, **Faith & Film**, explores how stories can deepen our understanding of God's story—and our own. Together we'll reflect on themes of courage, forgiveness, belonging, and identity through *Joseph: King of Dreams*, *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Encanto*, and *Inside Out 2*. If you have the opportunity, watch the movies before worship. Then join us as we discover what Scripture and these familiar stories might have to say to our lives today.

August also marks the beginning of an exciting new ministry. Thanks to a **Love Boldly** grant from the Minnesota Annual Conference, Northfield UMC is launching a new initiative centered on mental health, compassion, and caring for our neighbors. We'll begin this work in partnership with **Northfield Union of Youth (The Key)**, learning together how we can better support young people, reduce the stigma surrounding mental health, and build a community where everyone has a place.

One simple way to participate is through a collection for The Key, which will begin in late August. Executive Director **Kelli Podracky** will be with us this fall to share more about their work and introduce **The L.O.C.K. (Life Skills, Opportunity, Counseling, and Knowledge)**, a new initiative supporting youth. In the meantime, we're inviting you to donate everyday items such as deodorant, toothpaste, toiletries, and granola bars.

We're also looking forward to partnering with The Key during Defeat of Jesse James Days for the **Drown Out the Noise Block Party on Saturday, September 12**. In the midst of voices that divide or diminish, the event ensures welcome, compassion, and belonging. We're grateful to partner with The Key in helping create a community where every person knows they matter.

And don't miss **Summer Splash on Saturday, August 29, from 1:00–4:00 p.m.** Bring the family for an afternoon of slip 'n slides, root beer floats, games, a gift certificate drawing, and plenty of laughter. If you'd like to volunteer, we'd love to have you join us—you can sign up at the church.

So enjoy these late summer days. Watch a movie. Spend time outdoors. Bring a few items for The Key. Come to Summer Splash. Worship with your church family. May this season remind us that God meets us in stories shared, simple acts of kindness, and communities where everyone has a place.

Peace, Donna



2026 Annual
Conference
June 15-18

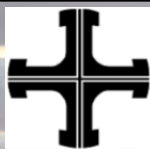


NUMC WELCOME STATEMENT

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.

Northfield United Methodist Church Mission Statement

We are companions in Christ, called, nurtured, and sent out for this purpose: to glorify God by acts of worship, devotion, compassion, and justice.



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.

August Worship Series: Faith & Film

This August, join us for **Faith & Film** as we explore how stories on the screen can deepen our understanding of God's story. Each week we'll pair a popular film with Scripture, discovering themes of courage, identity, belonging, hope, and God's presence in our lives.

To get the most out of the series, we encourage you to watch the movies ahead of time—or revisit an old favorite!

August 2: *Joseph: King of Dreams* or *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

August 9: *How to Train Your Dragon*

August 16: *Encanto*

August 23: *Inside Out 2*

Then, on **August 30**, we'll celebrate **Faith on a Stick!** As Minnesota gathers for the Great Minnesota Get-Together, we'll explore the biblical connection between food, celebration, and gratitude. From harvest festivals to shared meals, Scripture reminds us that God delights in bringing people together.



FINANCE UPDATE

General Fund YTD 2026 contributions \$159,200.64
General Fund YTD 2025 contributions \$147,458.88

General Fund June 2026 contributions \$20,092.00
General Fund June 2025 contributions \$19,538.15

Treasurer's Report for June 2026

General Fund - The checking account balance at the end of June was \$26,322.56 compared to a May balance of \$29,468.76; shows a monthly decrease of \$3,146.20. Only January conference apportionments have been paid due to operating cash flow needs. A balance of \$20,539.56 is owed for February, March, April, May and June.

Monthly Offering Income for June was \$20,092.00. YTD Actual Offering Income was \$159,200.64; \$11,741.76 more than YTD last year, but \$15,799.34 less than the YTD Budget of \$174,458.88. Other Income Totals of \$1,902.46 for June came from Interest Income of \$1.96 and Facility Usage of \$1900.50. General Fund Income Total for June was \$21,994.46. Thus, General Fund YTD Actual Income was \$183,152.02; \$19,565.42 less than the YTD Budget of \$202,717.44.

Monthly Expenses for June totaled \$28,334.83. YTD Actual Expense Totals were \$216,153.69; \$21,304.43 less than the YTD Budget of \$237,458.12. YTD expenses exceeded income by \$33,001.67 which is \$1,739.01 less than the YTD Budgeted shortfall of \$34,740.68.

Offering Income for the first six months of 2026 is just over \$8,900 ahead of the same period in 2025. However, this increase in YTD income was not sufficient to cover YTD expenses.

Physical Plant - June income total was \$9,392.03 broken down as follows: \$9,212.03 from General Fund Support; and \$180.00 continuing contributions to the Building Campaign. YTD Actual Income was \$120,708.57: \$2,100.00 from Building Campaign; \$76,157.59 from General Fund Support; and \$42,450.98 from Building Maintenance Endowment Fund.

A significant church maintenance expense of \$11,200.00 for Gap Insurance was paid in May.

YTD Actual Expenses were \$114,843.55 which leaves a positive balance of \$5,865.02. Total YTD building insurance costs were \$24,925.65. Total YTD funds spent for Fellowship Hall and Worship Area sound improvements were \$23,461.49.

Endowment Funds - At the beginning of January 2026, the total value of the four endowment funds was \$968,840.34. Gifts received from the Hanson Estate, \$52,381.89 in January and \$50,496.80 in February, were deposited in the Building Maintenance Fund designated for hearing and sound improvements within the Fellowship Hall and Worship Area. A total of \$69,194.62 was withdrawn from the endowment funds during the first six months of 2026.

The combined YTD Balance of all four funds at the end of June (including deposits, withdrawals, market value fluctuations and fees) was \$1,075,072.13 which shows a YTD gain of \$106,231.80. YTD investment earnings for funds in the Balanced Fund were 7.03% while earnings for funds in the Growth Fund were 8.45%.

All the ways you can donate funds to NUMC!

How to make tithes and offerings

You can make your tithes and offerings several ways:

1. Drop your offering in the offering basket during worship
2. Donate online using a credit/debit card by clicking on the "Donate" tab on the church website <https://northfieldumc.org>
3. Donate with a credit/debit card via "Text to Give" (text number 844-946-1577)
4. Donate via our QR code using a credit/debit card (see QR code below)
5. Donate via Automatic Electronic Giving monthly
6. Mail a check to: NUMC - 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, in the church office or by emailing northfieldumc@gmail.com.

Adult Faith Formation

This fall, our Adult Faith Formation team invites you to explore faith, Scripture, justice, and some of the most important questions of our time. Whether you're a longtime participant or joining us for the first time, there's a place for you.

September 20 – Celebration Sunday

No adult forum today as we kick off a new program year together.

September 27 & October 4 – Love Boldly: Mental Health

A two-week series exploring emotional well-being, resilience, and hope. On October 4, Kelli Podracky, Executive Director of The Key, and members of her team will lead a conversation focused on youth mental health.

October 11 & 18 – Faith in the Age of AI

What does it mean to be human in an age of artificial intelligence? Together we'll explore the opportunities and ethical questions surrounding emerging technology. Copies of the study *Magnificent Humanity* will be available.

October 25 – November 29 – Manna & Mercy

Journey through Daniel Erlander's beloved overview of the biblical story—from creation to new creation—as worship and adult formation come together throughout the series. Illustrated copies of *Manna & Mercy* will be available as a gift. We'll also hear excerpts from the preaching of Rev. Alan Storey, a South African Methodist pastor known for his prophetic witness to justice and mercy.

Advent

We'll conclude the year with Advent studies, including the Bishop's online study, *When Hope Is Born: An Advent Journey with the Midwives of Scripture*, along with two weeks of in-person conversations led by our Micah team.

We hope you'll join us this fall as we learn together, ask thoughtful questions, and deepen our faith. For more information, contact Clay Oglesbee at **507-251-9283**.

Climate & “Hope for Creation” Visioning Process Begins in October

from the Creation Care Team

Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will....Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude.

—Pope Francis

After a summer of extraordinary heat, drought and uncontrolled fires in many areas of our planet, including our own Boundary Waters and much of the state, starting in October, the Creation Care Team will move forward with a congregational **Creation Care Visioning, Planning and Action Process** in coordination with the leaders and resources of the Midwest-based Hope for Creation pilot program we began a year ago with several other United Methodist churches. Many of you will remember that step followed a four-week series on climate concerns offered in the spring of 2025. This has been done with the support of the Church Council, Pastor Donna Dempewolf and many of our members, the Northfield United Methodist Church. As Eco-Theologian Timothy Eberhart describes this effort:

Grounded in theological, spiritual, and practical ecological wisdoms, this curricular journey aligns with seasonal and liturgical cycles and supports congregations as they discern their particular visions for regenerative mission and ministry. Supported by a \$1.25 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., the Hope for Creation curriculum is offered at no cost to participating congregations as part of the Midwest Bioregional Hub initiative of Garrett's Center for Ecological Regeneration.

This Visioning, Planning and Action Process will start with about four weeks of shared reflection, and then move on to planning climate care initiatives. The **Creation Care Team** is currently composed of Tim Goodwin, Kevin and Amy Allin, Clay Oglesbee and Pastor Donna Dempewolf.

By the completion of the process, the Creation Care Team will work with church members and leadership **to develop a Creation Care vision and plan to begin one or more new climate-related ministries**, like the planting of new, climate-adapted trees this past spring. Those steps, led by Kevin Allin and the Facilities Team, gave immediate inspiration to many of us, and we even named one of the trees after a “climate saint”, Hildegard of Bingen, at Pastor Donna's suggestion! Local steps and broader climate policy actions will be priority outcomes for our congregation's climate work. Please join in this deeply important initiative as we together envision our next steps of care for Creation. Maybe we will re-imagine ourselves as “watershed guardians”, or as God's own keepers and gardeners for this beautiful creation.

FAMILY ministry

Children's Ministry

Don't miss out on these summer camp and VBS opportunities!

Camp Minnesota

Explore a variety of camp options at Camp Minnesota (<https://www.campminnesota.org>) or pick up a brochure at church.

VBS 2026: Snowball Mountain Challenge

Pre-K, August 3–6, 9:00–11:00 am, St. John's ELCA sign up

Good Earth Village Day Camp

For those completing K–5, August 3–6, 8:45 am–3:00 pm
Bethel ELCA \$70 per camper, with scholarships available (just email me)
Sign-up link: <https://goodearthvillage.org/bethel-northfield/>

Coming this fall!

KidConnect - Beginning Wednesday, September 16th

After school until 5:30 pm. This free program for kids ages K-5th grade will include sports, arts, faith, friendship, a snack and lot's of fun.

Free bus transportation after school from Bridgewater, Greenvale and the Middle School; escort from Spring Creek.

Register for busing: northfieldumc.org/bus-registration

For more information, contact Pastor Donna at ddempewolf@northfieldumc.org

Children's Church - Beginning Sunday, September 20. During this time, children are invited to grow together in God's love by participating in Bible stories, music, crafts and games. After the children's message during Sunday worship, Amy Allin will lead Children's Church in classroom 121. If your child has outgrown the nursery, they are invited to join this kid's friendly community.



Youth Ministry

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.

Pop-up Youth Programs

Please check your email in early August and the group text for Pop-Up Summer Youth Programs.

These programs are open to youth in grades 6-12 and their friends.

Want to Join?

Please email youth@northfieldumc.org to join the Youth Email List and text Kristen at 507-676-3600 if you would like to be added to the Youth Group Text group.

Regular School Year Youth Programs resume in late September. Enjoy your summer!





Children's Ministries Director/Coordinator

Northfield United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Children's Ministries Director/Coordinator (10–15 hours/week) to help nurture the faith and community life of children in an inclusive, intergenerational congregation.

This position includes Sunday morning Children's Church, Wednesday afternoon programming and activities, seasonal events, and collaboration with volunteers and student interns. We are looking for someone who is energetic, relational, organized, and enjoys creating welcoming, engaging experiences for children and families.

Primary work times are Sundays and Wednesdays, with flexible summer responsibilities. Compensation is \$20–25/hour depending on experience.

To apply or request additional information, contact Pastor Donna Dempewolf at ddempewolf@northfieldumc.org or (507) 645-5689.



Notes from the Parish Nurse

Summer is a time when we are often out-of-doors biking, picnicking, camping, swimming, boating, and hiking. It is a joyful time to be out in God's glorious world, but it is also a time to take precautions to be safe. All people can be affected by high temperatures and a high heat index, but older people are especially susceptible to heat-related illnesses. One should take precautions **before** getting too hot, because excessive heat can impair a person's judgment and cause confusion. Many older adults have health risk factors that can increase their chance of getting hyperthermia. These include: poor circulation, dehydration, obesity, inefficient sweat glands, chronic illnesses, a salt-restricted diet, use of certain medications, dementia, and disabilities that restrict mobility.



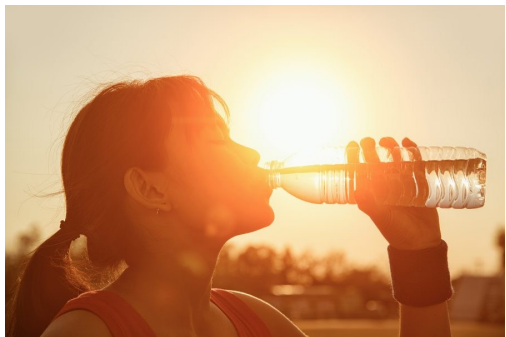
As the air temperature increases and the humidity rises, one should take protective measures against heat-related illnesses.

- Stay inside in air conditioning. If you don't have air conditioning at home, go to a location that has it. Some possibilities are: a movie theater, library, shopping mall, or senior center.
- Stay hydrated by sipping water all day, whether you feel thirsty or not. Older adults often don't recognize thirst and thus can get dehydrated easily.
- Cut back on physical activity, and rest if you feel fatigued or light-headed.
- Take a tepid bath or shower to cool your body.
- Wear loose-fitting, light-colored cotton clothing and a wide-brimmed hat.

Heat-Related Illnesses

- Heat cramps, painful muscle spasms in the legs or abdomen, are often the first sign that someone is having a heat-related illness. Other symptoms can be sweating, fatigue, and thirst. Usually resting in a cool place and drinking fluids will help a person recover.
- Heat exhaustion is a more severe form of a heat-related illness. Symptoms can include headache, blurred vision, nausea, vomiting, profuse sweating, dizziness, and weakness. Skin appears cool, moist, and pale. Treatment includes getting the person out of the heat, loosen tight clothing, apply cool wet cloths to the skin, fan the victim, and give cool water to drink if the person is conscious.
- Heat stroke is the least common but most severe heat emergency. It can occur when a person ignores heat exhaustion symptoms. Signs of heat stroke include red, hot, dry skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, shallow breathing; and rapid, weak pulse. Call 911 immediately as heat stroke can lead to seizures, coma, and even death. Wrap the person in a cool wet sheet, or place cold packs on the person's wrists, ankles, groin, and armpits to help cool large blood vessels. Out in nature immerse a person in a lake or stream to start cooling the body.

Enjoy your summer fun and adventures, but to prevent heat-related illnesses, be sure to moderate activity when temperatures are high and maintain an adequate intake of fluids.





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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*



Olive Oil for Sale

Palestinian organic, fair
trade, extra virgin olive oil.

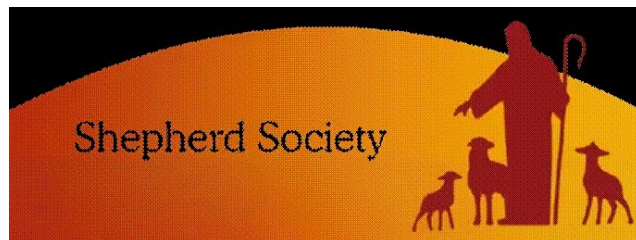
750 ml/25.4 oz. for \$30.00

500 ml/16.9 oz. for \$25.00

Olive Oil Soap for \$6

Za'atar Spices for \$6

Now available in the church office!



News from The Shepherd Society

Partnership Launched to Bring a Lifesaving Ambulance to Beit Sahour Bethlehem

Bible College/Shepherd Society signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Municipality of Beit Sahour to launch a campaign aimed at purchasing and equipping a fully outfitted ambulance to serve the residents of Beit Sahour and its surrounding communities. This initiative reflects the College's and the Shepherd Society's ongoing commitment to serving the community and strengthening healthcare and humanitarian services, helping to improve emergency response to urgent medical and humanitarian cases.

The father of the Ibrahem family, that MICAH/Northfield UMC helps support, has multiple myeloma, a form of cancer. This ambulance may be especially appreciated by him and his family. They live in Beit Sahour, which is next to Bethlehem.

The Shepherd Society supports families in need via seven different relief programs: job creation, food parcel distribution, in-kind contributions of clothing, health kits, food, and much more..., medical aid, school tuition assistance, utility costs, family sponsorships.

A PRAYER FROM MICAH

A report from Wall Street Journal reveals that Israel has allocated more than \$700 million in 2026 to influence global opinion and counter its worsening image abroad. The campaign extends beyond traditional conservative media. A group called Show Faith by Works filed documents describing plans to target approximately four million megachurch members and Christian university students in the southwestern United States.

God of truth, in the face of injustice, empower communities of faith to bear truthful witness, resisting propaganda with integrity and solidarity. May the Church never become an instrument of empire, but a faithful witness to Christ, who stood with the oppressed and proclaimed good news to the poor.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

What is a boycott?

Read about how [Global Denomination United Methodist Church \(UMC\) Leads Divestment from Bonds of Israel and Other Occupying Governments](#)

NUMC is an apartheid-free congregation. MICAH supports peaceful and intentional efforts to make a meaningful impact on apartheid actions in Palestine/Israel and Israel's oppression of Palestinians. Boycotting is the intentional and overt choice to withhold support commercially for companies and enterprises that financially support or gain from Israel's apartheid state. In future Herald articles, watch for ways church members can take meaningful steps toward dismantling Israel's oppressive actions toward the Palestinians.

PHOTOS <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ziYXGJPVAQKDq8M27>



Last month I wrote about Allen Storey's time in Northfield. He came to teach and preach, and challenges us to live out our faith in new and maybe radical ways. I am sharing the prayer that he prays daily, as a way for us to filter how we might vote this election season. Isaiah is very concerned that our elections and the election process in Minnesota continues to be safe and reliable, without interference. Members are being educated on what we can do to make sure our elections are safe for everyone. Along

with the League of Women Voters, members are observing testing of equipment and machines, which is something Minnesota always does.

We encourage you to educate yourselves on the candidates and make choices based on justice and mercy. Which candidates display these values? There are important city elections, as well as state and national. As you vote, please pray the Allen Storey prayer:

"All vulnerable God, who has no favorites, come now to set us free from fear to choose life. By walking humbly with you, by practicing mercy, by doing justice. Amen".

Mary Lynn Oglesbee



Mission Sewing

Mission Sewing has a goal of completing 35 quilts for Operation Joy. We have a good start for 2026, we have completed 31 quilts.

Mission Sewing was able to send 2 boxes of items to Annual Conference to be loaded on the Midwest Mission Distribution Truck. We donated 17 layette gowns, 5 book bags, 77 diapers, 9 receiving blankets, 6 baby sweaters and 6 girl sets (top and shorts).

The whole group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. We are always looking for more people to help meet our goals. Our next meetings to tie quilts will be on August 26. We meet at 9AM in Room 120.



Mugs and Muffins

Mugs and Muffins will meet on August 17th to continue a study of "Women of the Bible" quilt blocks. The women we will be studying in August are Crippled Woman, Mary Magdalene, Samaritan Woman and Anna. We meet in the church library at 9 AM. New members and visitors are always welcome.



IT Tech Corner

by Jesse Steed

Thanks for the help!

I'm thankful for the help from Tim & Tracy, Lauri & Grant, and Marla covering the stream desk while I was away recently. My family took a road trip to Seattle and Shaw Island by driving and visiting a number of places along the way. I've heard that some people can make the drive to Seattle from here in 2 days, but we managed it in 6. With stops at the Corn Palace, Wall Drug, The Badlands, Yellowstone geysers and hot springs where it was somehow 34 degrees and snowing (?), we were able to visit old favorites and discover new fun spots that we hope to explore more in the future. A place we have visited several times now is Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where we do the Tubbs Hill hike to stretch our legs before another several hours in the car.

Now that I'm back, albeit briefly before our next family trip to Michigan in August, I am tackling some needed tech upgrades. With help from others in reporting some unfortunate issues with our recent live streaming, we have taken steps to provide temporary relief to get our live streaming back online while we work towards permanent long-term solutions. A big thanks to Jeremy Kramer for his expertise in analyzing our network infrastructure



United
Women
in Faith

UWFaith Fall Annual Meeting

September 12th

8:45 am - 2:30 pm

United Women in Faith - Meeting Dates

August 3, 2026 - UWF Executive Board meeting - 10:00 am Room 120

Esther Circle - Kildahl, 888 Cannon Valley Drive, **July/August - No meeting**

August 17, 2026 - Mugs and Muffins - Church Library - 9:00 am Third Monday of the Month

National Website www.UWFaith.org

New Minnesota Website www.uwfaithmn.com

Fifty North Family Festival: **Lin Wolf set up a table at Fifty North's Family Festival on June 20th.** Sales of hand-crafted items brought in \$300. Thank you to Lin Wolf who spearheaded this project, and to all crafters who contributed items for the sale. Every bit helps towards supporting UWFaith activities for others.

Mission U – Emmanuel With Us: This special study is a way of practicing the Biblical story in a new way shaped with Emmanuel with us (God with us). "This is a guided journey in Scripture and reflection with an invitation to discover more on your own." (Response May/June) There are eight (8 lessons) in four sessions focusing on Emmanuel (God) with us. All are invited to join in this study. We meet virtually online November 1, 8, 15, 22 on ZOOM; cost \$25. Register online at: <https://forms.gle/fAeJwwQFcvrSqVWQ9>

UWFaith River Bluffs Fall Gathering September 12, 2026; 8:45 AM-2:30 PM - \$20 lunch included

River Bluffs Area is excited to announce that our Fall Annual Gathering will have Marion Hansen, our Minnesota United Women in Faith president, to lead us in a Sole Care breakout session of "Coloring to Music," and to install our 2027 officers. Come to meet our fearless leader, and to find out more of what is happening on the state level of United Women in Faith.

River Bluffs Area president, Elizabeth Everitt says, "The River Bluffs Area Annual Fall Gathering will be at **Fairmont United Methodist Church at 1523 Fairmont Ave., St. Paul.** The morning speaker, Shawna Nelsen-Wills, brings news of Emma Norton Services and The Living Room. The afternoon is devoted to a Sole Care Sampler: Lectio Divina; Coloring to Music; and Snowflake Meditation. A Hymn Sing is also planned, and a Service of Remembrance completes the day. Come expecting good fellowship and leaving energized and inspired to carry the energy of care and concern for women, children and youth.

"The Living Room, a free mental health drop-in service for anyone 18+, is available 7 days a week, noon to 8 p.m. All services are free of charge. In-person services can be provided on a walk-in basis, or scheduled via phone at 651-251-2629. Appointments are needed for telehealth – schedule via phone at 651-251-2629. No insurance is needed." (<https://emmanorton.org/programs/living-room/>) Bring to the September meeting - new or gently used coats and household kits for residents of Emma Norton programs. Online registration is on the website: uwfaithmn.com. Minnesota UWFaith, Look under "**Area Connections**" for the registration. OR go to <https://forms.gle/fAeJwwQFcvrSqVWQ9>

River Bluffs United Women in Faith Fall Annual Gathering 2026 Registration:

Bring new or gently used coats and house hold kits for Emma Norton residents

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: River Bluffs Area UWFaith; MAIL TO: Jane Baker, 727 Hi Park, Red Wing, MN 55066

Click on **SUBMIT**.

You can pay online at <https://uwfaithmn.com>; (Click on: DONATIONS/PAYMENTS)

Email a copy of your receipt to janekbaker@yahoo.com with a note you have paid online.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



Rice County Habitat for Humanity Summer 2026 Update

The Northfield build season is officially open! Northfield UMC is a Faith Builder congregation and therefore we have been invited to be part of this incredible opportunity to build hope in our community. Check out the Habitat display and brochures in the south gathering space as you enter the church building.

To continue the effort of providing affordable and safe housing, Rice County Habitat needs additional support. Specifically:

1. **Construction Volunteers:** Whether you are experienced or new to construction, your help is invaluable. Tasks will range from assisting with insulation, installing drywall and other interior finishing activities. Training, equipment and guidance will be provided on-site.
2. **Lunch Providers:** The hardworking crews need nourishment to keep their energy up throughout the day. Preparing or delivering a simple meal can make a world of difference to our volunteers and staff.

This season Rice County Habitat is building two duplexes at the corner of College St. S and Sumner St. E (just a block northwest of St. Peter's Church). As a Faith Builder congregation, we have been invited to schedule a construction group of up to 8 volunteers from our church for one or more Saturday workdays throughout the build season. We have also been asked to also provide lunch for all volunteers as part of our volunteer day. Sharing a meal is a wonderful way to encourage our volunteers and future homeowners while helping keep the build day running smoothly.

In addition to church and other community groups, individual volunteers are needed throughout the build season. Even if you are unable to volunteer as part of a Saturday work group you can still make a meaningful impact! Rice County Habitat is also looking for churches to provide lunches throughout the week for the volunteers. A simple meal goes a long way in showing appreciation to those giving their time and talents to help build affordable homes in our community.

St. John's Lutheran Church has already signed up as the first Faith Builder group on Saturday, August 22. The UCC congregation has signed up for Saturday August 29. Which Saturday will a group from NUMC sign up to volunteer?

Please contact George Davis, Lynn Gryc or Dave Wolf to learn more about the build schedule or how to sign up as a volunteer. You can view the workday build schedules at: <http://habitatricecounty.org/volunteer>. Click on the volunteer or lunch provider SignUpGenius to schedule your construction or lunch volunteer workdays.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for living out your faith through service.



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.

Thank You!

Thank-you to the volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels in June. The residents of Northfield who received the meals were so thankful for your efforts. Our next opportunity to help deliver meals will be in November. We hope you will help us with this important task again. - Dennis and Marge Randolph, NUMC coordinators for Meals on Wheels.

Card Making with Margie

Monday, August 17, 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.

Thank You!

Thank you to the many hands that have improved the NUMC landscape since its beginning. As you can see in the original photo of the church and the current landscape there is a huge change.

Kudos to the tree planners and planters under the direction of Kevin Allim, Bruce Paulson, and Clay Ogelsbee.

Thank you also to Darlene Cox who has kept the planters beautiful and the south entrance island plants bright even through the drought and heat.



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Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

**September
Herald Newsletter
Deadline**

The deadline for the September issue will be:
Noon on Monday, August 24th.

Please submit your items for the newsletter in a digital format (word document) to northfieldumc@gmail.com.
If you have photos of your events, please email those for the newsletter as well!



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NUMC at Pride in the Park



Donna and Clay hard at work at the Midwest Bioregional Summit. Donna with Timothy Eberhart.



Area clergy at Pride in the Park



Pastor Donna with Kelli Podracky of The Key at Pride in the Park



Intern Jayne and Paula



Celebrating Children's Ministry Intern Izel at the end of the program year.



Celebrating 2026 Northfield High School Graduates Ryland and Lily



Warren Winkelman and Pastor Donna on the SAVE bike ride.



Sunday coffee at the parsonage hosted by the NUMC Men's Breakfast group.



Cake after worship on July 19th to celebrate the 171st Anniversary of the Northfield United Methodist Church.

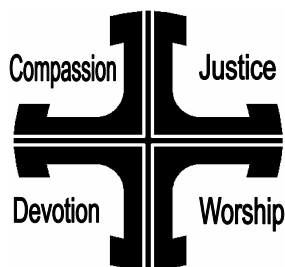
August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	3 10:00 UWF Mtg. 7:00 Community Reservation	4 9:00 Bible Study 6:00-9:30 Community Reservation	5 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation 6:30-8:00 Youth Group Finals Break	6 12:00 Community Reservation 5:00-9:00 Community Reservation	7 8:00 Men's Breakfast 5:00-9:00 Community Reservation Office Closed	1 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation 2:00 Community Reservation 8 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation 8:00-4:00 Community Reservation
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16 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	17 9:00 Mugs and Muffins 2:30 Card Making 6:30 NUMC Board Mtg. 7:00 Community Reservation	18 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Facilities Mtg. 7:00 Meditation	19 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation	20 12:00 Community Reservation 7:00 Renewal via zoom	21 8:00 Men's Breakfast Office Closed	22 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation
23 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall	24 12:00 Herald Newsletter Deadline 6:30 NUMC Board mtg 6:30 Community Reservation 7:00 Community Reservation	25 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 Community Reservation 7:00 Meditation	26 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation	27 12:00 Community Reservation	28 8:00 Men's Breakfast 3:00-10:00 Community Reservation Office Closed	29 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation 1:00-4:00 pm Summer Splash Party
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Treasurer	David Wolf (Volunteer)

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Dick Waters