

United Methodist Herald

November 2026



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November Worship

November 1, 2026

All Saints' Day

Worship with Communion

Exodus 16:1-36 (excerpts)

Pastor Donna Dempewolf

November 8, 2026

1 Samuel 8:4-20, Amos 5:21-24, 8:4-6

Pastor Donna Dempewolf

November 15, 2026

Luke 4:14-20, Luke 6:20-26, Luke 14:15-23

Pastor Donna Dempewolf

November 22, 2026

Acts 2:43-47, Acts 4:32-37

Pastor Donna Dempewolf

November 29, 2026

Advent 1

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-29, Isaiah 64:1-9

Pastor Donna Dempewolf



Message from the Pastor

Giving Thanks, Planting Hope



Make a Difference Learn, Pray, Act

November begins with All Saints Sunday, a time to remember and give thanks for those whose faith, courage, and generosity shaped our lives and congregation. We give thanks for what they planted, without knowing what would grow.

We'll also explore Manna and Mercy, Daniel Erlander's retelling of the biblical story through the themes of abundance and scarcity, power and justice, and God's persistent invitation to live differently. In the wilderness, manna was enough for everyone, but it couldn't be hoarded. The people had to learn to trust that there would be enough for tomorrow—and to share what they received.

These are more than ancient struggles. We still wrestle with the temptation to accumulate more than we need, and with systems that allow some to have far more than others. The biblical story challenges us to imagine a different way of living.

November also reminds me that there is much to be thankful for at Northfield UMC.

I give thanks for our worshiping community—in person and online; for our musicians; for children and youth, and those who journey with them; and for friendships formed around tables. I give thanks for those who care for one another and our building, and for the many ways we reach beyond our walls in compassion and justice to make a difference in the world. (In fact, I'm writing this after stopping by to say "hello" to those volunteering at our Habitat for Humanity build.)

I'm grateful, too, for our Creation Care Team and those willing to explore new possibilities for caring for the earth and one another.

These are all expressions of generosity—gifts of money, time, imagination, commitment, and the willingness to turn ideas into action.

This month, as we begin our generosity campaign, we'll be using the image of an acorn. It's a small thing, yet it carries the possibility of a mighty oak. Not every acorn becomes a tree, but each holds the possibility of new life.

We give because God still invites us to wrestle with faith, to imagine a more just world, and to live generously. Like planting an acorn, generosity involves trust. We nurture what gives life and make room for new possibilities.

As November draws to a close, we enter Advent on November 29 with a new worship series, *Until the Dawn: Actions for the Work of Advent*.

South African Methodist pastor Alan Storey challenged a gathering of clergy I attended with these words: "Don't start with hope, start with truth." His invitation was to be truthful, helpful, and then hopeful. Hope isn't about pretending everything is fine. It begins with seeing the world as it is—and finding the courage to do something about it. We don't have to know exactly what the future will bring to begin planting seeds for it.

Gratitude invites us to remember. Generosity invites us to share. And hope invites us to act.

May we give thanks for what has been, share the gifts among us today, and have the courage to imagine and nurture what is yet to come.

Blessings,
Donna



Thank you to Judi Severson for the beautiful banners in Fellowship Hall!!

"The diverse fabrics we chose represent the diversity of our congregation. Vibrant, colorful, powerful and exuberant only begin to describe us. The gold pieces represent God among us, and the red flame fabric represents the Holy Spirit - like the flames in the Methodist Church symbol. We are all alive with the Holy Spirit."

**2026 Charge
Conference
November 29, 7:00 pm
Little Prairie UMC
Pastoral Compensation
Membership Report**



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.

Adult Faith Formation

A Churchwide Study of *"Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God's Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe"* (by Daniel Erlander) will be offered during November. *"Manna and Mercy"* illustrated books will be available to all as a gift, though contributions are invited, too! In addition, we will listen to messages by Rev. Alan Storey, a South African Methodist preacher who speaks prophetically of justice and mercy in our times. Teachers will include: Clay Oglesbee, Pastor Donna Dempewolf, Tim and Tracy Goodwin, Kris and Rick Estenson and Mary Lynn Oglesbee.

11/01 Wilderness School
11/08 Kings, Prophets & Exile
11/15 Jesus' Life
11/22 Jesus' Resurrection and Church
11/29 God's Vision



Advent- We will conclude the year with Advent studies, including the Bishop's online study, *When Hope Is Born: An Advent Journey with the Midwives of Scripture*. A second study will offer two weeks of in-person classes with speaker and the Micah Team.

Climate & "Hope for Creation"

Climate change--and the energy, materials and food systems that drive it--is a massive, but solvable problem. We already have many of the solutions we need. Others are still (coming), but thanks to brilliant, tireless innovators, they are getting closer to takeoff.... What you do on a personal level--whether it's eating less meat, taking public transport, getting rid of your gas car... matters. But so does your support for the large systems-level changes that we'll need.

--Hannah Ritchie, *"Clearing the Air: A Hopeful Guide to Solving Climate Change in 50 Questions and Answers"*

We are pleased that the Hope for Creation Visioning Process began earlier than we had anticipated. As you read this, we have offered a session during the week of October 21, and again on October 28. Our next two sessions are set for November 4 and November 11. At that point we will be assessing where we are, and beginning to sketch our vision, and applying for a grant to support our vision's implementation (the grant must be completed by the end of January). All church members and participants are welcome to join the conversation during the Wednesdays on the 4th and 11th at 6 PM. Thanks, the Climate Creation Team.

FAMILY ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Church – Sundays during worship.

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 (or other caring adults) 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.

Children's Church Volunteer Opportunity

During Children's Church, kids are growing together in God's love by participating in Bible stories, crafts, activities, snacks and games. At NUMC we believe caring adults make a big impact in the life of a child. If you would like to connect with children, please consider leading Children's Church and co-teaching with our St. Olaf intern, Kayla. Cokesbury Celebrate Wonder curriculum will be provided to help with planning lessons through Advent.



Meet Kayla and learn more about this opportunity on Sunday, November 8 after church (10:40-11:00 am) in room 121.

November Intergenerational Activity – Make and Take Thank You Cards; Gratitude Tree Activity

Sunday, November 15, after church in Fellowship Hall.

November is the month to express your gratitude. Everyone is invited to help create a "Gratitude Tree" by writing what they are thankful for on a paper leaf. All leaves will be hung from our tree to create a simple display. In addition, consider making a thank you card and take it to write a note to someone telling them why you are grateful for them in your life.

Super Wednesdays - No Super Wednesday November 25 - Thanksgiving Break

KidConnect - KidConnect is the new name for our Wednesday after-school gathering for kids in grades K-5! There will be sports and arts, snacks and stories, creativity and connection.

3:30-5:30 p.m. | KidConnect

Games, creativity, movement, stories, and plenty of fun. Invite your neighbors and friends!

5:30-6:15 p.m. | Community Meal

Everyone is welcome around the table!

Transportation: Free bus transportation is available after school from Bridgewater, Greenvale Park, and Northfield Middle School, with walking escorts from Spring Creek.

Register for busing here: northfieldumc.org/bus-registration



REGISTRATION:

Register for KidConnect here:
<https://northfieldumc.org/children-youth-family-ministries>

Adults, we need you, too! Super Wednesdays are a wonderful way to connect with our children and families. If you can help with KidConnect, the community meal, or other Wednesday activities, contact Pastor Donna at ddempewolf@northfieldumc.org.

Dates to Note!

November 29, December 6, 13, 20
We will have families light Advent
Candles during worship



November 8, December 2,9
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal



December 2 - Hanging of the Greens



Student interns Kayla Inahuazo from St. Olaf College and Tabitha Kisker from Carleton College are co-leading our Family Ministry programs on Sundays and Wednesdays! We're so happy they are here!

FAMILY ministry

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. Program is from 6:30-8pm unless otherwise noted.

November 4: Holy Troublemakers and Unconventional Saints

Games, discussion, reflections, and scripture center on some unexpected people in this program that helps celebrate All Saints Day.

November 11: Movie Night - The Greatest Showman

This movie is perfect for the Thanksgiving season. We will briefly discuss those themes after the movie. Please note this program will go until 6:30-8:15pm



November 18: Thanksgiving and Holiday Cards

Join us for a creative evening and service project as we make special cards for our adults who live in care centers or are unable to come to church.



Youth group card making



Sample cards from last year



Notes from the Parish Nurse

“Experiencing occasional anxiety is a normal part of life. However, people with anxiety disorders frequently have intense, excessive, and persistent worry and fear about everyday situations.” (www.mayoclinic.org) Normal anxiety might be experienced when giving a speech or during a job interview. It is adaptive, in that it helps us deal with real danger, or perform our best in an activity. “We experience anxiety when we PERCEIVE or THINK that we are in danger. This response is great when there is an actual danger (such as encountering a bear), but becomes a problem when the ‘perceived danger’ is not actually dangerous (giving a talk, seeing a dog).” (www.anxietycanada.com) Anxiety is not dangerous or harmful, but the sensations are there to protect you from danger. It will not last forever; it is temporary.

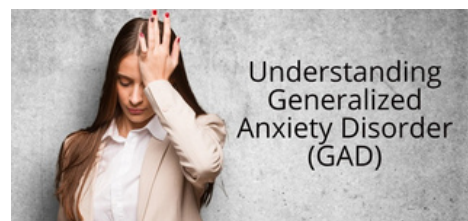
Anxiety disorders are the most common mental illness in the United States, with over 40 million adults being affected by them. Women are twice as likely as men to experience this illness. There are five major types of anxiety disorders. The most common one is generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) where a person has feelings of nervousness with recurring thoughts of worry and fear. Physical symptom may manifest too. Anxiety attacks or panic attacks, social anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder are the other four. In this article GAD will be discussed.

“As with many mental health conditions, the cause of generalized anxiety disorder likely arises from a complex interaction of biological and environmental factors. They may include genetics, differences in brain chemistry and function, differences in the way threats are perceived, and development and personality.” (www.mayoclinic.org) At this point, it is not fully understood how life experiences can trigger this anxiety disorder. Another cause might be a side effect from a medication.

Twelve common habits might make anxiety worse. They include skipping meals, drinking caffeine, “reaching for sugar”, eating processed foods with additives, having poor eating habits, not exercising, watching the news, ignoring anxiety symptoms, becoming dehydrated, consuming alcohol, lacking enough sleep, and comparing oneself to others.

Symptoms of generalized anxiety disorder signal an “alarm reaction” to the body. (These will be listed, but not discussed in detail.) Individuals experiencing anxiety might experience a few or many of these symptoms.

- Shortness of breath/tight chest
- Rapid heart rate
- Rapid breathing with choking sensation
- Nausea/stomach ache
- Sweating or hot and cold flashes
- Dizzy/light-headed
- Hyperventilation resulting in numbness and tingling of fingers and toes
- Heavy legs
- Bright vision from dilated pupils



Conventional treatment for GAD includes medications and psychological counseling. These treatments would be orchestrated by physicians and therapists. Also, an individual could try complementary techniques that might help alleviate anxiety. These include massage, acupuncture, yoga, aromatherapy, music therapy, art therapy, practicing mindfulness and relaxation techniques. Meditating, walking, calling a friend, journaling, prioritizing sleep, reading, and thinking positive “self-talk” could also be helpful.

As pointed out by another United Methodist parish nurse, we should remember how comforting scripture can be. It is written in the Bible 365 times “Do not be afraid.”

- Hebrews 13:6 “...The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.”
- Philippians 4:6-7 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds.”

www.anxietycanada.com, www.mayoclinic.org, www.NIMH.nih.gov



IT TECH CORNER

By Jesse Steed

If you're using AI for work or personal interest, here are some good tips to keep in mind.

Don't give AI any personal information, contact information, or photos, as there may not be any safeguards on what the companies behind the AI engine will do with the content.

Double check the information that AI gives back to you, as it may make mistakes.

Realize the strengths and weaknesses of AI, as you may find that writing your prompt on a piece of paper will spur answers and clarity from your own mind, or from the person next to you.

I was recently giving a real estate tour in the cities and one of houses we looked at had used AI enhancements in the marketing photos. The vacant home had photos with couches and tables in the living and dining rooms, and the kitchen had seasonal decorations. Having furniture is fine as long as the items will actually fit in the space or through the doorways, but I noticed that the kitchen photos that were enhanced had moved the stove back a few feet and added a fridge behind the stove where a wall actually is. Seeing the space in person gave a different impression than the AI enhanced photos. I've noticed that when I have created AI videos of my listings that AI has added windows or removed doors or other wild things that prevent the results from being accurate representations of the real deal.

AI is a tool that can be useful and at times entertaining, but it's not a replacement for our own ingenuity and critical thinking. Learning about AI from our Sunday sermons and faith formations is a great way to have a healthy understanding of this technological tool.

Mission Sewing



Mission Sewing continues to keep busy. We have promised 40 quilts for Operation Joy. We are working on completing more quilts so we can give some to Emma Norton.

We also are working on completing more items for Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

The whole group usually meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, but because of Thanksgiving the whole group will meet on November 18th. We are always looking for more people to help meet our goals. Our next meetings to tie quilts will be on November 18th. We meet at 9AM in Room 120.

Mugs and Muffins



Mugs and Muffins will meet on November 16th to finish our study of "Women of the Bible" quilt blocks. The women we will be studying in November are Lois and Eunice, Syrophoenician woman, Elizabeth and Mary. We meet the church library at 9 AM. New members and visitors are always welcome.

We express our appreciation to Thalia Duffield (pictured with Mission Sewing and Mugs & Muffins) who passed away on October 10, 2026, she will be greatly missed here at NUMC.



**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*



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!

The Olive Harvest Season has arrived in Palestine

Across Palestine, families, neighbors, and entire communities gather in their groves to tend to the land and harvest olive trees that have been passed down for generations.

Traditionally a festive time of year, the olive harvest is often marked by Israeli settler violence, which has only intensified in recent years as the Israeli apartheid state makes moves to steal more and more of the West Bank. Palestinians are often barred from accessing their own lands and harvesting the fruits of their labor. Protected by Israeli occupation forces, Israeli settlers are increasing their violent attacks on farmers and their families, poisoning, cutting down, and setting fire to centuries-old trees with complete impunity.

We can support the Palestinian farmers by purchasing Palestinian olive oil, always available in our church office.



MICAH's PRAYER

The Date Harvest in Jericho and Jordan Valley has begun, with expectations of a production of 29,000 tons. Jericho and Jordan Valley Governorate is one of the most important date production centers in Palestine, and dates are at the top of Palestinian agricultural exports after olives. Despite systematic attacks on farmers and agricultural lands, the production of Palestinian dates is witnessing a continuous rise and providing about 7,000 job opportunities, of which women constitute about 85%.

Dear God, we know all of creation including the crops and the harvest are a reflection of your beauty and love. We thank you for the farmers who steward your creation, and we pray for their safety and health as they endure systematic attacks on their land and harvest. Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

COMING EVENT

Palestine and the Right to Boycott, with Bob Goonin as speaker.

Saturday, November 14, 10am Northfield UMC Fellowship Hall, Coffee and treats.

Organized by Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel. Hosted by MICAH.

Free and open to the public.

*Those of you who have previously heard Bob speak, know this will be good.



United
Women
in Faith

UWFaith Holiday Bake Sale December 6

United Women in Faith - Meeting Dates

November 2, 2026 - UWF Executive Board meeting - Room 120

November 9, 2026 - Esther Circle - 1:00 pm, Kildahl, 888 Cannon Valley Drive,

November 16, 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



Northfield UMC UWFaith has planned a Holiday Bake Sale and Mini Bazaar – December 6, 2026!

Bakers and Buyers! Here is a time you can share your gift of baked goods for the mission of UWFaith. The Mini Bazaar will include items from the fall offerings at the Fifty North sale. Funds are put toward our commitment to the Wednesday bus coming to Kid Connect.

Mugs and Muffins – We have had several quilts made from their study of men and women in the Bible. Their last study will end in their November 2026 meeting. We thank them for all the Biblical insights presented to their members and the congregation during UWFaith Sunday. Their quilt making expertise will continue in mission sewing. Thank you, Dorothy Orde, for leading that group for many years.

Mission u in November – Minnesota Conference UWFaith invites you to join on a Zoom as we explore how Emmanuel (God with us) is present in times of adversity, oppression, injustice and challenge. This curriculum, written by Linda Furtado, based on the study book: **A Deep Knowing**, explores six scriptures through drama, meditation, journaling, reflection and art. Facilitator is Becky Coleman. There will be four (4) zoom sessions – **Sunday November 1, 8, 15, and 22; 6 – 8:30 PM; cost: \$25 per person. Register by October 29 at www.uwfaithmn.com.** Open the tab “What We Do” and choose Mission u. There you will find the registration form, payment and curriculum details.

EarthKeepers Green Team and Green Church Initiatives – At the UWFaith Annual Gathering, October 10th, we heard from Gary Wallpool and Bill Wolencamp bringing messages of what churches can and need to do in “this time of environmental crisis.” I did share with them that Northfield UMC has been working on our place in the greening and sustainability of God’s creation.

“The goal of EarthKeepers Green Church Initiative is to make environmental sustainability a part of the congregation’s ministries, policies and priorities over time and to understand that everything in ministry is connected to God’s creation.”

UWFaith Social Action Campaigns – “**Just Energy for All** is the United Women in Faith’s campaign to work for climate justice and mobilize members and communities to advocate for cleaner and 100% renewable energy that is just for people and creation.” “The #1 contributor to climate change is greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels used for electricity, transportation and heat.” (UWFaith brochure #M5331)

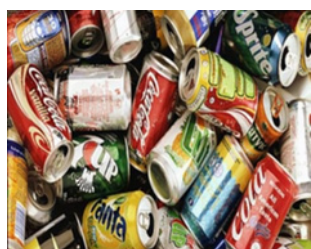
Ending Mass Incarceration – Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline. About 20 years ago, when I was working as a reading teacher in the Buffalo, NY area, a request went out to all reading teachers to send the number of those reading a percentage below grade level. It was the thinking at the time that this would indicate how many jail cells they would need in the future and they should build accordingly. I do not know how this computes today, but: “UWFaith members believe that all children and youth are sacred, deeply beloved by God, and deserving of an education that nurtures their God-given gifts and encourages growth.”

Alliance Stamp Ministry – Continue to put your stamps in the box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

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

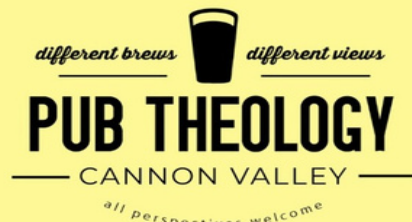
Collect your aluminum cans and place in the container behind the church kitchen. All proceeds from the cans go towards Operation Backpack.

Card Making with Margie

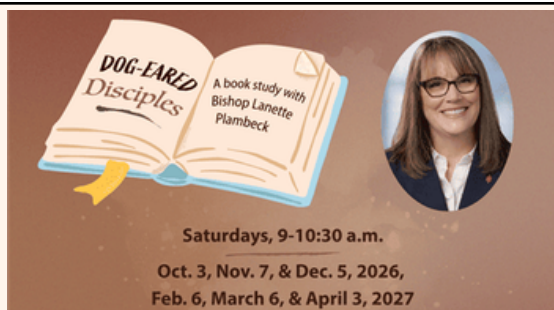
Monday, November 16, 2:30-4:00 pm, in room #120

Cost: \$15 to cover supplies. (Note price change)

Join Margie Brockton for a fun time of making greeting cards. She will have all the supplies needed. Call 507-649-2324 to register.



2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH • 6:30 TO 8 PM



Dog-Eared Disciples: Book Study

Dog-Eared Disciples with Bishop Lanette Plambeck

Dates: Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Feb. 6, March 6, and April 3, 9:00-10:30 a.m., online.

Dog-Eared Disciples is an invitation to read our way more deeply into the life of faith. Registration: <https://dkmnumc-reg.brtapp.com/DogEaredDisciples2627>

Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**

December/January Herald Newsletter Deadline (This will be a double issue)

The deadline for the Dec/Jan issue will be:

Noon on Monday, November 23rd

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!

Super Wednesday Meal Menu

Serving 5:30-6:15pm

Wednesdays during the program year

November 4	November 11	November 18
Pork Tenderloin	Beef Tacos	Harvest Dinner
Cheesy Potatoes	Cilantro Lime Rice	Ham
Roasted Carrots	Refried Beans	Mashed Potatoes
Green Salad	Chips & Salsa	Green Bean Casserole
Baguettes	Salad Bar	French Bread
Treats & Ice Cream	Brownies	Cake
	Ice Cream	Ice Cream

No Super Wednesday November 25th

Treasurer's Report for September 2026

General Fund - The checking account balance at the end of September was \$15,507.43 compared to an August balance of \$29,423.07; this shows a monthly decrease of \$13,915.64. An additional withdrawal of \$15,000.00 from our Investment Funds, to help cover ongoing expenses, was approved by the leadership Board and was deposited in the checkbook during the first week of October. Conference apportionments have been paid through May. A balance of \$16,431.64 is owed for June, July, August and September. The goal is to pay apportionments in full by the end of the year.

Monthly Offering Income for September was \$13,595.00. YTD Actual Offering Income was \$214,291.644; \$2,537.85 more than YTD last year, but \$48,208.35 less than the YTD Budget of \$262,499.99. Other Income Totals of \$16,757.01 for September came from Interest Income of \$1.79; Super Wednesday Meal Proceeds of \$495.78; \$1,550.00 from Regular Facility Usage; and \$14,709.44 transfer from Undesignated Spending to cover checking account shortfall. Thus, General Fund Income Total for September was \$30,352.01. The General Fund YTD Actual Income was \$287,210.43; \$16,865.79 less than the YTD Budget of \$304,076.22

Monthly Expenses for September totaled \$29,905.61. YTD Actual Expense Totals were \$322,402.67 which is \$33,784.53 less than the YTD Budget of \$356,187.20. YTD expenses exceeded income by \$35,192.24 which is \$16,918.74 less than the YTD Budgeted shortfall of \$52,110.98.

Offering Income (Envelopes/Pledges) for the first nine months of 2026 was \$2,537.85 ahead of the same period in 2025. However, this YTD increase in giving was not sufficient to cover the YTD increase of \$7,654.12 in expenses.

Physical Plant - September income total was \$16,228.29 broken down as follows: \$10,548.29 from General Fund Support; \$180.00 from continuing contributions to the Building Campaign; and \$5,000.00 from Building Maintenance Fund; and \$500.00 from August Missions giving for sound improvement. YTD Actual Income was \$171,610.46: \$3,190.00 from Building Campaign; \$108,082.55 from General Fund Support; \$24,837.91 from Building Maintenance Fund interest income; \$30,000 from the Hason legacy gift designated for hearing and sound improvements within the Fellowship Hall and Worship Area; \$5,000.00 from the Building Maintenance fund; and, \$500.00 from August Missions giving for sound improvement.

YTD Actual Expenses were \$157,681.04 which leaves a positive balance of \$13,929.42. A significant church maintenance expense of \$11,200.00 for Gap Insurance was paid in May. Total YTD building insurance costs were \$30,560.03. Total YTD funds spent for Fellowship Hall and Worship Area hearing and sound improvements were \$23,461.49. It cost \$3,950.00 to paint the Parsonage in August.

Investment/Quasi-Endowment Funds - At the beginning of January 2026, the total value of our four investment funds was \$968,840.34. Legacy gifts totaling \$102,878.69 from the Hanson Estate (received in January and February) were deposited in the Building Maintenance Fund designated for hearing and sound improvements. A second legacy gift of \$564,961.43 from the Anne Mayer Charitable Fund was deposited in the Undesignated Fund in August.

The combined YTD Balance of our four investment funds at the end of August (including deposits, withdrawals, market value fluctuations and fees) was \$1,565,561.40 which shows a YTD gain of \$596,721.06. YTD investment earnings for the two funds in the Balanced Fund were 6.13% while earnings for the two funds in the Growth Fund were 7.81%. A YTD total of \$121,446.78 was withdrawn from these four funds during the first nine months of 2026.

All the ways you can donate funds to NUMC!

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.

Because every picture has a story to tell...



Adult Faith Formation: Dr. Dutch Handland, licensed psychologist and UMC licenced pastor discussed psychological and spiritual growth. Charles Follen and Griff Wigley explore AI and ethical questions.



Love Boldly: Unlocking Hope - Kelli Podracky and the LOCK team on youth mental health support, connection, and hope.



Habitat for Humanity NUMC volunteer day



Sunday Children's Church games and lego's!



Monday night Pub Theology, everyone welcome!



Men's Breakfast group tours a Robottic Dairy.



Super Wednesday games, creativity and fun!



NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saint's Day 9:30 Worship with Communion 9:40 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Faith Formation	2 10:00 UWF mtg 7:00 Community Reservation	3 6:00-9:00 Election Polling Place 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Meditation	4 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation Super Wednesday 3:30 KidConnect 5:30 Shared Meal 6:15 Adult Choir 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth	5 12:00 Community Reservation	6 8:00 Men's Breakfast	7 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation
8 9:30 Worship 9:40 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Faith Formation	9 10:00 MICAH Mtg 1:00 Esther Circle - Kildahl 6:30-8:00 Pub Theology - Chapel Brewing, Dundas 7:00 Community Reservation 7:30 Community Reservation	10 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Meditation	11 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation Super Wednesday 3:30 KidConnect 5:30 Shared Meal 6:15 Adult Choir 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth	12 10:30 Community Reservation 12:00 Community Reservation	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast	14 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation 10:00-11:30 MICAH program
15 9:30 Worship 9:40 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Faith Formation	16 9:00 Mugs and Muffins 2:30 Card Making 7:00 Community Reservation	17 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Meditation 7:00 Facilities Mtg.	18 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation Super Wednesday Harvest Dinner 3:30 KidConnect 5:30 Shared Meal 6:15 Adult Choir 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Youth	19 12:00 Community Reservation 7:00 Renewal via zoom	20 8:00 Men's Breakfast	21 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation
22 Reign of Christ Sunday 9:30 Worship 9:40 Children's Church 10:30 Coffee in Fellowship Hall 10:30 Adult Faith Formation	23 6:30 Community Reservation 7:00 Community Reservation	24 9:00 Bible Study 7:00 Meditation	25 9:00 Mission Sewing 12:00-1:00 Community Reservation No Super Wednesday	26 Thanksgiving Holiday Office closed	27 8:00 Men's Breakfast Office Closed	28 9:30-11:00 Community Reservation
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