

Northfield Presbyterian Church

The Good News

July 2024

Strength and Power

When you think about Disney, what is the first thing that comes to mind?

For me, it is one of two things, Mickey Mouse or Cinderella's Castle. Anyone who has been to Disney World (in Orlando, Florida) has experienced the overwhelming feeling of seeing Cinderella's Castle.

Walking through Magic Kingdom's gate and turning the corner to see the magnificent castle sitting at the end of the road is a "magical" experience no matter if it's your first or fiftieth time. The castle is the focal center of Magic Kingdom park, the "central hub." From there, it branches off into 6 different lands.

Built in 1971, the massive castle stands at 189 feet tall and features a restaurant and private suite inside (wouldn't that be a dream to stay in?!). Being modeled after real medieval castles, it is a true icon of strength and power. Just like how God is referred to as our "Mighty Fortress" (Psalm 46). When we are weak and tired we can lean on Him because He IS our strength. We can ask Him to give us strength. Just as in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through God who gives me strength." Like Cinderella's Castle, God is the foundation of our faith. Once we have that strong foundation, we can walk down one of many surrounding paths.

When I get stressed or upset my first thought is always that I want to go "home." To Disney. My happy place. After reading *Disney Devotionals* by Albert Thweatt (the inspiration for this devotional), I have come to realize that I don't have to miss it as much. He is our real life, every day, Cinderella's Castle.

In His name,
Deana Fenn

JULY 7

Preaching:
Rev. Missy Shiverick
Communion Sunday

JULY 14

Preaching:
Rev. Cassie Wolfe

JULY 21

Preaching:
Rev. Anita Stuart-Steva

JULY 28

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Calendar at a glance:

July 7	Property & Finance Meeting following Worship
July 14	Deacons Meet following Worship
July 15	7 PM Session Meeting
July 23	5:30 PM Comforting Words Women's Book Club

FROM THE SESSION

Summary of the Stated Session Meeting, June 10, 2024

1. Session voted to participate in September in the Peace and Global Witness collection. This collection will be divided between the Presbytery and its projects and 25% of what we collect will remain with NPC for our own projects.
2. Various repairs have been scheduled after Session approved the bids. Paving the parking lot (sections that are in bad shape) will cost \$71,000. The Daycare will contribute \$20,000 toward this project and Victory Baptist is donating \$3000. There is a wall on the east end of the building that needs repairing, and NPC and the Daycare will split the \$3800 cost evenly.
3. New microphones have been installed in the sanctuary to pick up the sounds of the congregation and singing to improve the online service streaming.
4. The Pastor Nominating Committee has had two inquiries about our position and is following up on them. There also is a church in Cuyahoga Falls which might be interested in sharing a pastor with us, but they have to submit paperwork to their Presbytery before we can have discussions with them.
5. The July meeting has been canceled and in August, Session will have its joint meeting with the Deacons on August 11th, after the church service.

Minutes summary by Kathy Moore, Clerk

NPC Worship and Picnic

After a week of 90 + degrees, we ended on Sunday with a little rain in the morning and then a beautiful day for our 3rd Annual Church Picnic. By 10:30 am the rain stopped and the temperature was very comfortable. Forty-six of us attended and enjoyed a wonderful service by Pastor Anita with guitar accompaniment by Jennifer Abdoo and Tom Hall. Background music and microphone was set up by our own AV guy Dylan Maholm.

We had ready-made sandwiches and wraps along with numerous salads and a whole picnic table full of deserts, all provided by our congregation. If you did not attend this year, you missed a nice service, food and fellowship. We want to thank all those who came early to clean the tables and set-up and those that stayed after and helped cleanup. What a great family of congregants we have!



Finance / Property / Stewardship Committee Report

Northfield Presbyterian Church Income and Expenses January through May 2024

	Jan - May 24	Jan - May 23
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
INCOME	82,245.40	69,672.83
Total Income	82,245.40	69,672.83
Expense		
BUILDING & GROUNDS	15,811.63	10,151.79
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	105.95
CHURCH OFFICE	2,904.04	5,049.13
EVANGELISM	125.00	125.00
LEADERSHIP	881.93	1,275.91
MISSIONS	2,258.80	1,432.60
OTHER PAYROLL COSTS	4,235.81	9,748.31
SALARIES	22,490.36	37,329.99
WORSHIP	741.43	295.22
Total Expense	49,449.00	65,513.90
Net Ordinary Income	32,796.40	4,158.93
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Zach Harber	2nd
Jack Peters	4th
Kerry Buddie	5th
Cheryl Emch	5th
Alan Gruber	7th

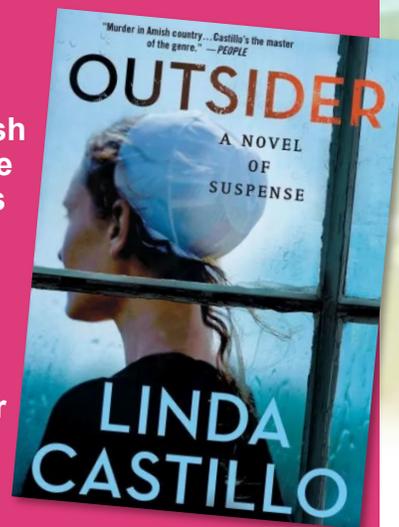
COMFORTING WORDS -

Christian Women's Book Club

From the well-known writer of Amish suspense novels, Linda Castillo, we are reading Outsider. Described as a murder mystery set in Holmes County, Ohio, it centers around Gina Colorosa running for her life from a false murder charge and hiding with a gentle Amish family - and the not-nearly-so-gentle thriller that follows.

The discussion of Outsider will be Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 5:30.

Also, for our July meeting, be on the lookout for good books you might suggest for next year.





July 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed 8pm AA	5	6
7 Communion 10:15 Worship 11:30 Property & Finance meeting 12:30 VBC Worship	8	9	10	11 8pm AA	12	13
14 10:15 Worship 11:30 Deacons 12:30 VBC Worship	15 7pm Session	16	17	18 8pm AA	19	20
21 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	22	23 5:30 pm Women's Book Club	24	25 8pm AA	26	27
28 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	29	30	31			

MISSION HIGHLIGHT - JULY 2024



*Do not neglect to do good
and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16*



Northfield Presbyterian has supported RAHAB for over 20 years. Our congregation has devoted time and money towards the freedom of trafficked and abused people women/girls from our county and surrounding communities.

In the next few months our RAHAB representative, **Hannah Howell, will worship with us July 28th** and provide updated information on RAHAB's current and continuous outreach to touch and demonstrate God's love to persons being sexually trafficked; being physically and emotionally abused.

We can be very proud of our long time commitment to eradicating sexual trafficking in Summit County by financially supporting the Jesus focused mission of RAHAB Ministries. May God hear our prayers of love and kindness to all people who are victims of physical, sexual, emotional and verbal abuse.

PLEASE, pray for our sisters and brothers in pain and emotional suffering,

RAHAB offers concrete solutions to human trafficking by putting Truth and Love into action. Find out how you can help our ministry reach women in need: <https://search.app/2GcJbZhWAHYT1WHv6>

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

is collecting a new item category each month through 2024 to help supply items not covered by SNAP benefits to TEAC.

The category for July is Pet Food and Supplies, specifically cans or bags of food

Calendar copies are available on the Narthex table.

You can help TEAC supply the women, men and children in need by donating the items highlighted each month.

The Women's Association is not meeting during the summer months.
Meetings resume in September.

12 MONTHS OF CARING

Women's Association Monthly Collections

The Women's Association will be collecting the items below each month. We plan to buy in bulk, if possible, so if you would prefer to donate cash, we will take those funds and purchase the items each month at Sam's or Costco. Please feel free to donate smaller packages and place your donated items in the blue bin in the Narthex.

Any cash donations should be marked "Women's Association" and may be placed in separate envelopes in the Collection Plates or the Mailbox on the wall outside the church entrance.

January Pullups - Toddler size 4T-5T (pull-up diapers)	July Pet Food and Supplies Canned or Bags (large bags will be divided up)
February Incontinence Underwear Men's XXL Women's Medium	August Diapers and Wipes All sizes
March Paper Goods: Toilet Paper Paper Towels, Kleenex	September Home Cleaning Products Sprays, Liquids Brooms, Brushes
April Personal Hygiene Shampoo, Body Wash, Soap	October Deodorants, Shaving Products for Men and Women
May Denture Tabs, Floss Toothbrushes, Toothpaste	November Kitchen Disposables Foil, Cling Wrap, Baggies
June Feminine Hygiene Pads and Tampons	December Paper Plates and Napkins Containers for leftovers

Thanks for helping!