

Northfield Presbyterian Church

The Good News

December 2024

*“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor
on the lowliness of his servant.*

*Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.*

*His mercy is for those who fear him from generation
to generation.*

*He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts
of their hearts.*

*He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.*

*He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”*

May it be so. Amen.

DECEMBER 1

Preaching:
Rev. Missy Shiverick
Communion

DECEMBER 8

Preaching:
Rev. Missy Shiverick

DECEMBER 15

Preaching:
Rev. Wally Scofield

DECEMBER 22

Preaching:
Rev. Kerri Peterson-Davis

DECEMBER 24

Preaching:
Rev. Wally Scofield
7 pm Candlelight Service

DECEMBER 29

Preaching:
Rev. Wally Scofield

FROM THE SESSION

Summary of Session Meeting on November 11, 2024

1. Mission reported that the schedule of Worship Leaders and Pastors is mostly complete through the end of March, 2025. Congregation members will attend worship at North Church on December 8th and 29th.
2. Our finances show that we are in the black by about \$61,000. This is due to not having the expense of an installed pastor. We have been advised to seal the entire parking lot in two years, which also required re-striping it. This will protect the paving and make it last longer. The Property Committee is looking into the lighting in the area between the kitchen exit and the front parking lot, as there was a fall after the Chili Cook-Off in November. Session will vote on the 2025 Budget at their December meeting. This will be presented to the Congregation at the Annual meeting in January.
3. The Nominating Committee is asking church members to serve in various leadership positions. There will be a Congregational Meeting for the Election of Officers on Sunday, December 8th after the service.
4. The Pastor Nominating Committee is looking for additional applicants, but may look for a Transitional Pastor to bridge the gap until we are able to hire someone.
5. Rev. Missy Shiverick (the Session Moderator) is writing the liturgies and helping with the Advent candle lighting arrangements for the four Sundays in Advent.

Minutes summary by Kathy Moore, Clerk

Pastor Search continues:

The PNC is working with a few candidates to determine what is best for our Church. We appreciate your patience and will update you as we have new information.

-Deana Fenn

CALENDAR at a Glance:

DEC 1 - Property & Finance Meeting
DEC 6 - Set up for Christmas Tea 6 pm
DEC 7 - Christmas Tea 10 am
DEC 8 - Congregational Meeting following worship
DEC 8 - Deacon's meet following Cong. meeting
DEC 9 - Women's Association
DEC 9 - Session 7 pm
DEC 14 - Choir rehearsal
DEC 15 - Choir Program during worship
DEC 22 - Bring cookies to church for home-bound
DEC 24 - Christmas Eve candlelight service 7 pm
DEC 25 - Christmas Day - Merry Christmas!



Carolyn Glinski	8 Dec
Amy Williams	9 Dec
Sue Shick	15 Dec
Riley Smith	18 Dec
Carol Fenn	19 Dec
Ron Maxhimer	22 Dec
Beth Smith	29 Dec
Deana Fenn	30 Dec
Karyl Neubauer	31 Dec



Knit.Crochet.Pray.

Donations Accepted!

Our knitters and crocheters are ready, but our yarn bin is empty! Can you provide left-over yarn from your projects, or new yarn that you have purchased, or can you give a monetary donation for the church to purchase new yarn?

Our prayer shawls go out to shut-ins and those with lengthy illness or surgeries - anyone who needs to wrap themselves in the warm comfort of God's love.

If you see a need for one to be delivered to someone, please let the church office or Sharon Hofmeister know. THANK YOU!

Northfield Presbyterian Church invites you to
 Sunday Morning Worship Featuring
 Guest Musicians - "Forest City Brass"

December 22nd - 10:15 Service

All are Welcome!



Merry Christmas!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24th 7 PM
 Join us in-person or online.

Finance / Property / Stewardship Committee Report

United Presbyterian Church aka Northfield Presbyterian Church

Profit and Loss
 January - October, 2024

Income			
4XXX INCOME	142,359.41	132,296.09	10,063.32
Total Income	\$142,359.41	\$132,296.09	\$10,063.32
GROSS PROFIT	\$142,359.41	\$132,296.09	\$10,063.32
Expenses			
51XX SALARIES	38,982.65	73,847.41	-34,864.76
52XX OTHER PAYROLL COSTS	7,063.72	19,431.93	-12,368.21
53XX Service Costs (leadership)	3,191.83	3,641.34	-449.51
54XX BUILDING & GROUNDS	30,801.03	21,784.19	9,016.84
55XX CHURCH OFFICE	5,752.85	9,632.90	-3,880.05
56XX CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	7.88	146.65	-138.77
57XX WORSHIP	1,177.64	667.82	509.82
58XX EVANGELISM	125.00	125.00	0.00
59XX MISSIONS	3,545.96	3,482.18	63.78
Total Expenses	\$90,648.56	\$132,759.42	\$-42,110.86
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$51,710.85	\$-463.33	\$52,174.18
Other Income			
9XXX Non Operating Sources of Revenue	9,524.78		9,524.78
Total Other Income	\$9,524.78	\$0.00	\$9,524.78
NET OTHER INCOME	\$9,524.78	\$0.00	\$9,524.78
NET INCOME	\$61,235.63	\$-463.33	\$61,698.96



December 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1 Communion 10:15 Worship 11:30 am P & F Meeting 12:30 VBC Worship</p>	2	3	4	5	6 6 pm Set up for Christmas Tea	7 10 am Ladies Christmas Tea
<p>8 10:15 Worship & Congregational Meeting 11:30 Deacons 12:30 VBC Worship</p>	<p>9 10 am Women's Association 7 pm Session</p>	10	11	12 7 pm Choir 8pm AA	13	14
<p>15 10:15 Worship Choir Program 12:30 VBC Worship</p>	16	17	18	19 7 pm Choir 8pm AA	20	21
<p>22 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship</p>	23	<p>24 Christmas Eve 7 pm Candlelight Service</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day (office closed)</p>	26	27	28
<p>29 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship</p>	30	31				

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee is so thankful for your generous funding of our local mission outreach. December special projects and events include:

1. The Ladies Christmas Tea will provide women's personal hygiene products to needy/deserving women who are served by The Emergency Assistance Center
2. Sunday December 8 our Mission Committee will partner with the St. Marks Presbyterian Mission team to worship at North Church, serve lunch and share fellowship with the congregation
3. Northfield partners with a few churches to provide Christmas gifts to the homeless congregants of North Church. NPC is gifting 85 pairs of warm gloves to the homeless who are welcomed weekly for worship, prayer, food and fellowship.
4. Sunday December 29 our Mission team will close out 2024 by providing a healthy, nourishing lunch to attendees at North Church.

Our Mission Committee and YOU are dedicated to helping our neighbors in need. Our 2025 budget will reflect our church's commitment to help our neighbors in need.

We appreciate your support as we all are helping to make Christ known through prayers, love and actions.

May God Bless you all and keep you in his tender care,
Northfield Mission Committee



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 both listed)
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!

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Continues to collect new items each month this year to help supply items not covered by SNAP benefits to TEAC.

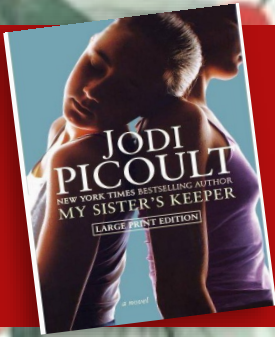
The category for DECEMBER is Paper plates and napkins and containers for leftovers..

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.

Your donations will be delivered to
The Emergency Assistance Center.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR!



Comforting Words Women's Book Club:

Christmas joy to all the reading ladies! Stay cozy and warm until our next meeting - January 7, 2025, 5:30, to discuss Jodi Picoult's very thought-provoking novel, My Sister's Keeper.

Merry Christmas!



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

The deacons will be doing their annual cookie and poinsettia deliveries to our home bound congregants on Sunday, December 22.

We would appreciate it if anyone who is baking, could contribute one dozen homemade cookies that Sunday before the service.

The deacons will package them up.

We will also use them for coffee hour that Sunday.

2024 CHILI-CHAMP!

November 9th was the Annual Chili Cook-off.

Congrats to Pauline Enczur! She takes home the trophy as Chili - Champ 2024! Lots of great chili, cornbread, dessert and...



We had music and even dancing...

Bo Shiverick's Bluegrass band played and Missy coaxed almost everyone into a Virginia Reel

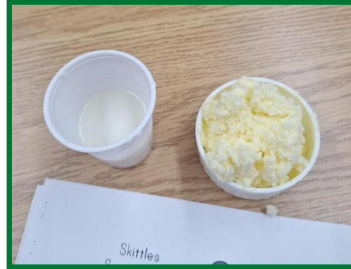
(Well, somebody had to take pictures!)



At the Daycare...!

Miss Dawn and the Preschool class learned how they made butter back in the days of the Pilgrims. (there's a whole lotta shakin' going on!)

They started with buttermilk and shook it until it became solid. It was delicious on their graham crackers! (they even shared it with the office! THANKS, KIDS!)



Miss Mary Jane and Miss Barb taught the Owls class (pre-Kindergarten class) how the Native Americans lived, what they ate, how they planted their crops, hunted, and cared for their children for National American Indian Heritage Month in November.

They also learned about the Mayflower and the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving.

Each of the children earned the feathers in their head-dresses by doing their assignments and special jobs around the classroom.