

Northfield Presbyterian Church

# The Good News

December 2025

## In Preparation

During the summer, there is always a humorous post somewhere, or if not on social media, then said by someone, “There are only 25 weeks till Christmas!” But, when this is said in the summer, December always seems like it is an eon away.

And then, within the span of a blink, it is very much upon us.

And we rush.

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And we feel the frenzied need to rush, in many ways, just to pack a year’s worth of giving into one month’s time.

But there are 52 weeks, not four. There are 365 days, not only the 25 on our Advent calendars.

What if we had a yearly calendar with 365 doors to open? Or a calendar with 365 reminders of kindnesses we could share with the world. I don’t think this would diminish the joys or focus of Advent and our preparation. But what joys we could experience as we prepared for each season of the church year. Who knows...maybe one day Lenten calendars will become as much of a thing as Advent calendars.

But such preparation – such continual journeying could only serve to bring us into a different yearly focus and a deeper point of connection with God. And, our lectionary readings, daily and Sundays, can give us a glimpse into that different focus – of how we are called to love God and love neighbor; of how we care for self and care for others as disciples of Christ; of how we live into the Gospel by using a faith that is deeper than words and becomes part of all we do and say.

What would it look like for you to share such a depth of journeying with God in 2019? What an amazing resolution that would be to experience. The peace without the rush; the presence as a present; greater depth through greater awareness and learning.

We should also ask each other how can Northfield share this to the community? A gift like this shouldn’t be kept to ourselves. We live in a time where people are more connected than ever, and also more disconnected and lonelier than ever. How can we share Christ’s peace in ministry and also in fellowship with open doors and open hearts?

What a wonderful challenge to take on as we come to the end of one year and the beginning of the next. May Christ’s peace be with you in preparation of Advent, the newness of the church year, the conclusion of 2025, and the beginning of 2026. Peace be with you!

*- Pastor Jenni Walker Noyes*

## FROM THE SESSION

### Summary of the Session Meeting November 18, 2025

1. There was a discussion of ways to make the Counting process more uniform and to see if it can be integrated into QuickBooks, where the Church's accounting is performed.  
Various repairs are in the works or have been completed: blocked downspouts are cleared, crack in concrete of back patio has been sealed several times, making some progress on repairing/replacing the parking lot lights.
2. The Daycare is upgrading the router, adding more cameras and improving the shared network equipment. This will improve communication with parents and increase security for the church and Daycare.
3. The church activity to view "David" at the Valley View Cinemark will be on Sunday, December 21, at 3:30 p.m. Please buy your tickets in advance directly from the movie theater. Plans are being made to meet at Yours Truly on Rockside for lunch before the movie. Amy Williams is the contact for this.
4. The Personnel Committee is recommending that Pastor Jenni's contract be renewed for 2026 with the same package. Her unused Continuing Education funds (\$750) for 2025 will carry forward into 2026 so they may be combined with her 2026 funds (\$1000) for educational activities in 2026. One change to Jennifer Abdo's contract is recommended, that she have one additional paid Sunday off. Chris Louis' contract remains the same with the addition of up to 5 paid-time-off days in 2026. Barb Harbert's contract will remain the same.
5. There is a Congregational Survey that was developed to get input from church members about the worship service, music, pastoral care and suggestions for other activities. Make sure you return your survey promptly.
6. There will be a Special Congregational Meeting for the Purpose of Electing Officers on Sunday, December 7, 2025 following the worship service. *(meeting date has since been changed to 12/14)*
7. The Deacons will be starting an outreach program to the congregation called "Faith Connections." Each Deacon will have 3 or 4 families to touch base with on a regular basis. Expect to hear more about this.
8. The Daycare is re-carpeting part of the Baby Room and will be re-carpeting the Family Living Area as well. These will be carpet tiles, so if one is stained or damaged, it can be replaced.
9. Session will be looking at replacing much of the Family Living Area furniture, buying newer, sturdier pieces. Much of what is there will be used in the Youth Room downstairs (and what is there will be moved out).

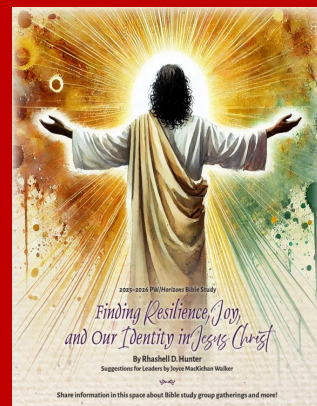
*Minutes summary by Kathy Moore, Clerk*

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

**Women's association: All women of NPC are invited to join us on the Second Monday of each month. Our next meeting is December 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the living area. We are on lesson four "The Prodigal Child, The Eldest Child, and the Devoted Parent" in our bible study Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ, by Rhashell D. Hunter.**

**Come and join us for fellowship and bible study. There is no prep work so you can just come and listen and participate.**

**We are still collecting items for The Emergency Assistance Center. The month of December we are focusing on socks for men, women and children, which are the most requested items this time of year. But any items that you would like to donate are always appreciated.**





## Comforting Words Women's Book Club:

Perfect Christmas Reading

A Wish Book Christmas, by Lynn Austin.

Facing the challenges of parenting in the glitter and possession focus of the up-coming Christmas season, two single mothers also consider their own values and relationships.

Read this simple delight of a book, and then start the new year with our discussion of it January 6, 2026.

Wishing Christ-mas joy to us all!



### COOKIE BAKERS:

Sunday, December 21st, the Deacons will be Preparing cookie boxes for our home bound members.

If you would like to donate a dozen cookies, please bring them to church before the service.

They are much appreciated by those who cannot get out for the Holidays.



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

### CALENDAR at a Glance:

DEC 8- Women's Association meeting - 10 am

DEC 14 - CONGREGATIONAL meeting following worship  
for election of officers  
DEACON'S meeting follows

DEC 20 - Choir rehearsal - 9am

DEC 21- CHOIR PROGRAM

SESSION meeting follows

DEC 24 - CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 7pm

DEC 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY - MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
(Office closed)

*Merry Christmas!*

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service**

**Wednesday,  
December 24th - 7 PM**

**Join us in-person  
or online.**

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future — who point us to God.

The Christmas Joy Special Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

50% of our gifts smooth the path for current and retired church workers and their families in time of need.

50% of your gifts prepare students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

November 30-December 21



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NOVEMBER 30- DECEMBER 21

## Finance / Property / Stewardship Committee Report

### United Presbyterian Church aka Northfield Presbyterian Church

#### Profit and Loss

January - October, 2025

	TOTAL		
	JAN - OCT, 2025	JAN - OCT, 2024 (PY)	CHANGE
<b>59XX MISSIONS</b>			
5902 One Great Hour of Sharing		740.00	-740.00
5904 Missions- Local Options	6,690.02	2,805.96	3,884.06
<b>Total 59XX MISSIONS</b>	<b>6,690.02</b>	<b>3,545.96</b>	<b>3,144.06</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$135,310.40</b>	<b>\$90,648.56</b>	<b>\$44,661.84</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$7,261.34</b>	<b>\$51,711.17</b>	<b>\$ -44,449.83</b>
Other Income			
9XXX Non Operating Sources of Revenue			
9100 Dividend Income	1,819.10	764.84	1,054.26
9200 Unrealized Investment Gains/Losses		8,759.94	-8,759.94
<b>Total 9XXX Non Operating Sources of Revenue</b>	<b>1,819.10</b>	<b>9,524.78</b>	<b>-7,705.68</b>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$1,819.10</b>	<b>\$9,524.78</b>	<b>\$ -7,705.68</b>
Other Expenses			
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-4,908.35		-4,908.35
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -4,908.35</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ -4,908.35</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,727.45</b>	<b>\$9,524.78</b>	<b>\$ -2,797.33</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$13,988.79</b>	<b>\$61,235.95</b>	<b>\$ -47,247.16</b>



# December 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	8 10 am Women's Association	9	10	11 7 pm Choir 8pm AA	12	13 10 am Ladies Christmas Tea
14 10:15 Worship & Congregational meeting 11:30 Deacons 12:30 VBC Worship	15	16	17	18 7 pm Choir 8pm AA	19	20 9 am choir rehearsal
21 Choir Program 10:15 Worship 11:30 Session 12:30 VBC Worship	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 7 pm Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day Office Closed Merry Christmas!	26	27
28 10:15 Worship 11:30 P&F meeting 12:30 VBC Worship	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			