

Northfield Presbyterian Church

The Good News

May 2026

40 Days.

Noah certainly thought about the number 40 with 40 days and 40 nights on a boat. The Israelites thought about 40 years of wandering. Jesus thought about 40 days of fasting. Moses spent 40 days and nights on Mt. Sinai. After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the Disciples over a period of 40 days.

Forty is a prominent number in the Bible and serves to focus attention on periods of testing, trial, preparation, purification, and/or transformation. It serves as a marker, and a divine marker, of spiritual growth and renewal.

We observe a 40-day period in Lent (minus the 5 Sundays because the Sundays in Lent are not considered fasting days).

We also observe 40 days between Easter and Christ's Ascension as a time of teaching. Jesus continued to teach the Disciples in preparation for his Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit and transformed them from fearful followers to confident witnesses to unite the early church.

That means that we celebrate Christ's Ascension on May 14 -Thursday, which sets us up for Pentecost Sunday 10 days later. Since we don't meet for church on Thursdays, we, like most churches, will celebrate Ascension Sunday on May 17.

This timing prepares the way for the spring celebrations of Ascension Sunday, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday before we move into the teaching time of the church known as Ordinary Time.

Now you know why the parament colors shift and change, you can wow your friends with your Bible facts and church calendar knowledge at Trivia Night, and you'll be ready to wear your red on Pentecost Sunday.

Happy May and special Sunday celebrations to you!

Peace ~
Pastor Jenni

FROM THE SESSION

Highlights of the Session Minutes from April 19, 2026

- 1) We give thanks for the NPC Daycare children & Pastor Anita for leading us in worship. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to worship with the daycare families!
- 2) The March financial report shows a net operating income of \$8104.12
- 3) There will be a New Members Class starting soon.
- 4) Mark your calendars for the Church picnic to be held at Sagamore Hills Park pavilion on June 28th.

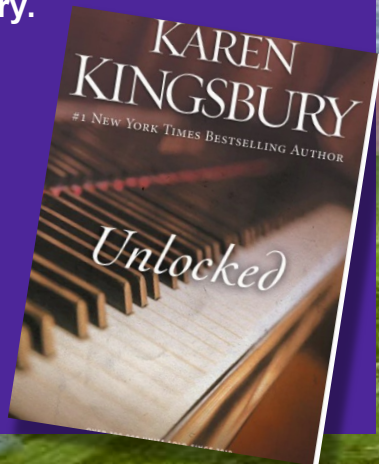
Minutes summary by Michelle Williamson, Clerk

COMFORTING WORDS - Women's Book Club

Meet baby Holden: blonde hair, brilliant blue eyes, dancing in a world of love. Then at age 3, something happened. Now, at 18 years old, Holden is autistic, totally nonverbal, with no eye contact, no apparent joy, and with strange behaviors like arm flapping and sudden strings of push-ups.

Come enter the world of Holden and his family in Unlocked: A Story of Love, by Karen Kingsbury.

Then join us for a discussion on Tuesday, June 2, 5:30 PM, in the living area.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NPC WORSHIP AND PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 28 SAGAMORE HILLS PARK

Look for more information in the June Good News and Sunday bulletins.
(In the meantime, pray for nice weather!)



MAY BIRTHDAYS



Ted Kokenos	2nd
Cindy Gallagher	11th
Scott Harber	14th
Elaine Hall	16th
Michelle Williamson	20th
Linda Davies	28th

NOTEWORTHY NEWS - April Deacons Meeting

from Co-Moderators Barb and Stacy

CHANCEL PARAMENTS stay white until they change to red on Pentecost Sunday. This is the only time the paraments are red.

COMMUNION – Easter Sunday communion was received by intinction (the bread is dipped in the juice by participant). A discussion was had that we might celebrate communion by intinction more often, possibly during the summer months.

COFFEE HOUR – Coffee Hour is an important part of Sunday Worship and we will continue to look at ways that are affordable for those who want to help out. There is a sign up on the bulletin board for members of the congregation to schedule a Sunday to provide the pastries.

HOLIDAY FLOWERS – Thank You to Cindy Maxhimer who organized the Easter flowers this year. The flowers on the altar Easter Sunday were beautiful. Thank you to all who ordered flowers, we had a profit of \$44.85.

FAITH CONNECTIONS – We talked about how the first contact with designated families was received by the congregation. Some people were very receptive to it and others were more reserved. Deacons will be reaching out to their families for a second time now through the end of June.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Upcoming events - Mother's Day on 5/10, Father's Day on 6/21 and the Annual Outdoor Service/Picnic on 6/28.

Our next meeting will be held on **May 17**, the third Sunday of the month due to Mother's Day on the second Sunday and going forth it was decided at Session meeting we will both be meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

All women of NPC are invited to join us on the Second Monday of each month. Our last meeting for this Bible study series is May 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the living area.

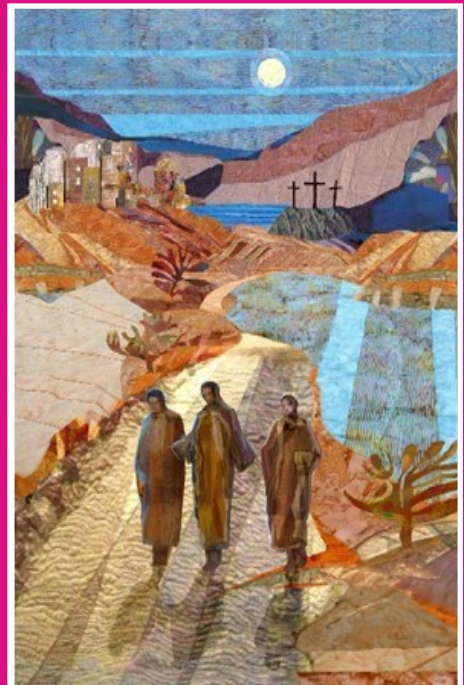
We are on lesson nine "When you are Walking with Jesus: The Road to Emmaus" in our Bible study Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ, by Rhashell D. Hunter.

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

Being our last Bible study until fall, we will be selecting our Bible study for 2026-2027, which starts in September. So mark your calendar for May 11 so you can have a say in which study we do.

Any questions, please contact Kerry Buddie

We are still collecting items for The Emergency Assistance Center. The month of May we are focusing on denture tabs, floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste and mouthwash, but any items that you would like to donate are always appreciated.





May 2026

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3 Communion 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	4	5	6 Daycare fundraiser Chick fil A	7 7pm Choir 8pm AA	8	9
10 Mother's Day 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	11 10am Women's Association	12	13	14 (No choir) 8pm AA	15	16
17 10:15 Worship 11:30 Deacons 11:30 Session 12:30 VBC Worship	18	19	20	21 7pm Choir 8pm AA	22	23
24 PENTECOST 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	25 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed	26	27	28 7pm Choir 8pm AA	29	30
31 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship						

MISSIONS May 2026

1. Thanks to Scott Taylor from TEAC for his visit. Speaking of the needs in our community, and how they are meeting them. TEAC is one of our local missions partners and recipients.
2. We met with our partners at Community Connection on April 24th. A celebration for 2026 graduating seniors was held where we served food.
3. Christian themed gifts were provided to our Daycare kids who participated in the children's service on April 12th.

Your Missions Committee

Profit and Loss

United Presbyterian Church aka Northfield Presbyterian Church

January 1-March 31, 2026

	TOTAL		
	JAN 1 - MAR 31 2026	JAN 1 - MAR 31 2025 (PY)	\$ CHANGE (PY)
Income			
4XXX INCOME	\$41,400.29	\$51,686.71	-
			\$10,286.42
Total for Income	\$41,400.29	\$51,686.71	-
			\$10,286.42
Gross Profit	\$41,400.29	\$51,686.71	-
			\$10,286.42
Expenses			
51XX SALARIES	\$21,000.03	\$15,022.77	\$5,977.26
52XX OTHER PAYROLL COSTS	\$1,927.96	\$910.00	\$1,017.96
53XX Service Costs (leadership)	\$564.86	\$2,883.13	-\$2,318.27
54XX BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$15,704.65	\$16,490.62	-\$785.97
55XX CHURCH OFFICE	\$2,054.88	\$946.59	\$1,108.29
57XX WORSHIP	\$257.69	\$195.17	\$62.52
58XX EVANGELISM	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
59XX MISSIONS	\$859.56	\$1,542.09	-\$682.53
Total for Expenses	\$42,494.63	\$38,115.37	\$4,379.26
Net Operating Income	-\$1,094.34	\$13,571.34	-
			\$14,665.68
Other Income			
9XXX Non Operating Sources of Revenue		\$327.60	-\$327.60
Total for Other Income		\$327.60	-\$327.60
Other Expenses			
Reconciliation Discrepancies		-5,043.13	5,043.13
Total for Other Expenses		-\$5,043.13	\$5,043.13
Net Other Income		\$5,370.73	-\$5,370.73
Net Income	-\$1,094.34	\$18,942.07	-
			\$20,036.41

At the DAYCARE: Peep! Peep! Peep!

It's finally Spring!
In the daycare rooms,
the butterflies have emerged and
Miss Dawn and the Preschool kids
have been busy:

On March 30th our preschool classes
began a STEAM unit (Science, Technology,
Engineering, Art, & Math) on Life cycles.

We learned about and hatched butterflies,
then incubated and hatched one dozen
eggs.

We were told a good hatch would be 4 eggs.
Happily 11 of our 12 eggs hatched!

Our last chick was born with a leg condition
called splay leg. Working with a parent who
is a bird and animal rehabilitator, students worked with
her to design a splint to correct the
condition.

We tried band aids, a hair tie and a straw - and finally
were successful with fluffy pipe cleaners. The chick
spent time at the parents home until it could join the
rest of the flock successfully.

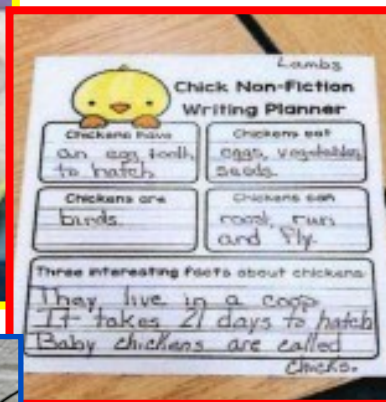
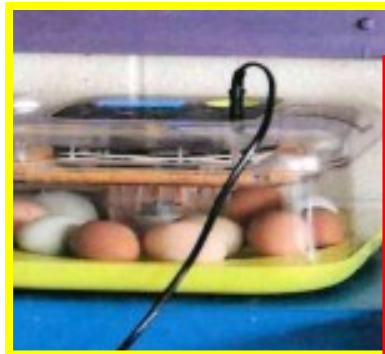
Students learned about the chicken life cycle and

They also learned about measuring, estimating,
graphing and collecting data like height, weight,
temperature and humidity, all the things that
make for a perfect incubation.

Students charted embryo development as well
as learning about the needs of all living things
(food, air, water, and shelter). Students have
learned where their food comes from through
this unit as well as our ongoing year long adopt
a cow program coming to a close this month.

Next , the students will learn about the water
cycle and the lifecycles of plants. They will be
finishing the year creating a small personal
garden, where they will grow spinach and
lettuce in a small portable greenhouse of their
own design.

- Miss Dawn



Did you know?
You can hear the
chicks peeping
in their shells
before they hatch??

