

180th Anniversary



**North Northfield
United Methodist Church**

Growing in God's Love

1837 to 2017



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Anniversary Scriptures

Samuel then took a stone and placed it between the towns of Mizpah and Jeshana. He named it Ebenezer (which means “the stone of help”) for he said, “Up to this point the LORD has helped us!”

1 Samuel 7:12

So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:7

North Northfield United Methodist Church

1837 to 2017

We are a caring faith community of believers who welcomes and encourages your participation in spiritual growth and our supporting ministries. We are located at the corner of Sanders and Dundee roads in Northbrook, Illinois.

Please join us for Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (Join us a few minutes earlier to sing praise songs!)
Adult Sunday school meets at 8:45 a.m. and children's Sunday school meets shortly after the start of the worship service (except summer). Nursery care is always available.

Our building is accessible for people with disabilities.

Activities

Sunday

- 10 a.m. — Sunday services
- 11:15 a.m. (after service) — Fellowship time
- 8:45 a.m. — Adult Sunday school (except summer)
- 10:15 a.m. — Children's Sunday school (except summer)
- 1 p.m. — Happy Christian Church
Korean language service
- 5:30 p.m. — Renovation Christian Church
Spanish language service

Monday

- 3:30 p.m. — Ladies small group

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. — Ladies Bible study

Wednesday

- 1 p.m. — Scrabble® with Friends (4th Wednesday of the month)
- 7:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir rehearsal (except summer)

Saturday

- 1 p.m. — "Reading is Believing" book discussion group (1st or 2nd Saturday of the month)

Special Days and Seasonal Programs

Lenten Wednesdays

Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Easter Celebration

- Son-rise Service
- Easter Breakfast
- Easter Day Service

Rally Day Picnic (First Sunday after Labor Day)

Service for Blessing of Animals (1st Saturday in October)

World Communion Sunday (1st Sunday in October)

Laity Sunday (3rd Sunday in October)

All Saints Day Sunday Service (1st Sunday in November)

Thanksgiving Sunday Service (Sunday before Thanksgiving)

Advent Programs (four weeks before Christmas)

Christmas Eve Services (4 and 10 p.m. on Dec. 24)



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Sunday services: 10 a.m. (join us early at 9:45 a.m. to sing praise songs!)

Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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Congratulations from the Bishop



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September 10, 2017

Dear Friends and Members of North Northfield United Methodist Church:

Congratulations on reaching the milestone of 180 years of continuous ministry! You are among the oldest churches in the Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

Consider all the changes that have occurred in the last 180 years! For instance, we drive automobiles and fly in airplanes—both of which were unimaginable at the time you first began a worshipping community. The church has adapted to these changes and continues to face other changes that require adaptation in our style of ministry... yet of course, the gospel is the same forever!

The hearty nature of those early pioneers challenge us to face our own changes and struggles! The church was important to the pioneers as spiritual and emotional support. Those who started the church entrusted it to future generations, coming down to the present age. Therefore, I hope that you will use this anniversary as an opportunity to reflect on who you have been but also who God is calling you to be in the future.

God bless you in your continued ministry!

Sincerely,

Sally Dyck

Words from the District Superintendent



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August 28, 2017

Dear members of North Northfield United Methodist Church,

Your faithful commitment to be the Church for the past 180 years is a source of great joy and inspiration to all of us in the Chicago Northwestern District. Congratulations!

As I rejoice with you, I give thanks to the Lord for your strong faith expressed in many concrete ways over the years through Worship, Discipleship, Witness, Advocacy, and acts of Service.

I remain confident that the faithful God who planted you in North Northfield generations ago, will continue to sustain, guide, equip, and use you in mighty and powerful ways for many years to come. You have, indeed, made a huge difference in the Name of Jesus Christ during the past 180 years, but I believe your best days are ahead of you. May it be so because of God's amazing faithfulness from Generation to Generation!

As I commend you for your strong faith, I also commend the outstanding leadership of your current Pastor, Rev. Soong-In Steve Moon, who follows in the steps of ninety-one other faithful pastors for whom we are all very grateful.

May the Lord continue to perfect you in love and authenticate your witness for the Glory of God's Holy Name. Amen.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Zaki L. Zaki,
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Words from the Pastor



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My sisters and brothers in Christ,

It is my honor and privilege to greet you on the occasion of 180th Church Anniversary of our beloved North Northfield United Methodist Church. I'm truly overjoyed with excitement and jubilation. One hundred eighty years of devout worship and faithful service! Isn't it amazing? Many of you may remember that the first sermon was preached in the log cabin of Daniel Stanger on July 25, 1837 by the Reverend Jacob Boas, and there were 28 members in the class (a prayer group).

Looking back over the past 180 years of ministry at North Northfield and beyond, we remember many things. It includes good things. There's also some pain and need for repentance. But we confess that we've come this far by faith in Christ Jesus and God has blessed our congregation abundantly. Our founding members planted those seed of faith through which God is blessing us today. Yes, friends, since 1837, members of the North Northfield family have been preaching, teaching, sharing and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. With each generation our Church family has been actively engaged in very passionate ways in teaching the love of God and in all things we do. I can tell you that our church has a glorious past and God has shown us that His expectations of us are even greater today.

As our theme for this Anniversary Celebration states by itself, we are just thankful that God has led us and helped us, and in doing so we give all praise and honor to our God alone. Ebenezer! What a great word it is! 1 Samuel 7:12 says, "Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and named it *Ebenezer*, saying 'Thus far the Lord has helped us'" (NASV). According to 1 Samuel 4:1 and 5:1, Israel 20 years previously had been soundly defeated there by the Philistines and the ark of God was captured and taken to Ashdod. And when they again attacked Israel at Mizpah, the Lord, in a mighty demonstration of power (by thunder), defeated them. In commemoration of this great triumph Samuel erected on the site between Mizpah and Shen, a monument which he called *Ebenezer*, meaning "a stone of help."

Friends, I do acknowledge His divine help and influence and guidance in all that we have done and the active power of the Holy Spirit in every step we have taken. God has surely helped us all the way. And we are thankful for that. I'm sure all of us are aware of the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who founded this lovely congregation 180 years ago. That is why we're going to erect our own *Ebenezer*, a stone of help, and we will remember what God has done for us and thank Him and give praise to Him. Whatever might happen to us as a church in the future, this *Ebenezer* will be a clear and sure recognition: "Thus far the Lord has helped us." "*In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean to you?' then you shall say to them . . .*" (Joshua 4:6-7).

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who made our celebration possible this year. I pray God's richest blessings upon you and your family. Thank you, especially, to J.D. Rich and the Anniversary Planning Team and the whole congregation for all your hard work; but more importantly thank you for your faithfulness. Your contribution of time, energy, ideas and efforts is most appreciated. None of this would have been possible were it not for your awesome dedication. Praise the Lord!

Your brother in Christ,

Soong-In Steve Moon

Village of Northbrook Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

In 1834, Daniel Stanger, age 25, walked almost the entire distance from eastern Pennsylvania to make his home along the Des Plaines River, just south of present-day Wheeling. Stanger's reports from the new "promised land" encouraged more German-speaking settlers to follow from the East. Bishop John Seybert, the first missionary of the young Evangelical Association, had been their spiritual leader in Pennsylvania.

Bishop Seybert sent Rev. Jacob Boas to organize preaching stations in the newly settled territory. His first Illinois sermon was on July 25, 1837, in the log cabin of Daniel and Mary Stanger, located near what is now Dam #1 on the Des Plaines River. This sermon marked the birth of both the Illinois Conference and the North Northfield congregation.

Through 180 years North Northfield Methodist Church has served thousands of parishioners of many diverse backgrounds. It began as, and remains, a symbol of faith and service to God and community.

***NOW, THEREFORE,** I Sandra E. Frum, President of the Village of Northbrook, County of Cook and State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2017 as*

NORTH NORTHFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DAY

in the Village of Northbrook and extend best wishes on their 180th year of this outstanding religious institution.

Dated: This 7th day of August, 2017.



Sandra E. Frum
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Village President

Our Pastors

First Building

1837 Jacob Boas

Second Building

1839-40 Ludwig Einsel and John Lutz
 1840-41 Isaac Hoffert and Daniel Kern
 1841-42 Adam Stroh and Christian Lintner
 1842-43 Friedrich Wahl and George Blank
 1843-44 Christian Kopp
 1844-45 Christian Linter
 1845-46 George Blank
 1846-47 Christopf Kopp and Samuel Dickover
 1847-48 Christopf Augenstein and George Messner

Third Building

1849-50 Johannes Reigel
 1850-51 J.P. Kramer
 1851-53 G.G. Platz
 1853-55 Jacob Schaefle
 1855-56 C.A. Schnake
 1856-57 Elias Musselman and H. Sclep
 1857-59 George Vetter
 1859-61 G.W. Lechler
 1861-62 Christoph Augenstein
 1862-63 A.S. Heilman
 1863-64 Elias Musselman
 1864-66 George Vetter
 1866-67 Amos Gockley
 1867-69 Wilhelm Goessele
 1869-71 Jacob Himmel
 1871-73 Michael Heyl
 1873-75 Philip Hoffman
 1875-76 John Kurtz
 1876-79 Samuel Dickover
 1879-82 Heinrich Meier
 1882-84 Valentine Forkel
 1884-87 C. Roloff
 1887 -89 G. Fuchs
 1889-93 J.C. Keist
 1893-94 A. Egli
 1894-97 Leo Schmitt
 1897-98 F. Richert
 1898-1900 F.C. Stierle
 1900-04 C.A. Katen
 1904-08 J. Buente
 1908-12 G.W. Engler
 1912-15 J.H. Blaser
 1915-16 R.F. Doescher
 1916-17 R.K. Schwab
 1917-20 I.H. Hauptfuehrer
 1920-24 C.A. Katen

Fourth Building

1890-93 C. Roloff
 1893-96 F.W. Landwer
 1896-1900 H. Messner
 1900-03 C.S. Fehr
 1903-04 F.W. Nickel
 1904-08 G. Barth
 1908-10 C. F. Stockhowe
 1910-12 A.W. Strickfaden
 1912-15 C.S. Fehr
 1915-17 F.A. Hoerner
 1917-20 J.A. Steierwald
 1920-21 Ora Davis
 1921-22 A.P. Johnson
 1922-24 J.M. Terry
 1924-26 W.H. Fairchild
 1926-27 C.F. Schriver
 1927-31 M.G. Geil
 1931-32 H.C. Reinking
 1932-33 I.W. Lageschulte
 1933-35 T.L.C. Suhr
 1935-38 M. Gronewold
 1938-40 Gerald Bishop
 1940-41 Donald Landwehr
 1941-42 J. Russell Davis
 1943-44 Allen J. Lewis

Fifth Building

1945-46 Malcolm McClenaghan
 1946-47 Francis Guither
 1947-52 C.F. Schriver
 1952-54 James Burford

Sixth Building

1954-61 Wayne Hess
 1961-67 Kenneth C. Mull
 1967-73 Phillip H. Burke
 1973-78 Jack R. Cory
 1978-90 W. Kirk Reed
 1990-92 Donald Keck
 1992-96 Carson Dan Lauffer
 1996-98 Kristen Larsen
 1998-06 S. Victor Kant
 2006-09 Lois McCullen Parr
 2009- Soong-In Steve Moon

Our First 180 Years

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Daniel Stanger

Bishop John Seybert, the first missionary of the young Evangelical Association, had been their spiritual leader in Pennsylvania. It was through his labors and under his guidance that the Evangelicals gained a foothold on the frontiers of the Midwest.

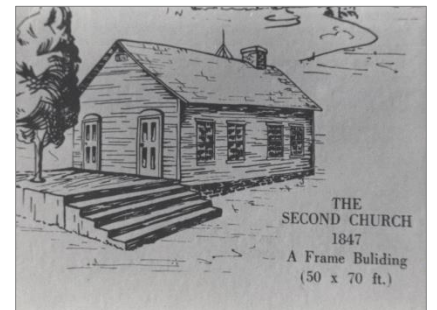
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Home meetings continued until the need arose for a permanent place of worship. The decision was made to build a 21' by 30' log cabin, one-half mile east of Dundee and Sanders on Plagge's Hill. The church was dedicated on June 20, 1839 as Emmanuel Church. Official membership in 1839 was 33, representing seven families: Baxman, Doos, Geissfeld (Gastfield), Kanizer, Streicher (Stryker), Walter, and Wessling.



A model of our First Building.

Camp meetings began in July, 1841 at Jacob Esher's Grove and were the first Evangelical camp meetings in Illinois. Bishop Seybert himself was in attendance. The old buckboard that served Bishop Seybert for over 40 years of his ministry, taking him to prayer meetings and pastoral visits, became a symbol of the Evangelical missionary passion. In 1844 this vast territory was organized into the Illinois Conference, the first session of which was held at North Northfield in 1845.



In 1847 the second church, 50' by 70' with an 18' ceiling, was erected on the Nicholas Miller farm (northwest corner of Dundee and Sanders). The Pioneer Cemetery, containing 125 or more burials, was located directly behind the building to the west. Over the years, most of the markers have been destroyed or removed. This second building was later dismantled and its timbers used to build a barn in Wheeling.



Our Third Building.

Rapid membership growth led to the construction of a third facility on the John Stryker farm (southwest corner). This new building, dedicated in 1880, was known as the North Northfield (O'Plaine) Church and had a seating capacity of 300. It stood as a community landmark for half a century and its bell could be heard for miles in all directions. All services were conducted in German until 1884, when English services were added for the first time.

In 1890 there arose within the national church body a serious disagreement, leading to a temporary schism. The North Northfield followers of Bishop Rudolph Dubs withdrew and erected a new church building on an acre of land donated by one of its members. This fourth building, the Evangelical (Salem) Church was constructed in 1893 on the northeast corner which is our present location.

Followers of Bishop John J. Esher remained at the O'Plaine Church. Membership declined until finally, in 1924, the two congregations reunited, occupying the newer building on the northeast corner. The wooden O'Plaine building was eventually dismantled in 1931 and the lumber was reused for a home.

The fourth building served for almost 50 years until January 4, 1942, when it was destroyed by fire. The congregation met at the Grove School, about one-half mile east on Dundee Road, until a new church home could be constructed.

The fifth building, now used as the church office (upstairs) and nursery (downstairs), was dedicated in 1945. By 1955, growing enrollment in the Sunday School led to plans for a major addition. This sixth building, dedicated on May 3, 1959, is now our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

The Education Building was added in 1969 when new housing developments were projected for Northbrook.

A building expansion occurred in 1982 when more than 100 seats were added to the sanctuary (balcony and west side), along with the construction of new church offices and classrooms. It was dedicated in 1984.

A new steeple was added to the church in May, 1985

The church kitchen was remodeled in 1995.

A garage was added to the parsonage in 1996.

In 1997 we celebrated our 160th anniversary.

In 1999, the church completed the "Angel Wings" Project, which added an elevator to make the church building more accessible for the elderly and for people with disabilities. Recent building projects have included making the restrooms accessible as well and replacing the roof on the congregation's Education Building next door to the church. The building is the home of the North Northfield's Goods for the Soul Thrift Sales.

In 2002 we celebrated our 165th anniversary.



Our Fourth Building (above) was destroyed by fire (below).



Our Fifth Building.

In 2006 the Nursery was upgraded, remodeled, and dedicated on September 17.

In 2007 we celebrated our 170th Anniversary. We also created a Parlor/Family Room on the south end of Fellowship Hall to be used for Bible Studies and meetings.

In 2011 a new roof was peaked on the Education Building to replace the flat roof.

In 2013 the church boiler pump and boiler were repaired.

In 2013 a decision was made by the Administrative Council not to renew the lease with Little Ones Preschool.

In 2013 our new band was named the "Joyful Noise."

In 2014 the former Education Building was used as a Thrift Store for 4 sales a year.

In 2014 North Northfield began a Facebook Page.

In 2015 we began a space sharing arrangement with the Happy Christian Church and the Renovation Christian Church.

In 2015 we received two assistants to the minister from Garrett Theological Seminary: Sung Eun Kim and Younghwan Won.

In 2016 the Trustees oversaw the repair and resurfacing of the parking lot.

The congregation of North Northfield United Methodist Church has adapted over the years to meet the spiritual needs of the community and its membership. Through its history, 92 pastors have led the congregation. The current pastor is Rev. Soong-In Steve Moon.



Our Third and Fourth Buildings.



Our current building.



Parking lot dedication, Sept. 25, 2016.

Our History Through the Years

1980

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE increases by 68% in two years, from 92 to 165.

Three new COVENANT GROUPS begin meeting for spiritual growth.

Fred Neeley, Sture Johnson, and Ray Watt dance the hula at our first 2100 CLUB DINNER, a Hawaiian luau.

A new tradition is born on May 25: a monthly MEN'S BREAKFAST.

Pastor Kirk Reed is ORDAINED AS AN ELDER on June 1. A busload from North Northfield travels to DeKalb for the service.

Paul Kling becomes OUR FIRST ASSISTANT PASTOR, a half-time position.

When our sanctuary roof "dies," 49 WALKERS (including 8-year-old Amy Piggott) walk 11 miles to Glencoe, to help raise \$6530.

A new UNITED METHODIST PENSION PLAN is adopted at General Conference. Appreciation is expressed to General Secretary Jed Hornung.

Our first "TWO SERVICES EXPERIMENT" begins on September 7: identical worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. The experiment is discontinued after three months.

The Council on Ministries adopts a new STATEMENT OF PURPOSE in September: "To know Christ and make Christ known."

A GRAND PIANO is purchased for the sanctuary, in memory of Edgar Stromberg.

ADULTS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL outnumber children for the first time in our church's history.

Our FIRST ACOLYTES GROUP is formed under the leadership of Karyn German.

1981

The FEBRUARY FAMILY FORUM is officially launched in 1981.

The SANTA ROSA (Philippines) CHURCH is adopted as our sister congregation.

MEL SVENDSEN arrives to lead our youth ministries: an answer to prayer.

Lent begins on March 1 with an AUTHENTIC PASSOVER SEDER.

A LONG RANGE COMMITTEE is formed in April, to address major building needs: energy conservation, chancel remodeling, and parsonage repair.

The CHANCEL IS ENLARGED AND REMODELED, under Bill Schultz's leadership. More than 60 volunteers begin work in August.

A NEW PULPIT is designed by John Ideboen and dedicated on November 8.

Pat Stubbs begins his NEW SIGNBOARD MINISTRY.

Twelve North Northfield workers led by Nancy Piggott and Ed Piggott REMODEL A SLUM APARTMENT in Chicago.

New ALTAR PARAMENTS are designed and created, in memory of Bob Schmidt.

1982

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE increases to 212, with envelope giving up by more than 27%, to \$108,000.

A new 8:15 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE is launched on February 7. Attendance is small at first, but the overall response is enthusiastic.

We endure the COLDEST WINTER in history: Sunday temperatures of -26 (baptism of the Pelinski twins) and -23. Six-foot piles of snow are in the parking lot.

Fifteen families serve as hosts for AGAPE MEALS, informal fellowship dinners in homes.

The LIVING ENDOWMENT FUND is created, thanks to a challenge grant of \$5,000 from an anonymous friend.

Architect Steve Olson is hired on July 7 to design a "150th ANNIVERSARY REMODELING PLAN" for the church.

On July 19 he proposes to the Administrative Board: 125 new seats in the sanctuary, 59 parking spaces, 4 to 6 additional classrooms, new restroom facilities, and new office space for the staff. The entire plan is officially adopted on October 3. The secret ballot vote is: 71 in favor, 2 opposed.

The WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY begins meeting in June, led by Pat and Helen Stubbs.

The CHURCH BASEMENT FLOODS on July 22: 2½ inches of water everywhere!

Sarah Tresouthick designs a MASTER LANDSCAPING PLAN for the church.

The FOOD PANTRY becomes a monthly ministry in November, made possible by Charlotte Schulz's memorial gift in memory of her mother.

The church staff is "served for dinner" at the November 13 TURKEY ROAST.

BODY and SOUL begins in November, a combination Bible Study and Aerobic Exercise Class.

YOUTH GROUP ATTENDANCE grows in the fall to 16 junior highs and 16 senior highs.

ANNIVERSARY BONDS are sold to members and friends, totaling \$70,000.

1983

Hal and Betsy Edwards lead 75 of us in an ALL-DAY RETREAT: "Personality Types in the Church."

THE CRAFTY WOMEN begin to meet, designing new banners for the sanctuary.

The REED FAMILY MOVES to a new home on April 9. Parsonage remodeling begins immediately and continues until mid-August.

Sixty-nine walkers (including 4-year-old Katie Reed) travel 554 miles on June 19, to raise money for ANDEAN RURAL HEALTH CARE. Total amount raised: \$2082.

The CHOIR EXPANDS to 35 members.

Rick Piggott oversees the massive REMODELING CAMPAIGN. A contract is signed on June 13, but the village permit is not granted until late July. Official groundbreaking is July 29.

BRICK CHIPPING begins in mid-August, to save more than 3000 of our historic bricks.

The SANCTUARY IS DEMOLISHED in September. On October 2 (a cool Sunday) there is no outside wall — open air worship! Pew washers work for hours each week to wipe away dust. There are Sundays with no plumbing, no heat, and no electricity for coffee pots.

The work continues through the fall and winter, with 163 VOLUNTEER WORKERS contributing.

Chad Geiger and Larry Wood lead the weekly painting crews.

Meanwhile, A NEW MOMS GROUP begins: Mothers Organized for Maintaining Sanity.

ACTS 29 is a major emphasis during the fall: a program for Bible study, prayer, caring, and spiritual gifts.

In November, Ann James is ordained in Wisconsin Rapids and becomes OUR FIRST CHURCH MEMBER TO ENTER THE ORDAINED MINISTRY.

1984

New church doors are purchased, thanks to Bud Drewes' first SPAGHETTI DINNER.

The NEW SANCTUARY is dedicated on May 20, after almost 10 months of hard work and inconvenience.

"FAREWELL TO PAUL KLING SUNDAY" on June 24 is joyful and tearful, filled with praise to God for six wonderful years.

STEPHEN MINISTRY BEGINS at North Northfield, with five leaders being trained in St. Louis: Jinny Hornung, Fern Schneider, Barb Timberlake, Bill Timberlake, and Kirk Reed.

LOVE LOAF GIFTS are received for world hunger and emergency relief: more than \$4574.54.

Another new tradition is born: SUMMER CAMPING at Timber-lee.

Two part-time ASSISTANT PASTORS are hired, Jinny Hornung and Karen Peterson, who serve until the summer of 1985.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE reaches a new high — 75 children — under the leadership of Carolyn Mohr and Jean Merz.

The STEEPLE IS TORN DOWN in November and a New Steeple Campaign is launched.

The church receives A NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM, thanks to an anonymous friend.

The church faces A CLASSROOM DILEMMA: where can new Sunday School classes find meeting space?

1985

Our members create 46 LENTEN DEVOTIONS, typed and compiled by Betty Rich.

The first class of 16 STEPHEN MINISTERS is commissioned on March 17.

Visits begin to the ROGERS PARK SOUP KITCHEN in Chicago.

The FELLOWSHIP HALL is completely remodeled: a new floor and ceiling.

The FESTIVAL OF TALENTS gets underway in May, with \$5 bills removed from the offering plate (\$760 in seed money). In October more than \$4300 is harvested for Marcy-Newberry and the Chicago Food Depository.

The first MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST is attended by 60 people.

Our NEW STEEPLE IS DEDICATED in May. More than 200 prayers are placed inside the steeple.

An unusual CHURCH PICNIC is enthusiastically supported: a Mission Festival at the Methodist Campground in Des Plaines.

Rev. Bill Obalil helps us face HARD QUESTIONS AT OUR SPRING RETREAT in Deerfield: "How can we keep God's love growing at North Northfield?"

The church gives approval on August 25 to hire a FULL-TIME ASSOCIATE PASTOR.

The WOMEN'S DAY APART on September 21 is attended by more than 40 women: a day of revival and joy in Christ.

The church receives 38 new TREES AND PLANTINGS, in memory of Ed Schulz.

U.S. sports history is made on April 27: Jim Foster's demonstration game of ARENA FOOTBALL is played in Rockford, Illinois.

Jason Merz, age 6, is the youngest walker, as 51 of us walk 433 miles (mostly in the rain!) for HOMELESS CHILDREN IN BRAZIL. Total amount raised: \$3027.

MARKETPLACE 29 A.D. is organized by Jean Merz and 38 adult volunteers: a life-changing Bible school experience for the church family.

EARLY WORSHIP CONTINUES during the summer months - a first at North Northfield.

Rev. Louis Combs arrives on July 7 to be our full-time Associate Pastor.

Roger Nelson presents the life of John Wesley, "THE MAN FROM ALDERSGATE," at worship on July 20.

JOHN NELSON becomes our new Choir Director in September.

More than 60 of us travel to Kedzie Avenue UMC in October to praise God in two languages: English and Spanish.

A NEW SISTER CHURCH RELATIONSHIP is born.

Our nursery is moved to the main building in September, and Bill Wignot begins to construct a NEW YOUTH ROOM (approved October 20). Construction continues throughout the winter months.

1986

More than 200 people become LIVING CANDLES during Lent, placing small candles near the altar to represent our spiritual journey.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER AND PRAISE is well-attended for six consecutive weeks: an average of 45 people each Wednesday in the Lounge Room.

Susan Foster organizes OUR FIRST INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FOODS: main dishes from Nigeria, Italy, Scandinavia, Korea, Assyria, Japan, Germany, Mexico, and the Philippines. We're a diverse congregation!

Jim Nolan's NEW PASSION PLAY, "Understudy," is presented for the first time on Maundy Thursday.

Chuck Sheldon organizes a NEW DADS' CLASS on Sunday morning.

1987

Dr. Robert Coleman inspires us in February to SHARE OUR FAITH, a four-hour seminar at the church. More than two dozen of us continue for six weeks of evangelism training during Lent.

Our NEW CHURCH SIGN is dedicated, in memory of Edward Piggott.

THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE ARTICLE by Bob Greene is read in hundreds of thousands of homes: the story of Pat Stubbs' sign ministry at North Northfield.

Ruth Tipsword becomes our FIRST OVERSEAS MISSIONARY CANDIDATE and is approved for ministry in Ghana.

Almost \$5000 is raised for Ruth at the Talent Show/Silent-Auction in June.

A SPECIAL REDBUD TREE is planted in April, in memory of Little Ones Director, Pat Peifer.

TWO CHOIRS COMBINE on May 31 to present a Bach cantata and Gospel Mass — a day of powerful music and praise.

Kirk Reed begins his TENTH YEAR AS OUR PASTOR, enrolling in a Doctor of Ministry program and receiving a three-month study leave.

Our SECOND MARKETPLACE 29 A.D. is staffed in June by 56 adult volunteers.

THE EDUCATION BUILDING ROOF CAVES IN, delaying the opening of nursery school in September.

REV. COMBS IS TEMPORARILY DISABLED by a serious accident and heart condition.

1995

KITCHEN remodeled.

1996

GARAGE FOR PARSONAGE was built with a \$10,000 grant from the Conference.

1999

We remodeled the entrance to allow ground-level parking lot access to a LIFT in order to accommodate the needs of those with handicapping conditions.

A CHILDREN'S CHOIR was started under the direction of Kathy Staufienbiel and Jean Merz. They sang songs from memory every 4th Sunday of the month. Their first musical production, "Get On Board," was performed in 2001.

2001

MISSION TRIP to Tempe, Arizona. 8 members from NNF worked at the Cook Theological Seminary (part of the Indian Reservation in Tempe).

2002

Our 165th Anniversary celebrated.

CONFIRMATION CLASS with 11 Youth confirmed by Pastor Victor Kant.

2003

CONFIRMATION CLASS with 6 Youth confirmed by Pastor Victor Kant.

2006

REDESIGNED FRONT WALKWAYS to allow greater access to our historical doors.

Production of Daniel Wray's "The Last Voyage of the S.S. Gigantic" — November 11. The DINNER THEATRE raised \$1735 and the Basket Silent Auction raised \$1383.

"UNDIE 500" all church Road Rally — July. We collected 409 pieces of underwear for the Guatemalan Orphanages — part of the Buckner OrphanCare International Ministry.

NORTH NORTHFIELD NURSERY was upgraded, remodeled, and dedicated September 17.

2007

Our 170TH ANNIVERSARY celebrated. July 22 we had a "Pioneer Picnic" as part of the celebration.

MISSION TRIP to Spirit Lake, North Dakota (also 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011).

CONFIRMATION CLASS with 12 Youth confirmed by Reverend Lois McCullen Parr May 20.

Grant application pending for ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS; replacement doors at the far west to be installed to meet ADA requirements.

Created a PARLOR/FAMILY ROOM on south end of Fellowship Hall to be used for Bible Studies and meetings.

SHROVE TUESDAY pancake dinner — February 20.

DARFUR GENOCIDE COMMUNITY FORUM — April 29.

2008

Choir Concert — May 16.

Hartzel Memorial choir and pulpit exchange — September 21.

1st Women's Day of Renewal.

2009

PRAYER WALL construction inside the sanctuary — February 21.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING to nursing homes and our Shut-ins (with Pastor Soong-In Steve on guitar and Geoffrey Graham on violin) 2009, 2010, 2011.

WOMEN'S RETREAT at the Riverwoods Forest Preserve.

2010

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF PERFORMANCE by visiting Westminster Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell, New Jersey – February 16.

Glory Fingers (an outreach of Kingswood UMC, Buffalo Grove) PUPPET SHOW PERFORMANCE, “The Princess and the Crest” – September 25.

2011

“Raise the Roof” RUMMAGE SALE raised over \$10,000 to help pay for the Education Building “pitched” roof.

NEW ROOF peaked on Education Building to replace flat roof. It was funded primarily through a Northern Conference Grant, an anonymous donation, and Rummage sale.

NEW CHURCH SIGN installed.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX MINISTRY (Samaritan’s Purse) continues (17 years of our participation) exceeding 100 boxes packed and shipped in 2011 by our “small but mighty” congregation!

ROGERS PARK Community Feast/Soup Kitchen (also 2012).

SPIRITUAL GIFTS SEMINAR.

PRAYER WALL WAS REMOVED (due to Fire Code). All prayers that were inserted into the Wall were put into golden bowls and placed on the Altar. After the Worship Service the (un-read) prayers were taken outdoors and a Special Service of burning the prayers was led by Pastor Soong-In Steve Moon.

In March the women at North Northfield, under the guidance of Kathy Jacobs, wrote about themselves and challenges they have overcome in their lives making up a booklet, “OUR HISTORY IS OUR STRENGTH.”

2012

Monday and Tuesday WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS continue after approximately 15 years of studying God’s Word together!

TIMBER-LEE CAMP trip “returns.”

BOY SCOUTS paint the inside of the Education Building.

RUMMAGE SALE raised over \$6,000!

“Walkers” from our congregation collected over \$1400 for CROP WALK.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES were a challenge to spiritual excellences with special Fruit of the Spirit messages each week.

MISSION TRIP to Rockford

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY continues (after 20+ years)

Special ALL SAINTS DAY “candle lighting” Service 2011-2012 remembering many loved ones, especially those from our congregation who went home to be with the Lord recently: Chad Geiger, Shirley Hallen, Esther Majer, Karin Rachwal, and Augie Zielhke.

HOLY WEEK — A Tenebrae Service for Good Friday “Golgotha”

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES continue followed by Easter Breakfast (featuring Rudy Merz’s special omelets).

The SENIOR GROUP continues to meet, under the guidance of Dave Horneys, on the third Tuesday of the month with potluck lunch and special programs each meeting.

Our SIGN BOARD MINISTRY (changed every week by the Monday Bible Study Group) continues after its inception (by Pat Stubbs) 31 years ago!

PRAISE MUSIC every Sunday morning 15 minutes prior to Worship Service, with Pastor Soong-In Steve playing guitar and Geoff Graham playing violin.

Fellowship Activities

Bowling outing — February 17

Easter breakfast — April 8

Miniature golf outing — May 9

Bicycle outing to Chicago Botanical Gardens— June 2

Bristol Renaissance Faire outing — August 5

Rally Day/All Church Picnic — September 9

Unbelievable Spoogetti Dinner — October 27

Monthly Scrabble games each 4th Friday

2013

We gained 7 adult members, but lost 5 who passed away. One baby was baptized into membership.

A decision was made by the Administrative Council not to renew the lease with Little Ones Preschool.

Two nursery students moved into the Sunday School. A preteen moved to the congregation.

Periodic Get Acquainted Breakfasts were begun for visitors and newcomers

Our new band was named the "Joyful Noise."

Fellowship Activities

Easter Breakfast

Miniature Golf Outing

Bicycle Outing to Chicago Botanic Garden

Light Suppers during Lent

Camping Trip to Timber-lee Camp in Wisconsin

Ice Cream Social

Rally Day picnic

Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Chili Cook-Off/Square Dance

Advent Festival

First Sundays – Celebration of birthdays

Monthly Scrabble games

Outreach and Mission

Volunteers traveled to New York to assist homeowners with recovery from Hurricane Sandy

Rogers Park Community Feast

Operation Christmas Child

Angel Tree

Local Food Pantry Support

Children's Winter Clothing Collection

Glenbrook CROP Walk

Touch A Life Fund

Engage Africa

Tyndale Theological Seminary

One Mission Society

Gideons International

Red Bird Christian School

United Methodist Special Collections

Harvest 2020

Human Relations Day

One Great Hour of Sharing

Native American Ministries Sunday

Peace With Justice Sunday

World Communion Sunday

United Methodist Student Day

Building and Grounds

Church boiler pump and boiler repaired

Ash tree between Parsonage and Education

Building removed

Special days were celebrated by the Worship Committee

Blessing of the Animals in October

Laity Sunday in October

All Saints Day in November

Caroling at Brandel and Greek American Nursing Homes

2014

The former Education Building is used as a Thrift Store for 4 sales a year.

North Northfield begins a Facebook Page

Fellowship Activities

Bowling outing

Easter Breakfast

Miniature Golf Outing

Bicycle Outing to Chicago Botanic Garden

Light Suppers during Lent

Camping Trip to Timber-lee Camp in Wisconsin

Rally Day picnic

Third Annual Spaghetti Dinner

First Sundays – Celebration of birthdays

Monthly Scrabble games

60th Wedding Anniversary of Carole and Dave Horneys

60th Wedding Anniversary of Merle and Thad Aycock

Outreach and Mission

Barb Hartz went to Ecuador on a medical mission trip with One Mission Society
 Rogers Park Community Feast
 Feed My Starving Children
 Backpack Ministry for the Homeless
 Operation Christmas Child
 Angel Tree
 Local Food Pantry Support
 Children’s Winter Clothing Collection
 Glenbrook CROP Walk
 Touch A Life Fund
 Engage Africa
 Tyndale Theological Seminary
 One Mission Society
 Red Bird Christian School
 Make Malaria a Memory

United Methodist Special Collections

Human Relations Day
 One Great Hour of Sharing
 Native American Ministries Sunday
 Peace With Justice Sunday
 World Communion Sunday
 United Methodist Student Day

Special days were celebrated by the Worship Committee

All Saints Day in November
 Caroling at Covenant Village and Greek American Nursing Homes

2015

The former Education Building is used as a Thrift Store for 4 sales a year.

We began a space sharing arrangement with the Happy Christian Church and the Renovation Christian Church.

We received two assistants to the minister from Garrett Theological Seminary: Sungeun Kim and Younghwan Won.

Fellowship Activities

Bowling outing
 Easter Breakfast
 Miniature Golf Outing
 Light Suppers during Lent
 Camping Trip to Timber-lee Camp in Wisconsin
 Rally Day picnic
 Fourth Annual Spaghetti Dinner
 First Sundays – Celebration of birthdays
 Monthly Scrabble games

Outreach and Mission

Rogers Park Community Feast
 Feed My Starving Children
 Backpack Ministry for the Homeless
 Operation Christmas Child
 Angel Tree
 Local Food Pantry Support
 Children’s Winter Clothing Collection
 Glenbrook CROP Walk
 Touch A Life Fund
 Engage Africa
 Tyndale Theological Seminary
 One Mission Society
 Red Bird Christian School
 Make Malaria a Memory
 United Methodist Committee on Relief collected money for Nepal Earthquake victims

United Methodist Special Collections

Human Relations Day
 One Great Hour of Sharing
 Native American Ministries Sunday
 Peace With Justice Sunday
 World Communion Sunday
 United Methodist Student Day

Special days were celebrated by the Worship Committee

All Saints Day in November

2016

We gained 1 new member, but lost 1 member who passed away. 2 children were baptized into membership.

We continued space sharing with the Happy Christian Church and the Renovation Christian Church.

We continued having Thrift Store sales 4 times a year.

We had an off-site auction fundraiser with items from the Thrift Store.

Trustees oversaw the repair and resurfacing of the parking lot.

Assistant to the minister, Younghwan Won graduated from Garrett Theological Seminary and was assigned to three churches in Kansas.

Fellowship Activities

Bowling outing

Easter Breakfast

Miniature Golf Outing

Light Suppers during Lent

Camping Trip to Timber-lee Camp in Wisconsin

Rally Day picnic

Visits from our missionaries the Garavaglias, the Stiles, and the Hunts

First Sundays – Celebration of birthdays

Monthly Scrabble games

Outreach and Mission

Rogers Park Community Feast

Backpack Ministry for the Homeless

Operation Christmas Child

Angel Tree

Local Food Pantry Support

Children's Winter Clothing Collection

Glenbrook CROP Walk

Touch A Life Fund

Engage Africa

Tyndale Theological Seminary

One Mission Society

Red Bird Christian School

Make Malaria a Memory

Collected money for Ecuador Earthquake victims

Collected money for the families of children with disabilities in Hakha, Chin State, Myanmar

United Methodist Special Collections

Human Relations Day

One Great Hour of Sharing

Native American Ministries Sunday

Peace With Justice Sunday

World Communion Sunday

United Methodist Student Day

Special days were celebrated by the Worship Committee

Blessing of the Animals in October

All Saints Day in November

2017

We continued space sharing with the Happy Christian Church and the Renovation Christian Church.

We continued having Thrift Store sales 4 times a year.

We began a Thrift Sale give-away for the needy.

Evangelism

We held mini-services at the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Center

We held Friendship Breakfasts to welcome new members and deepen our relationships with current members

Fellowship Activities

Bowling outing

Easter Breakfast

Miniature Golf Outing

Light Suppers during Lent

Camping Trip to Timber-lee Camp in Wisconsin

First Sundays – Celebration of birthdays

Monthly Scrabble games

Outreach and Mission

- Backpack Ministry for the Homeless
- Local Food Pantry Support
- Children’s Winter Clothing Collection
- Touch A Life Fund
- Engage Africa
- Tyndale Theological Seminary
- One Mission Society
- Red Bird Christian School

United Methodist Special Collections

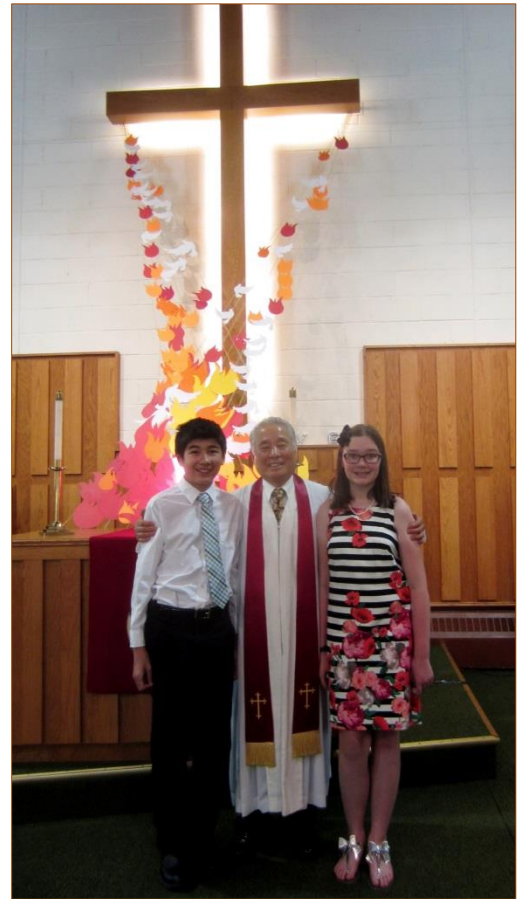
- Human Relations Day
- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Native American Ministries Sunday
- Peace With Justice Sunday

Special days were celebrated by the Worship Committee

We confirmed two of our older elementary students.

Trustees

The Board of Trustees contracted to have new windows installed in the parsonage. Volunteers also worked on the parsonage sidewalk and installed new paving stones.



2017 confirmands



2014 confirmand

180th Anniversary Thank You

Many people have made this Celebration possible. We offer special thanks to the entire church family for their many contributions. And we would especially like to thank the following people, along with the many others who are not listed here.

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Rally Day Picnic, September 2016



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