



## Looking Over the Pulpit— Duayne Meyer

MAY  
2021

*Celebrating  
175 years*

On Friday, April 16th, NCC lost one of our saints. Bill Jesse passed away after a lengthy illness. Our hearts go out to Bill’s wife Janet and daughter Karen. Bill has been an integral part of church life for many years. His technology acumen helped move the church forward in more ways than I can describe. More importantly, Bill was a good friend and brother in the faith. He will be dearly missed. Please keep the Jesse family in your prayers.

*Reading Time Three minutes...*

... NCC is mostly back open and operational. I anticipate – provided the virus variants do not overwhelm us - boards and committees will be meeting in person starting in July. In-person worship is happening at both 930am and 1030am, with masks still being a requirement. Twenty-five and fifty is the maximum number of people that can be accommodated in the chapel and sanctuary, respectively. NCC continues to livestream. We are currently upgrading the livestream audio and video.

... Saturday, May 15, from 9am-1pm, is an all-church workday. Mark your calendar and plan to come help get things spruced up inside and out. Be sure to bring along garden tools or cleaning materials with you. A job list will be published in the next couple of weeks.

... Thursday, May 20th at 7pm is NCC’s annual spring congregational meeting, via Zoom. In addition to election of officers and presentation of reports, the Council will seek approval from the congregation to carry out a capital campaign for sanctuary improvements and repairs. Please plan to join the meeting.

... 2021 marks the 75th anniversary of NCC. We are also celebrating the 175th anniversary of St. Peter Church. Pastor Emeritus Don Minnick has graciously agreed to preach at NCC on November 7th. Worship will be followed by a luncheon, provided this is in keeping with CDC guidelines. The Anniversary Committee is meeting monthly and preparing for the time when in-person celebrations may happen. For more information, contact Gary Eberlein, Charlie Shabica or Judy Hertelendy.

... I want to offer a special word of thanks to Phyllis Scott and Eileen Baumgarten for so excellently “holding down the fort” musically-speaking. NCC is fortunate to have their gifts of music and leadership at the 10:30am service. The Personnel Committee will resume its search this summer for a permanent Organist and Music Director. In the meantime, we are so very blessed.

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... Heather Burns, the director of the nursery school for the past 10 years, is retiring in mid-June. While the nursery school and NCC are not officially connected, we enjoy an excellent relationship, much of this due to Heather's good countenance and comfortableness in being in a church setting. While we will miss her here, we wish Heather and her husband Mike all the best in their next adventures. Congratulations to Sarah Hayes who was recently elected as the new president of the nursery school board. We wish her the best of luck and offer our prayers and support.

... Here's hoping and praying that by the end of summer life as a community of faith returns to some semblance of normal. In the meantime,

May God bless you and yours,

— Duayne

### NCC All-Church Workday Saturday, May 15, 2021

Mark your calendar and save the date for NCC's first all-church workday in over a year! There will be outdoor and indoor jobs to do. A job list is in the works and will be published in early May. It's good idea to bring garden tools, rags, buckets and cleaning tools with you, depending on where you plan to pitch in. There is also a rumor circulating that a member of the Board of Trustees plans to grill some brats and hotdogs for lunch. Things will get underway by mid-morning and wrap up by 1pm or so. Come for an hour or come for the whole morning.



### May 20<sup>th</sup> is the NCC Annual Meeting.

We will meet via Zoom at 7:00 pm. Watch for an e-blast with the Zoom link. Please do plan to join. Committee chairs, please get your reports into the office as soon as possible. Thanks!



### All Church Photo: Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>

Meet at the church at 10:10 am for an All Church Photo! NCC will be featured in the June issue of Northfield Magazine, so please come and represent!

## Mission Connections

“Let us not grow weary of doing good”



Thank you to everyone that has given gift cards and assembled and dropped off snack bags for Family Promise. If you are able to put together snack bags, please place in the plastic bin located in Southwest foyer. These are picked up every Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who donated to One Great Hour of Sharing. A total of \$2,400 has been collected.

We appreciate your generosity!



## Ronda's Remarks - Ronda Bower

*When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. -Acts 2:1-4*



With the pandemic as part of our lives for so long, when we hear the word “contagious” we think of it in a negative sense. But good things can be contagious too. Like laughing – I can’t stop the urge to laugh when I hear someone else laugh, especially a child.

In the story of Pentecost in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts, there is another good thing that is contagious – the Holy Spirit. In the Pentecost story we hear about how the disciples finally “caught” the Holy Spirit, and they shared with the people around them about Jesus. The story says that 3000 people believed that day. The story of Pentecost reminds us of how God’s Holy Spirit is best shared - from one person to another. We too can share God’s love, hope, healing and wisdom with those around us – just like Jesus and the disciples did! And, when we do that, we are helping keep God’s Holy Spirit contagious!



### **DON'T MISS CHILDREN'S SUNDAY!**

Sunday, May 23 – “Pentecost”

Child/Teen led worship at 10:30 a.m. outside in NCC's parking lot

Bring your own chair and wear a mask.

A special treat of ice cream bars after worship in the parking lot.

Come and support NCC's children and teens!

### **MANY THANKS TO:**

...Sloan and Taylor Townsend and Alyssa Yagelski for helping with the Easter egg treasure hunt on Easter morning.

...Tracey Buchman, Beth Meyer, Kim Scott, and Sloan Townsend for helping with April's virtual Messy Church.

*Messy Church resumes in June*



## NCC Day in the Life - Charlie Shabica, Diana Lord, Judy Hertelendy

The March Window described the beginning of Sunday School classes in Northfield. In the mid 1940's, as the existing Sunday School grew in numbers, the children's parents and other interested adults decided to form a congregation. On May 31, 1946, a constitution was ratified. And on June 2, 47 charter members entered into a covenant to join together as a Christian Church. That fall, the Chicago Congregational Association received the new congregation into membership, beginning Northfield Community Church's journey as a member of the Congregational Christian Church and its successor, the United Church of Christ.

At first, services continued to be held in the old Village Hall with student supply ministers. Dr. Neil Hansen, of the Chicago Congregational Union (predecessor to the current Community Renewal Society), played an important role in guiding and leading NCC as it developed and organized. The Congregational denomination and the Congregational Union gave much support – with grants, loans, and general counsel.

Rev. Bruce Roberts was called to be the first full time minister in October, 1947. Church growth became rapid, and larger quarters were needed. A search for a permanent site was found – five acres at the corner of Wagner and Willow Roads. The denomination and the Union continued their financial assistance. Parishioners also chipped in and were the first congregation to build a church in Northfield. First came the Chapel, which housed worship and classroom space, plus a small kitchen, washrooms, and furnace area. The next building to be constructed was the small parsonage, next to the Chapel. Rev Roberts moved into the new house in June, 1952.

Pastor Bruce Roberts  
blesses the future site  
of Northfield  
Community  
Church  
in 1948



The Chapel was completed in 1949

### \*Stories from NCC Parishioners

*John & Wilma Hultman* - John moved from Detroit back to the North Shore in 1968...purchased a home in Northbrook...and started visiting churches. We chose NCC because we liked the minister at that time, Dick Nye, choir director-organist George Williams and the friendly people. Also...it was just too far to go to John's church when he was growing up...The First Congregational Church of Wilmette.

Wilma moved a few weeks later with children Julie and Erik. Christian was born at Evanston Hospital and baptized by Rev. Nye. Over the years John has sung in the choir, been Sir Christmas at the holiday dinner and acted as worship leader. Wilma has enjoyed teaching church school with Lois Lord and Phyllis Zeek. And there was evening Circle, Board of Christian Education and Board of Trustees.

NCC continues to be a wonderful church home for us.

*Bill Redlich* - When I joined the church, the only building there was what is now the chapel. I was on the building committees and the fund raising committees for the fellowship hall, the class rooms and the now sanctuary. I was there when we put memory items in the cornerstone.

**Please note:** We would like to share more stories of NCC's past. YOU are invited to write a paragraph or two with *details* about your memory of some event, activity, worship experience, pastor, group you were part of, etc. Please send your story to [jhertelendy19@gmail.com](mailto:jhertelendy19@gmail.com).

Thank you!

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## The Church Family

*Our deepest sympathy is extended* to the family of **William Jesse**. Bill passed away on April 16th. Please especially keep Janet, Karen, Carol Ann and Hallie in your prayers. Memorial service arrangements are pending.

*Our sympathy is also extended* **Eric Leighninger's** family. Eric passed away suddenly on April 21st. Please especially keep Julie in your prayers. Memorial service arrangements are pending.

**Save the date!** **James Brian Smith** is performing an organ recital on **July 18th** at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Flyers for the event will be available in coming weeks.

*Our prayers are offered for* those who are hospitalized or recovering from illness: Kristie Bobart (sister of Glen), David Coleman, David Cyr, Jan Deetjen, Flory Dy, Steven Evenstad, Julie Jewell, Helena Lathrop, and Betty Oswald. We lift up in prayer those staying close to home: Lois Katarski, Judi & Ray Kennedy, and Carolyn Stockwell, as well as those in assisted living: Siria Behrens, Marge Fairhead, Jay Lorenz, Mike Parker, Bill Schnell, and Pegeen Soare.

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## The Wider Church

### World Labyrinth Day—May 1st

#### Come walk the labyrinth at St. Luke's Church in Morton Grove

Sat. May 1, 2021 is World Labyrinth Day! St. Luke's UCC in Morton Grove has invited us to come walk the Labyrinth with them from 2-5 pm, in the church parking lot. This is a wonderful way to tend to your mental and spiritual health, through prayer in motion. Pray, meditate, and experience the Eternal outside in God's beautiful creation. St. Luke's Church is located at 9233 Shermer Rd. in Morton Grove.

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## Office Notes

**Can you help?** We are looking for folks to run the livestream app during the first and/or second service. If you'd like a demonstration, stop by the office after the worship services! If you are interested, Please contact Lea Jones, [ljones@northfielducc.org](mailto:ljones@northfielducc.org). Thanks!

**Thank you** to **Tracey Buchman** for the beautiful flower arrangements outside the church doors.

**Thank you** to **Judy Hertelendy** for posting the offerings.

**Thank you** to **Susan Edgar** for assembling this Window newsletter.

**Thank you** to **Margaret Weber** for helping out with the worship service livestreams.

**Thank you** to everyone who continues to send in their donations or donate on line! We really appreciate it!

Please note that the **church office hours** are as follows:

Mondays: noon—3:00pm

Tues.-Fri.: 10:00am—3:00pm

The submission deadline for the **June Window** is **Thursday, May 20th**.

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## **NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH**

### **May Events**

<b>May 9th</b>	Mother's Day
<b>May 11th</b>	Board of Christian Education
<b>May 13th</b>	Ascension Day
<b>May 13th</b>	Mission Board
<b>May 15th</b>	Church Work Day
<b>May 16th</b>	All Church Photo Day
<b>May 18th</b>	Board of Trustees
<b>May 20th</b>	Annual Meeting
<b>May 23rd</b>	Children's Sunday
<b>May 26th</b>	Anniversary Committee
<b>May 31st</b>	Memorial Day

### **The Church Staff**

All of the members of NCC	Ministers
Steve Ash	Business Manager
Eileen Baumgarten	Interim Organist
Ronda Bower	Family & Educational Ministry
Thom Bower	Associate Pastor
Lea Jones	Office Administrator
Duayne R. Meyer	Senior Pastor
Don Minnick	Pastor Emeritus
Phyllis Scott	Interim Choir Director
Warren Wiggins	Minister of Visitation

