

## ***Worship to Remain Online as COVID-19 Cases Rise***

In the Church Council's communication about a date for an in-person worship option, we mentioned that we would continue to monitor the pandemic and that the date was set barring further complications. The activity level of COVID-19 cases in St. Croix County is now Very High according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and rose 26% in the last two measurable weeks of October. Also, Bishop Jung has sent a letter strongly urging churches not to meet in person for worship until deemed safe (see page 2). In consultation with your Church Council Chair and Worship Design Team, in order to keep people safe, and to continue to follow the first of John Wesley's General Rules "Do No Harm," we will follow the Bishop's urging and continue to worship online until deemed safe. I know this announcement may be a relief to some, and sad to others. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you would like to talk about it or have questions.

We will continue to offer a printed sermon option, as well as look into a video/DVD option for people who would like to watch worship but don't have a computer or internet. We are also planning some extra ways to help make the Advent and Christmas season meaningful, online and at home.

Be safe, be well, and know that God is always with us!

Peace,

*Pastor Jeremy*



Pastor Jeremy and Heather Boorman continue to share their Sunday sermons and children's messages on our church's YouTube channel, available each Sunday morning at 9am. Kristi will also continue to mail out the weekly sermons to those without email.

To find us, go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and search "New Richmond United Methodist Church" and our channel will appear in the results. It will show you every service/video that's been uploaded since we began doing this in March. Not only can you watch these sermons on your mobile device, but most smart TV's with internet have access to YouTube. This link is also shared on our Facebook page and in our weekly all-church emails. Please make sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel and it will let you know when new videos are posted.

**October 28, 2020**

**To all my sacred siblings in Christ in our Wisconsin Conference,**

I look with deep sadness and dismay at the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases across our wonderful state and wonder when this will come to an end. As the winter months arrive, the flu season approaches, and the pandemic continues to flourish and spread, I increase and intensify my prayers for health and wellness, safety and vitality for all people. To that end, I continue to strongly recommend that our churches do not engage in in-person worship during these difficult days.

Across our Conference, we are receiving daily reports of pastors and parishioners who have contracted COVID-19 and are suffering through the disease. This impacts individuals, families, communities, and congregations, and the more we are together, the longer this terrible virus will continue to spread. I know, and I share the grief of, how hard it is not to be able to be together to worship and praise God. I am continually amazed and inspired by the creativity of our pastors, worship leaders, and teachers to provide online alternatives. Safety, health, and protecting life must be our top priorities as disciples of Jesus Christ. Setting aside our personal wants and desires to return to church is the responsibility of every Christian – the health and well-being of others is the most important thing.

There will come a day in our future when we can return to our regular engagements and encounters. On that day, we will rejoice. On that day, we will sing, and we will celebrate. On that day, we will give God thanks and praise that we have emerged from the wilderness into the Promised Land. That day is coming, but that day is not yet here.

We have not mandated that churches cannot meet following the most stringent protocols of masking, social distancing, numbers in attendance, and sanitizing guideline, but this is the closest I can come. I am asking all Wisconsin United Methodists to NOT gather in person until our state health officials tell us it is safe to do so. We are suffering, and many lives are permanently damaged or lost. It is our duty and our privilege to care for one another and not spread this terrible virus.

Please know that you are all in the prayers of your Bishop and cabinet. We care very deeply, and we will continue to do all in our power to thrive through this pandemic and get our churches open and fully functioning again.

Thanks be to God!

In Christ's Love,



Hee-Soo Jung, PhD  
Bishop



# For All the Saints

During the November 1st online worship service titled "You Are Blessed", we celebrated All Saints' Day and remembered the following church members and friends who passed away this year:



*Helen Allers  
John Cremeans  
Sue Espersen  
Sandy Green*

*Barb Steinhaus Moore  
Elaine Peterson  
Jerelean "Jerri" Rang  
Judy Reinstra*

*Robert Rutledge  
Mary Sather  
Allan Vehrs  
Harlan Vehrs*

## When You Pray, Please Remember



**Mary Barney, Don Breid**  
St. Croix Health Center

**Linda Anderson, Dana Craig**  
The Deerfield

**Marlene Bartels**  
Our House Senior Living

**Donna Holmes, Dan Olson, May Ross**  
Home

**Shirley Storrer**  
American Heritage Care Center  
Hammond

**Janet Andrea**  
911 Southview Dr, Hastings, MN 55033

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*Sympathy to Joyce Cremeans and family in  
the death of her husband, John on  
October 17. Arrangements are pending  
with Bakken-Young Funeral and  
Cremation Services.*

## Would you like a Phone Call?

If you would like to hear from Pastor Jeremy during this time of quarantine, please feel free to call or email him at: 1-651-783-2433 or [pastorjdeaner@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjdeaner@gmail.com)

## Hospitalizations

If you go into the hospital please let us know at church, especially if you would like to hear from Pastor Jeremy or Maybelle Hall. The hospitals cannot tell us if you are there, so the only way that we know is if you call or email us at: 715-246-2464 or [unitedmc@frontiernet.net](mailto:unitedmc@frontiernet.net) Pastor Jeremy's cell # is 1-651-783-2433.

## Prayer List

If you or a loved one would like to be placed on our Prayer List, please call the church office. Please pray for those on the prayer list in each Sunday bulletin, weekly email and monthly newsletter.



## Church Membership

If you would like to join the church, please talk with Pastor Jeremy.

# Children's, Youth, & Family Ministries

For more info, please contact our Family Ministry Leader,  
Heather Boorman at: [heather@boormancounseling.com](mailto:heather@boormancounseling.com) or 651-319-1102

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## Christmas Program - Pandemic Style!!

No matter what 2020 decides to do for the end of the year, it can't take away Christmas! It won't look the same as most years, but we're still going to celebrate Jesus' birthday and the joy of knowing God is With Us.

This year's program will be a church wide offering of Christmas songs, stories, talents, and whatever else you'd like to share!

Here's how to participate:

**Option 1** - Record a poem, song, joke, anything that celebrates Christmas. Send the recording to Kristi at [unitedmc@frontiernet.net](mailto:unitedmc@frontiernet.net) by Monday, December 7th.

**Option 2** - Let Heather know that you'd like to help with the virtual re-telling of the Christmas story (Kids, Youth, & Adults encouraged!). Text or email her at 651-319-1102 or [heatherb@boormancounseling.com](mailto:heatherb@boormancounseling.com). She will then send you further instructions.

The final celebration will be posted on YouTube on Sunday, December 20th.

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## Children & Youth HOLIDAY HUGGERMUGGERY!

*Don't know what HuggerMuggery is? Bwahaha - it's a secret!*

Here's what you need to know: it'll be fun. it'll be virtual. it'll be a time to reconnect with each other and with God. It'll have treats, games, gifts, and mystery.

Sign up with Heather Boorman or the church office by December 1st. One week before the huggermuggery you will receive a mysterious package.

**DO NOT OPEN IT!**

Sunday, December 13th, sign on to zoom at your designated time to have fun, be silly, and celebrate the holidays.

Children's Huggermuggery (PreK - 5th grade) will meet up on Sunday, 12/13 @ 3pm

Youth Huggermuggery (6th-12th grade) will meet up on Sunday, 12/13 @ 4:30pm

Please contact Heather with any questions.



# November Birthdays!

1 Gayle Martin	13 Chuck Mehls	19 Chris Ennis	25 Joyce Melby
2 Jeanette O'Connell	John Reichert	21 Jack Thomas	26 Curt Henke
3 Nancy Refsnider	14 Zachary Ennis	22 Noah Pace	27 Stan Soderquist
4 Brogan O'Flanagan	16 Vicki George	May Ross	28 Brent Minikel
6 Dana Lepien	Kelly O'Flanagan	23 Terry Bartels	Glenn Newby
8 Lorraine Libbey	17 Jim Refsnider	Peggy Eller	29 Joy Forrest
	18 Michele Melby	24 Wayne Tubbs	



## Happy Anniversary!

November 29 - Ruth Egerer & Don Breid



### Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship

Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00pm at

Faith Community Church

There is planned to be an in-person option as well as a live-stream option in order to help more churches participate, with both in-person and video leadership from area pastors. Since we are not worshipping in person by then, Pastor Jeremy will participate by video and be watching the live-stream. However you decide to participate, do so safely and give thanks for the good that God is doing in the midst of our difficult time. Happy Thanksgiving!

### Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner

Thursday, November 26

The meal is free and open to everyone.  
There will be no sit down meal this year due to COVID.



**-Delivery** (first 150 people to order) Meals will be delivered to New Richmond, Star Prairie and Somerset only.

**-Dinner curbside pickup** (first 200 people to order)

Curbside pickup at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 151 S. Washington Ave, N.R.

Please call Rhonda at 715-246-2086 or the Church at 715-246-4652 to order your delivery or pickup.

Volunteers are needed Wednesday evening, Thursday morning and afternoon for prep, cooking, delivering, assembling & cleanup. Please call Rhonda if at the number above if you can help.



## NR UMC FINANCIAL REPORT

as of September 30, 2020

Jan - Sept Income	156,550
Jan - Sept Expenses	<u>181,870</u>
Difference	-25,320
(2019 was -34,600)	



### Contributions toward Extra Mile Giving:

Maintenance Repairs \$9,308

## Spotlight on Stewardship

We are calling this year's stewardship focus Give the Future. We don't know what the future looks like, but we know that as a church we want to help create a healthy, just, peaceful world, and we want the church to be a place where we can learn to help make that happen, whether we can gather yet or not. In order to continue to change lives in this way, your gifts are more important than ever.

Thank you for your gifts and for giving of your selves as we *Give the Future* together!

## GIVING OPTIONS

To continue to support the church's mission and ministry during this time, we have a few options for you. Please contact Kristi Rogers in the church office with ANY questions.



### 1. Online Giving on our Website-

We have added a NEW online giving option to our website called "GIVE+" by Vanco Payment Solutions. We've used Vanco for over 10 years as a convenient way for our members and friends to give to the church electronically on an on-going basis. It is safe, simple, and offered at no cost to you. Now, with GIVE+, you can donate to the church using your checking or savings account at any time. To access GIVE+, you just click on our church's link that can be found on our website: [www.newrichmondwiumc.org](http://www.newrichmondwiumc.org), click the link on the home page, then go through the steps. You can choose a one-time gift or reoccurring gifts. You only need to create a sign-in account if you plan to set-up reoccurring payments.

### 2. U.S. Mail- Our mailing address is: P.O. BOX 277, New Richmond, WI 54017

### 3. Electronic Giving-

If you would like to sign-up for our regular reoccurring electronic giving program with Vanco, please contact Kristi and she'll send you a form. You can make changes at any time by contacting her.

## IRA AND STOCK GIFTS

There are significant tax benefits for giving to the church directly from your IRA or other retirement account. Also, if you have stock and would like to make a gift to the church from it, our United Methodist Foundation can process those gifts without any fees. Please contact Kristi if you are interested in giving to the church in either of these ways.

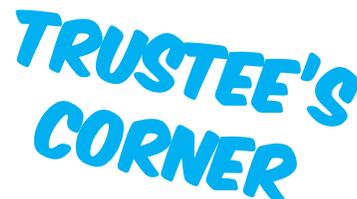
**The Trustees met on October 27th. Items discussed included:**

- The new metal railings on the stairs to fellowship hall have been installed. They look great and are very functional! Total cost was \$2,950.

- Our current defibrillator battery needed to be replaced. Kristi called the company and we learned that they no longer make parts for that model (which we purchased in 2006). Trustees selected a new one online and Kristi ordered it. The total cost was \$1,075.

These items were paid for out of the Extra Mile Church Maintenance Fund. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this fund!

Also, as of November 27th, we will have an empty Faith House. The Trustees have decided to use the month of December to clean and do some minor repairs to the house before Grace Place/The Salvation Army moves in new tenants in on January 1, 2021.



**LOVE BASKETS** is the distribution of gifts to children in the New Richmond and Somerset school districts, whose families have difficulty affording Christmas. Although the way we do our collection will look a little different this year, we still want to be able to support families in our community.

Unlike previous years, we will not have a board for you to pick out specific items. We are simply going to collect NEW toys and books for boys and girls, newborns through age 18. We are always especially in need of gifts for the 14-18 age group. We will then donate everything to Love Baskets and they will then include them in the family gift packages.

**You may drop off donations at church during these designated days and times:**

November 9th through December 8th  
Mondays 10:00am-Noon  
Tuesdays 4:00-6:00pm

If you cannot make it into the church, please contact Nancy Refsnider at 715-781-3828 to arrange pickup of your donation from your home.

Please call 715-246-4508 for any of the following:

- If your family needs a Love Basket
- You know of someone that needs a Love Basket
- You would like to sponsor a family
- You would like to volunteer

Thank you for helping us continue to help support the children of our community!

*Nancy Refsnider & Barb Vander Wyst  
Outreach Committee Chairs*

Monetary donations can be given to our church or mailed to:  
Love Baskets  
PO Box 142, New Richmond, WI 54017



## Important News from the Nominations Committee

If you are a member of a committee or board of the church, especially Church Council, Finance, Nominations, Staff Parish Relations, Trustees, or some other term-bound position, the Nominations Committee would like to ask all leaders, in these extraordinary times, to stay in your position for another year. This means if you were scheduled to come off this year, you would stay one more year. If you were scheduled to end your term in 2022 you would end your term in 2023.

If you have questions, or definitely need to make a change, please let Pastor Jeremy and your Committee's chairperson know. Otherwise, we will assume that you are willing to do this, and thank you in these difficult times for doing so!

## Weekly Wednesday open Zoom gathering is open to everyone!

Pastor Jeremy is going to continue the open Zoom time "gathering" for anyone who wants to join in for conversation. It will be Wednesday mornings at 10:30am and will be an hour long. From now on, it will begin with "Morning Prayer" from the United Methodist Hymnal, a way for us to worship together in real time, including time for prayer, scripture, and song. Open Zoom means you are welcome to come and go as you please. Look for the invitation link in your email the day before, so on Tuesdays.

## New Opportunities to Help in Worship

You may have seen that we are trying to include more people in creating the online worship experiences little by little. If you would be interested in video recording yourself reading scripture, offering a story about how God is working in your life, playing music, or some other worshipful activity, please let Jill Thomas or Pastor Jeremy know.

## NR UMC Electronic Giving

Electronic Giving is a safe and easy way to contribute to the church. All you need to do is fill out a form that I have in the office, and I'll take care of the rest. You can adjust it at any time and there is no cost at all to you. If you're interested, please give me

a call, 246-2464.

*-Kristi Rogers, Secretary*



## Spiritual Life Friends

On Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30am, we will meet at Pat Allegar's home to discuss chapters 7-12 of Bob Goff's book, "Love Does". Social distancing is important, so our number of members is limited. Books can be purchased at Amazon or borrowed from the library. Please contact Pat or Ruth with questions.

Pat Allegar  
1-352-817-5354 or [allegarp@hotmail.com](mailto:allegarp@hotmail.com)

Ruth Egerer  
715-246-4883 or [dwb@frontier.com](mailto:dwb@frontier.com)



## Family Fresh Receipts



Thank you SO much for your continued support of our collection of Family Fresh register receipts. We are in our 6th round of collecting and we currently have \$73,000 in receipts so far! We team up with Five Loaves Food Shelf and our receipts get added together. Once we collect \$150,000 in receipts, we receive \$1,000 from Family Fresh, that we split 50/50 with Five Loaves.

Dale & Pegi Fleming continue to count the receipts, and we thank them for that!

There are collection baskets for receipts at Five Loaves, Two Fish Thrift, and at the exit at Family Fresh. You're also welcome to leave them in the mailbox at church under the carport or bring them in when Kristi is in the office. Thanks!!! -Pat Allegar

### FAMILY FRESH SCRIP CARDS

Pat Allegar is able to place an order for Family Fresh Scrip cards at any time. The church receives 5% back from Family Fresh. Please contact her if you would like to purchase one and support the church at the same time!

### Stay in touch with our church online

Website: [www.newrichmondwiumc.org](http://www.newrichmondwiumc.org)

Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/newrichmondwiumc](https://www.facebook.com/newrichmondwiumc)

YOUTUBE: Simply search for "New Richmond United Methodist Church"



### Your Church Staff

Pastor  
Adult Ministry Leader  
Church & Financial Secretary  
Custodian  
Family Ministry Leader  
Music Director  
Organist

Jeremy Deaner  
Pat Allegar  
Kristi Rogers  
John Vlasak  
Heather Boorman  
Jill Thomas  
Mary Jensen



# SCRIP CARDS

## MAKE GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS!!!

**Don't let COVID put a kink in your Christmas shopping fun!**  
**Scrip cards make gift-giving easy and is a great way to help support the church!**

With the help of over 750 stores/brands, it turns our everyday shopping into earnings for our church. Not only can you use Scrip cards for your personal every day purchases, but they also make great gifts! Many of the cards are re-loadable too, like Kwik Trip!

Don't have a computer or want to shop online? Contact Kristi in the church office (715-246-2464) or our Organist, Mary Jensen (715-222-0586) and they can place your order for you! It's super easy and not additional cost to you.

Every store/brand gives a rebate percentage- normally between 2% and 16%, and they often run specials for even more! The rebate amount comes directly to our church when a card is purchased at its face value. For instance, if you order a \$100 card and the rebate on it is 4%, the church receives \$4 and you still receive the card for it's face value of \$100. It's a Win-Win! It's easy, it's rewarding, and it fits perfectly into your busy lifestyle.

### **Instant Access to eGift Cards**

In addition to physical gift cards, ShopWithScrip offers ScripNow® eGift cards for over 400 brands. eGift cards are perfect for last-minute or unplanned purchases, like dining out or a quick trip to the mall. You have access to the scrip you need whenever you need it. Place your eGift card order on [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com) or on [MyScripWallet.com](http://MyScripWallet.com) on your mobile device. When you pay for your eGift cards with online payments (credit card or a linked bank account), you'll receive the eGift cards immediately. All of your eGift cards are housed in your wallet on ShopWithScrip and on your phone in MyScripWallet. You can print eGift cards and present them like a physical gift card in the store or redeem them from MyScripWallet. Redeem them online by entering the card number and PIN when you're checking out. You can also send a ScripNow eGift. It's easy to customize the eGift with a personal note, and send it to anyone, anywhere, with an email address. Our eGift card selection is growing all the time. See the complete list of available eGift card brands by clicking on the [Shop](#) link at the top of the page, and selecting the ScripNow card type on the left, or viewing the eGift Card card type on MyScripWallet.

1. To order online, go to: [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)  
Set up an account with: New Richmond United Methodist Church  
User Name: nrumc19  
Family Access #: 1E4EF7AB64749

When setting up your account, you will add a bank account or debit/credit card for your purchases.

From there, you can then order:

- \* **e-Cards**, they will email you your card, you print it off and bring to the store to shop;
- \* **Download** cards into your Scrip App on your smartphone;
- \* **Physical plastic gift cards** that will be mailed to you (there is a charge for this).





## 2021 Calendars are HERE!

We are again selling these beautiful wall calendars, for \$8 each.

They make GREAT gifts! If you are interested, please contact Kristi in the church office at 715-246-2464 or [unitedmc@frontiernet.net](mailto:unitedmc@frontiernet.net)





# New Richmond United Methodist Church

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Our Mission is: *Building bridges to discipleship by connecting, growing, and serving.*

Our Vision is: *Compassionate, God-centered community serving all people.*



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