



“Come and See” worship series begins January 5

In Epiphany, Jesus is revealed to all people and he begins to gather followers. Come and see what it means to follow Jesus as we look at some of the stories of Jesus calling disciples like Andrew, Simon Peter, James and John.

January & February C.O.M.E. Community Meals

Our church will plan, cook and serve the meals held on Tuesdays, January 21 and February 18.

Chris Libbey will be the “lead contact”, but he will need more help in preparing, serving and cleaning-up!

There will be a sign-up in the narthex with more information on what exactly will be needed. Everyone is welcome to help! If you have any questions, please contact Chris at: cjlibbey@frontiernet.net or Kristi in the church office. Thank you!



Welcome Team

Last September, a newly named ministry was formed to expand our program for welcoming new visitors to our Sunday worship and congregation. It is called the Welcome Team. Several members of the staff continue to be engaged in this expanded ministry and additional persons are being invited to help extend hospitality. Among the details of this ministry, are giving informational packets and a gift to new visitors, extending special welcome to visitors at our holiday worship services with a gift, asking visitors if they had particular interests, needs, or questions, and inviting visitors to consider attending a membership orientation as they express interest in doing so. And always, we want to be praying for those who are coming through our doors who are new to the church. Questions? Contact: Ruth Egerer, Welcome Team leader, at 715-246-4883 or dwbreid@frontier.com



NEW RICHMOND
**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

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

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



December 2019 Worship Attendance

Total NR UMC
membership is 277

December 1st	57	24
		Brunch Church at Champs
December 8th	113	—
December 15th	110	87
	Choir Cantata	Christmas Program



Church Membership

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



When You Pray, Please Remember

Helen Allers, Mary Barney, Allan Vehrs
St. Croix Health Center

Linda Anderson, Dana Craig, Joe Langer
The Deerfield

Marlene Bartels
Our House Senior Living

**Sue Amundson, Janet Andrea,
Sandy Green, John Hirst,
Donna Holmes, May Ross**
Home

Shirley Storrer
American Heritage Care Center
Hammond

Janet Andrea
Augustana Care Health & Rehab.
930 16th St. West, Room 109
Hastings, MN 55033

NR UMC Financial Report

as of November 30, 2019

January - November Income	\$200,775
January - November Expenses	<u>- 239,335</u>
Difference	- 38,560
(2018 was	- 28,725)



Contributions toward Extra Mile Giving:

Maintenance Repairs \$ 15,454



Would you like a Home Visit?

If you would like a visit from Pastor Jeremy or
Maybelle Hall, you can reach them at:

Pastor Jeremy: 1-651-783-2433

Maybelle: 1-715-497-4568 or 715-246-2607

Church office: 715-246-2464

Hospitalizations

If you go into the hospital please let us know at
church, especially if you would like a visit 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
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 and
newsletter.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Jack Hop Gabby Tesar	12 Nathan Devereux	27 Tom Eller Tama Schmidt
4 Bob Peterschick	15 Lynn Troftgruben	Barb Vander Wyst
7 Jon Boorman Nancy Willson	17 Connie Hehling	28 Deb Geving
8 Ryan Eller	19 Karen Greaton-Gillespie Savanna Van Dyk	31 Teri Olds
9 Carter Balcerak Mary Hanson	21 Marilyn Peterson	
11 Dana Craig James Leavens	23 Pearl Christensen	
	25 Sarah Ketcham Char Mayry	



Anniversaries

January 15 Duane & Ruth Spoo

Living with Neurodiversity?

Worship can be overwhelming when you live with Neurodiversity. Did you know we have a Sensory Sanctuary located in the loft that overlooks the sanctuary? Be a part of worship and connect with God and others while also having swings, fidgets, and a sensory-friendly space. If you would like to check it out, just call the church office at any time or contact Heather Boorman at: heatherb@boormancounseling.com



Our annual Staff Holiday Lunch was held on Tues, December 17th at Champs. We had a great time and wonderful food. If you happen to see our custodian, John, make sure to ask him about the "Dancing with Jesus" statue he received during the white elephant gift exchange - it was the hit of the party! We were bummed that Jon Boorman couldn't join us, but he was there in spirit. Thank you to all of our staff for another wonderful year!



Children's, Youth, & Family Ministry

For more info, please contact our Children, Youth & Family Ministry Leaders
Heather Boorman: heather@boormancounseling.com Jon Boorman: jrboor10@smumn.edu



9:00am Sunday School

Families are encouraged to attend the first 15 minutes of 9am worship together through the Children's Time, and then children will be invited to Sunday School for the remainder of worship. We are hoping this more compact version of programming will allow families to connect and grow more simply and with greater impact.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP!

6:00-7:00 pm for Grades 6-12

We will take a break thru the holidays and resume Wed. January 8!



We had SO much fun caroling on Wed, December 18th.

We had a group of 18 carolers!
Thank you to those who donated cookies & treats for afterwards!





Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15th!



Adult Groups & Studies

If you have any questions about our Adult Ministries program, please contact Pat Allegar, Adult Ministry Leader at: allegarp@hotmail.com

Piece Corps Quilting Group - Thurs. January 16

9:30am in fellowship hall. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. The group makes beautiful quilts from mostly donated material and donates them to various non-profit organizations, including bereavement quilts to Westfield Hospital. If you like to sew or just want to peek, stop by and see the projects the group is working on. Contact Carolyn Craig with questions.



Wednesday Morning United Methodist Men's Coffee Fellowship - on break until January 8

Every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at The Deerfield. Join our Men's Group, along with some of The Deerfield residents, for great discussion, fellowship and of course- coffee & treats! Contact Joe Langer, 715-690-9348 with any questions.

Wednesday Evening Book Study - Beginning January 8

6:30-8pm in the Club Room at The Deerfield. Facilitated by Ruth Egerer, 715-246-4883. On January 8th, we will begin a 9-week study of *The Way of Grace* – from the Companions in Christ series. Nominal book cost. A second class will also be offered earlier in the day, also at The Deerfield, time to be determined. Please contact Ruth with any questions.

Spiritual Life Friends - Beginning January 14

Spiritual Life Friends, a new small group formed last September, is beginning a new reading/reflection opportunity on Tues., January 14. Each participant is asked to read a book of their choice that has a spiritual application and give a brief report on it during the meeting. Then, on February 11, we will begin the study: *If God Has a Refrigerator, Your Picture Is on It*, by James Moore.

Spiritual Life Friends is an ongoing monthly gathering of people who want to go deeper in order to experience God more fully, who want to hear more clearly the Holy Spirit's call on their lives, and who want to engage in mutual encouragement and find empowerment for expressing love and grace in the world.

We meet on the second Tues. of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the homes of our participants with light refreshments being served. Our experiences as a group include prayer, faith sharing, reading/reflecting on books, and engaging other opportunities for spiritual growth.

If you are interested in more info, contact Ruth Egerer at 715-246-4883, or dwbreid@frontier.com

Book Club - on break until March 2020

Meets on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7pm in the church parlor. Questions? Please contact Jerri Rang



“Hometown Holidays”

Community Cookie Decorating Event Update

On Thursday, December 5, our church hosted a Community Cookie Decorating event during New Richmond’s “Hometown Holiday” event. We started a half hour later this year (3:30 vs 3:00) and we had a wonderful turnout, with close to 200 people stopping by! We added a Selfie Station this year and it was a blast! I don’t know who enjoyed it more– the adults or the children! We’ve had such great feedback, we can’t wait to do it again next year! We even had surprise visit from Santa! Thank you to everyone who helped before, during and afterwards! We really appreciate all of you! -Kristi Rogers



United Methodist Women news

2019 Donations

At the end of each calendar year, our local UMW disburses its mission monies to 17 areas of need. The organizations we support include local, conference and national groups. Included are: New Richmond Five Loaves Food Shelf, Turning Point, St. Croix Health Center Resident Fund, Northcott Neighborhood House, Redbird Mission, Odanah Mission, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Grace Place, Henderson Mission, New Richmond Senior Center, United Methodist Children's Services, UMW Legacy Fund and Harbor House in Superior - for a total of \$2,600.

The annual PLEDGE to North West District UMW was \$1,900. We also donated \$275 for our local youth to attend camp at Pine Lake camp in Westfield, WI. Special mission gifts from Thank Offerings (November) and Prayer and Self Denial (February) and special memorial gifts in Mission totaled over \$150.

We thank all church members, friends, and community folks who have faithfully supported the activities of this group, like the Beefburger Luncheons and Rummage Sales and the hard working ladies organized for mission. Without your support, the total of \$4,925 would not have been achieved.

Reading Program

Winter is a good time to spend time reading! The UMW has a timely Reading Program. You can contact Kay Peterson for a list of the new books for 2020. They can be ordered at no cost from our local library.

UMW Unit Meeting

We welcome you to our first meeting of 2020 which is scheduled for Thursday, FEBRUARY 13, 2020 in the parlor at 9:30. There will be no meeting in January.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year as we continue to pray for peace in our world!



Our annual UM Women Christmas Potluck was held on Thursday, December 12. The roads were snow-covered, but we still had a great turnout - lots of fun! Thanks to all that came!

Spectrum Connection



- Who? 8-11 year old neurodiverse kids
- What? Supervised, relaxed time to make friends and play with other kids like you!
- Where? New Richmond United Methodist Church
(209 E 2nd Street)
- When? 10-11:30am on the 3rd Saturdays, beginning January 18, 2020
- How? Pre-register by calling the church office- 715-2464



Activities will be facilitated by therapists from Boorman Counseling who specialize in working with neurodiverse families. Opportunities for non-religious structured and unstructured play will be provided as a way for kids to informally practice social skills and make new friends. Parents are asked to stay on site while therapists become familiar with their child's unique needs, but a separate parent lounge with coffee/tea and snacks will be provided, as well as a nursery for younger siblings.

This is a FREE opportunity provided in partnership with Boorman Counseling and the New Richmond United Methodist Church

“SOUPER” BOWL OF CARING Sunday, February 2



The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Its vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend into America's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Young people collect monetary and food donations during the week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. 100% of the money and food is then given directly to local charities of the group's choice. Started at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, the Souper Bowl of Caring has branched out to include schools, businesses and congregations of all faiths. Together, they have raised more than \$50 million in monetary and food donations. In 2008 alone, more than 14,000 groups collected over \$10 million.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 12 - February 2: non-perishable items collected at church

February 2: Loose change offering will be taken during worship

Cloth grocery bags will be available at the church, or feel free to use any bag you have available. \$1.00 donated = \$7 worth of food for the Food Shelf!
Contact Kristi in the office with any questions.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UM Men want to invite all men of our church to fellowship with us. We meet at 9:30am on Wednesdays in the Hospitality Room at The Deerfield. We are an informal group of Christian men who support the United Methodist Church. Coffee is served and goodies are provided by group members. A weekly donation can be made. In 2019, donations were given to Five Loaves Food Shelf and The Deerfield Recreational Fund. We welcome you to join us whenever you can make it. If you have questions, call Joe Langer at 715-690-9348. We will not meet on December 25 or January 1.



A Peek into February

The 33rd annual Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner is set for Sunday, February 9th from 11am-1pm. We will be ready for carry outs by 10:45am, so come down after church and enjoy the ambiance of fellowship hall! After the meal, Jill Thomas and Mary Jensen have a musical review planned in the sanctuary for everyone's enjoyment. It will begin at 1:00pm and all are welcome!

The Mitten Tree Report

It was a great success! We had mittens and seamen's scarves from Mary Sather, two large bags of mittens, headbands, ponchos, hats and scarves from two wonderful volunteers that I work with at the Heritage Center, along with 65 furry stuffed teddy bears!

We had a grand total of 243 unites that were divided between NR Area Love Baskets, Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee and Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. The two boxes shipped out of town arrived December 17— just in time for Christmas! The 8 beautiful scarves for the seamen in Superior, WI will also arrive before Christmas. Thank you all who continue to support the Mitten Tree. It is indeed a wonderful cause!



Warmth for all you who give and for those who receive. *-Pearl Christensen and The Mission Team*

"Blessed" worship series begins February 2

We often come to church hoping to be blessed. But what if we already are? This series will explore the ways Jesus tells us we are already blessed.



Let it SNOW *
* Let it SNOW *
* Let it SNOW *



Spotlight on Stewardship

This is a new monthly column that will offer positive, constructive ways to think about giving and the church. We hope that this brief thought each month will help you think of the way you use your resources for God's purposes in the world.

After a season when we spend a lot of time with family, think now of the church as a loving family. There are people at church we can lean on in both the good times and bad. For example, most know what it is like to lose a loved one and the hole it leaves in our existence. Imagine the hole left if this church suddenly vanished from our lives. Giving freely as members in the family of the congregation equates to part ownership of a key spiritual force in the community and in our lives that we want to leave as a legacy for many years to come!

-NR UMC Giving Development Committee

NRUMC 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



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.



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Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship

Each Sunday at 10:00am

If you're interested in serving serve coffee and treats on Sunday after 9:00am worship, please see the sign-up sheet on bulletin board in the gathering area. Each week we have approximately 90-100 people in worship. Treats can be anything you wish. Please see Kristi in the office with any questions. Thank You!



New Richmond United Methodist Church

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.



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North West District Gathering

January 25, 2020 from 8:30—3:30 p.m.

Hope and Healing: Why Recovery Ministries?

Location:

First United Methodist Church
1221 Wesley Dr.,
Rice Lake, WI 54868

\$20 per person

Pay at the door!

Please dress comfortably.



OBJECTIVES OF THE DAY:

- Worship and Fellowship
- Testimonies about God's power over addiction
- Physical, emotional and spiritual basics of addiction
- Recovery ministry as a Christian response
- Mindfulness activities (based on connecting body, soul and mind)
- Resources.



Betsy Byler, MA, LPC-SAS, ICS, graduated from Wheaton College (near Chicago) and spent the early part of her career in Sioux Falls, SD. She and her family moved to the Twin Ports area in 2008. Her professional interests include working with teenagers with trauma histories and teenagers struggling with substance use. What she enjoys most about her job is being able to hear kids' stories, make meaning from their experiences and gain a vision of what their futures could be.



Martha Postlethwaite has spent her professional life listening to and sharing stories in numerous settings, including as a seminary chaplain and in congregations. A United Methodist Church pastor, she is trained in counseling psychology and spiritual direction. After twenty-two years in theological education, Martha found her true home as the lead pastor of The Recovery Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Register Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090444AAA822ABF04-north1>