



“The Gift of Jesus”

Early Epiphany Worship Series begins January 9

Epiphany is a season where we learn more about the gift we were given at Christmas. Who is Jesus? We will look at Jesus as beloved, life, and prophet this month.



On behalf of the Worship Design Team, I would like to thank all the people who were involved in bringing the Advent and Christmas seasons to life! Your addition to the services were greatly appreciated. This includes: Technology helpers, Worship Leaders, the choir, organist/piano, Advent candle lighters, Acolytes, everyone involved in the Christmas Program, Christmas Eve readers and those who provided special music.

May 2022 bring you good health and peaceful times!
Jill Thomas, Worship Design Team Leader

North West District Gathering Saturday, January 22

Our annual North West District Gathering will be over Zoom from 9:00am to 3:00pm Saturday, January 22 and will include learning opportunities for clergy and laity. Registration is free! Please see more information and register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/208006492017>.

Happy New Year! From 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





When You Pray, Please Remember

Sympathy to Pat Zeiler & Joan Rutledge
*and their family in the death of their brother,
Jerome Leavens, on January 4 in Arkansas.*

**Joan Brezovar, Donna Holmes, James Leavens,
Steve O'Connell, Dan Olson, May Ross**
Home

Don Breid, Lorene Jameson
St. Croix Health Center

Dana Craig, Marlene Hanson
The Deerfield

Shirley Storrer
American Heritage Care Center, Hammond

Janet Andrea
911 Southview Drive, Hastings, MN 55033

Would you like a Phone Call or Visit?

If you would like to hear from Pastor Jeremy, please feel free to call or email him at: 1-651-783-2433 or 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 newrichmondwiumc.org
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 the weekly email and monthly newsletter.



Church Membership

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



Pastoral Care Team

Last year, we began a calling team to offer support to members and friends of New Richmond United Methodist Church during the pandemic. This ministry has blossomed into what we are now calling the Pastoral Care Team. The Pastoral Care Team is available to call, visit, or write notes to support our members, friends, and people at home. They support Pastor Jeremy in helping the congregation feel cared for and connected. Additionally, each team member will be having some training for providing basic pastoral care. A member of the pastoral care team may already have contacted you to say hello and see how you are doing, and if not yet, they will. This is a great way to have a listening ear from a member of your church, and a way to let the church know of needs for prayers or visits from the team or from Pastor Jeremy.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER UPDATE

We had another VERY successful Christmas Day Dinner. We served 313 meals, and again this year, meals were offered by delivery or curbside pick-up (no sit-down meal).

We had a wonderful, large group of volunteers and could not have done it with out the help of Rhonda Bierbrauer from the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church who stepped in for Nancy Karastes in the kitchen. A BIG thanks to Gwen Hop for all of her organization of volunteers- including delivery drivers, and for her help arranging meal donations and supplies, along with helping at the church on the day of the meal! Thanks to Chris Libbey for his support in helping to acquire donations from local businesses.

This was our 27th year providing the dinner and year after year, I am amazed at the generosity of not only our congregation, but our entire community! Thank you all so much for your continued help and support!

*Kristi Rogers
Meal Reservation Coordinator*



The Outreach Committee would like to express a special "THANK YOU" to the congregation!! We decided on choosing 6 children, and with your help we made their Christmas a very special one. The gifts that were written on an individual mitten, and returned to the Love Basket box were beyond wonderful.

We would also like to thank everyone who also contributed monetarily to the Love Basket event. The party was held on December 19th and all of the gift bags were distributed. As you celebrate your own Christmas customs, please remember that you are also a part of other Christmases being celebrated.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all!
Our best, The NR UMC Outreach Committee



Children's, Youth, & Family Ministries

For more info, please contact Heather Boorman, our Family Ministry Leader at:
heather@boormancounseling.com



Families are encouraged to attend the first 10 or so minutes of worship together through the Children's Time, and then children will be invited to Sunday School for the remainder of worship. If you prefer not to be in the large group worship environment right now, you are welcome to come just for Sunday School at 9:10am. Masks for Sunday School children will follow the recommendations of New Richmond School District.

Please help by telling others about Sunday School in order to build excitement! This will be a perfect entry point for people who are returning and for people who are new, people who have been worshipping online and people who have been worshipping in person who are ready to begin Christian Formation once again. Alternatively, children are welcome to remain in worship if that is preferred by your family.



6th-12th graders are invited to join us Wednesdays when there is no Confirmation Class, from 6-7:30pm! Dinner is provided at 6pm. Feel free to contact Heather with any questions.

Our 2021 All-Church Christmas Program was held on Sunday, December 12





In-Person Worship Update

A reminder that your Church Council has decided to keep our current public health guidelines for in-person worship the same at this time, believing that they are working to allow us to worship in person and keep people safe.

We remind you that worship has changed slightly to allow a fuller in-person experience, and to keep our live-streamed worship experience from getting too long. Worship now begins streaming at around 9:10am. If you are used to tuning in at 9:00am, you now have time to get another cup of coffee before you settle in to watch worship!

Thank you to the Church Council and Worship Design Team for their thoughtful and prayerful work as we navigate these times together. Be well!

Also, as of November 28, Coffee Fellowship is now held in fellowship hall to allow for more social distancing.



Ways to enjoy worship at New Richmond UMC

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

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



Sundays at 9:00am

Join us for in-person Sunday worship in the sanctuary. Pews are marked for social distancing and masks are encouraged, but not required. Communion is offered the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month.



Watch worship live-streamed each Sunday, beginning around 9:10am, or watch at your convenience later in the week.

To find us online, go to 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 2020. 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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary!

January 15 Duane & Ruth Spoo

New Richmond "Save to Give Challenge"

Pastor Jeremy was on the planning team for Focus on Energy's Save to Give Challenge. For three months in 2022, do simple actions to save energy and raise money for one of three area non-profits: Five Loaves, Will's Playground, and the SOAR Center. January is one of the months, so sign up soon! You can sign up through your NR Utilities account. This is a great way to both care for creation and to help people in the community.

MISSION TEAM UPDATE

A big thank you to all who helped with this year's mission project! Our Mission Team had 2 different fundraisers this season. One was our annual Hat, Mitten and Scarves drive and the other was new- a monetary fundraiser for Church World Services.

The Mitten Tree Prospered! We gathered 68 knit hats, mittens and gloves and topped off the boxes with teddy bears just before shipping them out. Our local Love Baskets received 26 items, Red Bird Mission in Kentucky 22, and 20 went to Northcott Neighborhood Home in Milwaukee in time for the Christmas holiday. *Warm hearts, warm heads and warms hands!*

We also raised \$570 for Church World Services by selling ornaments with special giving items for people in underprivileged areas all over the world. Items include: a doctor's visit for a child, a month of groceries for a refugee, chickens for a family, clean water canisters, and many more!

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your continued support!
Pearl Christensen, Mission Team Chair



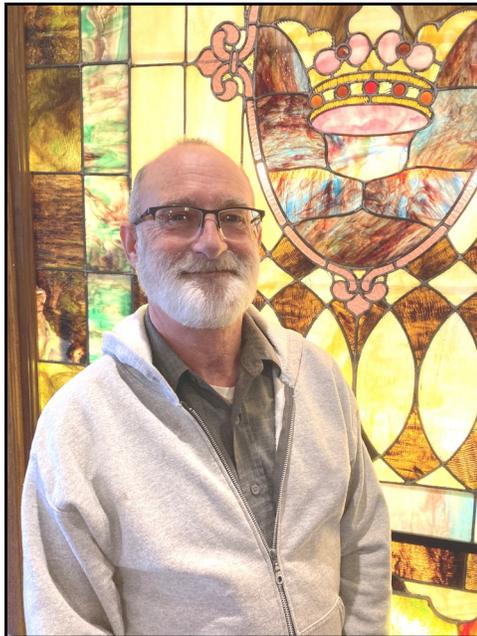


NR UMC Piece Corps Quilting Group * NEW DAY! *

3rd Wednesday each month at 9:30am
in fellowship hall on January 19!

In an attempt to have more people join them,
the Piece Corps group has moved to the
3rd WEDNESDAY of each month.

The UMC Piece Corps is a group of volunteers from church that make beautiful quilts from mostly donated materials. They donate the finished quilts to various non-profits, like Westfields Hospital for bereavement quilts and to Harbor House in Superior. If you like to sew or just want to say Hi, please feel free to stop by and see what they're working on, everyone is welcome! Please contact Carolyn Craig (715-246-6242) with any questions.



Welcome New Member Butch Leavens!

Butch became a member on
Sunday, September 19th.

Butch grew up in New Richmond
and is the son of Pat Zeiler.

NEW RICHMOND UMC 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

January-December 2021



General Budget

Income	222,015
Expenses	- 239,050
	- 17,035

(2020 amount was - 17,865)

**Contributions toward
Church Maintenance/Repairs:
\$9,602**

Ways to stay in touch with church

Our NEW email address:
newrichmondwiumc@gmail.com

Website: www.newrichmondwiumc.org

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

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



New Richmond United Methodist Women News

The NR United Methodist Women Christmas Potluck and Celebration was held on December 9th in the Fellowship Hall. Included in this meeting program was a reflection, devotions, singing, and prayer. A very interesting program "A Gift of Crafting" was presented by Lorrie Pazdera.

The Christmas theme was then shared by UMW members who provided interesting insights and stories from individual ornaments that have special meanings for the season. Important local donations of non-perishable foods were donated by members for the local Five Loaves Food Shelf. Much fun and fellowship, along with great Christmas spirit was enjoyed by all with a festive potluck lunch.



January Meeting

The next UMW meeting will be 1/13/2022 at 9:30 AM in the church parlor. All women of the New Richmond United Methodist Church are welcome to attend. This will be a important meeting as we will be sharing ideas, hopes, dream, and concerns as we plan for 2022, and move forward to grow our women's ministry. During our meeting we will have fun with A \$1 gift exchange and game. Refreshments will be provided.

The United Methodist Women of the New Richmond United Methodist Church wish you, your families, and friends a very happy and healthy New Year!

Submitted by,
Eileen Sydow, Secretary

SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP



We are moving into a new stewardship focus called **Be a Light!** This past year and a half has been hard, but we can be lights for each other and the world. The light of Christ lives in each of us and is ready to be unleashed to bring healing. Your church is ready to do this with you, but the church is the people, you are its lights. How can you use your gifts of time, talent, and money to be a light this year?

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, 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.

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



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.



Soul Food: This I Pray and Offer as Resolutions for the Church in the New Year

“My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.” (Isaiah 32:18)

A Threshold for True Harmony

As we pass through the threshold of 2022, we prayerfully and completely entrust this year to the Lord. From our trust and even through our frailty, may God liberate humankind from the chains of pandemic and restore us to even healthier days. Health arrives as a gift and a deep reception of our mutual dependence: we must all be saved together to achieve our complete and entire salvation. As we pass through the eye of this needle into God's newness, we cross humbly, and acknowledge that a world of creation that is dependent on one another requires that we live together by moments of chosen mutuality and into places that can only be pursued on a path of love and harmony. Honest love and respect for our neighbor exalts them above ourselves. This is the agape of neighborliness proclaimed by the Gospel. In a world where even one person suffers from their dignity rejected, discrimination chooses evil forces that break the balance of God's intended harmony and damages the beautiful tapestry of life. From this we must repent. We believe that the church's mission is to fully give and devote itself to this kind of respect and love. This is God's self-giving poured into each moment of creative transformation, Christ in us.

Our Inner Work of Confession and Worship

As we reflect on our inner journey and pass into the threshold of 2022, I would ask us how we might restore such love and respect as a priority for Christians. I hope that we will confess our failings before God completely and worship the Lord with the simple practice of loving and respecting the lives God presents us, that we might demonstrate our neighborliness in each day. I trust that our existence can be filled with such love and respect, that we will come to think together that the holiness that illuminates our surroundings is the simple and good life of our choosing. Let us begin with a critical look at the hubris of our time when the church cared only for the vanity of a false sovereignty, imperialistic mental frames, and the trappings of dominance. We must remember that Jesus sides with the weak not out of mere sympathy, but God's divine reorganization and reclamation of the creation order. This gospel has power to lift children, to relieve the pain of the poor—this is a gospel that frees the smallest life from oppression and rejects systems of discrimination and patterns of prejudice. I believe only pure and humble love is the essence of life.

Walking in Beloved-ness

God, help us to become a church that unites around this strength of meekness. God, help us bring together a church that does not allow the evil of racism for even a single moment, finds those who are always lost and in trouble. Grant that we may befriend the lonely, and generously serve those in need of help. Make us courageous in our practice of the love of Christ.

May 2022 be a year in which we again focus our attention on God and unite with one another in diligence and watchfulness, that we might leave alienation on the altar and walk in unity as our worship.

I sincerely hope that this year will be a year of wide and generous love in the common dreams and beloved-ness of being children of God, with acceptance and even neighborly respect for differences. I pray that the Lord's blessings overflow to you.

Prayerfully,
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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**JANUARY
2022**



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9:00 In-Person worship
option with communion
NO Sunday School
10:15 Choir practice

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9:30 Day Away group

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9:30 UM Men's Coffee
at The Deerfield
1:00 Card Group
NO Confirmation or Youth

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6:30 Scout leaders

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9:00 In-Person worship
9:10 Sunday School
6:00 Scouts

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12:00 Staff Holiday
Lunch
6:30 Riverside 4H

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9:30 Day Away group
9:30 Grow Group:
"Spiritual Life Friends"
1:00 Worship Design
Team

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9:30 UM Men's Coffee
at The Deerfield
10:30 Pastoral Care Team
1:00 Card Group
6:00 Confirmation Class

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9:30 UM Women

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option with communion
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10:15 Choir practice
6:00 Scouts

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Office Closed
in observance of
The Rev. Martin
Luther King Jr.'s
Birthday

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9:30 Day Away group
5:00 Outreach Comm.
6:00 Trustees
7:00 Church Council

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9:30 UM Men's Coffee
at The Deerfield
9:30 Piece Corps
Quilting Group
1:00 Card Group
6:00 Youth Group

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9:00-3:00
North West
District
Gathering
on Zoom

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SCRIP CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS YEAR-ROUND!



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.

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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 or on 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.

To order online, go to: www.shopwithscrip.com

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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** will be mailed to Mary Jensen, coordinator, then she gets them to you.

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