



New Richmond
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"Labyrinth" Lent worship series begins March 1

Labyrinths are like mazes but have a clear path in and out. When you walk a labyrinth you twist or turn many different ways before finding the center, as well as on your way out. This is not unlike the life of faith, and this Lent's readings show the surprising twists and turns that Jesus invites us on to follow him.

Wednesday Lent Worship Services and Labyrinth Walk

We need time to pray. We need time for solitude. But we can also do these things together. A labyrinth is a maze-like design with a clear path in and out. Walking a labyrinth is a great way to have time for intentional prayer and solitude, while knowing that we are all in this together.



You are invited to Wednesday Lent worship at 6:00pm from March 4 to April 1 in the Fellowship Hall that includes song and a meditation, and time to walk a labyrinth each week. Instructions will be given so that you don't have to have any experience to have a meaningful time. Finger labyrinths for tracing will also be available for those who would have difficulty walking the path.

GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE SESSIONS

Sunday afternoons at 3pm

March 1 at Hayward UMC and March 29 at River Falls UMC

Would you like to learn more about what is coming this May regarding the future of the United Methodist Church? Two upcoming sessions in the North West District will be led by members of the General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegations (including Pastor Jeremy) to help people understand what will be coming before General Conference in May and Jurisdictional Conference in July. There will also be time to ask questions. All are welcome.



CAMPING MINISTRY SUNDAY – MARCH 15

Time to start thinking about camp! Come celebrate the outdoors and the ways God meets us there as we focus on the ministries of our Wisconsin United Methodist camps and retreat centers, Pine Lake and Lake Lucerne. Hear from our children and youth who attended camp and how it made a difference in their faith.

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

**Sue Amundson, Sandy Green,
John Hirst, Donna Holmes,
May Ross, Allan Vehrs**
Home

Shirley Storror
American Heritage Care Center
Hammond

Janet Andrea
c/o Kirk Andrea
911 Southview Dr.
Hastings, MN 55033

February 2020 Worship Attendance

Total NR UMC
membership is 276

February 2	77
February 9	83
February 16	83
February 23	83



Church Membership

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

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.

NR UMC

Financial Report

as of January 31, 2020

January Income	21,645
January Expenses	<u>20,405</u>
Difference	+ 1,240
(2019 was - 6,450)	



Contributions toward

Extra Mile Giving:

Maintenance Repairs \$1,308



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

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



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 each month (March 21)

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

Adult Groups & Studies

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

Wednesday Evening Book Study - on break during Lent

Resumes April 15. 6:30-8pm in the Club Room at The Deerfield.

Please contact Ruth Egerer with any questions.



Spiritual Life Friends - Tuesday, March 3

Spiritual Life Friends, a new small group formed last September. It 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 - Thurs. March 12

Meets on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7pm in the church parlor.

Our March book is "Finding Chika" by Mitch Albom. Mitch and Janine bring Chika to Detroit, hopeful that they can get the medical help needed to return her to a healthy life in Haiti. Instead, Chika becomes a permanent part of their household, and their lives, as they embark on a two-year, around-the-world journey to find a cure for an inoperable brain tumor. As Chika's boundless optimism and humor teach Mitch the joys a child brings to their lives, he learns that a relationship built on love, no matter what blows it takes, can never be lost. Questions? Please contact Jerri Rang at 715-246-2956

Adult Sunday School - begins Sunday, March 1

10:30am on Sundays in a lower level Sunday School classroom. Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, will take us on a video journey to the places where the Methodist revival began. We'll travel to England through John Wesley's life, ministry and teachings. Facilitated by Scott Herron.

Piece Corps Quilting Group - Thurs. March 19

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 Westfields Hospital. If you like to sew or just want to peek, stop by and see the

Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship

Each Sunday at 10:00am

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



33rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner: A Great Success!

The 33rd annual dinner was held on Sunday, February 9th with snow falling outside and the Music Recital upstairs.



We had a wonderful team of workers cooking the day before. That group consisted of Joyce Melby, Julie Eickhoff, Barb Arnst, Denise Devereux and Pearl Christensen.

Thanks to Neal & Joyce Melby for donating 20 pounds of meat for the sauce and to Sarah Ketcham for her donation of the salad dressing. John Vlasak had the fellowship hall all ready for us to set-up and decorate on Saturday also. Thanks to Maybelle Hall, Julie Eickhoff, Robin Reichert and Jean Kelley for transforming the hall into a lovely dining room. Thanks to Karen & Joe Langer, Barb Arnst, Jean Kelley, Maybelle Hall, Lorraine Libbey for all donating wonderful Valentine cakes. Thanks to Phyllis Anderson for donating a gift card to Family Fresh for supplies.

On Sunday, Jim Vander Wyst was busy cooking the pasta; Aidan Westmoreland helped at the donation table; Fred and Andrew Austin and Neal Melby did dishes, Barb Arnst, Tama Schmidt, Denise Devereux and Laura, Matthew and Nathan Westmoreland all served. Joyce Melby and Jean Kelly kept things running smoothly. Clean-up went great, as everyone listed above pitched in.

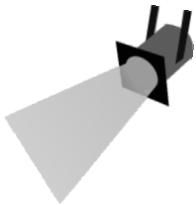
Thanks to all who helped make the dinner a success. After expenses, **we raised a total of \$711** for mission outreach! I want to give a special thank you to those not on the Mission Team that stepped forward to help out: Robin Reichert, Laura, Aidan, Matthew & Nathan Westmoreland, Maybelle Hall, Denise Devereux and Julie Eickhoff. If anyone would like to be part of the Mission Team, please see me. We meet about 3 time per year and have a great time helping out others!

Blessings,
Pearl Christensen, Mission Chair

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



Spotlight on Stewardship

The next time you are in church, look around at all the others there with you and remember that you are part of a congregation collectively supporting our church. With all of us helping by generously giving, our church will remain a vibrant and supportive personal and community asset.

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.

"SOUPER" BOWL OF CARING UPDATE

During the weeks leading up to February 2nd - Super Bowl Sunday, we collected non-perishable donations as well as monetary offerings as a part of the 30th Annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" fundraiser to help end hunger. We also held a noisy offering on Sunday, February 2nd after church service. 100% of what we collected was given to Five Loaves Food Shelf. In the end, we collected over 331 pounds of food AND \$645!!! What an AWESOME job! Just to compare, In 2019, we collected 315 pounds and \$252. For every \$1 donated to Five Loaves, they can purchase \$7 worth of food/goods for the food shelf. That means we raised over \$4,500!



There are many to thank– In my absence, Kristi Rogers took over the advertising, kept track of the green bags loaned out for donations and organized the display. Thanks to Barb Vander Wyst and Troy Elmer for collecting the noisy offering on Feb. 2.

Everyone wins on "Souper" Bowl Sunday!
Those who give and those who receive.
The generosity of this congregation is wonderful!
-Pearl Christensen

Jennifer Hanson (left) and Jean Needham (right) from Five Loaves received the \$530 donation check from Pearl Christensen, Chair of our Mission Team. We also had an additional \$115 donated after this, that was brought over later on.



MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSION TEAM: *We Need YOU!*

Our Mission Team is looking for new members! They meet 2-3 times per year and plan great fundraising events like the Fun Fest Pie & Ice Cream Social, Valentine's Spaghetti Lunch and Holiday Craft & Bake Sales in November and December. They are already looking ahead to next year and switching the Valentine's Spaghetti Lunch to a Valentine's Brunch! How fun! The next event on their plate is the Pie & Ice Cream Social in July.



There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 15 after worship (10:30am) in the parlor. If you would like to be part of the team or learn more about it, please join their meeting on the 15th or talk with Pearl Christensen, Chair. They always have TONS of FUN while raising money for less fortunate folks around the world.

TRUSTEE'S CORNER

- If we have any younger church members who would like to help replace burned out bulbs around the church, it would be much appreciated. Let Kristi know.
- Pastor Jeremy and Kristi are going to be working on a 'Building Use Policy'
- Pastor Jeremy is checking into costs for a camera, video, in the sanctuary and TV in fellowship hall to facilitate the likes of the nursery, home bound, funerals, weddings, etc.
- An Energy Audit of the church is still on the table.
- Thanks to Jack Thomas for repairing the broken cupboard drawers in the Parlor.
- We're pleased that the Sensory Sanctuary in the loft seems to be going well.

Items to deal with in the spring/summer:

CHURCH:

- Possibly black top/seal the driveway
- Stain/repair peeling wooden fascia and soffit on church building.
- Repair cracked window frame in the gathering area.

FAITH HOUSE:

- Replace the side garage door, as the current one is rotten.
- Power wash the Faith House and garage.
- Possibly install clothesline for tenants.
- Repair section of wood rail fence that was damaged during snow removal. This repair will be done by Smith's Lawn Care.

If you have concerns about these areas of the church, please let the appropriate Trustee(s) know:

- Church building: Bill Komula or Mark Mayry
- Kitchen: Debby Geving or Jack Thomas
- Faith House: Sharon Vlasak or Pegi Fleming



Right around the corner...

UM WOMEN SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!

Friday & Saturday, April 3 & 4

We know it's just the beginning of March, but time is flying fast! While you're doing your spring cleaning, please think of donating to the sale. Donations will be accepted in fellowship hall March 30-April 2.

NR UMC Mission Team Meeting

**Sunday, March 15
10:30am in the parlor**

New people are always welcome! Please see Pearl Christensen with any questions.

March Birthdays

2 Chase Balcerk
 3 Don Karastes
 Jill Turnipseed
 4 Marlene Hanson
 Ellen Meisner
 Emma Meisner
 Scott Schmidt
 5 Erin Johnston
 7 Kirstin Mehls
 Mania Moore

8 Sharon Vlasak
 Tom Wenstad
 Peter Westmoreland
 9 Michele Riedel
 John Vlasak
 10 Steve Campbell
 Dan Richter
 Devon Triebold
 12 Jenna Green
 Jo Hughes

16 Loren Barnes
 17 Pat Zeiler
 19 Karen Langer
 Bev O'Connell
 21 Bob Hanson
 22 Jan Reichert
 28 Sue Newby
 30 David Komula
 Jeff McIntyre
 31 Catie Bartels



Anniversaries

4 Lynn & Mary Troftgruben
 6 Reuben & Laura Lemunyete
 15 Gerrit & Pat Van Dyk
 29 Dan & Katie Shipman



HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday
 Thursday, April 9 - Holy Thursday
 Friday, April 10 - Good Friday
 Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday



Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate either a plant or money toward plants for Easter Sunday, please see Kristi in the office by April 5th.

BRUNCH CHURCH!

Sunday, March 29

11:00am at

The Greaton Room at Champs

There is a sign-up on the bulletin board in our gathering area.
 We will have worship on this Sunday also.



Lay Servant Courses March 7 and 14

Lay Servants are members of the church who want to learn more about how to serve, lead, or teach in the church. Our Circuit will be leading Lay Servant courses on Saturdays March 7 and 14 at Hudson UMC from 9:30am – 3:30pm. Pastor Jack from Osceola will teach a basic course that is required for certification. Pastor Dawn from Hudson will teach a course about United Methodist history and organization. These two courses require attendance on both Saturdays. Pastor Jeremy will teach a course on the first Saturday about worship. Let Pastor Jeremy know if you are interested. Come learn and grow!

“ShopWithScrip” is a different way to raise money for projects within our church. Our current project is repairs to the organ, which we estimate to be close to \$5,000. Since last fall, we have raised over \$700! 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 also as gifts! Many of the cards are re-loadable too! Every store/brand gives a rebate percentage- normally between 2% and 16%. That rebate amount comes directly to our church when a card is purchased at 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 its face value! It's easy, it's rewarding, and it fits perfectly into your busy lifestyle. In addition to using the cards for your everyday purchases, **they make great gifts for birthdays and special occasions!**

There are two ways to purchase Scrip cards:

1. Go online and set up an account. Go to: shopwithscrip.com

Set up an account with the 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).



OR

2. Don't want to go online? Just see Pat Allegar on Sundays or Kristi in the office during the week with your order and pay with cash or check. Mary Jensen will order the cards through Scrip and it takes a little less than 1 week for your cards to come in.

-Family Fresh Cards-

We purchase Family Fresh cards in values of \$50 and \$100 directly from our local store and you can buy them directly from Pat Allegar or Kristi in the office. The rebate we receive from Family Fresh is 5%.

Family Fresh Receipts

We are on a roll! Mid-February, we turned in our 4th batch of receipts totaling \$150,000!

We should be receiving the check any day now. Until we hear further, we will continue to collect receipts. In just a few short weeks, we have already collected \$10,000 in receipts! There is a collection bag by the nursery/restrooms. Thanks to Dale & Pegi Fleming for continuing to take them home and counting them!



We pool our receipts with ones given to Five Loaves Food Shelf and once we collect \$150,000, Family Fresh mails us a check for \$1,000 which we split 50/50 with Five Loaves. This way it doesn't take as long for each organization to reach the \$150,000 goal. The money we receive goes to camp scholarships for children and youth in our church, along with friends they may want to invite from other churches or who maybe don't have a church home.



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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