

Church Council sets Benchmarks for In-Person Worship to Begin

With the promising news of vaccines for COVID-19, there is hope for a return to an in-person worship option on the horizon. And yet there is still reason to be cautious in order to follow the first of John Wesley's General Rules "Do No Harm," with a more contagious strain of the virus showing up in more places.

Your Church Council met on January 19, 2020, and decided on some benchmarks to guide when we can begin offering a safe in-person worship option. Based on recommendations from the Wisconsin Council of Churches and ecumenical partners, they decided on a two-fold benchmark. We will look to begin an in-person worship option when we reach a local vaccination rate of 50% and/or when we reach a 5% positivity rate in Wisconsin and in St. Croix County.

Your Worship Design Team has already drafted a plan for a safe in-person worship option, following public health recommendations for gatherings during the pandemic. These guidelines would still be in effect when we first gather, and will be phased out as we reach higher levels of vaccination and immunity.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you would like to talk about it or have questions.

Even when we begin offering an in-person worship option, we will still offer online worship, a printed sermon option, and our "Sermon by Phone" option. Be safe, be well, and know that God is always with us!

Peace,

Pastor Jeremy



Pastor Jeremy and Heather Boorman, our Family Ministry Coordinator, continue to share their Sunday sermons and children's messages on our church's YouTube channel, available each Sunday morning at 9am.

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. 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.



When You Pray, Please Remember

Sympathy to Mary Hamann and family in the death of her husband, Harold, on January 29. A Celebration of Harold's Life will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 11 am at Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services New Richmond, WI. The service will be live streamed through the link on their website also. Visitation will also be on Monday, February 8, 2021 from 9-11 am at the funeral home.

Mary Barney, Don Breid

St. Croix Health Center

Dorothy Bishop

Waverly Gardens Gables Care Center, Rm. 24, 5919 Centerville Rd., North Oaks, MN 55127. The family has also made a CaringBridge.org page for Dorothy.

Dana Craig

The Deerfield

Donna Holmes, Dan Olson, May Ross

Home

Shirley Storrer

*American Heritage Care Center
Hammond*

Janet Andrea

c/o Kirk Andrea

*911 Southview Drive, Hastings, MN 55033
651-480-2157*

Joyce Cremeans

has moved back into her home in New Richmond

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

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 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.

Stay in touch with our church online

Website: www.newrichmondwiumc.org

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

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



Dust Wednesday

Wednesday February 17 is the beginning of our Lenten Journey. Usually we have a worship service with imposition of ashes and communion, to remind us both of our mortality and of God's amazing grace. But so often, it becomes about the ashes when the point is to think about our mortality. This year, we will have a YouTube worship service available at noon on February 17 that gets us back to the important meditation on mortality and grace. We will have a ritual that focuses on "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," a time of confession, and a ritual that focuses on God's grace. In the midst of so much death around us this year, let us take some time to remember the journey from death to life.

Wednesday Lenten Series: "Stories of Faith in Action"

For five Wednesdays in Lent, February 24 through March 24, available at noon, join in on our YouTube channel for "Stories of Faith in Action." Each Wednesday, a different church member will tell a story and challenge us to put our faith into action that week. These short meditations will focus us for the season of Lent and prepare us for Holy Week and Easter.



"SOUPER" BOWL OF CARING NOW through February 28

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. We collect monetary and food donations during the week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday.

This year due to Covid, our church will collect during the whole month of February. 100% of money and food is then given directly to local charities of the group's choice. All of our donations go to Five Loaves Food Shelf, right here in New Richmond. Last year we raised \$641 and had LOADS of food donated! Can we beat that this year??? **For every \$1.00 donated, the food shelf can purchase \$7 worth of food to help fill their shelves!**

Besides regular non-perishable foods, these items are on the wish list at Five Loaves:

Refried beans

Penne and Rotini noodles

Saltines

Kidney beans

Mayo/Miracle Whip

Egg noodles

Chili beans

Raisin Bran

Kid-Friendly Cereals

Dry garbanzo beans

BBQ Sauce

Dry black beans

You may drop off your donations at church, Monday-Thursday, 10am-1:30pm, or contact Kristi to make other arrangements. If you would like to donate money, please write your check to NR UMC, and put Five Loaves on the memo line.



2 Laura Westmoreland	18 Jeremiah Melby
4 David Mayry Pete Peterson Joan Rutledge	19 Kathy Carlson Zach Cunningham
5 Greg Tellijohn	21 Scott Herron
8 Karen Peterson	23 Houaka Moua Lorrie Pazdera
10 Pat Allegar	24 Krissy McIntyre
11 Pat Van Dyk	25 David Kruschke
12 Chris Libbey	26 Gracie Olds
14 Shirley Storrer	28 Ryan Knudtson
17 Cheri Shumaker	29 Mark Larson



<i>Anniversaries</i>
1 Mark & Char Mayry
14 Dan & Laurel Olson
28 Jim & Brenda Wickenhauser



**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 the NR UMC Weekly News email that Kristi sends out on Tuesdays.

**NEW RICHMOND UMC
2020 FINANCIAL REPORT**
January - December 2020

General Budget	
Income	223,332
Expenses	<u>241,200</u>
	-17,868

(Amount in 2019 was -33,240)



**Contributions toward
Church Maintenance/Repairs:**

Maintenance Repairs
\$12,208

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





LISTEN TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICES OVER THE PHONE!

From the comforts of your home, you can listen to the audio from our weekly worship service by calling **1-715-203-0212** from any phone. You will be able to listen to everything, from Pastor Jeremy's sermons, to special readings from other church members, to hymns and other music. We are very excited about this!

Each Saturday evening/Sunday morning, the new Sunday service will be added and will remain available until the following week's is uploaded, since we can only have one recorded service on the phone service at a time, once the new one is added, the previous week's is erased. Please contact Kristi in the office, 715-246-2464, if you have any questions.

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.



Words of Love and Thanks

*Dear Friends of New Richmond United Methodist Church,
I want to express my sincere thanks for the many cards, notes, and calls you have showered on me before and after the holidays. I have been at Kirk's home in Hastings for the last year and I so look forward to getting mail or calls from New Richmond. Your thoughtfulness and love have been the sunshine in my day. -Janet Andrea*

To all of you who have sent cards, called, visited, or in any way supported me since John's death on October 17th- Thank you! A memorial service will be held when we can use the church. God Bless you and Thank you all. -Joyce Cremeans

I want to thank all my dear friends and family who took the time to send me beautiful cards and notes on my 90th birthday. As you know I am in Arizona for an extended stay and it was a nice surprise to hear from all of you. It truly warmed my heart. We celebrated safely with my Arizona family. What a wonderful memory. I'm so blessed to have so many great friends and good health. God Bless you all, stay well and I will see you all when I return. Thanks again, Pearl Christensen

The Trustee Committee met on January 19th.

TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Election of officers for 2021:

Terry Bartels, Chair
Jack Thomas, Vice Chair
Pegi Fleming, Secretary

Structure reports:

Church: Bill/Mark - No issues

Kitchen: Jack - No issues

Faith House: Sharon/Pegi: - Refurbishment completed, looks great. Porch carpeting paid for, install when warmer. Sharon to review rental agreement. Possibly build a chores /task list for residents.

Trustees to bring suggestions to the Feb. meeting

Old business:

Estimate for (4) railings up/down from alley level. Motion by Mark, 2nd by Bill to approve.

Audio project needs more space, so group approved removal of partial back pew to make room for a matching unit to house additional equipment.

?? Channel 6 broadcast - Mark to look into this option

New business:

Sharon to check on sub floor for FH porch before carpet is installed in spring

Repairs need to be made to area where boiler leaked in fellowship hall. Terry will contact Jeremy Gess.

Custodian John Vlasak requesting new vacuum, unanimous approval was granted.

Send thank you card to Steve Hornickle (retired chairman)

Parking lot items:

Energy Audit on hold due to COVID-19, church building use policy, pew repair/replacement, bird nests in bell tower, bell in tower polishing, clothesline at FH, AED training?, exterior lighting working as expected??

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Trustees-

Terry Bartels
Jack Thomas
Pegi Fleming
Sharon Vlasak
Bill Komula
Mark Mayry



JERRI'S Virtual Book Club



Since the passing of church member and Book Club organizer, Jerri Rang, I have been trying to create a book club that will help us connect and share ideas through this difficult time. Although this has been a United Methodist Church activity in the past, we would like to welcome all interested readers. The idea is to name the best book you read during the month, and write a brief summary, including the author and your name and email it to me. I will compile the submissions from each month and share them with book club participants and our congregation. You are encouraged, but not required to participate monthly. Please feel free to invite friends and family! -Pat Allegar, Adult Ministry Leader

Submissions from January 2020

Kisses from Katie - Author: Katie Davis with Beth Clark

Submitted by: Pat Davis

This is an amazing story of Katie Davis. She is a young girl who discovered the needs and love of the people of Uganda. She has dedicated her life to them by being a single mom of 13, and a care provider to 600 needy children. I read this book when it came out 9 years ago and reread it this fall. An incredible story of loving your neighbor!

When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir - Patrisse Khan-Cullors, Asha Bandele; foreword by Angela Davis

Submitted by: Jo Leir

I believed I understand black lives as I worked in inner city schools, taught at the local jail in VA but this book opened my eyes. It is current day and written by the three women who started the Black Lives Matter movement. I learned so much from reading this book. Very relevant to today's issues.

The Lost and Found Bookshop - Author: Susan Wiggs

Submitted by: Pat Allegar

A young woman inherited a vintage bookshop from her mother. Her childhood was enriched by the book themes shared by her mother. In the joy of sharing these themes with her customers it enriched their lives too.

The Shack - Author: Wm. Paul Young

Submitted by: Ruth Egerer

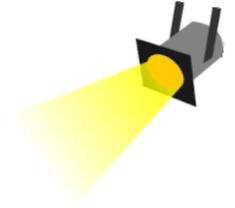
If you have ever wondered what it would be like to have an extended conversation with each member of the Trinity, The Shack offers the reader this opportunity. Written in 2007, this book focuses on a father's loss of his youngest daughter and his journey through the deep emotional pain of that event. Yet through his personal and individual conversations with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, he is able to find understanding and healing that changes his life and takes his Great Sadness away. You may find yourself experiencing the presence of God in a deeper, more wonderful way as you read this book, and that is precious.



NEW RICHMOND
**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

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

United Methodist Women

Greetings for 2021 to all UMW members, friends, and supporters of UMW. As we all wait for activities to resume, our planning will continue.

GOOD NEWS is that our pledge to the district of \$2,000 was met in full. With the help of special gifts, and careful budgeting, our promises were kept. We thank God for many blessings.

Officers for 2021 will be the same as 2020 under the leadership:

Minerva Barnhart- President

Ruth Egerer- Secretary

Karen Langer- Treasurer

Laurel Olson- Membership, Nurture and Outreach

Janet Knutson- Social Action

Lorrie Pazdera- Funeral Luncheon Coordinator

Ruth Egerer- Spiritual Growth

Kay Peterson- Cheer

Carolyn Craig- Piece Corps



Keep praying for our missionaries, deaconesses, UMCOR front line workers, relief crews, and supply and support people who are dedicating their hours to help where needed.



Family Fresh Receipts

Thank you SO much for your continued support of our collection of Family Fresh register receipts. 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.



Our 5th round was turned in early September and we recently received that check for \$1,000! Round #6 is complete and will be turned in in February and Round #7 is off to a great start with over \$37,000 in receipts already!

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

2021 Calendars still available

Be sure to get yours while they last! They are \$8 each (payable to NR UMC). These calendars aren't just beautiful, but they're made out of thicker paper, so they're nice to write on and last all year long! They make GREAT gifts too! If you are interested, please contact Kristi in the church office at 715-246-2464 or unitedmc@frontiernet.net



SCRIP CARDS ARE GREAT FOR ANY OCCASION!

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 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.

1. To order online, go to: 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).



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February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 10:30 Zoom Gathering 6:00 Confirmation Class	4	5	6
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Supper Bowl of Caring begins! You may bring monetary donations and non-perishable items to church Mon-Thurs 10am-1:30pm, all month.</p> </div>						
7 9:00 Worship and Children's Message available on YouTube.com	8	9	10 10:30 Zoom Gathering	11	12	13
14 9:00 Worship and Children's Message available on YouTube.com 	15	16	17 10:30 Zoom Gathering 12:00 Ash Wednesday Worship on our YouTube channel	18	19	20
21 9:00 Worship and Children's Message available on YouTube.com	22	23	24 10:30 Zoom Gathering 12:00 "Stories of Faith in Action" Lenten series on our YouTube channel	25	26	27
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February

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