



## “A New Foundation” (aka Lentcanto)

### Lent Worship Series - now thru April 17

Lent is a time to reevaluate ourselves in light of God's grace and build a new foundation ready for the gift of new life at Easter. This Lent will engage with characters and scenes from Disney's *Encanto* in conversation with Gospel readings from Luke and John to build a faithful foundation in life and church.

## LENTEN CIRCUIT DEVOTIONALS

Instead of each church doing something for Lent this year, our Circuit, the geographical grouping of United Methodist Churches in our area, is doing a joint Lenten Devotional via video which will be available on our YouTube channel weekly. Videos from Circuit church pastors will be uploaded on Wednesdays through April 13.

## HOLY WEEK



### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 10 - 9:00am

### **Holy Thursday**

Thursday, April 14 - 7:00pm

### **Good Friday**

April 15 - 7:00pm

### **Easter Sunday**

April 17 - 9:00 & 10:30am

## “Easter Joy!”

### Worship Series begins April 17

Christ is risen! The Resurrection is all about joy: Joy in God's victory over sin and death, joy in God's unending Love, joy in Creation, joy in God's justice. With Psalms and stories of Resurrection, we rejoice in all God has done!

## Easter Sunday All-Church Planned Potluck Sunday, April 17 8:00 - 10:30am in fellowship hall

Sponsored by United Women in Faith (formerly UMW)  
There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.  
Full details on pg. 6 of this newsletter.



## *When You Pray, Please Remember*

**Sympathy to Chuck Mehls and entire Mehls family in the passing of Anne (McCoy) Mehls on March 18, 2022 at the Deerfield Gables.**

A Celebration of Anne's Life will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 11 am at the New Richmond United Methodist Church, and streamed live through the link just below the obituary on Bakken-Young's website. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 from 4-8 pm at Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services, New Richmond, WI and on Wednesday from 10-11 am at the church. Interment will be in the New Richmond Cemetery at a later date.

**Home** - Janet Andrea, Pat Cunningham, Marcia Heinbuch, John Hirst, Donna Holmes, Lorraine Libbey, Glenn Newby, Dan Olson, Bob Peterschick, Joe Robinson, May Ross

**The Deerfield Gables** - Dana Craig, Marlene Hanson

**The Deerfield** - Bob & Mary Hanson, Lorene Jameson

**St. Croix Health Center** - Don Breid, Gayle Pullman

**Regions Hospital** - Susan Lindahl, daughter of May Ross

**Pat Allegar's new address:**

Preferred Senior Living of Ellsworth  
429 West Wayne St, #132  
Ellsworth, WI 54011



### **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.



# 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 served the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month and offered to everyone.

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](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 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.



## **In-Person Worship Guidelines**

At their March 15 meeting, your Church Council made a few changes to the in-person worship guidelines to allow for continued safety and also a greater degree of normalcy, including removal of the distancing tape and moving fellowship time back upstairs. Also, on Easter we will return to Communion with one loaf of bread, handed out, given with individually portioned grape juice. We continue to urge patience and grace, with your church, with others, and with yourself as we all continue to do our best in these times!

Worship begins at 9:00am in person, and begins being live-streamed around 9:10am. This allows for a fuller in-person worship experience while helping the live-stream not be too long.

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



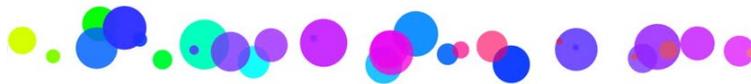
# Children's, Youth, & Family Ministries

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



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

## NR UMC Youth Group Spring 2022 Calendar

Date	Mission	Activity
April 6	Serve	Sole Hope Shoe Party
April 13	Connect & Grow	
April 27	Connect & Grow	
May 4	Serve	Neighborhood Cleanup
May 11	Serve	Kitchen Kit Assembly for Bridging
May 18	Connect	Year End Party

On Connect & Grow Days, we:

-Eat & Hang Out, Talk, Play Games or do a Fun Activity

NEW RICHMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# RUMMAGE SALE!

**FRI. APRIL 8**  
**9AM - 3PM**

**SAT. APRIL 9**  
**9AM - NOON**

**\*NEW THIS YEAR\***

**ALL ITEMS ARE A FREE-WILL OFFERING,  
UNLESS PRICED SEPARATELY ON  
THE HIGH-END TABLE.  
PROCEEDS GO TO MISSIONS, LOCAL AND BEYOND.**



**RELAY FOR LIFE BAKE SALE ON FRIDAY  
9AM 'TIL SOLD OUT**



**NEW RICHMOND  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**209 EAST 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET (NEXT TO FIRE DEPT.)  
715-246-2464 - WWW.NEWRICHMONDWIUMC.ORG**

**MASKS  
RECOMMENDED**

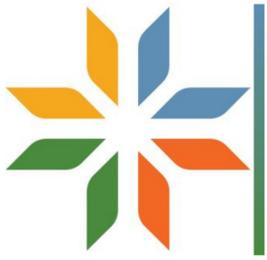


**We need donations to make the sale successful!**  
**All proceeds go to United Women in Faith local & global missions.**

While you're spring cleaning, PLEASE think of donating to our Rummage Sale! Donations can be brought to fellowship hall Mon. April 4 - Thurs. April 7. If you cannot come during office hours (Mon-Thur 9am-3:30pm), please contact Kristi in the office. We're working on having the church open a few of the evenings that week also. Updates on that will be in the weekly email. Please set out your donations onto the marked tables.

**We cannot accept** computer parts, TV's, some electronics, small appliances, large furniture, etc. If you have a question on an item, please contact Kristi in the office.

Any other questions, please contact Ruth Egerer, UWF President, 715-246-4883. Thank you!!



# United Women in Faith

*Prayer - Faith - Action - Sisterhood*

We are United Women in Faith! In 150 years, our organization of women has had more than 25 names, from circles, to UMW. We are again facing a change in the life of the church and how women live and choose to engage the world in faith. Once again, we are taking on a new name.

Beginning Jan.1, 2022, United Methodist Women will call ourselves United Women in Faith. We are taking on a new look, new feel and new and improved programs designed to better nurture current members and welcome new women into our group to put their love in action also. We will keep the focus on women, children and youth. ANY like-minded women are invited to join us, because love in action can change the world. One does not have to be a member of this, or any church to become a woman in mission who follows God's call for our time. The immediate focus of UWF will be growing spiritually, transforming through education, providing opportunities for service and advocacy. We pledge to be women in mission who follow God's call for our time.

**We PRAY.** We recognize our need to connect with God for study, worship and projects.

**We have FAITH.** We are a faith-driven group. We boldly live our faith. We connect to faith-based projects.

**We plan ACTION.** Our actions speak as loud as our words. We practice acts of love, and change and strive to make the world a better place locally, globally, fearlessly.

**We develop SISTERHOOD.** We welcome and connect women together through beliefs in our core values.

United Women in Faith opens up new opportunities for us to continue action that can change lives of women, children and youth. In this time of transition, we seek to fulfill our role in God's mission of today!!!

Women of the church take note!!! You are welcome to take part in this new journey for mission. Watch for announcements of special events. Listen for God's call! Invite a friend! United Women in Faith will meet Thurs, April 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. COME!!! *-Submitted by, Janet Knutson*



The New Richmond United Women in Faith had their monthly meeting on March 10th, 2022 in the parlor. Areas of discussion included these two upcoming activities;

**-The UWF Rummage Sale** will be held on April 8 & 9 in the Fellowship Hall. The sale will start at 9am both days. All members & friends of the church are invited to donate items for the sale. Drop-off days are Mon, April 4 -Thurs, April 7. Please check the weekly emails for drop off times. While you celebrate the end of winter and the start of spring, please consider donating no longer wanted items. A free-will offering is requested for most items. High-end items will be priced separately. The wearing of face masks are recommended but not required during the time of the sale.

**-Easter Sunday Planned-Potluck Breakfast** on April 17th in the Fellowship Hall will be sponsored by UWF. This is an All-Church event! The Breakfast will be served from 8:00am-10:30am We invite the congregation to donate any of the menu items of: cinnamon rolls, muffins, fruit, juice, or egg dishes. Feel free to bring dishes/ items to meet your dietary needs. UWF members will provide an initial set of these menu items to start us off. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. In addition to signing up to bring an item, please also write what time you will be bringing the item. Please join fellow church members and their families to share the fellowship experience celebrating the resurrection on Easter Sunday! *-Submitted by Eileen Sydow, UWF secretary*

# April Birthdays

1 Sherri Barnes	14 Brayden Cunningham	23 David Beebe
2 Sue Meyers	15 Callan Maurer	24 Aidan Westmoreland
4 Dale Fleming	20 Marilyn Jess	26 Kay Peterson
7 Jean Kelley	Dylan Martin	27 Mark Dolezal
8 Sean Pazdera	Mengcha Moua	Maddi Melby
11 Bill Gillespie	21 Conner Boorman	30 Joshua Ennis



## Happy Anniversary!

- 6 Mark & Jennifer Larson
- 13 Bill & Anne Langford
- 25 John & Paula Meisner
- 28 David & Sandy Beebe



## REGISTRATION AVAILABLE!

Time to start thinking about camp! Go celebrate the outdoors and the ways God meets us there by attending our Wisconsin United Methodist camp and retreat centers, Pine Lake and Lake Lucerne. To learn more and register, visit [wiumcamps.org](http://wiumcamps.org). New Richmond United Methodist Church gives full scholarships for first time campers and \$100 toward returning campers, friends included! For scholarship information, talk to Pastor Jeremy or Kristi.

## 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.



## RELAY FOR LIFE



## DURING THE RUMMAGE SALE!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**  
**9AM 'TIL SOLD OUT**

If you would like to donate baked goods or work during the bake sale, please contact Jill Thomas at: [jillthomas@nwcomm.net](mailto:jillthomas@nwcomm.net) or 715-246-2878, or Kristi in the church office.

All baked goods should be to the church kitchen by Thursday evening, April 7 or 8:45am on Friday, April 8. Please have items wrapped/bagged and ready to sell. Items that have been popular are lemon bars, frosted brownies, cookies, nut/fruit breads, etc.

If you would like to be a part of this years NR UMC Relay for Life Team, please contact Jill Thomas.



## **THE C.O.M.E. MEAL IS BACK!**

After a 2 year break during Covid, the Community Outreach Meal for Everyone (C.O.M.E.) is BACK!

The meal will now be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5-6pm in our fellowship hall. The meal is FREE and open to everyone. Local churches and organizations participate by taking turns organizing and cooking the meals, which are all held at our church.

**Join us on Tuesday, April 12th from 5:00-6:00pm!**

Prairieview Covenant and Bethany Lutheran churches will be preparing and serving the meal and take-outs will be available also.



# CELEBRATE OUR CONFIRMANDS SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Confirmation Sunday is here! God willing, each of our four confirmands will say 'yes' to a renewed relationship with God through Christ for our Sunday worship experience on April 24, 2022 at 9am.

Over the past year, they have been studying with an adult mentor from the congregation, learning about a variety of topics, such as God, Jesus, Baptism, and United Methodist Beliefs and History. We even had a class to talk about science and religion, which led to great questions and discussion!

Confirmation is a program for youth, usually in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. Confirmation means that a youth gets to *confirm* their baptism. They get to say 'yes' to the promises their parents made on their behalf when baptized as a baby. Alternatively, if a youth is not yet baptized, it is also a chance to prepare for baptism.

I am very proud of the confirmands who have spent Wednesday evenings here, especially with the restrictions the pandemic required for us to have a safe experience. Each of them, I believe, is learning more about what it means to be a person of faith, and I am very grateful for the time and ministry of their wonderful mentors who have helped each of these students grow:

*Benjamin Larson, son of Mark & Jenny Larson  
Mentored by Jackie Kumm*

*Gracie Olds, daughter of Bob & Teri Olds  
Mentored by Maybelle Hall*

*Rhiannon Shipman, daughter of Dan & Katie Shipman  
Mentored by Jill Thomas*

*Lillian Tesar, daughter of Steve & Susan Tesar  
Mentored by Pat Davis*



You can show your support for their journey by viewing their confirmation worship service, or by congratulating them with cards. And as we celebrate their confirmation, let us also remember to take time to renew our own commitment to Christ and the Church, each growing in faith, love, and service.

Peace,  
*Pastor Jeremy*

# 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](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.

## 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.



# New Richmond UMC 2022 Financial Report

January - February 2022



## General Budget

Income	32,282
Expenses	- 41,545
	- 9,263

(2021 amount was - 12,987)

**Contributions toward  
Church Maintenance/Repairs:**  
\$1,585



## WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH CHURCH

**Our NEW email address:**

[newrichmondwiumc@gmail.com](mailto:newrichmondwiumc@gmail.com)

**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"

## NR UMC Piece Corps Quilting Group \* NEW DAY! \*

3rd Wednesday each month at 9:30am  
in fellowship hall on April 20

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.

## 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.

**NEW RICHMOND**  
You **save** energy.  
We **give** up to **\$25,000** to local nonprofits.  
Everybody **wins!**



## College Care Packages

In February, our Pastoral Care Team mailed care packages filled with all kinds of fun snacks and well-wishes to our NR UMC college students to let them know we're thinking of them. We're excited to bring back this ministry to show our support for our young adults. If you'd like to help in the future, please see Pastor Jeremy or Kristi Rogers.

*Thank you all SO MUCH for the care package! I am so excited about the popcorn and hot chocolate and am excited to try the ramen as well (it's definitely fitting for a college student!).*

*Kayla Dolezal  
(Kayla attends St. Thomas University)*

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*I received the care package that was sent by the church today! Thank you so much for thinking of Kayla and I! It means a lot and was a very pleasant surprise.*

*Mandy Dolezal  
(Mandy attends St. Olaf College)*

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*Dear United Methodist Church family,  
Thank you all so much for the care package. It was so sweet of you to think of me and receiving mail from you was such a fun treat! I hop that each and every one of you are doing well and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Much love, Katey Eickhoff  
(Katey attends Columbia University in New York)*

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*Dear UMC Pastoral Care Group,  
Thank you very much for the care package that I received in the mail last week! I really appreciate your support during my schooling. I am just about to finish my 3rd year of medical school at University of Colorado and will be applying for orthopedic surgery residencies this fall. Thank you again for your support during this time.*

*Sincerely, Jack Hop*



# 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.

### 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.

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



We become what we believe. We are shaped by our experiences. If our ideas of God come from our early experiences of relational authority, we know some of us have learned from dominant and domineering images of God. These images coincide with the pyramid, power from above to the ones below. The word dominant derives from the Latin verb, 'dominare,' which means to master or rule.

The word, 'master' has a very problematic history on American soil. Nondominant images of God remind us that while God's love influences, humans have freedom. The love of God is an uncontrolling love. Note in Luke 15 Jesus tells a parable of a woman who sweeps and lights a lamp in a relentless search for the lost coin. In Luke 13 Jesus says he has wanted to act as a hen gathering a brood as he laments unruly Jerusalem. In Exodus 13, a pillar of cloud never left the Hebrew people as they crossed the sea. What difference might it make to our discipleship if we drew from scriptural images of God that are non-dominant? The incarnation helps us.

"Many women were also there...they had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him" (Matthew 27:55). The Word chose to become flesh and dwell among us. To balance the images of relational influence, God gave us not only Jesus, but people, in all their diverse forms. This month we celebrate and reflect on Women's History Month. Each year Women's History Month has a theme and the theme for 2022 is "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." According to the National Women's History Alliance, the theme is meant to be a tribute to the work of caregivers and frontline workers during the pandemic. We are truly thankful that God has given us health care workers and caregivers for the fear and disorientation of the pandemic.

I write today to offer my deep bow to women, to encourage us to advocate for healing, and promote hope in our life-together. The body of Christ is enriched by the gifts of women and their holistic vision and presence among us. While we have not arrived at gender equality in society and The United Methodist Church, we can celebrate the countless beautiful contributions that have been made through the women of The United Methodist Church—and take an inventory of hope. The Wisconsin Conference has experienced the blessings of female leadership in many ways. We give thanks for the faithful and excellent lay and clergy leadership in all aspect of our ministry and community of faith.

Wisconsin was assigned the first female Bishop elected in The United Methodist Church, and through her we were able to experience a fresh new spirit of openness and prophetic witness. Many still recall the historic boldness when Bishop Marjorie Swank Matthews was elected (1980) as the first female bishop and came to Wisconsin. Her presence deepened our sense of the 'any-ness' and 'all-ness' of embodying spiritual leadership in our particular 'givenness.'

We know that this achievement was the result of countless hidden sacrifices. She was the first woman bishop for any Protestant church and the first in Christendom since at least the twelfth century. From that perspective, the election of the first female bishop was a prophetic witness for the entire United Methodist Church, and it became a mirror for future episcopal elections in the North Central Jurisdiction. Bishop Matthews cracked the door to a more inclusive and representative church. Consider for a moment the number of lives who reconsidered the possibilities of God because of her witness. I thank God for those who opened possibilities for inclusion and equity in the faith community, and the reminder that we must continue to strive for the achievement of gender equality and justice.

Let us not neglect the precious history of Bishop Sharon Rader (1992-2004) and Bishop Linda Lee (2004-2012), an ebony female Bishop. These women led from their intuitive centers and established leadership norms that reset gender expectations. I thank God for them.

Returning to our theme of: "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," our prayerful devotion must increase hope for the countless human beings in the world who are suffering from systems that continue inequality and injustice. Too many children are growing up with lead in their water pipes, food deserts, environmental contamination, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), often referred to as "forever chemicals," that do not easily break down in the environment. These "forever chemicals" are detected in fetuses in Wisconsin, and have been linked to diabetes, cancers, and obesity (<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov>).

I am profoundly grateful to serve as the first Korean-American bishop in the beautiful and sacred flow of Wisconsin Conference history. I am proud to be the husband of my wife, who is a clergy woman. I am moved by the committed leadership of countless female clergy, who are serving in a time of pandemic. These days I hold Sydney Grace and think of the world we are called to leave her. May we be good stewards. Know that I am praying for you. Thank you.

Peace, Hee-Soo Jung, PhD  
Bishop, Wisconsin Conference



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> 9:00 In-Person worship with communion 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Choir practice 6:00 Scouts	<b>4</b> Rummage Sale donations may be brought to church today thru April 7	<b>5</b> 9:30 Day Away respite	<b>6</b> 9:30 UM Men's Coffee at The Deerfield  1:00 Early Head Start Card Group 6:00 Youth Group	<b>7</b> 6:30 Scout leaders 7:00 NW 10 Circuit on Zoom	<b>8</b> Rummage Sale 9am-3pm  Relay for Life Bake Sale 9am til sold out	<b>9</b> Rummage Sale 9am-Noon
<b>10</b>  9:00 In-Person worship 9:10 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Fellowship NO choir practice  6:00 Scouts	<b>11</b> 12:00 Staff meeting  6:30 Riverside 4H	<b>12</b> 9:30 Day Away respite 10:30 Grow Group: Spiritual Life Friends  5-6pm C.O.M.E. Community Meal	<b>13</b> 9:30 UM Men's Coffee at The Deerfield 10:30 Pastoral Care Team 1:00 Card Group	<b>14</b> 9:30 UM Women  7:00 In-person worship with communion	<b>15</b>  7:00 In-person worship	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>  8:00-10:30am All-Church Planned Potluck Breakfast  9:00 & 10:30 In-Person worship with communion	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 Day Away respite  5:00 Outreach Comm. 6:00 Trustees 7:00 Church Council	<b>20</b> 9:30 UM Men's Coffee at The Deerfield 9:30 Piece Corps Quilting Group  1:00 Card Group 6:00 Confirmation Class	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  9:00 In-Person Worship 9:10 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Choir practice  6:00 Scouts	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30 Day Away respite  1:00 Worship Design team	<b>27</b> 9:30 UM Men's Coffee at The Deerfield  1:00 Card Group	<b>28</b> 4:30 Companions in Christ study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



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