



A message from Bishop Jung
May 27, 2020

I have been blessed to serve among you and humbled to continue with you in this leadership journey. Since we've been asked to "Stay Safe at Home" because of COVID-19, our clergy and congregations have been responding in many creative ways. I praise God for your gracious and faithful leadership.

We are all learning anew, to live together. The meaning of community has changed. We are learning to be in-person virtually – we can see each other but not be physically present with one another. We miss so much, and yet we are learning that the church is not just a building or a place where we gather. The church truly is *us*, the people of God, no matter how we gather.

Still, we yearn for what we miss from the ways we used to worship and gather as a congregation. We long to be together to pray and sing, to hear each other's voices, to pass the peace and greet each other, to praise God where we can feel the energy of the room without having to watch little squares of people on zoom, or see a video and participate in worship by ourselves or only with our family.

We have some challenging decisions to make as we move ahead. Many people are clamoring to begin to meet in-person. Even last week in President Trump's statement we have received, our church as a worshipping community has a significant role to play in response.

We must make decisions in the context of our church communities. We as Conference staff, and I as your bishop, are not making these decisions *for* you because the needs and situations in your churches and communities are each different. You, as laity and clergy, are invited to work together to discuss this and make decisions about your next steps for your church in collaboration with each other. These are not decisions for the pastor or any one lay leader to make alone. While we ask you to make the decisions together as a congregation with your pastor, we offer you our support in prayer, and offer some general guidelines in coordination with COVID 19 Task Team's advice.

We are quarantined, yet we are one in the Spirit. God gives us hope, which means yes, this will end. And in the meantime, we will reimagine how we will live through today and into the future. Leadership presence means that each context makes the decisions together in each location for what is safe and appropriate for you, doing no harm, living into the church's purpose, caring for those on the margins, for those who are isolated and need human connection, for those who don't have access to basic needs.

Change is not comfortable. We know the wilderness. We also know the hopeful journey; we know the promised land. This can bring us comfort in this time of wilderness. We can think about the future of our churches, not as a re-open only, but also as an opportunity to *re-launch*. What have you learned that you can let go? What new ministry opportunities have you discovered? We are building something new in this covenant journey.

Together in collaboration and support of one another, we will continue to journey along the paths that God is creating for us. Thanks be to God!

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

**John Hirst, Donna Holmes,
Dan Olson, May Ross**
Home

Shirley Storrer
American Heritage Care Center
Hammond

Janet Andrea
911 Southview Dr.
Hastings, MN 55033

Services for the following church members are pending with Bakken-Young Funeral and Cremation Services. We will let you know as soon as we know more information.

**Sandy Green
Robert Rutledge
Mary Sather
Allan Vehrs**

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.



During this time of "safer at home" and social distancing, Pastor Jeremy's sermons and Heather Boorman's children's messages are available for you to watch on our church's YouTube channel each Sunday morning at 9am.

To find us, 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. Please make sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel and it will let you know when new videos are posted.

Vacation Bible School update

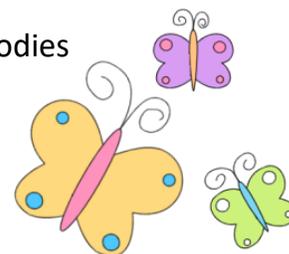
This is probably not a surprise, but given the continued uncertainty and safety concerns with covid-19, we have opted to cancel VBS in the park this summer. As pastor Jeremy always reminds us, we must first strive to do no harm, and we most certainly don't want to "covid our neighboring families", our volunteers, or the kids and their families.

While we won't be able to be together in person, we do want to continue to connect, grow, and serve with our children, our families, and the community. We will be offering a VIRTUAL VBS! It will be the first week of August and will include a combination of video, pick-up packages, and possibly video conferencing (like zoom).

We will need YOUR help! You can help in any of the following ways:

- Pray
- Donate supplies (be on the lookout for lists of needed supplies in the future)
- Spread the word
- Assist with preparing the individual packages filled with the craft supplies and goodies
- Assist with overall planning

If you would be able to help in any way, please contact heather at:
heatherb@boormancounseling.com or 651-319-1102.



Family Fresh Receipts



Thanks to all of you for being so amazing regarding all the receipts over the last few years. Right now we are about halfway to our fifth check! I know some of you would like to unload the receipts you still have. Dale & Pegi Fleming are still counting whatever they are given. There are collection baskets for receipts at Five Loaves, Two Fish, and at the exit at Family Fresh. You're also welcome to leave them in the mailbox at church under the carport or the plastic tote outside my front door.

Thanks!!! -Pat Allegar



NEW RICHMOND
**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

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

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

TRUSTEE'S CORNER

A BIG Thank You to Nancy Karastes and John Vlasak for meticulously refinishing all of the linoleum floors in the basement. The project took about 3 weeks and a combined total of 55 hours. It looks wonderful!

Kristi and Maybelle started cleaning and organizing the storage closets in the loft. A BIG thanks to Steve Hornickle and Fred Zeiler for helping carry heavy items to the dumpster!

Relay for Life Silent Auction

One item will be offered each week, via the weekly all-church email from Kristi. To bid on the item, please contact Pat Allegar by the following Friday at 9:00pm via email: allegarpat@hotmail.com or phone: 352-817-5354

Bid dates:

June 5 - 12 Covid Basket from the Eickhoff family

Includes: \$25 champs gift card for dine-in or take out , 4 cloth hand sewn face masks, 16oz bag of Dots pretzels (our family favorite!), an assorted bag of Lindt Lindor chocolate truffles, 2 decks of cards, 300 piece heart puzzle, travel pack of Clorox wipes, a one-pound container of Clorox wipes and a bottle of Clorox bleach.

June 12-19	2 pictures
June 19-26	Tea caddy
June 26- July 3	Beach basket
July 3 - July 10	Carwash basket
July 10-July 17	Knitting basket
July 17- July 24	Fabric basket
July 24 - July 31	Thirty One® bags



Relay for Life goes viral!

As you may already know, the Relay for Life this year is going viral! The St Croix County Relay for Life will join with all the other teams across the state to form one big relay on August 1st. Although we will not be able to have our usual fundraisers this year, we are still selling the luminaria bags. Pat Allegar and I will be selling the bags Monday, Wednesday and Friday (June 1, 3 & 5) and the second week in July (the 6th, 8th & 10th) . We will be there from 1:00 – 2:00. You can drive up, buy the bags, take them home, decorate and bring them back. Or, we can decorate them for you. You may also bid on the Silent Auction item that week. There will be a drive by luminaria parade on July 10th with a rain date of July 17th. Time and place yet to be determined. We have three different colors this year: White Bags: “In Memory” Green Bags: “Caregiver” Pink Bags: “In Honor/Survivor”. If you would like to donate to the relay, you can do so by going to the Relay For Life website (Relay for Life St Croix County, scroll down to our team name, double click on it, donate to our team. Be sure you are on the St Croix County relay website. Or you can send me or any other team member a check. Team members include: Pat Allegar, Tama Schmidt, Pearl Christensen, Barb Vander Wyst, Maybelle Hall, Jean Kelley, Pat Davis and Jill Thomas. Thank you for your support!!

NR UMC FINANCIAL REPORT

as of April 30, 2020

Jan-April Income	80,540
Jan-April Expenses	<u>81,050</u>
Difference	- 510
(2019 was -15,010)	



Contributions toward

Extra Mile Giving:

Maintenance Repairs \$5,348



Spotlight on Stewardship

We no longer have to imagine what it would be like not to be able to worship together or gather for growth and service in Jesus' name. We are living it. It is hard to put a dollar value on the things that are truly important in our lives, but perhaps by its absence, we might gain a better sense of what we value about its presence. With your support, the things that add quality to your life can continue beyond a difficult now into a healthy future.

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.



PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM

We wanted to let everyone know that as a church, we applied for the Paycheck Protection Program loan, an eight week forgivable loan for small businesses during the pandemic. We were approved and received the money this week and will begin using it for qualified expenses, such as payroll and utilities.

SHOP WITH SCRIP® CARDS STILL AVAILABLE!

While most of us are stuck at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to make purchases online and at local restaurants that offer carry-out or delivery services. We wanted to let you know that you can still go online and purchase Scrip® products during this time. Although it may be hard for us to get you physical cards, there are MANY eGift cards available as a way to continue to support the church.

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. 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. 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 or can't go online? Please contact Kristi in the office and she can help you.

-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%.

JUNE Birthdays!

1 Laurel Olson Dale Steffen	10 Russ Hop David Lee	23 Kimber Murphy
2 Heather Boorman	13 Michelle Henke	25 Kyler Fredrickson
3 Pegi Fleming Sophia Hoogheem	14 Elaine Heittman	26 Don Jess
4 Katey Eickhoff	15 Duane Spoo	27 Jerri Rang
7 Gretchen Minikel Matthew Westmoreland	16 Jeremy Pace	28 Christine Cunningham Rob Ennis Dan Olson
8 Anne Mehls	19 Andrea Meisner	30 Blake Minikel Colin Minikel
9 Karen Bohl Mary Hirst	20 Emma Balcerek	
	21 Nancy Karastes Glenna Tack	

June Anniversaries

3 Mark Dolezal & Robin Reichert	18 Randy & Denise Stalker
5 Alan & Vicki George	23 Jeremy Deaner & Anna Doherty
9 Jack & Diane Thomas	24 Chris & Lorraine Libbey
10 Tom & Peggy Eller Bill & Betty Komula	25 John & Jan Reichert
12 Pete & Karen Peterson	27 Jeff & Brenda McIntyre Kevin & Christine Melby

Weekly Wednesday open Zoom gathering to include Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeremy is going to continue the open Zoom time "meeting" 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 your email the day before, so on Tuesdays.

New Boy Scout Troops

At our most recent Zoom Church Council meeting, we voted to charter two new Boy Scout Troops, one male and one female, that will meet at our church in the future. In practice they will meet together but officially they are separate troops. As a chartering organization, Pastor Jeremy is involved in leadership in the new troops but we are also looking for another representative to work with the new troops on behalf of the church. Do you have a background in scouting? Are you passionate about helping youth develop leadership and outdoors skills? If so, please contact Pastor Jeremy about this opportunity to serve the church as a bridge with our community Scouting programs.



Outreach Committee and Mission Team Update

On May 26, our two teams donated another 1,800 bags to the New Richmond School District lunch program and 300 bags to Five Loaves Food Shelf.

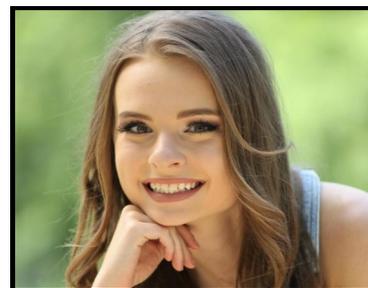


CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Ari Devereux

*Daughter of Denise Devereux and Mark Devereux
Graduating from New Richmond High School
Will be attending St. Olaf University and
plans to pursue Criminal Psychology and
eventually work with the FBI.*



*Favorite church memories:
Capture the flag at church camp, youth group,
and singing at the church.*



Kayla Dolezal

*Daughter of Mark Dolezal & Robin Reichert
Graduating from New Richmond High School
Will be attending St. Thomas in the fall*



*Favorite church memory is playing
marshmallow dodgeball in Fellowship Hall.*



Special message:

*Thank you to my church family for making my time as a youth memorable and for
teaching me important life lessons that I will take with me as I go forward.
Special thanks to Paula Meisner and Jon Boorman for being amazing mentors!*



Mandy Dolezal

*Daughter of Mark Dolezal & Robin Reichert
Graduating from New Richmond High School
Plans to go to St. Olaf in the fall*



*Favorite church memory:
Going around the community performing
Random Acts of Kindness*



Special message:

*Thank you to all of the Youth Ministry team for making church fun and engaging.
Also a special thank you to Pat Davis and Kelly O'Flanagan for encouraging me to continue in faith.*

Katey Eickhoff

*Daughter of Troy & Julie Eickhoff
Graduating from New Richmond High School
Will be attending Columbia University to study
Neuroscience and Linguistics. (Roar Lions!)*



*Favorite Memories from Church:
Playing marshmallow dodgeball; that one
glorious time I got to play the bongos while
everyone sang Halle Hallelujah; and
lighting candles during silent night on Christmas Eve.*



Special message:

Thank you so much for your constant support. The United Methodist Church, along with each and every one of you will always have a special place in my heart. You helped inspire and shape me in some of the most important moments of my religious journey, and I will take what I have learned here and carry it with me for the rest of my life.



Lilia Henke

*Daughter of Curt & Michelle Henke
Graduating from New Richmond High School
Will be attending Ripon College for medical*



*Favorite church memories:
Serving coffee on Sunday mornings and
doing Random Acts of Kindness.*

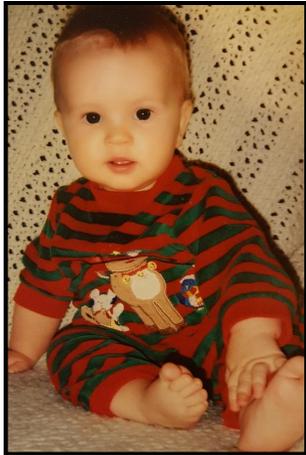


Oh the places you'll go!

-Dr. Seuss

Ryan Knudtson

*Son of Robin Knudtson and Rob Knudtson
Graduating from Somerset High School*



Plans:

*school for welding, work and
race track photographer.*

Favorite church memories:

*Going to church camp and
helping Ted Bartels around the church.*



Special message:

Thank you to everyone for all the support and prayers over the years!



Carter Melby

*Son of Mike & Michele Melby
Graduating from New Richmond High School*

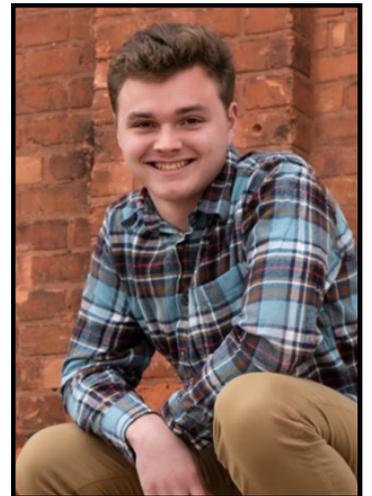


Favorite church memory:

Participating in the Christmas programs

Carter plans on taking his generals at WITC.

*He ultimately would be interested in
psychology/therapy with attention toward youth*





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADS!



Ellen Meisner

Daughter of John & Paula Meisner graduated from Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.



Maddie Melby

Daughter of Kevin & Christine Melby graduated from UW-River Falls



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