

Worship Continues Online for Summer

The times seem more fluid in terms of the pandemic now than before, but I still urge us to continue living John Wesley's "General Rules" for his Methodist Societies. Do No Harm. Do Good. And Stay in Love with God. I want to let you know that your Church Council met mid-June and talked about hopes and fears in terms of being church in what one person called "coronavirus season", and out of that conversation came the decision to continue worshipping completely online for the summer.

The Church Council will pick up the discussion again in terms of safely reopening at their next meeting on August 18. I know other churches are also having these discussions or have even made the decision to reopen already. Your Church Council decided that while we so very much want to be in the sanctuary together worshipping, it would feel too soon for our congregation in terms of demographic, safety, average attendance, and comfort level with gathering.

So we continue worshipping on YouTube for now, with a reading copy emailed/sent on Tuesdays as before. I would like to thank the Church Council for their thoughtful and prayerful work as we navigate these times together. As always, please don't hesitate to be in touch if you need something or have questions. Be well!

Peace,
Pastor Jeremy

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 your email the day before, so on Tuesdays.

Vacation Bible School



**NR UMC VBS has been cancelled
due to lack of registrations.**

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

Mary Sather
A memorial visitation is planned for
Thursday, August 20 at
Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services
More details to come.

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.



Pastor Jeremy and Heather Boorman 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, 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.

AUGUST Birthdays!

<p>2 Caelie Bartels Ron Green</p> <p>6 Barb Arnst Rhiannon Shipman Gunnar Westmoreland</p> <p>8 Noah Herron Paula Meisner</p> <p>12 Benjamin Larson</p> <p>13 Dorothy Bishop Ryan Stephens</p>	<p>15 Joan Brezovar Janet Knutson Jamie Ross</p> <p>17 Steve Hornickle</p> <p>18 Dan Meschke</p> <p>19 Erica Balcerek Tae Herron</p> <p>20 Brad Guinn Robin Reichert</p> <p>22 Gianna Melby</p>	<p>24 Kay Brooks Ed Noyes</p> <p>27 Barry Cunningham Irv Sather</p> <p>28 Don Breid Lee Roy Martin</p> <p>30 Nori Steffen</p>
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August Anniversaries

<p>4 Dan & Jane Hansen</p> <p>15 Steve & Mary Ann Campbell</p> <p>17 Don & Marilyn Jess</p> <p>19 Chuck & Jerri Rang Jerry & Glenna Tack</p>	<p>21 Glenn & Sue Newby</p> <p>27 Gary & Jill Turnipseed</p> <p>28 Bryan & Gwen Hop Neal & Joyce Melby</p> <p>29 Barry & Christine Cunningham</p>
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Boy Scout Troop Volunteers Needed



During our April Church Council meeting (via Zoom), 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.

FAMILY FRESH SCRIP CARDS

Pat Allegar is working on placing an order for Family Fresh Scrip cards, in increments of \$100. The church receives 5% back from Family Fresh. Please contact her if you would like to purchase one and support the church at the same time!

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.

NR UMC FINANCIAL REPORT

as of June 30, 2020

January-June Income	113,780
January-June Expenses	<u>125,600</u>
Difference	-11,820
	(2019 was -23,500)



Contributions toward Extra Mile Giving:

Maintenance Repairs \$7,023



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.



Family Fresh Receipts



Thanks to all of you for being so amazing regarding all the receipts over the last few years. Right now we have collected over \$140,000 in receipts! 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

The Trustees met in person on July 21st.
Here are items from their report-

TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Church:

- Make plan to get the vertical portions of trim on the church painted
- New mats are on the floor in the kitchen - thanks to Katie Shipman
- Kristi's office getting refreshed - thanks Nancy Karastes and Pearl Christensen
- Center handrail to fellowship hall improvement
- Sanctuary pew pad cleaning or replacing
- Enhancement plan for sound system (to include lower level and nursery)
- Bell tower refurbishment underway
- Landscaping plan quote requested
- Gutters and covers quote requested

Faith House:

- smoke detector replaced thanks goes to Sharon Vlasek
- service door to garage will be replaced soon

Next meeting will be August 18th in the church parlor with masks and social distancing.



A BIG Thank You to Laurel Olson for donating her time and talent into making 16+ bereavement quilts for Westfields Hospital. This is the 2nd time she's donated this amount of quilts and we know they mean a lot to the families that receive them. Pastor Jeremy blessed them on July 14th before Laurel brought them to the hospital.

RELAY FOR LIFE REPORT

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Online Silent Auction and Luminaria Sales. We raised \$450 through the auction and another \$200 from luminarias!!! A grand total for what we raised as a team for the American Cancer Society will be available soon. Thank you for your continued support to this cause!

New 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.



Everyone is welcome to contribute to our weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter. If you would like to submit an article/information, the deadlines are:

Weekly Bulletin - Tuesdays at 3:00

Monthly "Flame" Newsletter - 15th of the month

You may drop off a paper copy at the office or email to: unitedmc@frontiernet.net
Thank you! -Kristi Rogers, Secretary



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Check us out online!

Website:

www.newrichmondwiumc.org

Facebook Page:

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

YOUTUBE:

Simply search for "New Richmond United Methodist Church"

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%.



New Richmond United Methodist Church

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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