

# THE FLAME

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



NEW RICHMOND  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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## “BEING CHURCH” Worship Series continues through August

Being Church is a series about living as faithfully as possible in uncertain times, personally and in relation to others. Through stories about Jesus from the Gospel of Luke, we will get clear about what it means to be the Church now.

## “Hard Words, Abundant Life” Worship Series begins September 7

Jesus never called us on an easy road. The readings from Luke in this series ask hard things of followers of Jesus, but also invite us to clarify what matters so we can live an abundant life in Jesus Christ.



**Sunday, August 3**

**11:00am-1:00pm**

**Sather Nature Center Pavilion**

off County Road A, New Richmond

Sponsored by our Youth Group

Hamburgers, Brats, Hot Dogs, Tableware & Water provided. Please bring a dish to pass and feel free to bring a lawn chair. Join us for great food, fellowship and fun! Please talk with Mark Dolezal if you have any questions.

## Adventures in Prayer Walking

**Tuesday, August 26 at 6:00pm**

Prayer Walking is a way of blessing our church and the people within it. So far, we've held two prayer walks. During these times, we've sung songs to praise the Lord, and we've also prayed silently within different areas of our church. Since everyone can participate in prayer, we invite you to join us on Tuesday, August 26, and Tuesday, October 28, to experience a prayer walk for yourself. Please talk with Marilyn Rogers-Almlie or Barb Vander Wyst or if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you!



## 11am Worship Service will begin November 2

The Worship Design Team decided at their last meeting to change when we offer the 11am worship service. Instead of offering it for the entire program year, we are going to offer it from November 2 through Easter Sunday. This allows for a later worship experience when times are darkest and weather is hardest, and allows us all to experience some of the program year together at one worship service as well. Put November 2 on your calendar, not just because you'll have to change your clocks, but also so you know when we begin the 11am worship service this year!



# Ways to enjoy worship at New Richmond UMC



## SUNDAYS AT 9:00 am

Join us for in-person Sunday worship at 9:00am throughout the summer in the sanctuary. 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. Not only can you watch these sermons on your mobile device, but most smart TV's with internet have access to YouTube.

## Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship is after 9am worship (approx. 10am). If you would like to bring the treats for Coffee Fellowship, we usually plan for 70 people each Sunday (during the summer). The coffee is made for you and paper products are supplied, so all you need to bring is "treats" of some sort. Maybelle Hall will make the coffee and lemonade.

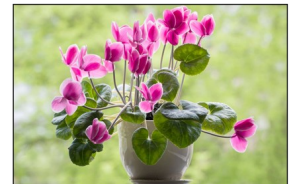


Please check out the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the gathering area if you would like to host on a Sunday, or you can call Pat Davis at 715-781-9860. Sign up with a group or friend!

## SUNDAY FLOWERS SIGN-UP



If you would like to bring in fresh flowers or a plant to be displayed in the sanctuary during Sunday services, please sign up on the bulletin board in the gathering area. On non-communion Sundays, flowers can go on the worship table. On communion Sundays, they can be placed by the baptismal font.



Any kind of fresh flowers or plants are welcome! We would like to do this each Sunday, throughout the year. If you have a special occasion, want to remember or honor a loved one or want to bring in flowers just because, please consider signing up. Feel free to talk with Eileen Sydow or Kristi in the office with questions.



## Ways to stay connected to NR UMC

**Email:** [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"



## Church Membership

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

## *When you pray, please remember -*



**The Deerfield** - Gladys Cole, Lorene Jameson, Karen Langer

**The Deerfield Gables** - Marlene Hanson

**St. Croix Health Center** - Mike Ballard, Sheldon Simonson

**Croixdale Senior Living** - Sherri Barnes

**Home-** Donna Holmes, Sarah Ketcham, Betty Lokker, Mania Moore, Bryce Ness, Jamie Ross

**Liz Edwards**, friend of Chris Libbey

**Gerrie Ferdelman**, relative of Jamie Pape and family

**Dawn Jacobson**, sister-in-law of Kristi Rogers

**Trudy Lange**, friend of Nancy Karastes, receiving cancer treatment

**Rick Melby**, friend of Nancy Karastes

**Dan Simon**, friend of Chris Libbey

**Steve Smart**, friend of Chris Libbey

**Carol**, cousin of Mary Ann Peters

**Eden and Abbie**, friends of Joe & Aletha St. Dennis

**Marilyn**, sister of Eileen Sydow



If you or a loved one would like to be placed on our Prayer List, please call or email Pastor Jeremy or Kristi in the church office. Please pray for those on the prayer list in the weekly email, Sunday bulletin and monthly newsletter.

### **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](mailto: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. 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](http://newrichmondwiumc.org) Pastor Jeremy's cell # is 1-651-783-2433.



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 has been trained 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.



## Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) Update

We are well on our way as we capture God’s momentum for our congregation with our MCCI Prescription Teams. Our Signature Ministry Research Team is presenting their research and proposal in worship on August 3. Intergenerational Events are happening and making a difference across age groups, especially with the summer potlucks. The Financial Capacity Team met recently and is making plans for the next year. The Breakthrough Prayer Team led a second congregation-wide prayer walk and is helping us pray with bookmarks and prayer trackers (available in the narthex). The fuel for our movement now continues to be our breakthrough prayer, so take a moment now to pray it. God of amazing things, spring forth with new possibilities for our lives and our church, that will bubble over into our community. Amen! What breakthroughs are you seeing? How is God doing new things in your life? Has God invited you to make a small or large spiritual decision recently? As all our teams begin meeting and implementing, be praying for them and how you can help create a healthy atmosphere for God’s new possibilities to emerge!

### New Richmond United Methodist Church

#### **-BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER-**

*God of amazing things, spring forth with new possibilities for our lives and our church that will bubble over into our community. Amen.*

Pray this each day at 7:15am, 7:15pm, or both.



*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth!  
-Isaiah 43:19a*

Are you praying the breakthrough prayer? Take a moment now to do so. **God of amazing things, spring forth with new possibilities for our lives and our church, that will bubble over into our community. Amen!** What breakthroughs are you seeing? How is God doing new things in your life? Has God invited you to make a small or large spiritual decision recently? If you’ve experienced a push, pull or nudge of spiritual momentum, what we’re calling a **Godspring Moment**, what will you do with it? We have bubbles in the gathering area that you can write a Godspring Moment on and put up on the wall as we bubble over!



The Breakthrough Prayer Team and Spiritual Friends are praying for our entire congregation. Each month, we are focusing on a specific theme. If you have any specific needs, struggles or celebrations, please let Pastor Jeremy or Kristi in the office know, and they’ll pass on the information to us. May you feel God’s love and trust in him daily.

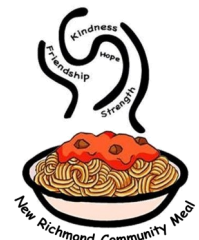
#### Here are the themes for Monthly Prayer Focus for 2025:

- January - Peaceful Transition
- February - Love and Friendships
- March - Grace and Forgiveness
- April - Hope and Possibilities
- May - Endings/Beginnings
- June - Children of God

- July - Celebration, Gratitude, Thankfulness, or Jubilation
- August - Civility, Respect/Kindness
- September - New Beginnings
- October - Bountiful Harvest
- November - Peace and Acceptance
- December - Reflective Anticipation



New Richmond's  
**C.O.M.E. COMMUNITY MEAL**  
Community Outreach Meal for Everyone



**Tuesday, August 12 - Serving from 5:00-6:30pm**

Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at New Richmond United Methodist Church, in our fellowship hall. Local churches and organizations take turns planning, cooking and serving the monthly meal. The meal is FREE and open to everyone in the community. Take-outs are also available, just stop by the kitchen.

**Coordinated by: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**

**Menu: Chicken Hotdish, Fresh Garden Veggies, Pickled Beets, PB&J Sandwiches, Brownie Sundaes, Milk, Water & Coffee**

**NR UMC Piece Corps**

**QUILTERS**

**Wednesday, August 20**  
**9:30am - 2:30pm in fellowship**



The UMC Piece Corps Quilters is a small-but-mighty group of volunteers from our church that make beautiful quilts that are donated to Westfields Hospital and Grace Place Transitional Shelter.

Quilts donated to Westfields Hospital, "Dignity Quilts", are used by the staff and carefully draped over the hospital transport stretcher of recently deceased patients before they are moved from their room and transported to the morgue or funeral home. This compassionate long-standing practice provides honor to the deceased and comfort to loved-ones, family members and hospital staff at an especially vulnerable and raw time of grief and loss. The quilts provide meaning and honor for surviving family members and symbolize the compassion and caring that we have for one another.

At Grace Place transitional shelter, the quilts are given to people staying at the shelter, to people passing through and to people as they move out of the shelter onto their next stage of life.

Piece Corps relies solely on donations from our congregation and the community. Most of the fabric they use is donated from people in our community. Some expenses they have include batting and the occasional purchase of fabric. If you have fabric at home that you would like to donate, please contact Carolyn Craig or Laurel Olson to see if it's something that they can use. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the group, please see Kristi in the church office or simply put your donation in the offering basket on Sundays (marked "Piece Corps"). New quilters are always welcome! Feel free to stop by and see what they're working on. Please contact Laurel Olson (210-382-8855) or Carolyn Craig at (715-246-6242) with any questions.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**Youth Group** starts  
Wednesday, September 3  
6:30-8:00pm  
For all 6-12th graders



**Sunday School** starts  
Sunday, September 7  
10:15am in fellowship hall  
For all PreK-5th graders

Please talk with Mark Dolezal (715-497-6330) if you have any questions.



## Backpack Blessing and Sunday School!

On September 7, 2025, children and youth are encouraged to bring their backpack to be blessed. Yes, we know it's a couple weeks after school has started in New Richmond, but by then you can bring it with all the things it usually holds! Sunday School will also begin at about 10:10am! Come join in as the program year officially begins!



Thank You to everyone who donated towards our School Supply Drive! Donations were brought to First National Community Bank on July 31st for their event on August 3rd for families in the school district in need of supplies. We are always in awe of the generosity of our congregation. Thank you! -Nancy Refsnider, Community Outreach Committee Co-Chair

# August Birthdays

2 Caelie Bartels Ron Green	15 Joan Brezovar Janet Knutson Jamie Ross	20 Brad Guinn Robin Reichert
6 Rhiannon Shipman Gunnar Westmoreland	17 Steve Hornickle	22 Gianna Melby
8 Noah Herron Paula Meisner	19 Erica Balcerek Troy Elmer	27 Butch Leavens
12 Benjamin Larson	Tae Herron	28 Lee Roy Martin
13 Ryan Stephens		



## Happy Anniversary!

4 Dan & Jane Hansen	27 Gary & Jill Turnipseed
15 Steve & Mary Ann Campbell	28 Neal & Joyce Melby
17 Don & Marilyn Jess	

## NEW RICHMOND UMC FINANCIAL REPORT



### January - June 2025

#### GENERAL BUDGET

Income	\$ 104,485
Expenses	- 125,810
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ - 21,325</b> (2024 amount was -16,265)

#### EXTRA MILE FUND donations January-June 2025

#### Amount donated January-June 2024

<b>Church Maintenance/Repairs</b>	\$ 3,360	\$5,710
<b>Community Outreach</b>	\$ 2,359	\$2,555

## Five Loaves Food Shelf & Two Fish Thrift Store BUILDING PROJECT

Five Loaves and Two Fish are going to be building a new building so they can better serve the increasing need of food insecurity in our community. Please pray about and consider donating significantly to the capital campaign to make this a reality! You can give online at their website <https://fiveloaveswi.org/> and on the right-hand side Quick Links choose "Capital Campaign Donations." You can also look at the entire sponsorship packet through our weekly email. Every gift makes a difference and helps feed our community!





## UWF Sunday

This year we look forward to our United Women in Faith Sunday on Aug. 31st. We will engage in song and prayer, listen to a children's message and reflect on the message of our speaker from Turning Point. Turningpoint is a facility in River Falls which provides shelter and services to individuals suffering from domestic and sexual violence. On this Sunday it is our practice to recognize an individual, or individuals, for their work in service to the church and/or the community. A Noisy Can "World Thank Offering" will also be received. We give this offering in celebration of God's blessings in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

## Detroit 2025 Motown Mission Trip presentation

On Sunday, Aug. 24th, we will have a brief media presentation of highlights from the Detroit 2025 Motown Mission Trip in which Ruth Egerer and Pastor Dawn Jeffers Ramstad participated at the end of June. Among the sites worked at by our mission team from June 23 to June 27 were the Elizabeth Howell Park: Brightmoor Neighborhood Project (trimming trees and brush); the Oakland Ave. Urban Farm (a food garden oasis on an empty city lot, and more); the Vanguard Community Development Center (assisting individuals in the care and repair of their homes; the Women, Children and Families United project (WCFU), which is an anti-poverty ministry empowering women; and the "After the Storm - Flood Debris Removal" in several houses.

During our free time members of the team enjoyed a Tigers baseball game, a trip to the Henry Ford Museum and a trip down memory lane to visit homes and a church in an old neighborhood. There was plenty of ice cream on hot days, excellent suppers, devotions on the Story of Ruth, time to make art projects, and many engaging conversations. The Lord blessed it all!

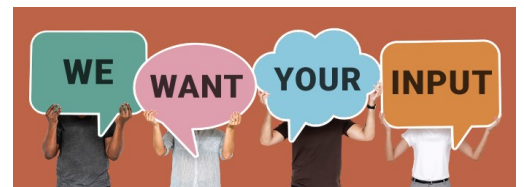
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## Recycle Your Ink Cartridges at Church!

We are still collecting used and un-used ink cartridges. There is a drop-off box near the pew by the East door. We send them to a company called Empties4Cash, who then pays us for the cartridges. We can only accept: HP, Canon, Collins Ink Jet and Neopost/Hasler cartridges. We cannot accept toners. Please talk with Kristi in the office if you have any questions. Thank You!



## New Next Gen Ministries Coordinator for Wisconsin seeks input from Young Adults



Are you between 19 and 25 years old, or know someone who is? The new Executive Director of Next Gen Ministries for Wisconsin United Methodist Churches, Kellen Roggenbuck, is working on connecting young adults across the state and wants to invite you or the young adults in your life to be part of it! He writes, "We're hoping for different avenues of connection, including small groups online, meet-up events, educational opportunities, and networking with other young adult Methodists." If you are interested in trying any or all of this out, you can get in on the ground level by connecting with Pastor Kellen. His email is [Dandelions4you@gmail.com](mailto:Dandelions4you@gmail.com) or NR UMC can make a connection for you on your behalf.

## SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

Take a moment to read 2 Kings 4.1-7. This is our story for this year's generosity theme "Fill the Jars." As you take inventory on your assets and gifts, your talents and your time, what potential is there for a step up in generosity? What kind of a miracle will we see when we all do this together? God is up to great things here, let's join in and fill the jars!



## 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, Office Administrator



### 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.



**Give to New Richmond United Methodist Church safely & securely using our new QR code.**

**If you would like information about electronic giving, please contact Kristi in the church office.**

## WAYS YOU CAN DONATE TO NEW RICHMOND UMC

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 an online giving option to our website called "GIVE+" by Vanco Payment Solutions. We've used Vanco for over 15 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.



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# August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> 9:00 Worship with communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship  11:00-1:00 All-Church Potluck Picnic at the Sather Nature Center (Co. Rd. A)	<b>4</b> Pastor Jeremy is on vacation Aug 4-9	<b>5</b> 9:30 Day Away respite care  5:00 Outreach Committee	<b>6</b> 9:30 UM Men's Coffee at The Deerfield  1:00 Card Group	<b>7</b>  7:00 Scout leaders	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>10</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 NR Sr. Center Foot Care 9:30 Day Away respite care  5:00-6:30 C.O.M.E. free community meal, organized by Immaculate Conception Catholic Church	<b>13</b> 9:30 UM Men's Coffee at The Deerfield  1:00 Card Group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00 Worship with communion 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 Day Away respite care 9:30 Spiritual Life Friends at Pat Davis' home  Pastor Jeremy is at District Committee on Ministry in Barron all day  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  6:30 United Women in Faith	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30 Day Away respite care  6:00 Prayer Walk	<b>27</b> 9:30 UM Men's Coffee at The Deerfield 10:30 Pastoral Care Team  1:00 Card Group  6:00 Sunday School and New Youth Group members intro  6:30 All-Church Potluck Picnic	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:00 Worship led by United Women in Faith 10:00 Coffee Fellowship	<b>September 1</b> Office Closed 	<b>2</b> 9:30 Day Away respite care	<b>3</b> 9:30 UM Men's Coffee at The Deerfield  1:00 Card Group  6:30 Youth Group starts!	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

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## New Richmond United Methodist Church

**Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.**

Our Mission is:

Building bridges to discipleship by connecting, growing, and serving.

Our Vision is:

Compassionate, God-centered community serving all people.

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