

Heartline

Keeping in touch with the heart of the Richfield United Methodist Church faith community.

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**In-person worship resumes
on campus beginning
Sunday, August 1, 2021
at 9:30 am**

Live streaming worship online at
<http://youtube.com/richfieldumc>
and by touch tone phone at 1.888.650.5835 continues.

One critical change impacts us all: **we will gather in one united worship service on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.** By August 1, we will have spent 16 months worshipping with a variety of musical styles, traditional liturgy in an informal atmosphere, and interactive elements like lighting candles, prayer, and sharing the peace. Things that made Sanctuary and Living Waters worship wonderful are blended into a signature experience and your feedback has been abundantly affirming. **We are blessed that worship currently resembles what we had and is sustainable moving forward.** Please see page 5 for more about this change.

NATE NOTE



As we look forward to returning to resuming in-person worship, we are engaged in a season of questions such as how and when and why. You can see it everywhere you go, from local stores to restaurants, from banks to government centers, from schools to theaters. The questions of how to adjust safety protocols, when to reopen, and why to make necessary changes are very much in the air. The amount of behind-the-scenes work these and other entities are doing about this is staggering. Many people are making many decisions in the name of public health. Your church is no different.

I cannot tell you enough, friends, how grateful I am for the overall attitudes you have had around pandemic and next steps as a church. You have exercised patience, asked good questions, and supported one another as best you can. Most importantly, you have shown time and time again that you believe in the mission of your church and our vision to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world. My heart is filled with cheer that, while we do not fully know the future, nor is it possible for all of us to agree on all things at all times, we continue to demonstrate open hearts and open minds as we seek to open doors. The Holy Spirit is at work in helping us embrace God's future as God's loving church.

At the time of this writing, my hunch is most of the work to return for in-person worship on August 1 will fall into place while other work continues. Will every piece of technology be in place? Or every clean-up project be wrapped up? Or every servant volunteer role filled? Good questions! With God's help, as many of the pieces will fall into place as possible. For the rest, we will continue to exercise patience, ask good questions, and support one another. Thankfully, we are not a business churning out products to be consumed. Rather, we are the church, and we do this work together.

The fall season will be here before we know it, and with it comes a renewed effort to move forward with the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI). These past months, it has come up in worship a few times,

we have prayed for our fellow MCCI cohort churches, and continue our Breakthrough Prayer effort. Now, we shift to critical in-person elements and we can hope all of our prayer will pay off. Read on in the Heartline newsletter to learn more about next steps for MCCI and how you can play a role in helping your church jumpstart its next life cycle.

I was so grateful to see so many of you in person at the Richfield Bandshell for worship on June 13. It was a whirlwind of a day and I wish I'd been able to check in more with all of you. Gladly, I know it will all come in due time. I have been praying on how we can spend time this fall getting reacquainted with one another, both between you and me as your pastor, but also between the people of the church. Will you pray on this, please? Let us seek ways to rekindle connection.

Finally, I am taking a time of spiritual formation leave June 29-July 7. Though I will spend some time just being with family, spiritual formation leave is different from vacation time. I will be going on a brief spiritual retreat, doing some professional development, and vocational reading. This leave is essentially when I would otherwise be at LYFE Camp. Though this is an annual opportunity for clergy in accordance with Book of Discipline ¶1350.2 and Minnesota Annual Conference Policy and Procedure Manual 300.03.b.1.b., this is the first time I am taking this leave and as I am entering my eighth year as clergy, I look forward to it. I hope to return to you a little wiser and a lot refreshed.

On July 1, I begin my third year as your pastor and I am so proud to serve God alongside you, Richfield United Methodist Church. Year one saw an unexpected transition into being the church from a distance. Year two was 100% distanced. Here is to year three, a year in which we regather in new and familiar ways. Jesus has been at the heart of our entire time together, and the Holy Spirit leads us forward, thanks be to God!

In Christ,
Rev. Nate Melcher
Senior Pastor



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

July 18—Special 10:00 am time!

Lake Harriet Bandshell with VEAP Food Drive
4135 W Lake Harriet Pkwy, Mpls., MN 55409)

This delightful tradition returns after a year hiatus. We are proud to be involved in this ecumenical cohort of churches who lead worship for the city at the bandshell all summer long. Bring sunscreen and a water bottle, street parking and pay parking available. The plan for online and touch tone phone worship is to feature a reprise of the most-recent outdoor worship service from June 13 that day.

August 8—9:30 am

Richfield Bandshell in Veterans Park with Blessing of the Animals and VEAP Food Drive
636 E 66th Street, Richfield MN 55423

Bring your beloved pet (or a photo, if crowds and/or outdoors is too much for them) to receive a special blessing of God's love upon them! For safety and inclusivity, all pets must be well-supervised by your gathered household (i.e. dogs must be on a leash, use a pet carrier, etc.), thank you for your cooperation. The plan for online and touch tone phone worship is to feature a reprise of the most-recent outdoor worship service from July 18 that day.

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVES THIS SUMMER

July 18, August 8 at the Outdoor Worship Services

9:30 am - 10:30 am

The summer Food Drives for VEAP Food Pantry are paired with outdoor worship services. Please stay tuned for details as the dates draw closer.

CHURCH BUS AVAILABLE BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, AUG 1ST

We are thankful to have the church bus and our dedicated team of drivers available to take folks back and forth to church starting on our first day of indoor worship, Sunday, August 1st.

Safety parameters for usage of the church bus in this initial post pandemic time are being formulated and will be announced prior to August 1st. These parameters may include things like masks and distanced and/or limited seating. Your safety and well-being are of top importance to us.

As in the past, volunteer Peggy Hamilton, will call our current list of riders the week before the upcoming Sunday worship service (beginning the week of July 25th), to ask if you would like to attend worship and let you know the time of pick-up. Your time of scheduled pick-up will be different than before due to a new list of riders and the change of our worship service from 9:00 to 9:30 am.

If you are interested in riding on our church bus but have not done so in the past, please call/email Parish Nurse, Kay Bergeland (kbergeland@richfieldumc.org or 612-861-6086), for more information and to get your name on the list.

Note: The church bus will NOT be available for the outdoor service on Sunday, August 8th.

WHO IS READY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH?

Contact Pastor Nate this summer

Have you been worshipping online and found this a spiritual home? Have you felt compelled to give to the mission of this church because it moves your heart? Have you wondered what a community virtual and in-person can look like for you? This spring, we will welcome new members to this church. The best way forward is for people who are considering membership to contact Pastor Nate soon so we can all set up a Zoom meeting together and talk about it together. Learn about membership vows, the United Methodist Church, and a podcast sermon about the role of membership in our faith journey at richfieldumc.org/membership.

SUMMER WORSHIP

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES #2 “SUMMER AT THE MOVIES”

July 4-August 8

This summer, we’re combining the cinema and Sundays for worship! Like last summer, special care is given when crafting the sermons so you do not have to watch the movie beforehand to get something out of the sermon, though it will certainly enhance your experience. Plus, this is your opportunity to invite your “movie buff” friends to worship with you and/or connect with someone in your family of another generation with a movie that’s right up their alley! All movie selections are rated PG. Viewer discretion is advised for all of the movies (*Raiders of the Lost Ark*, for example, would likely be rated at least PG-13 for violence and intense scenes, if it was made today). Parents/Guardians can read **content advisories** at [imdb.com](https://www.imdb.com). Search for the movie, then scroll to “view content advisory,” or tap/click “content advisory” in the digital edition of *The Heartline* for a direct link.

To watch the movies before worship, you can stream, buy, or rent a digital copy online (see all your options at justwatch.com), or buy the DVD/Blu-ray, borrow from a friend, or see if your local library has a copy to check out. Here are the movies and options for how to watch them before worship:

July 4: Pee-Wee’s Big Adventure - How do I grow on the journey? [content advisory](#)
Stream Online: HBO Max subscription; Digital Rental: YouTube (\$3.99)

July 11: Raiders of the Lost Ark - How do I make the right choice? [content advisory](#)
Stream Online: Paramount+ subscription; Digital Rental: YouTube (\$2.99)

July 18: Inside Out - How do we talk about mental health? [content advisory](#)
Stream Online: Disney+ subscription; Digital Rental: Amazon Prime Video (\$3.99)

July 25: Soul - How do I live my best life? [content advisory](#)
Stream Online: Disney+ subscription; Buy: Amazon Prime Video (\$19.99)

August 1: My Girl - How do we move on? [content advisory](#)
Stream Online: HBO Max subscription; Digital Rental: YouTube (\$3.99)



SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES #3 “SO MANY QUESTIONS, PART 2”

August 8-September 5

This spring, we called for your questions about God, faith, church, the Bible, and life, and wow, did you respond! We close out the summer by responding to a few more of your questions. If you have wondered about these topics, be sure to mark your calendar and experience worship.

- Aug. 8: **Can the church be political?**
- Aug. 15: **Why is the Bible used as a weapon?**
- Aug. 22: **Does God give you more than you can handle?**
- Aug. 29: **Has the pandemic changed church forever?**
- Sept. 5: **How can I really believe all of this stuff?**

ONLINE-ONLY WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 5

youtube.com/richfieldumc or
888-650-5835

Holiday weekends such as Labor Day Weekend have historically low worship attendance. Meanwhile, we have had meaningful worship experiences online and this worship format continues to have value. In these early days of regathering and discovering along the way how to do so well, we will give our hard-working servant volunteers a break and worship on September 5 only online and by touch tone phone. After this long season of distanced worship from necessity, we will experiment with distanced worship with intentionality. Please do not come to campus that day and thank you for your grace.

WORSHIP:

ONE UNITED WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 am on Sundays in the Sanctuary

We are blessed to have had sustainable livestreamed worship throughout the pandemic which can adapt well as we transition to in-person worship. In the weeks ahead, many things will be familiar and other things will change. May we embrace the future with open hearts to what is ahead.



One of the biggest changes in the life of the church is we will gather in one united worship service on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. We hope in this busy transition season that this revised worship schedule helps us meet our goals to (re)build community and helps your clergy, paid staff, and key leaders focus time and energy well. You can read more in the June 6 announcement letter. Here are some highlights:

1. Worship will be much like the experience we've had over the last few months during online-only worship. Expect a blend of musical styles, liturgy, interactive elements, prayer, preaching, and special time for the children to grow in faith.
2. Worship will feature a regular rotation of musical styles. We are blessed to have excellent paid music staff and gifted musicians in our midst. From the organ, piano, choral singers, Living Waters band, and special guest musicians, we can expect them all. Sometimes they will be together, sometimes they will be on their own. At all times, they will point us to the divine.
3. Worship will continue to be livestreamed online and available by touch tone phone. These efforts have proven a critical means of staying connected and reaching new people and they are worth the investment of time, energy, and funding. Because of our investment in cameras and other technology, worshipping in the Sanctuary helps make this happen.
4. Sunday School and youth group, when they resume, will be during worship as they were prior to pandemic.
5. Protocols will continue to evolve so we are "safety first" while trying to keep the worship experience meaningful and always pointing to God.

Dr. Rev. James Forbes is Pastor Emeritus of Riverside Church in New York City. A true pioneer, he was the first Black senior pastor at this interdenominational church and served there 18 years. A few years ago, he spoke of "The 75% Philosophy," a way to use our worship experience as an analogy of how we can embrace the diversity of God's creation:

"The 75% Philosophy [means that] a truly diverse congregation where anybody enjoys more than 75% of what's going on is *not* thoroughly integrated. So that if you're going to be an integrated church you *have* to be prepared to think, 'Hey, this is great, I enjoyed at least 75% of it,' because 25% should grant for somebody's precious liturgical expression that is probably odious to you; otherwise it's not integrating. So an integrating church is characterized by the need to be content with less than total satisfaction with everything. You have to factor in a willingness to absorb some things that are not dear to you but may be precious to some of those coming in."

This wisdom from an 87-year-old pastor who still preaches some of the best sermons in the nation may very well be a guiding principal for this church as we embark on one united worship service together. A variety of music and other elements all but guarantees each one of us will have some parts which are our favorites and others that are not for us. May we give these to one another as gifts as we share time and space together to worship. May we worship not our preferences but our God who loves us all!

SERMON ARCHIVE NOW ONLINE

richfieldumc.org/sermons

Navigate every sermon since Pastor Nate's first Sunday on June 30, 2019 on the church website at richfieldumc.org/sermons. Sermons are collected in chronological order with the most-recent sermon at the top. Tap or click to be taken to the sermon audio (June 30, 2019 - March 8, 2020) or sermon video (March 15, 2020 - Present). Long-press or right-click the bulletin cover to view it full size. You are welcome to download/share any bulletin cover, just please don't alter them or remove the richfieldumc.org branding, thank you. To look up a sermon by title, preacher, scripture, or date, search with "Find in Page" in your mobile browser or use the browser search function from your PC or Mac.



GOD LIFTED THEM UP AND CARRIED THEM ALL THE DAYS OF OLD.
ISAIAH 63:9B

richfieldumc.org

ONLINE WORSHIP NOW LISTS CHAPTERS IN THE DESCRIPTIONS

youtube.com/richfieldumc

Ever wanted to experience a worship hymn or song again? Wanted to return to a sermon for a second listen? Needing to pray? Beginning May 30, all elements of worship are time coded in the video description as "chapters." Tap or click the timestamp by the element you want to experience, and the video will automatically skip straight to that chapter. The goal is to continue doing this going forward within a few days of a worship service being posted and to return to worship archives for chapter lists as time allows.

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS REOPENING JULY 6, 2021

Members and Friends,

We are excited to announce that the Regathering Taskforce, in adherence to local and state guidelines, has deemed it safe and appropriate to reopen the church office and campus for all church employees and visitors three days per week.

The church office and campus will be reopening, with operating hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, starting July 06, 2021.

Please note, the main entrance will be locked during these hours but there is a doorbell to the right of the main doors by the windows, see photo below. Please press the button and have patience, this system is new to all of us. You may be asked to identify yourself over the intercom. You will be "buzzed-in", or someone will come to the door.

It is the intention of the staff and the clergy to be present as much as possible during these hours.

Additionally, the church phone will be answered during these open hours.

If you have any questions or want to talk about the reopening of the church office/campus, please contact Pastor Nate at 612.399.6272 or nmelcher@richfieldumc.org.



NEW ELECTED TEAM: CHURCH AND SOCIETY

This new team is empowered to lead the church's efforts in justice-centered, compassion-filled missions. It will organize, evangelize, and empower the church to come together and put faith into action as Jesus speaks of in Matthew 25:31-46. This spring, a taskforce was set up to put together the responsibilities and goals of the team and the Ad Board affirmed its creation at their May 25 meeting. Nominations prayerfully sought out people to join and new leaders were elected on June 6. As the team gets to work, they will lead our church's mission and outreach ministries, create a mission partner vetting system, create a mission proposal and evaluation system, and help us go all-in as a church on causes of justice and compassion that move our hearts and change the world!

MISSIONAL CHURCH CONSULTATION INITIATIVE (MCCI) UPDATE

As the church gets poised to regather, so it also prepares to resume the MCCI process in new ways. MCCI is a tool that helps churches take intentional steps forward into its next life cycle. With God's help, we will have bold new direction that leads to a future filled with hope and faith. We have taken many MCCI steps already: over 100 of us took the Primary Leadership Component assessment, we initiated the Breakthrough Prayer, we have been seeking out and naming our conflux moments, and we are in the middle of a "self study" about our history as a church. Coming up this fall, we can anticipate a few key events such as a Resourcing Day when an MCCI coach listens to the people speak about how we are equipped for ministry, an MCCI Day when we meet with an MCCI team and express our hopes and dreams for the future of the church, an MCCI Sunday when we receive a report based on MCCI Day and a list of prescriptions as a road map for our next steps forward, and an MCCI Decision Day when we vote as a congregation on whether to embrace the prescriptions and tools and resourcing from MCCI. More information is coming, and in the meantime please continue to pray for God to break through in the life of your church.

RUMC LIBRARY NEWS

The last time I wrote about the church library was in May of 2020. The article had suggested reading sources, ways of sharing books and titles, and hearing poetry read to us or our reading books to children. Since that time our church building has not been open for us to peruse the shelves and take home something of interest. However, I want you to know that in the time since last May, I have received several book suggestions from congregation members and have obtained a number of new books for our library either by purchase or by donation. Here are some of the authors: Barack Obama, Isabel Wilkerson, Robin DiAngelo, Doris Goodwin, Brian Greene, W. K. Krueger, Richard Rohr, Mary Oliver, Karen Armstrong, David McCullough, Bishop Karen Oliveto, and more. The subjects are poetry, biography, Scripture study, devotional focus, racial understandings, politics, cultural leadership, fiction, and more, and all serving the values and ministry focus of RUMC. The books are all prepared to be placed on the shelves and then lifted off by your interested hands. I invite you to offer your suggestions of those good books you know which would enhance the life of our church by inclusion in our church library. Read Well!

Wayne Albertson
April 25, 2021

[We are preparing for the opening of the building and library for members and friends on July 6, see article on page 6.]

I look upon this time from now to then [campus opening] as a time to prepare some 'New Year's Resolutions'. Let me suggest some: If you have had books out from the RUMC library (even from a while back), do a house-roaming and gather them together and set them aside to bring back your first time in the building. Then, if you have book or topic requests, sit down by a window's sunlight and make a list to give me either by email or by placing the list in the book return slot. Think about the values and mission of RUMC when you do this. And, think about the genre of books you would most like to read when you next mosey from sanctuary to the library area. Be unhurried when you peruse the area of the library that holds your interest. I note that I have about forty new books obtained in the past six months that will be placed on the shelves as soon as I have access. Thank you, and Resolve Well!

Wayne Albertson
June 1, 2021

Children

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES UPDATES



Rev. Hope Hutchison
Dir. of Children & Family Ministries
hhutchison@richfieldumc.org

After over a year of gathering online only, regathering as a Sunday School community is rapidly approaching! This fall, after Rally Sunday, we will return to our pattern of having Children First Sundays on the first Sunday of every month, where our children help lead different parts of worship. For the remaining Sundays, children will have the opportunity to go to Sunday School following the Time with Children during worship.

Returning to in-person activities is exciting! But we need lots of help to make this happen. In particular, we need more people to help lead Sunday School. If you would be interested in teaching or helping with Sunday School once a month, or more, please contact Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

Upcoming Dates:

- July 12-16: Vacation Bible School
- July 18: Bandshell Worship
- August 1: In-person Indoor worship begins
- August 8: Outdoor Worship at Richfield Bandshell
- August 21: Community Carnival & School Supply Drive
- September 12: Rally Sunday

ONLINE VBS!

This year, we are excited to offer the second edition of Illustrated Ministry's Compassion Camp Curriculum: Changing the World Through Lovingkindness! We will be using this resource for our online VBS the week of July 12-16!

Every morning that week, there will be a mix of pre-recorded video sessions, virtual hangouts, and fun at-home activities in which children and families are welcome to participate. Throughout the week, there will also be opportunities for children to come to campus for some outdoor, socially distanced activities!

- July 12: All Around Me (Exodus 2:1-10)
- July 13: For Myself (1 Kings 19:4-8)
- July 14: To the Neighbor (Luke 10:25-37)
- July 15: With the World (Acts 1:1-13, 42-47)
- July 16: Along the Way (Romans 16:1-16)

Optional On-Campus Events:

- ⇒ Sun., July 11, 11 am-12 pm at Living Spirit UMC: Come pick up VBS supplies and play some games outside
- ⇒ Wed., July 14, 4:30 pm at Richfield UMC: Games and fellowship on the lawn
- ⇒ Fri., July 16, 4:30 pm at Living Spirit UMC: Celebrate the week and play some games
- ⇒ Sunday, July 18 9:30 am: Bandshell Worship with VBS Celebration

A more detailed schedule of the week will be sent to those who register.

There are a couple registration options.

- Attend live sessions, and receive needed supplies prior to VBS week
- If you cannot attend live the week of July 12-16, there is an asynchronous registration option.

If you are reading this online, [Register here](#). Or, contact Rev. Hope to find out more about registration! hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

SPRING FUN AT CARING FOR CHILDREN (CFC)

Richfield UMC's Early Learning Center

It's been a very fun and busy spring here, at Caring For Children! We have had 11 of our Pre-Kindergarten children move on to their next learning adventure...Kindergarten! We also have welcomed 3 new Infants into our Caring for Children family. We are excited to see them learn and grow with us over the next few years. CFC has also had some renovations done by our facility manager, Pat Noonan. We are very thankful for all the updates she has accomplished in our infant classroom, it's beautiful.



Kathy Newbauer
Director, Caring for Children

COMMUNITY CARNIVAL & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Saturday, August 21 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Get ready for a Drive Thru Community Carnival! The Carnival had to take a year off due to the pandemic in 2020, but it is coming back this summer with some exciting new things! There will be carnival games, single serve snacks, a photo booth and lots of fun... all from the comfort of your car! We will also be collecting supplies for the VEAP School Supply Drive, and a list of needed supplies will be distributed when it is available. The event will be held in our parking lot on **Saturday, August 21 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.**

We will also need help from volunteers:

- Directing traffic, and handing out masks
 - Collecting donations to VEAP
- Running Games & Handing out prizes

If you are able to help bring some Easter joy to our neighborhood this spring, please contact Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org with questions, or to volunteer go to <https://tinyurl.com/54m4fcze>



Youth

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES



Garrett Johnson, Youth Leader

gjohnson@richfieldumc.org

Youth Email List

The best way to keep up to date with all the youth happenings is to get on Garrett's email list. If you or any one in your family needs to be added to Garrett's list, email him directly at gjohnson@richfieldumc.org.

Adult Volunteers Needed

We are in need of adult volunteers who are willing and able to help our youth program be the best that it can be. We need volunteers who are willing to help with Sunday school this fall, Confirmation, Youth Group, and all the fun events that we do. Whether you are able to commit weekly, monthly, or just from time to time, please email Garrett and let him know what you are interested in helping with so that he can start filling our volunteer needs for this upcoming school year.

Youth Bonfire Night—Fri. 7/16, 7:00–10:00 pm

On Friday July 16th the youth will gather for a night to relax around the bonfire at Garrett's house. The event will run from 7pm-10pm and include smores, games, relaxing, and other fun campfire activities.

Dilly Bar Discussions—Wed. 7/21 & Wed. 8/11, 2:00–3:00 pm

Think of this as something similar to our normal youth group times, but with Dilly Bars from DQ! We will meet on the back patio area at the church so that we can enjoy the nice weather. Each of our sessions we will have stuff to talk about as well as some games together. Please email Garrett by the Tuesday before the event so that I can make sure I get enough Dilly Bars for everyone. The dates for this are: July 21st (2pm-3pm), & August 11th (2pm-3pm)

Mini Golf and Pizza—Sun. 7/18

After a beautiful morning at Lake Harriet why not cap it off with a round of mini golf and some pizza!?! On July 18th after the service we will be leaving from Lake Harriet together and heading over to Como Park in St. Paul for a round of mini golf and some pizza. We are asking for \$10 each to help cover the cost of the round of golf and the price of the pizza. Preregistration is a must for this event so that we can have enough adult volunteers, you can register by emailing Garrett no later than Friday July 16th. We will return to church afterwards for pick up purposes.

Youth and Family Picnic—Sun. 8/8

After our outdoor worship on August 8th there will be some time for you to go home and gather up some food or find a drive-thru and return back to the church at noon for our Youth and Family Summer Picnic. We will gather and share a meal (which you will each bring on your own) starting at noon that day. This is a time for all of us to get to spend time with each other while still being outdoors and safe by bringing our own food. We hope as many of you can attend this date as possible!

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN REGATHERING SURVEYS!

Over the last 16 months, your Regathering Taskforce has relied on your survey participation to help guide their work. From the initial survey in July, 2020 to the latest in May, 2021, you have helped your church leaders know how you feel about campus safety, attitudes around the pandemic and vaccines, and finding a path forward through these many long months. God is at work in this congregation and every time you took the surveys you showed your investment in the mission of your church. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR ALL ELECTED LEADERS!

From those who have reached the end of their term, to those who are stepping aboard, to those who remain steadfast, and to all who have served in the past, we are grateful for your investment of time, energy, and devotion to your church! You help to make our mission happen and we are grateful for you and the gifts God has given you.

Thank you to those who are ending their time with elected teams: Rev. Wayne Albertson (Nominations), Earl Jex (Trustees), Susan Johnson (Finance), Jan Kirchner (SPRC), Christie Neuger (SPRC), Rhonda Olson (Nominations), Steve Restemayer (SPRC), Jason Teal (Nominations), and Marj Wittenborg (Finance).

2021-2022 ELECTED LEADER TEAMS

Teams were voted in at the June 6, 2021 church conference. * denotes a new servant volunteer.

Ad Board

Nick Dewey, Chair
Wayne Johnson, SPRC Chair*
Sue Restemayer, Finance Chair
Jerry Schilling, Trustees Chair
Gail Johnson, Lay Leader*
Lisa Oster, Lay Delegate
Becca Whitaker, Lay Delegate
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Marilyn Dodge, UMW Co-President
Alicia Owens, Children's Council
TBD, Church & Society*

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Phyllis Killam
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Jason Teal
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Wayne Johnson, SPRC Chair
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Noelle Olson*
Merry Rendahl
Curt Stull*
Jennifer Teal

Church & Society

Dan Bur*
Sharon Hall*
Sarah Musgrave*
Rhonda Olson*
Jen Pacyga*
Sherree Stratton*

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Beth Gieseke
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Christie Neuger
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Marlys Hudson
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CHESTER E. AND MARION D. GROTH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2021-2022

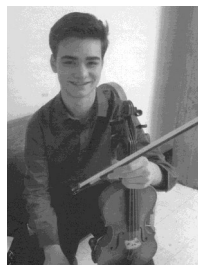
Leo Dvorsky will be a freshman at the University of Minnesota. He will be studying vocal performance. Leo is a graduate of St. Louis Park High School.



Lauren Senden will be a junior at Baldwin Wallace University, Ohio. She will be studying vocal performance and musical theatre. Lauren is graduate Mankato East High School, Mankato.



Penelope Corbett will be a freshman at the University of Minnesota. She will be studying violin performance and is a graduate of Stillwater Area High School.

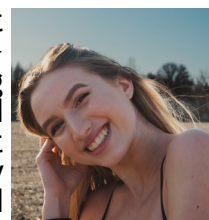


Benjamin Lenzmeier will be a junior at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. He will be studying violin performance and is a graduate of St. Agnes High School, St. Paul.

Catherine Carson will be a sophomore at Eastman Conservatory of Music in Rochester, New York. She will be studying violin performance. Catherine is a graduate of Shattuck St. Mary's and Northfield High School.



Abigail Arkley will be a senior at The University of Wisconsin - Madison. She will be studying piano performance and graduated as a PSEO student from Normandale Community College and as an accredited home school student.



Sara Shiff will be a freshman at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey. She will be studying vocal performance. Sara is a graduate of Robbinsdale Armstrong High School.

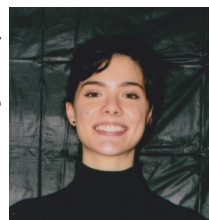


Andrea Kloehn will be a senior at The University of Colorado - Boulder. She will be studying flute performance and is a graduate of Southwest High School, Minneapolis.

Emma Taggart will be a sophomore at Mannes School of Music - The New School in New York City, NY. She will be studying piano performance and is a graduate of St. Agnes High School in St. Paul.



Tesslynn Lauer will be a senior at The University of Michigan. She will be studying flute performance and graduated from Eden Prairie High School, Eden Prairie



Congratulations to all the recipients. Watch for these young people over the summer months as they share their talents with us during worship.

THANK YOU FOR GROTH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

I am so grateful to receive a music scholarship from the Chester E. and Marion D. Groth Fund. Violin has always been a huge part of my life, and I am very excited to continue my musical studies at the University of Minnesota School of Music in Stephanie Arado's studio. This fall, I also have plans to pursue research in music cognition at the University's Auditory Perception and Cognition Laboratory. I hope that by staying in the Twin Cities I will be able to give back to the community through musical outreach. This past year has been incredibly turbulent, and I see it as my duty as an aspiring musician to be an active leader in encouraging other young people to see classical music as accessible, healing, powerful, and relevant in their lives.

Your support means so much to me. I am delighted to have the opportunity to annually perform for members of the Richfield United Methodist Church. Once again, thank you so much for your generosity.

Sincerely, Penelope Corbett

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

ASK THE PARISH NURSE



I received a great question this past month, and one that I believe many of us have asked ourselves lately: How do we best handle the transition to post-pandemic life as restrictions are lifted?

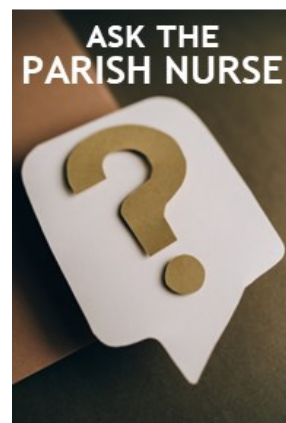
The light at the end of a very long tunnel is shining brighter than ever. Life is slowly returning to something closer to what it was before COVID. However, the return to "normal" may not feel like we expected at all. For some, the decision to ditch our masks and return to social gatherings is easy and exhilarating; for others, making our way back to "normal" comes with its own anxiety and stress. After over a year of protecting ourselves and our loved ones, it is daunting for many people to think about being among crowds again without getting sick. According to the American Psychological Association, nearly 50% of Americans report feeling anxiety about returning to in-person interaction. Here are some tips for how to help manage our anxiety as we return to "normal" life:

- Accept how you feel and be patient with yourself. We will have different comfort levels returning to different activities. Stick to your personal boundaries and communicate them in a respectful but firm manner.
- Be nonjudgmental with others. It is important to recognize that everyone has their own idea and understanding of what feels safe to them.
- Make changes slowly and ease into situations that create anxiety. Start to engage with others and in activities at your own pace. Forming new habits at the beginning of the pandemic took time; breaking these habits will take time as well.
- Live out your core values as you figure out where to put your energy and focus. Take time to reflect on what enriched your life this past year and hold on to newly discovered ways you

found meaning during the pandemic.

- Practice exquisite self-care. Conflicted feelings are normal . . . talk it out, write it out, work it out.
- Lift others up. Naming gratitude for the abundance in our lives can create inspiration to offer a helping hand to others.

There is no "one size fits all" blueprint to life after COVID. What perhaps is more universal is our collective sense of loss during this time and the grief and challenge that remains. Yet in the midst of our ongoing sorrow, it is wise to recognize the hopeful "silver linings" of COVID that have also been found. These past fourteen months, most of us have needed to slow down and pause and rethink what we want for our lives. It has been a period of introspection, and perhaps from our deep longings for what was beyond our reach during this time, we have become aware of what is really important and what is not. Can we think of this self-awareness as a gift, and as we bask in the light at the end of the tunnel, go forward and recreate a "new better normal" that will be joy-filled and gratifying?



SAVE THE DATE

Flu Shot Clinic (coordinated by TRUST / MVNA/Hennepin Healthcare)
Sunday, October 3rd
Time: 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Place: RUMC, Middle Office

AN EVERYDAY PRAYER LIFE IS FOR EVERYONE

You are invited to devote time and energy to God and neighbor every day to pray for:

- Open minds and hearts for “conflux moments.” May all experience God in their lives.
- People in need of a loving church home. May they be embraced as beloved children of God.
- Our fellow MCCI churches, our church’s people, elected leaders, paid staff, and partners. May the Spirit break through.
- We pray for all Minnesota Annual Conference churches leading into General Conference 2022.
- We pray for all Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church leading into General Conference 2022.
- Children near and far, all beloved of God. May all be shown safety, stability, and care.
- People facing the brokenness of inequities, poverty, loneliness, racism, toxic politics, complex family systems, and other pressing challenges amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic. May all who do justice and love mercy rise up as active, partnered signs of God’s healing love.
- Ourselves in this moment here and now. May we feel God’s creativity, Jesus’s hope, and the Holy Spirit’s call in our struggles, our celebrations, and our whole lives.

Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marylee Fithian, Maxene Schwanke, Jan Hansen, Joyce Walls, Agnes Danzl, Sara Watne’s sisters, Hope and Lora, Laurel Lien, Lenny Klosinski, uncle of Steve Klosinski, James York, father-in-law of Randy Matheus, Mary Martha Butler, Christie Neuger’s brother, Doug Cozad, Dorothy Holland, Mitzi Taylor, John Cogan, Barb Rogers, and Lori Claussen.

Prayers for Comfort:

Betty Donovan, mother of Barb Rogers, and all those in hospice and their families.

Prayers for Those Who are Grieving:

CFC teacher Blanca Jara and family in the death of Blanca’s aunt, Paula

UMW SAVE THE DATES

UMW Craft and Vender Fair

Saturday November 6th, 10am to 2pm

If you or someone you know is interested in having table please contact Rhonda Olson at rhonda.s.olson@gmail.com for information and an application. Have you been busy crafting during the pandemic? Please consider donating items to the UMW table. Contact Toni Locke at toni@ggrreegg.com or 612-840-9797 about dropping off items or if you have any questions.

UMW Bake Sale

Sunday December 12th after 1st service.
More information to come.

CHURCH CAMPUS WORD SCRAMBLE

Answer key on page 17

Excited to get to campus? See how many names of the church building, grounds, and rooms you can unscramble. Some may be 2-3 words together (one is 4 words long!), so you’ll have to figure out where the spaces go. As you unscramble each item’s name, pray with gratitude for the ways that what happens here contributes to the mission of the church and pray with hope for all that what happens here can be in the church’s future. And remember, while we have an excellent building and campus, the church is a people - so pray for all the people of the church, as well!

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June 6, 2021

Good morning, Church!

Your church will resume in-person worship on campus beginning Sunday, August 1, 2021! Now *that* is a good sentence to begin this letter! This decision was proposed by your Regathering Taskforce, approved by the elected leaders of your Ad Board, affirmed by District Superintendent, Rev. Dan Johnson, and informed by your collective response to the regathering survey last month. Your safety is our most important concern and this decision is in alignment with this missional value. This letter details some of the changes, protocols, survey data, phase plans, and next steps forward.

I am grateful for your patience, grace, and support as a church these long months of “closed campus, open church.” It has not always been easy, yet God has been with us every step of the way. For some of you, August 1 can’t come fast enough. For others, you’re not quite ready. Either way, you are welcome. **The plan is to continue live streaming worship online and by touch tone phone.** That means you do not have to return to in-person worship or gatherings until you are ready, friends.

Here are the anticipated phases for regathering:

Phase 0	June 6	“Soft Launch”
Phase 1	Aug. 1	In-Person Worship, Outdoor Fellowship
Phase 2	Sept. 12	In-Person Worship, Outdoor Fellowship, Outdoor Sunday School
Phase 3	Oct. 3	In-Person Worship, Indoor Fellowship, Indoor Sunday School, Nursery
Phase 4	Nov. 7	In-Person Worship, Fellowship, Sunday School, Nursery, Small Groups

Beginning June 6, we enter **PHASE 0**, our “soft launch” season of preparation. Key leaders and servant volunteers such as ushers, greeters, and others who help “make Sundays happen” will be invited to experience worship in-person in waves. This will help the worship team transition from online-only worship experiences and give these key leaders insight into how to keep making Sundays happen. Current servant volunteer rosters will be contacted soon. **If you want to commit to be a worship liturgist, tech crew member, usher, greeter, offering counter, building opener/closer, or otherwise serve in a role to help make Sundays happen, please contact Linda Schmidt, Communications Coordinator immediately: rumc@richfieldumc.org / 612-861-6086.** We will need a renewed commitment from many to make Sundays happen. Is God calling you?

At the time of this writing, we are planning on the following protocols:

- Please wear your mask on campus until otherwise instructed (extra masks available).
- Building opens for worshippers at 9:00am.
- Fellowship: after worship, please exit the main doors and enjoy fellowship outdoors.
- Attendance: new check-in system for Sunday School and Nursery, worship sign-in system TBD.
- Hand Sanitizer: receive a portion on your way into the sanctuary.
- Offering: give online, by mail, or place your offering in the plate on your way in.
- Bulletins: limited print bulletins available, electronic bulletins encouraged (phone/tablet).
- Communion: take a single-serve cup/wafer or bring your own alcohol-free elements with you.
- Seating: Sit distanced by household, floor seating only, with ushers assisting as needed.
- Hospitality: No food or drink available.

In May, we received 72 responses to Regathering Survey #4 and we believe this represents more people per household overall. Average worship attendance pre-pandemic was ~125 and this is a

representative survey. Here are some key data points used to weigh the decisions on our next steps:

- 99% of you said your household is vaccinated 100% or 100% except those with direct medical advice not to due to health conditions or children too young for currently-available vaccines.
- A combined 94% of you said it is important or very important/essential that a strong majority of the people at your church's in-person gatherings are fully vaccinated.
- You are overall comfortable/very comfortable abiding by necessary protocols (92%) and being lovingly reminded to do so (94%). You are less comfortable being the ones do the reminding (61%)!
- You are open to safety awareness training overall, including participating in safety drills such as fire drills (71%) and even tough to talk about drills like intruder drills (57%).
- Of those who participate in online ministries (Bible study/small group, team meetings, Lunch & Learn), 98% of you prefer not to switch to in-person meetings until there is a hybrid online model.

One critical change impacts us all: **we will gather in one united worship service on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.** By August 1, we will have spent 16 months worshipping with a variety of musical styles, traditional liturgy in an informal atmosphere, and interactive elements like lighting candles, prayer, and sharing the peace. Things that made Sanctuary and Living Waters worship wonderful are blended into a signature experience and your feedback has been abundantly affirming. **We are blessed that worship currently resembles what we had and is sustainable moving forward.** The adaptability of the worship team, the creativity of the servant volunteer tech crew, and the forward-thinking innovation of your elected leaders have worked to make this happen. Some churches were forced into a prerecorded-only scenario or are struggling with how to continue reaching people online once they regather. **We are well-positioned for the future of worship, thanks be to God!**

I celebrate all that Sanctuary worship and Living Waters worship have been for this church. While both have seen their fair share of change over the years, the shift to one united worship service is the biggest change to either in quite some time. It is okay to lament things that are lost and I am always glad to hear what you have to say. I also pray you will keep an open heart for how this change grants us a season of (re)building community, a sustainable work load for our servant volunteers, and accessibility for those worshipping online and by touch tone phone. **Thank you for your open hearts!**

Finally, here are a few special items to take note of, please:

- Worship is at the Richfield Bandshell on June 13 and Aug. 8 and Lake Harriet Bandshell on July 18.
- Worship will *not* be in-person on September 5 (Labor Day weekend) and December 26 (Day after Christmas). Worship will be **live streamed online and by touch tone phone only** on those Sundays.
- We are still working on items that will require careful planning and continued patience, including:
 - Church bus ready for travel (the goal is to have the plan announced before August 1).
 - Building hours for church members to stop by and paid staff on-campus work schedules.
 - Returning to in-person small groups, rehearsals, teams and committees, user groups, etc.
 - Returning to in-person pastoral care visits by care team members, paid staff, and clergy.
 - Continuing technology and/or campus upgrades.
 - Reopening God's Hands Thrift Store.

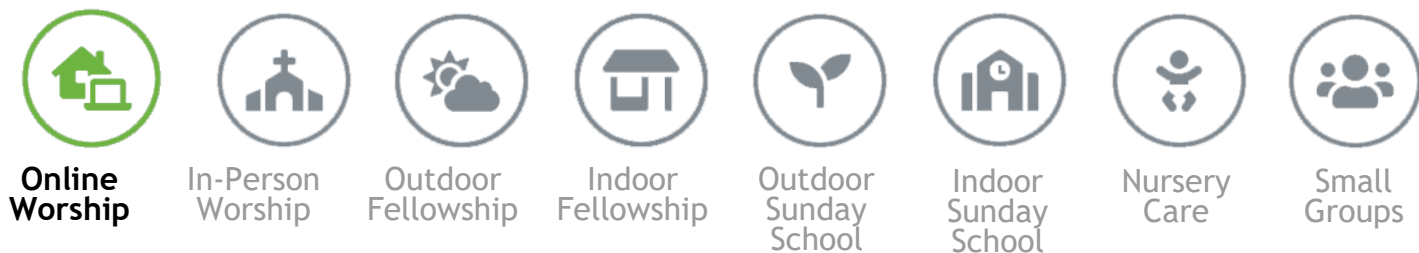
As we prepare for our next season as a church, I have never been prouder to be your pastor. Your love and perseverance consistently reflects the love of Jesus. The Holy Spirit will keep that love going as we move forward. May we embrace God's future, and be God's loving church!

In Christ,
Rev. Nate Melcher
Senior Pastor

SUNDAY MORNING 2021 REGATHERING PHASES:

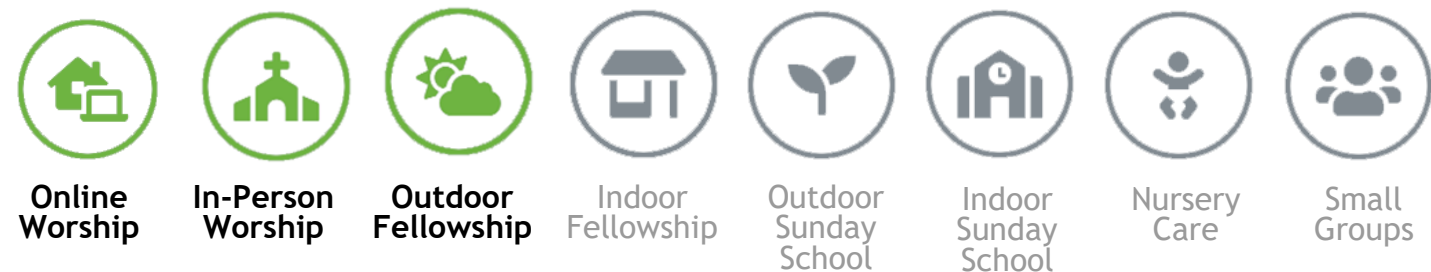
PHASE 0 - JUNE 6, 2021

Outdoor Worship: Jun. 13, Jul. 18



PHASE 1 - AUGUST 1, 2021

Outdoor Worship: Aug. 8; Online-Only Worship: Sept. 5



PHASE 2 - SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



PHASE 3 - OCTOBER 3, 2021



PHASE 4 - NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Online-Only Worship: Dec. 26



WORSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS

In these distanced times, five worship services were designed to be timeless. Unlike other worship services with references to world events like the pandemic, they were intentionally designed to be perennial resources for when the mood strikes you. Each features a variety of musical styles fitting to the tone of the worship service and they are available in the Worship Archives at youtube.com/richfieldumc anytime.

April 9, 2020

Maundy Thursday: handwashing, and sharing a meal.

April 10, 2020

Good Friday: Tenebrae (gradual extinguishing of candles).

December 9, 2020

Hope and Healing: writing ritual and remembering loved ones.

April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday: handwashing ritual.

April 2, 2021

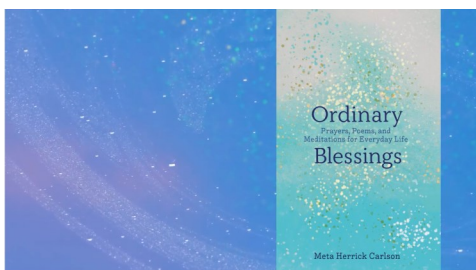
Good Friday: reflections on prayer.

April 3, 2021

Easter Vigil: remembrance of baptism ritual.

“ORDINARY BLESSINGS” DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS ARE AVAILABLE

This spring, Pastor Nate created 10 videos featuring prayers from the book *Ordinary Blessings* by Rev. Meta Herrick Carlson. Each appeared in worship during Lent and Holy Week, featuring calming music, images that spark imagination, and the beauty of Rev. Carlson’s words. You can experience each of these brief devotional videos (they are typically just over 1 and a half minutes long) at youtube.com/richfieldumc one at a time or all together in the “Devotionals” playlist.



CONGRATULATIONS: RACHEL WHITAKER WEDDING

Congratulations to Rachel Freeman (Whitaker) on her marriage to Zach Freeman on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at Longfellow Gardens in Minneapolis. Pastor Nate was the officiant for this 1-year pandemic delayed occasion and church members Kira Locke and Rachel’s sister, Becca, were in the wedding party. Congratulations to Rachel’s parents and church members, Malissa and Jerad Whitaker, and her siblings, Becca, Rain, Ryan, and Ryder. Due to pandemic and living in South Dakota, many people of the church perhaps last saw Rachel and Zach on August 15, 2019, when their daughter, Nora, was baptized in worship. Nora was a wonderful flower girl for her loving parents’ wedding!



Congratulations Rachel and Zach Freeman

CHURCH CAMPUS WORD SCRAMBLE (p. 13)

Answer Key:

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| 1. GRACE ROOM | 12. CARING FOR CHILDREN |
| 2. SANCTUARY | 13. CHAPEL |
| 3. NARTHEX | 14. SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS |
| 4. YOUTH ROOM | 15. FELLOWSHIP HALL |
| 5. KITCHEN | 16. BOILER ROOM |
| 6. ARCHIVES | 17. COURTYARD |
| 7. FIRESIDE ROOM | 18. BELL ROOM |
| 8. CHOIR ROOM | 19. NURSING MOTHERS' ROOM |
| 9. STEEPLE | 20. HERITAGE ROOM |
| 10. GOD'S HANDS THRIFT STORE | |
| 11. OFFICE AREA | |

WOMEN'S TRIP TO THE BWCA

August 23-29, 2021

Sign up and hold these dates if interested

The women of RUMC who have historically gone to the BWCA have new plans. We will stay at KoWaKan, a UMC Camp which is outside of Ely, near the BWCA entrance to Lake One, and do day trips into the BWCA. By going the end of August, it will be after the camp season, so we will have the camp to ourselves sans staff and have full use of the camp and staff area. Being at KoWaKan gives greater individual flexibility as to arrival and departure dates, so some folks could come for just a long weekend.

At KoWaKan we have access to electricity, a refrigerator, a fully equipped picnic shelter with stocked bear proof cupboards, picnic tables etc. New this year will be a yurt available for daytime use when weather is inclement or perhaps when the bugs get bad in the evening. We can use the platform tents that have bunk cots and/or pitch our own. In the staff area, one has access to your car. One also has direct access to Section 12 Lake for launching canoes or swimming.

At this point plans are tentative, with many details yet to be sorted including COVID-19 restrictions/protocol that would need to be followed. If you are at all interested, save the dates, and please notify Fern Albertson at 612-214-4527, wfalbertson@gmail.com or Molly Reko at mollyreko@comcast.net, 612-270-4700. There will be space for up to 12, with a waiting list. Our experience has been that often peoples' plans/circumstances this far out can change and so creating a greater chance for those on a waiting list to get to go.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING VEAP FOOD PANTRY!

As a church, we may be in distanced times, but we are finding ways to come together. Through a series of five drive-thru food drives over the course of six months at Trunk-or-Treat, the Easter Egg Hunt, and Drive-Thru Joy, your church has centered the compassion of the Holy Spirit in this community. Through these drives, we've collected \$2,000+ and 3,200+ lbs. of food and health donations for our longstanding mission partner, VEAP Food Pantry. This is a conflux moment! Can you feel what God is doing through your church? Your faith in action is changing lives, thanks be to God! You can learn more or give directly at veap.org.

CONTINUING OPEN GROUPS

Women Who Read (WWR) –1st Mondays of the Month at 1:30-3:00 pm, online by Zoom

If you are a woman who enjoys good books and thoughtful discussion, then consider joining fellow readers for Women Who Read. The next meetings and books are:

July 5: The Almost Sisters
by Joshilyn Jackson

Aug. 2: What You Have Heard Is True
by Carolyn Forché

Sept. 13: (note date change)
The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

To join by Zoom, email **both** Fern (WFalbertson@gmail.com) and Molly (mollyreko@gmail.com).

Women's Bible Study—Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 am online by Zoom

You are invited to come on board by calling Molly Reko, 612-270-4700, our Zoom coordinator, or Ruth Phelps, 952-929-1595, leader. There is plenty of food for thought in scripture, for as old as the scriptures are, they are alive with truth for these days. Try something new-this is a group of Women who will welcome you!

Men's Bible Study—Wednesdays at 9:00 am online by Zoom

A NEW CALL TO CONNECT

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95435276775>

Meeting ID: 954 3527 6775

Or call in: 312-626-6799 (standard rates may apply)

Each week, the Men's Bible Study will read the sermon [scripture](#) passage together and discuss it for its context then and its relevance now. This growing group continues to welcome new men to the table for a time to study the Bible and offer one another support.

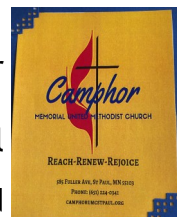
THANK YOU FROM A RECIPIENT OF THE 2020 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Thomas Scholarship Education Fund. We were delighted to receive your contribution, especially during these very challenging times.

Your contribution will be used to support the \$500.00 scholarship for each of our 2021-2022 awardees.




Blessings to you and your congregation.

-Camphor Memorial
United Methodist Church,
St. Paul, MN



BE A “DIGITAL SUPERFAN” OF YOUR CHURCH!

Here are crucial ways to stay informed, be involved, and get invitational digitally:

1. **SIGN UP FOR - OR RESUBSCRIBE TO - THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST.**  Get weekly news updates in the *eHeartline* announcements, a bulletin link and worship preview with *Worship Launchpad*, and updates on pandemic-related announcements, funerals and memorials. Send the emails to a friend if something in it would interest them. Subscribe or resubscribe in seconds at richfieldumc.org/email. We have dipped a little to 313 subscribers; can you help your church get back to 325 this summer?
2. **ENGAGE YOUR CHURCH ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.**  Interacting with [your church's Facebook content](#) puts it in front of new people. “Like,” comment, and share your church’s content. “See First” in your News Feed and “Turn On” Notifications so you’ll see fresh content. We have grown to 516 people who like our Page. Can you help us reach 525 this summer?
3. **ENGAGE YOUR CHURCH ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL.**  Engage with [your church's YouTube Channel](#) to put our content in front of new people. “Subscribe” and “Ring the Bell” icon to receive Notifications when new videos come up or we go live. “Like” and “Share” the videos with friends. We have grown to 298 subscribers. Can you help your church surpass 300 this summer?

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM TROUBLESHOOTING

We’re all still getting used to new technology for worship and online gatherings. Let’s continue to show each other mutual patience and grace moving forward. Here are ideas on what you can do on your end for the best worship livestreaming experience possible:

- Out of Sync Sound/Picture: try refreshing the page, restarting your device, or restart the YouTube app. Try a different web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.), or clear your browser cache. Try lowering resolution settings from 1080p HD to 720p HD. Check your internet connection signal strength; be sure you’re physically close enough to your router to receive a quality signal.
- Volume Too Low: try turning up the volume on your device (there is a maximum output on our end before it distorts for everyone; we are unable to “turn it up” for you). Try headphones or connecting external speakers to your device.
- If you’ve tried these solutions and still need help, please contact the Tech Crew at worshiptech@richfieldumc.org and we will try to help thank you!

HAPPY JULY AND AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

July

Winona Davis	01
Linda Novak	01
Jerad Whitaker	01
Marilyn Boyce	02
Alex Gunderson	02
Sharon Keen	03
Noelle Olson	03
Elaine Peterson	04
Michael Watne	08
Paul Watne	08
Helen Moore	11
Joyce Walls	13
Gayle Whitney	13
Brad Gardner	13
Rev. Nate Melcher	13
Hazen Pratt	17
Shelley White	18
Barb Rogers	19
Whitney Moore	21
David Couillard	22
Pat Steffer	23
Dayle Couillard	29
Kat Davis	29

August

Chuck Bodger	05
Becca Whitaker	06
Kay Kurtz	07
Elizabeth Lambert	07
Dale Blomsness	09
Gretta Thorson	09
Mary Lynn Schmidt	11
John Olson	11
Kelly Melcher	11
Taylor Clarke	11
Grace Cogan	12
Norma Christenson	14
J. Tim Bumgarner	17
Greg Locke	17
David Rogers	19
Millie Vetsch	20
Lauren Koskey	20
Herb Doty	21
Jan Kirchner	22
Clarice Lien	24
Nancy Geisinger	24
Mick Hudson	27
Jodi Young	27
Steven Bodger	27
John Dierauer	30
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**In-person worship
resumes
on campus beginning
Sunday, August 1, 2021
at 9:30 am**

*Please join your church in
praying the Breakthrough
Prayer daily at 8:35.*

OUR BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

Loving God of all,
renew our hearts and minds.

Reveal your wildest dreams,
breakthrough to each of us.

Unite us in your vision,
equip us for your work.

Transform us by your song,
create our harmony.

May we embrace your future
and be your loving church.

Amen.

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