



News From
The Center



Dear Family and Friends,

June is always an exciting and hopeful month. We rejoice with our students and teachers as another school year comes to an end with graduations and anticipation of the warm summer months ahead. We look forward to sunshine, being outdoors, and having time for much needed recreation and rest.

Here in the church, we often find this to be a bit quieter time of year as our young people enjoy the extra freedom that comes with summer vacation and as many people take off for their well-deserved get-aways. And yet, even in this more relaxed season, there is still important work to be done. June is the month of our Annual Conference where United Methodists from across the Wisconsin Conference gather to catch up with each other and to plan for the coming year. This year we are meeting in Green Bay (June 7 - 10) and there will be much to unpack after the historic General Conference that took place in April.

And in our own church, we are also actively praying, listening, and coming together in committees and work-groups as we set goals and make our own plans for the coming year. As a newly-unified congregation, we are still finding our feet, and there is still much to discover and organize as we look toward the future. We want the Richland Center United Methodist Church to thrive and be a beacon of Christian love and light in our community. And while we are off to a very good start, there is more we want to do to build upon our positive momentum.

Our mission as United Methodists is to “make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” This is a tall order, and in order to do it well, we will need the prayers and participation of all our members and friends. We have many people to care for, Sunday services to plan and prepare, youth and adults to nurture in Discipleship, a community to serve. Not to mention all the other many and varied responsibilities that come with providing an inviting and inspiring place of worship, learning, and fellowship -- not only for our existing congregation but for those in our community who may be looking for a welcoming faith-family. In fact, statistics tell us that summer is the time when spiritual seekers typically visit churches, and of course we will want those visitors to see us at our best. So, while this may be the season for taking it easy, it is also a time where God may be doing new and important things in our little corner of Creation.

Pastor Rachel's letter *continued...*

And so, with all this in mind -- and no matter where you will be this month -- you will be in my prayers and I invite you to join me with some prayers of your own. Let's lift up all our students, teachers, graduates and travelers, along with our Wisconsin Annual Conference and the RC-UMC church and its leaders. And if you think of it, say a prayer for me too, as I will be traveling to Washington, DC to receive a Doctor of Theology degree on June 14th.

With much gratitude and many blessings to all,

Pastor Rachel

Seekers Bible Study

The Seekers Bible study meets on Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the library of RC-UMC. Beginning June 6th, the summer quarter will focus on **Prayers of the Bible** and **The Challenge of Reading Revelation**.

Jesus took it for granted that His followers would pray. He said "When you pray....not if you pray". It is obvious that God places a priority on prayer. He gave us a model of how to pray when He gave us the Lord's Prayer. Annie Lamott wrote a book on prayer in which she suggested that there are really only three essential prayers. "Help, Thanks and Wow." That is, in our prayers; we express our need, gratitude, and awe. I think we can all agree that something powerful can happen through prayer.

During the second half of the quarter we will focus on Revelation. Most people consider Revelation a difficult book to understand. Despite the daunting challenges Revelation present to modern Western readers, this much is clear: Since the first coming of Christ, God reigns unchallenged in heaven. Despite appearances to the contrary on earth.

Please consider joining our group as we grow in the Word together.

Sunday School News



The Sunday School year has drawn to a close and we have ended the year with packing five Ingathering kits to be taken to conference in June, handed out bedding plants to honor our mothers on Mother's Day, and deciding on our Heifer/Mission Project animals. (A flock of chickens and honeybees.)

We ended the year with some mini lessons on priorities, faith, acceptance, & inclusion. Our graduates were honored during the church service on May 26. they are Katherine Hall, Zada Ludwig, Makenna Monson, Teige Perkins, and Clara Shannon from Richland Center High School and Tora Perkins from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Congratulations on a job well done.

Barb Shannon
Education Chair
647-6522

Sunday School will start again in the fall. Look for the date in the August newsletter.

Chair of Education,
Barb Shannon

HERE'S THE SCOOP... SAVE THIS DATE!!



JOIN US FOR AN

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, June 19, 2024
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**RICHLAND
CENTER UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

Fellowship Hall
Handicap Accessible

Bar-B-Q, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad
Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Pickles
Homemade Pie & Ice Cream, Beverages
Free-Will offering accepted



Yummy!

Mission Projects for 2024

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2024 <i>Special Sundays in Italics</i>	
June	ICE CREAM SOCIAL JUNE 19 TH (Church Camp Fund)
July	FOOD PANTRY
August	MEMORIAL MINISTRY WISH LIST
September	PASSAGES
October	HARVEST AUCTION: to fulfill our covenant with David Makobo, Senegal, Africa <i>World Communion Sunday October 1ST 1045</i>
November	VETERANS PROJECT (project TBD) <i>UM Student Day November 26th #1055</i>
December	SALVATION ARMY

June Ice Cream Social: Church Camp Fundraiser

Richland Center United Methodist Church is continuing the traditional pie and ice cream social to raise funds to assist our youth who would like to attend UM summer church camps.

The Ice Cream Social will take place on Wednesday, June 19th, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the RC-UMC Fellowship Hall, which is handicapped accessible. The menu will include: Bar-b-Que, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips, pickles, homemade pie, ice cream and beverages. Price: Freewill offering.

In order to have a successful event, we need helping hands to bake pies and help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church for both pies and helpers. Call the church office, 608-647-3203 if you have questions.

By asking you to support Richland Center UMC Missions' Projects, we also ask that you first consider your support of the general fund, which is what keeps our church doors open. Then please prayerfully consider your support of this month's Mission Focus. Thank you.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – CAMP FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, June 19th from 5-7 p.m. at RC-UMC Fellowship Hall – Lower Level



PIE BAKERS - Sign Up Sheet

If you would like to support the youth activities fund to help Richland Center United Methodist Church youths attend church camp. . . then here is a great opportunity! In order to make this event a huge success we need volunteers to bake homemade pies and to help with the setup, serving and cleanup details. The greatest need for HELPERS will be in the setup and serving areas.

Please sign up to help or to donate a pie (or pies).

	NAME	PHONE NUMBER	TYPE OF PIE	QUANTITY
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Volunteers Needed

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1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Camping News

Leaders in Training

June 16-21 at Lake Lucerne: Grades 9-12

Learn how the magic of camp happens! If you have ever wanted to learn about working at camp, this is the perfect opportunity. Explore, develop, and practice your leadership skills with hands on experiences with team building, activity leading, and group games.

After this week of camp, campers will return as a Junior Counselor to practice their newly learned skills while being monitored by experienced camp staff. This is an excellent addition to your resume for college or the workforce.

Leadership Skills

June 9-14 at Pine Lake: Grades 9-12

Great leadership takes effort to develop! Join others as you grow your skills and abilities. Explore the characteristics of great leadership! Leadership campers will use the skills they learn connecting nature, faith, and new friends, to learn activities and evening games for younger campers.

After the week of Leadership Skills Camp, campers will have the opportunity to return to camp for a second week of camp as a Junior Counselor, applying the skills they learned during the Leadership Skills week.



Please visit the website at www.WIUMCamps.org for more information.

Off To Camp

June 21st -23rd Rosie Steinmetz, Max and Ruby will be attending Grandparent/Grandchild camp at Pine Lake.

July 14-17 John Storer and Declan will be attending Grandparent/Grandchild camp at Pine Lake.

July 28-31 Max will be attending Circuit: Games to Life at Pine Lake.

We are thankful for our Wisconsin United Methodist Camps. Keep our campers in your prayers.



Pine Lake
W8301 County Road M
Westfield, WI 53964
608.296.2720



Lake Lucerne
W6460 County Road YY
Neshkoro, WI 54988
920.293.4488

Memorial Ministry Corner

Congratulations to Our 2024 Richland Center UMC Scholarship Recipients!

The RC-UMC Memorial Ministry team is pleased to introduce you to our five 2024 scholarship recipients for a grand total of \$3,500 in scholarship awards.



Name: Morgan E. (Goodyear) Crotsenberg

College: Herzing University (Madison, WI)

Program: Bachelor of Science-Nursing (BSN)

Award: \$500

Morgan will be continuing her nursing education and is a valued long-time employee of Schmitt Woodland Hills Retirement Community.

Name: Katherine R. Hall

College: James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA)

Program: Associate Degree/Diploma (Undeclared Major for Now)

Award: \$1,500

In addition to the RC-UMC scholarship of \$500, Katherine will also be receiving an award of \$1,000 from former Peace UMC that was set aside by the Peace church members for a scholarship in her name. She was the presenter for Teige at the RCHS Baccalaureate service and is the class Salutatorian for the graduation service.



Name: Teige W. Perkins

College: UW-Whitewater (Whitewater, WI)

Program: Business Management

Award: \$500

Teige also served as a baccalaureate speaker for the RCHS service on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Name: Tora V. Perkins

College: UW-Whitewater (Whitewater, WI)

Program: Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Award: \$500 (Provisional)

Tora's award is "provisional," as she will be accepting a job beginning June 03, 2024, in which her employer may pay all (or a portion) of her MBA degree expenses. This is a "Provisional" approval with award to be "pending." Tora was also a 2024 bachelor's degree graduate in May 2024 from UW-Whitewater.



Memorial Ministry Corner *continued...*



Name: Talena M. Sprecher

College: Illinois Central College (East Peoria, IL)

Program: Business Administration Transfer

Award: \$500

Talena will be returning to Illinois Central College (ICC) after having completed her first-year already!

Memorial Ministry is so proud of these five 2024 scholarship recipients, as they prepare to turn over a “new chapter” in their lives. We also want to say a thank you to their parents and families for supporting them all these years. May God bless them all.

Finally, we also want to thank all the memorial & honor gift donors who contribute on a yearly basis to continue this very important church ministry. Without you, Memorial Ministry would not have the financial means to fund our church scholarship program.

Memorial Ministry Chair Paul Murphey attended the Wednesday, May 22, 2024, RCHS Scholarship Awards Night representing both Richland Center United Methodist Church and former Peace United Methodist Church to present scholarship awards to Katherine and to Teige, as RCHS 2024 graduates.

“The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge; the ears of the wise seek it out.”

-- Proverbs 18:15

Reaffirmation & Celebration Service from Sunday, May 05, 2024

On Sunday, May 05, 2024, a very special service of reaffirmation & celebration was conducted by Pastor Rachel K. Olson and our Southwest District Superintendent Pastor Amanda Stein to celebrate the milestone unification of the former Peace & Trinity United Methodist churches.

Members present remembered their baptisms and reaffirmed their membership vows through ritual, music, & words. It was a beautiful service followed by an incredible fellowship brunch served by Joan Bethke, Connie Frye, Dianne Monson, & Joan Wheeler. All should be thanked for the incredible planning and effort to mark this important event in the long history of both churches.

If you were unable to attend, enjoy the following pictures!

“Because You Are God’s Chosen Ones, Because You Are Kept in His Care; Clothe Yourselves With Mercy and Kindness, Humility, Meekness, and Prayer.” -- Colossians

3:12

Our New Church History in Pictures!



NOTE: More Pictures Will Appear on a Poster on the East Hallway Bulletin Board!

Happy Father's Day



FATHERS are wonderful people

Too little understood,

And we do not sing their **praises**

As often as we should...

But **FATHERS** are just wonderful

In a million different ways,

And they merit loving **compliments**

And accolade of praise

For the only reason Dad aspires

To **fortune** and success

Is to make the family proud of him

And to bring them **HAPPINESS**...

And like our Heavenly Father,

He's a **guardian** and a guide,

Someone that we can count on

To be **always** on our side.

Happy Fathers Day!



While You're Away

Taking regular vacations is key to our well-being. It's important to spend time with loved ones, experience physical and mental refreshment, enjoy changes in scenery and routine, and prepare for future productivity.

Just remember: God's work goes on all summer long. When you're on vacation, your friends at church miss you. No one else can fill your unique role in the congregation. Your presence and gifts help the church thrive. So please give your regular offerings before you leave for vacation. And if you have the opportunity, try to attend church while you're away. Have a wonderful summer!

Women's Bible Study



The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will not meet in June, July or August. Their last Tuesday meeting will be May 28th at 10:00 a.m. We will resume in the fall. Please stay tuned to the newsletter and bulletins for more information.

Celebrations and More



June Birthdays		June Anniversaries			
Ben Shannon	6/1	Maggey Edwards	6/22	Tom & Kathy Richardson	6/1
Doug Sommer	6/6	Tora Perkins	6/22	Rick & Susan Orsburn	6/4
Rosemary Jewell	6/8	Jan Salmon	6/22	Howard & Helen Nelson	6/6
Amie Twining	6/10	Elia Spangler	6/24	Jerry & Donna Bower	6/13
Dick Hewuse	6/11	Bill Twining	6/25	Doug & Jill Sommer	6/23
Rick Jones	6/17	Jim Weber	6/26	Kurt & Dianne Monson	6/26
Betty Unbehaun	6/18	Bev Fink	6/28	Richard & Shirley Steiner	6/27
Carl Bethke	6/19	Connie Hoppenjan	6/29	Ed & Bev Fink	6/28
Nancy Studnicka	6/19	Franklin Crotsenberg	6/29	Bill & Julie Stebbins	6/30
Bonnie Arbegust	6/20	Ryan Bee	6/30		
Aaron Joyce	6/20	Michael Subera	6/30		



Strawberry Dinner is being held at Willow Valley UMC, 24811 State Hwy 58, on Friday, June 14th, from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Menu is: Brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, beverage, strawberries, shortcake and ice cream.

Free will offering is being accepted.

An Ode to Dads

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree,
the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night,
the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed,
the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete, and so, he called it ... Dad.

--Author Unknown

"Patience is the companion of wisdom."

"Oh, be swift to love, make haste to be kind!"

Special dates

- Flag Day, June 14
- Father's Day, June 16
- Juneteenth, June 19
- First day of summer, June 20



--St. Augustine

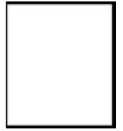
--Henri-Frédéric Amiel

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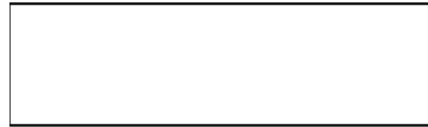


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Happy Father's Day to all who share a caring relationship with a dad or dad-figure – even as we gather (on Father's Day) to worship the most loving Father of all, our God of infinite goodness.</p>						1
<p>2 Worship: 10:00 a.m. RCHS Graduation: 2:00 p.m.</p>	3	<p>4 Mission's Mtg: 4:30 p.m. Library</p>	5	<p>6 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>7 The office is closed</p>	8
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<p>16 Father's Day Worship: 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>17 Ad Council Mtg: 4:00 p.m. – Library</p>	18	<p>19 Newsletter deadline: Noon Thrift Shop Workers: 1:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social: 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>20 Seeker's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>21 The office is closed</p>	22
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<p>30 Worship: 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“The Gospel takes away our right forever to discriminate between the deserving and the undeserving poor.” – <i>Doris Day</i></p>					

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Richland Center, WI 53581



A Community of Faith



Richland Center United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
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Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Monica Eernisse
Custodian: Bill Twining



June 19th
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

