

NOVEMBER



2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Regular Sunday Schedule 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship & kids Sunday School 10:45am Adult Sunday School Classes	** Regular Wed. Night Activities 5:30 pm Meal 6 pm Handbells, Two Rivers STEAM games & Discipleship class 7 pm Uke Choir, TRY & Kids Club 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir			1 7 pm Step Up Proposal Town Hall Meeting	2 10:00 am Prayer Group	3 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site
* Regular Sunday Schedule Communion 3 pm Church Thanksgiving Dinner @ Camp Milan	12 pm Lunch and Learn Bible Study 6 pm Sisterhood Get-Together	6 pm Evangelism Meeting 7 pm Leadership Committee Meeting	**Wednesday Night Live Activities	8	9 10:00 am Prayer Group	10 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site
* Regular Sunday Schedule 10:45 am Step Up Proposal Town Hall Meeting	12 pm Lunch and Learn Bible Study	6 pm UMM Dinner Meeting	**Wednesday Night Live Activities	15	16 10:00 am Prayer Group	17 9:30 am Handbell rehearsal 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site
* Regular Sunday Schedule 4:30 pm Members vote on Step Up Proposal 6 pm Annual Charge Conf. @ Bethel Wesley UMC	12 pm Lunch and Learn Bible Study	6:30 pm Presentation by Bishop Beard on GC2019	No Wednesday Activities December Compass Deadline	Church Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	23	24 11:00 am Operation Safety Net 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site
UM Student Day * Regular Sunday Schedule 11 am Hanging of the Greens	10 am Two Rivers Readers 12 pm Lunch and Learn Bible Study		**Wednesday Night Live Activities	29	30 10:00 am Prayer Group	

Step Up Report



The Step Up Report, which is nearly 18 months in the making, was submitted to the people of Two Rivers Church on Sunday, October 14. The full report is available in the church office, in the back of the sanctuary, and online at TwoRiversUMC.org if you click on the "Step Up" tab.

Here is a brief summary:

The Strengths of Two Rivers Church include: 1. A dedicated group of volunteers and strong pastoral leadership; 2. Diversity of membership; 3. Community ministry that embraces Jesus' call to serve; 4. Newcomer welcome that is significant, outside the norm, and should be named, celebrated, and repeated.

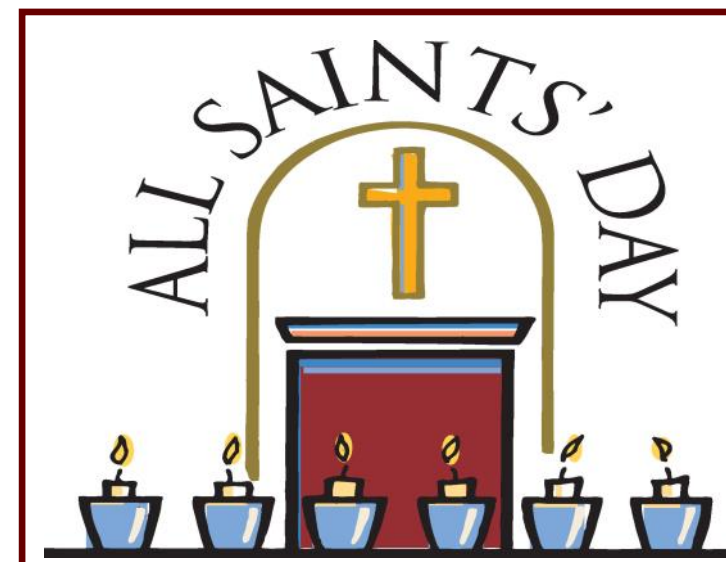
The Concerns of Two Rivers Church include: 1. An aging congregation and a generation gap between the youth and the majority of membership; 2. Unclear results of evangelism efforts; The church does a lot for the community, but these events do not always connect to new people; 3. Cultural barriers that come naturally with diversity.

The suggested next steps include: 1. A task force that will examine all of the programs of Two Rivers and evaluate their effectiveness; 2. Increase Multicultural Momentum by creating a group that reflects the church's diversity that will create space for people to get together in relationship-building ways; 3. Apprentice Emerging Leaders who will be trained on a one-on-one manner to replace and reinvigorate veteran leaders.

What's Next?

There will be two more Town Hall Meetings in November before the final vote on the Step Up Proposal on November 18 at 4:30 p.m. The remaining meetings will be on Thursday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Asbury Parlor and on Sunday, November 11 at 10:45 a.m. in Epworth Hall.

The Church Conference vote will be on Sunday, November 18 at 4:30 p.m. in Epworth Hall.



During worship on Sunday, November 4, we will pause to remember those who have passed away during the past year. The names of the people who have passed away will be read, a candle lit and a bell will toll in memory of each one.

Those that will be remembered are:

- 3/16/2018 Delona Kennedy
- 4/12/2018 Gladys Heather
- 05/2018 Helen Beselin
- 9/24/2018 Karen Crowe
- 10/26/2018 Betty Frank

Quad Cities Dining Tour Books



The Two Rivers United Methodist Men's Club has now received the new 2018 - 2019 Quad Cities Dining Tour books. We have found there to be 27 new restaurants in the dining books for the total of over 150 restaurants this year.

In the past years we have offered free delivery for anyone who would like to purchase a dining book or books. We are offering this free delivery again this year. We offer this throughout the Quad Cities. Please call Larry Dalton at 563-326-0109 or email us at daltongarage15@icloud.com. The dining books will also be available at the west entrance of the church on Sunday mornings.

While prices continue to rise, we once again are very pleased that the dining books remain at the low price of \$35 per book. For those who enjoy dining out, the Quad Cities Dining Tour books make a very affordable way to enjoy the many fine restaurants of the Quad Cities.

We are always pleased to announce new restaurants in the dining books such as Igor's Bistro of Rock Island. We are once again please to find the Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse to be in the Quad Cities Dining Tour books as well.

The Two Rivers United Methodist Men's Club has enjoyed working with the members of the church in the past years and we hope to again this year.

Sisterhood



November's Sisterhood Get-Together will be on Monday, November 5th (the first Monday of the month) at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Ruth Hill, 2536 28th Street, Rock Island, IL. Everyone is welcome to bring an appetizer and/or beverage to share.

All women are invited to come. Feel free to bring a friend. Join us for devotions, fellowship and a fun evening with the girls. Contact Rita Anderson at (309) 788-7150 for more information. Please note, there will be NO Sisterhood Get-Together in December or January.

Methodist Men Dinner Meeting



The United Methodist Men will have their dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 13. The dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the price of \$9.00 per person. After dinner Kent and Nancy Cornish will present a program on their trip to Australia.

Please call Jerry Etzel 764-5837 by Monday, November 12 to make your reservation. Come and join us for an evening of good food and fellowship. Hope to see you.



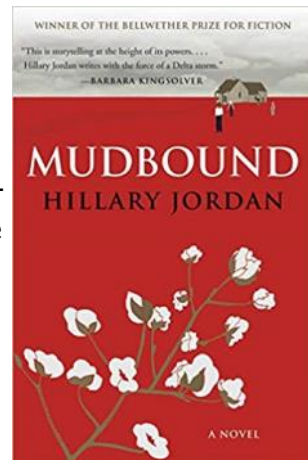
Two Rivers Readers

Put your seatbelt on for our November read. "Mudbound" by Hillary Jordan is set in the south at the end of the second World War. It is the story of forbidden love, betrayal and murder. Set against the Jim Crow south.

Our discussion leader for our November meeting will be Dick Lee. The book should be available at your local library or your favorite book distributor.

Think about joining us if you like to read, enjoy a few laughs, and some challenging conversations. Visitors are welcome as are new members.

The November 26 meeting will be hosted by Ellen Pohlman at her home, 2430 19th Ave. in Rock Island at 10:00a.m. If you have questions call Joan Robinson 309/788-8082 or Ellen Pohlman 309/786-8954.



Chaddock Santa Express



Chaddock's Santa Express will be rolling into town the first week of December and Two Rivers Church is once again a drop off site for gifts for Chaddock's children.

Included in this issue of the Compass is a list of needed items as well as gift items for the children in Chaddock Foster Care. If you wish to give any of these gifts, please bring them (unwrapped) to the church office by Sunday, December 2. If you wish, wrapping paper, bows, etc. are also accepted to help wrap the gifts for the children.

Thank you for making Christmas brighter this year for the children of Chaddock.



4th Annual Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 21, 2018 was a beautiful sunny day. Two Rivers Church members were parked in the west parking lot of the church with their trunks decorated and ready for trick or treaters at our 4th Annual Trunk or Treat Event.

Ten minutes before the event was to start there was already a line of around 50 kids and their families ready to partake in all the Halloween fun. All the kids had a great time dressed in their Halloween costumes, going from decorated vehicle to decorated vehicle as the church members passed out candy. There were also plenty of games set up in the middle of the parking lot for the kids to try out including ghost bowling and pumpkin tic-tac-toe. A local TV station was also in attendance to interviewed Pastor Robb, members of the church and families attending the event.

Thank you church members for your decorated vehicles, your costumes, and the candy for the kids. We also want to thank the Evangelism Team for having this great community event.

Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

Remember in Prayer-

George Atkinson and Summer Etzel Volk

Our Sympathies to:

The family and friends of Betty Frank who passed away on October 26.

Our presence—

September 30	Worship—	85
October 7	Worship—	75
October 14	Worship—	85
October 21	Worship—	69
October 28	Worship—	64

Our gifts—

General Funds

September 30	\$ 1,982.16
October 7	\$ 2,919.99
October 14	\$ 2,604.15
October 21	\$ 3,864.73

Our Service -

Members of the community served at

Two Rivers Saturday Meal Site & Operation Safety Net (OSN):

September 29	— 100 Meal Site, 130 OSN
October 6	— 62 Meal Site
October 13	— 76 Meal Site
October 20	— 84 Meal Site
October 27	— 100 Meal Site, 94 OSN

Prayer Chain



Charlotte Peterson	793-7783
Nancy Cornish	788-7928
Nancy Schwegler	788-7016

If you want the prayer chain to pray for your concern or you wish to be part of this prayer ministry, please call one of the three contact persons listed above. They alert the remaining chain members.



Thanksgiving Dinner At Camp Milan

Don't miss the exciting performance of renowned profession magician, David Casas, at our annual church Thanksgiving dinner at Camp Milan. If you have not already marked your calendar for Sunday, November 4 at 3pm, you'll want to do so now! Just bring a side or dessert to share. The turkey, gravy, potatoes, stuffing and rolls will all be provide. There will also be crafts and activities available for the kids to do and take home. It's sure to be an exciting afternoon of dinner, fellowship and magic tricks the whole family will enjoy.



United Methodist Student Day

Sunday, November 25 is United Methodist Student Day. It calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. Gifts on United Methodist Student Day support U.M. scholarships and the U.M. Student Loan Fund.

United Methodist Student Day offering envelopes will be available in the Sunday bulletin on November 25 for anyone wishing to donate. Thank you in advance for your gifts.

Holiday Cookie Baskets

Holiday Cookie Baskets for the homebound members of Two Rivers Church will be assembled in December and your help is needed to fill these baskets with goodies that they can enjoy. Donations needed include prepackaged snacks, individual hot cocoa and oatmeal packets, tea bags, candies and gum (regular and sugar free).

More information to come in next months *Compass*. If you have any questions please call the church office at 309-788-9384.



Rock Island Labor Day Parade 'Love Where You Live' Winners of the Council's Choice Award!

The Two Rivers United Methodist Church and Grace City Church were winners of the 2018 Rock Island Labor Day Parade Council's Choice trophy. Thank you to the Evangelism team for putting together this great float and to members of Grace City Church for walking and riding with us in this year's parade. The Two Rivers Church has won 5 trophies in the Rock Island Labor Day Parade out of the last six years! This is something to be proud of.

2018 Annual Charge Conference Date Change November 18, 6:00 p.m.

This is another reminder that Bethel Wesley United Methodist Church (1201 13th Street, Moline, IL) will be the host church for our area this year.

The Conference day has been moved to Sunday, November 18 at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend.



"Hanging of the Greens" set for Sunday, Nov. 25



The Hanging of the Greens is an annual tradition to transform the Church for Advent. This year we will gather in Epworth Hall at 11:00 a.m. to begin the work of decorating the Church with Christmas decorations.

Workers are needed to get the decorations out of storage, assemble the trees, hang the Chrismos, and drape the sanctuary with greens. After the decorations are complete, we will meet in the sanctuary for a brief devotional and prayer.

All helpers are then invited back down to Epworth Hall for a soup luncheon.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

"As members together . . . we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

These words are part of the service we participated in when we were received as members of the church. Here at Two Rivers we have many opportunities to participate in prayer.

First, of course, is the individual opportunity for private conversation with God at a time, a place, and in style of our own choosing. The church offers resources to help with these private prayers including The Upper Room devotionals.

Second, we have the new prayer box at the rear of the sanctuary. Perhaps you have wondered what that beautiful wooden box with a slot in the top was for. The concept behind it is the same as the wailing wall in Jerusalem. An individual writes a prayer need on a slip of paper, folds it up, and slips the prayer into the wall. In the case of our box, they are merely slipped through the slot on the top. Just writing out the need is a form of prayer. No one else will be reading them. Again, it is just between you and God.

Third, we have cooperate prayer during our worship services. Robb leads us in our prayer of confession at the beginning of the worship service and the Lord's prayer later in the service. Many people find comfort and peace in sharing in the experience of prayer with others around them.

We also have our prayer chain and prayer team. If you have a prayer need you would like to have many people praying about, then you can fill out the prayer request on Sunday morning or call the numbers listed in the *Compass* or bulletin. The prayer chain has evolved from a telephone tree to a mass email to the members who have signed up to participate in it. The beauty of the email system is the participants can read the email and pray when it is convenient in their schedule and the email will always find them at home. The prayer group meets on Friday mornings for the purpose of praying over those concerns which have been brought forward to them.

If you would like to participate in the prayer chain, fill out the portion of the attendance slip and put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please write your email address carefully.

In the near future, we hope to offer more opportunities to learn about other forms of prayer and to practice them here at Two Rivers Church.



Wednesday Night Live

Dinner Schedule 5:30-6:00

November 7	Spaghetti Bake (Brianna Pollock)
November 14	Sloppy Joe (Sarah McCoy)
November 21	No WNL dinner
November 28	Provided by Susan Lorenzen





House of the Lord Sermon Series

- Nov. 4 **All Saints Day**
Fall of Judah and burning of the Temple
2 Kings 25:1-21
- Nov. 11 **Foundation of the 2nd Temple**
Ezra 3:8-12
- Nov. 18 **Jesus at the Temple as a child**
Luke 2:39-51
- Nov. 25 **Christ the King Sunday**
Jesus predicts the Temple's destruction
Luke 20:45-21:6

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Two Rivers Church 2018 3rd Quarter Financial Report

General Fund

Income total as of Sept. 30, 2018 =\$176,882.12
 (General Fund Offerings =\$121,342.82)
 Expense total as of Sept. 30, 2018 =\$180,652.94
 Surplus (Deficit) =(\$3,770.82)

Missional Giving Total as of Sept. 30, 2018

(UMCOR, UM Special Sundays, UM apportionments,
 UM Youth, and many other causes)
 =\$36,215.00

If you have any questions regarding the financial state of the church please feel free to contact the church treasurer, Brianna Pollock, in the church office.



General Conference 2019 briefing with Bishop Frank Beard

Two Rivers Church is hosting one of Bishop Frank Beard's General Conference Briefing Sessions on Tuesday, November 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

A special General Conference session will take place in Saint Louis from February 23-26, 2019. This conference will make decisions regarding how the United Methodist Church will move into the future surrounding issues of human sexuality. In particular, this General Conference will determine how the church will move forward regarding the ordination of homosexual people and the blessing of same-sex marriages.

The Church is divided on this issue, and at General Conference 2016, it was determined that there would be a special Commission on a Way Forward to study the issue and make a proposal for how the church can move forward at a special General Conference session in 2019. This summer, three options were proposed: the Traditional Plan, the Connectional Conference Plan, and the One Church Plan.

Bishop Beard is holding briefing sessions across the conference. At these meetings, Bishop Beard will present information about the three plans. All are welcome to this event. Methodist from the surrounding area are expected to come. The nearest of these other sessions is in Peoria on November 18. Ours will take place in Epworth Hall, so as to use the round tables and facilitate discussions.

A few volunteers are needed to show hospitality at this event. We will need greeters, and a few people willing to make and share light snacks and drinks. Please contact the church office if you can be a part of the Hospitality Team for this important evening.

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Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the December issue of the *Compass* is **Wednesday, November 21**. Please have information or articles in by this deadline date. Thank you.

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It's time to order poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary on December 23rd and Christmas Eve, December 24. Please fill out the form below and place it along with your payment in the offering plate on Sunday morning. You may also mail the order form and payment to the church office—1820 5th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201.

The cost is \$8.00 per poinsettia. Please make checks payable to Two Rivers UMC and mark "Poinsettia" in the memo portion of your check. Also, please indicate if your poinsettia is to be delivered to a homebound member or if you will pick it up after the evening Christmas Eve Worship on December 24.

Order deadline is December 2nd

No Late Orders Will be accepted

I would like to order a poinsettia(s) at \$8.00 each.
Enclosed is my check/cash in the amount of
\$ _____

Please designate the poinsettia as follows:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Phone Number _____

_____ I will pick up the poinsettia after the evening
Christmas Eve worship on December 24.

_____ Please deliver poinsettia to a shut-in.