



January 2019

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 6:15pm Adult class 7 pm Uke Choir, TRY & Kids Club 7:30 pm Choir	1 Happy New Year!! Church Office Closed	2 No Wednesday Activities	3	4 10:00 am Prayer Group 6pm Wedding Rehearsal	5 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site 3:30pm Exbom/Calderone Wedding
* Regular Sunday Schedule Communion New Member/Confirmation Sunday 1pm Unhanging of the Greens	12 pm Lunch and Learn Bible Study	6 pm Worship Meeting 7 pm Leadership Committee Meeting 11:30-3pm Epworth Hall rented	**Wednesday Night Live Activities	10	11 10:00 am Prayer Group	12 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site
* Regular Sunday Schedule 1pm Grief Share Informational Meeting	12 pm Lunch and Learn Bible Study	15	**Wednesday Night Live Activities	17	18 10:00 am Prayer Group 5pm Wedding Rehearsal	19 9:30 am Handbell rehearsal 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site 3:30pm Kammerman/Berry Wedding
Human Relations Day * Regular Sunday Schedule	10:00am Two Rivers Readers 12 pm Lunch and Learn Bible Study	22	**Wednesday Night Live Activities	24	25 10:00 am Prayer Group	26 11:00 am Operation Safety Net 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site
* Regular Sunday Schedule	12 pm Lunch and Learn Bible Study	29	**Wednesday Night Live Activities	31		



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January Sermons: A-Ha! The identity of this wonderful baby is revealed!

- Jan 6 Matthew 3:13-17 Baptism of Jesus
- Jan 13 John 1:1-18 The Word was God
- Jan 20 John 2:1-11 Wedding at Cana
- Jan 27 Luke 4:14-21 Jesus Reveals His Mission
- Feb 3 Luke 4:22-40 People Respond to Jesus (negatively)
- Feb 10 Luke 5:1-11 Jesus Calls His First Disciples
- Feb 17 Luke 6:17-26 The Sermon on the Plain (Blessings and Woes)
- Feb 24 Luke 6:27-38 The Sermon on the Plain (Love your Enemies)
- Mar 3 Luke 9:28-36 The Transfiguration

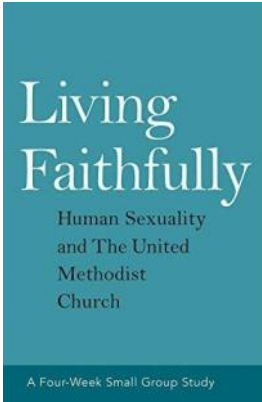
New Year's Confirmation

Two Rivers Church is beginning the new year with a wonderful celebration. On January 6 at our regular worship time of 9:30 a.m., we will celebrate confirmation, new members, and baptisms. A Confirmation class has been meeting since September. There was also an adult new member class during Advent.

Both the youth confirmation students and the adult new members will take vows of membership on January 6. There will also be three baptisms. Look in the February newsletter for more information about each individual that joins the church on January 6, and please come to show your support of these young people and new members of the Two Rivers United Methodist Church family.

Living Faithfully: Human Sexuality and the United Methodist Church

Starting at 6:15 p.m. on January 16, Pastor Robb will lead a four-week study using the book *Living Faithfully: Human Sexuality and the United Methodist Church*. This book takes a balanced look at an important issue facing our Church. This will be a chance for the people of Two Rivers to talk about what they believe, and discover the Biblical foundation to the decisions that are facing our denomination and our congregation.



Super Bowl Pizzas



The Two Rivers United Methodist Men's Club is selling their annual Super Bowl Pizzas for 2019.

We are taking orders for pizzas on Sunday, January 6, 13, 20, and 27 at the west entrance of the church before and after worship.

If you would like to order a pizza and have it delivered (for free!) please contact Larry Dalton at 563-326-0109 or daltongarage15@icloud.com.

Pizza selections:

Cheese	\$9.50
Pepperoni	\$10.00
Sausage	\$10.00
Pepperoni & Sausage	\$10.00
Veggie	\$10.00
Veggie & Sausage	\$10.00
Gluten Free any topping	\$12.00

Pizzas will be ready for pick-up only on Friday, February 1, between 11:00am and 1:00pm in the fellowship hall of the church. Just in time for you to enjoy your pizza while watching the Super Bowl 53 on Sunday, February 3, 2019.

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.

So, please come join us and have one of the Quad Cities best pizzas!



Sunday, January 20 is Human Relations Sunday. Your gifts to the Human Relations Day offering strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth through Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Look for the special offering envelope in the January 20 worship bulletin.

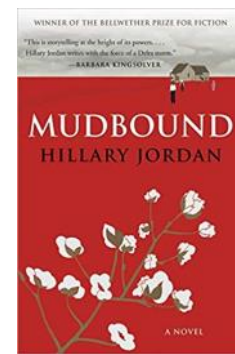
Two Rivers Readers

The Two Rivers Readers will meet for our first discussion of the new year on January 21, 2019 at Ellen Pohlman's home (2430 19th Ave., Rock Island). NOTE the date change.

Abby Pollock will lead our discussion on "Refugee" by Allan Gratz. This is a great book to begin the year, a quick read and unfortunately an all too current topic. The book is available at your local library or your favorite book seller. The copyright date is 2017.

Dick Lee will lead the book discussion on "Mudbound" by Hillary Jordan. Hopefully the weather will cooperate on Monday, January 21, 2019.

Start the New Year right, read. If you need more information call Ellen Pohlman 786-8954 or Joan Robinson 788-8082.



United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men's club will be taking their winter break for the next few months. They will not be meeting in January or February. Please keep on eye out for information on their March dinner and program in upcoming issues of the *Compass*.



Sisterhood

Sisterhood will not be meeting in January. The next Sisterhood Get-Together will be on February 18 at 6:00pm weather permitting. Look for more information in next months issue of the *Compass* newsletter.



There will be an informational gathering for another session of GriefShare on Sunday, January 13 at 1:00 p.m. The 11-week program is designed to help bring healing to those who have lost a loved one. Grief has no set time-frame. You can be a part of the group if your loved one died recently or years ago. You can come to this group even if you have already been through a GriefShare session in the past.

The information meeting will be a chance to learn more about the elements of the meetings, get the group workbook, and set the official starting time for the Sunday meetings. There is no cost for the GriefShare group, although a \$20 donation is suggested.



A special thank you to the ladies that made the Christmas bags. They were beautiful. The goodies, gifts and delicious homemade cookies were very good. Your time and efforts are more than appreciated. God bless you and Merry Christmas.

Mary Jane Christian

Thank you all for the bag of goodies.

Betty Collins

Merry Christmas and thank you—To Pastor McCoy and my good friends at 1st UMC. I really appreciate receiving the *Compass*—Thank You. I have such good memories of our years in Rock Island and the friends we had there. It's hard to keep in touch but I try—I don't drive to the Quad Cities anymore. God bless you and yours—I pray for you.

Jackie Atkinson

Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

Remember in Prayer-

Mickey Dotson, Janice Peterson, Mary Jane Christian, Nancy Cornish and Summer Etzel Volk

Our Sympathies to

The family of Arlene Bolis who passed away on December 6.

Our presence—

December 2	Worship—	70
December 9	Worship—	65
December 16	Worship—	76
December 23	Worship—	88
December 24	Christmas Eve Service	—105

Our gifts—

General Funds

December 2	\$ 4,207.66
December 9	\$ 2,648.00
December 16	\$ 1,979.77
December 23	TBA

Our Service -

Members of the community served at Two Rivers Saturday Meal Site & Operation

Safety Net (OSN):

December 1	—	57 Meal Site
December 8	—	70 Meal Site
December 15	—	64 Meal Site
December 22	—	68 Meal Site

Our Thanks —

Thank you to the UMM Club for their donation to the Wednesday Night Live Meals.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poinsettia and to Sandy Etzel for coordinating the delivery of poinsettias to our homebound and local nursing homes.

Thank you to Ruth Hill, Mary Jane Barnett, Janet Kopko and many others who helped put together the holiday baskets and got them delivered to our homebound members.

Thank you to everyone that purchased gifts for the caring tree.

January BIRTHDAYS

1 January	Jerome Mutsinzi
1 January	Anete Umuganwa
3 January	Helen Patrick
6 January	Sandra Spray
6 January	Claudia Applegate
7 January	Max Spray
11 January	Elaine Bell
13 January	Millicent Christensen
17 January	Ellie McCoy
21 January	Jan McCollum
28 January	Elias Gaul

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIVE

Wednesday Night Live Dinner Schedule 5:30-6:00

January 2	No WNL dinner
January 9	Spaghetti Bake (Brianna Pollock)
January 16	Sloppy Joe (Sarah McCoy)
January 23	TBD (Paula Johnson)
January 30	Pizza Night



2018 Contribution statements will be available on Sunday, January 13. You may pick up your statement from the table located in the back of the sanctuary. Any statements not picked up by January 27 will be mailed.



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT, GREAT WORK

The special Two Rivers visual beauty during Advent and Christmas was mostly the product of willing workers who decorated the Sanctuary, West Entrance, and Epworth Hall on “snowy Sunday” November 25 and Wednesday, November 28. Thank you, everybody!

We are also grateful for the Sunday morning presenters and their lovely work: Susan Lorenzen and Ryan Woolums; Marsha Harmon and Joan Robinson; Dick Lee and Abby Pollock; and Ahishakiye Yvette and Munezero Anne-Belle. Valuable extra support was given by recruiter Claudia Applegate, who also helped coach rehearsals. Pastor Robb and Mark Swessinger worked with Nancy Schwegler in writing the presentations, and Brianna Pollock did a great job organizing the material read by the liturgists. This was the first time in our 42-year tradition that the Advent candle names and the Chrismon selections were correlated directly with the sermon texts and the Sunday sermon series.

Whatever your role, the many hands who have done such excellent work are sincerely appreciated. To complete the season’s project, we’ll need a crew of about 20 on **Sunday, January 6 at 1:00 to Un-Decorate the Church. Please let Mark Swessinger or Nancy Schwegler know if you’ll be available.**

Teams and COMMITTEES

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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.

Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the February issue of the *Compass* is **Tuesday, January 22**. Please have information or articles in by this deadline date. Thank you.

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