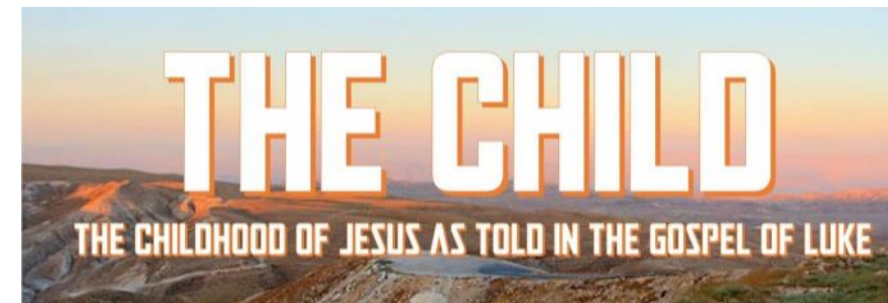


January 2021

Follow the Gospel of Luke from Christmas through Easter



For the months between Christmas and Easter, our Sunday services will follow the Gospel of Luke. This walk through Luke can be divided into three parts: The Child, The Way in Nazareth, and The Way to Jerusalem. The first three weeks after Christmas will focus on the childhood and baptism of Jesus. The weeks between Jesus' baptism and Lent will be called "This is the Way," and will feature stories from Jesus' ministry in and around Galilee.

Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17, will focus on stories of Jesus' journey from the Mount of Transfiguration to Jerusalem, and eventually to the Cross. By focusing on the Gospel of Luke throughout this time, we will get a better feel for the theology, meaning, and purpose of Luke's Gospel. For a great resource and informative overview of the Gospel of Luke, visit: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/luke>

NEST Cafe

Nest Cafe will be using our church as a pop-up site for their next meal. Nest Cafe is a Pay-What-You-Can restaurant that is hoping to open an actual location in 2021. Until then, they are doing once-a-month "Pop Up" sites.

On Sunday, January 10 between 11-1pm, people will be able to come for a take-out style quiche and hash brunch. People can pay what they can for the meal.

More information on their January 10th "Pop Up" site at Two Rivers will be available on their website listed below.

NEST CAFÉ MISSION AND VISION

OUR MISSION is to nourish bodies and community by providing delicious, sustainably sourced food to all who enter regardless of their means.

OUR VISION is to create a welcoming, healthy, and economically strong community by providing real, locally sourced food (when available) on a pay-what-you-can basis.

If you want to learn more about Nest Cafe QC, you can go to <https://www.nestcafeqc.org>.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Happy New Year!!</i>	2 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site
3 LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE @ 9:30AM FB LIVE 10:30am Zoom Sunday School	4 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Lunch and Learn Bible Study	5	6 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	7	8	9 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site
10 LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE @ 9:30AM FB LIVE 10:30am Zoom Sunday School 11-1pm Nest Café	11 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Lunch and Learn Bible Study	12 6:00 pm Zoom Leadership Meeting	13 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	14	15	16 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site
17 LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE @ 9:30AM FB LIVE 10:30am Zoom Sunday School	18 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Lunch and Learn Bible Study	19	20 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	21 December Compass Deadline	22	23 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site
24/31 LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE @ 9:30AM FB LIVE 10:30am Zoom Sunday School	25 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Lunch and Learn Bible Study	26	27 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	28	29	30 11:00 am Operation Safety Net 12:00 pm Saturday Meal Site

January BIRTHDAYS

1 January Jerome Mutsinzi
1 January Anete Umuganwa
4 January Angel Bizimana
6 January Claudia Applegate
17 January Viminda Shafer
17 January Elizabeth McCoy
21 January Jan McCollum
28 January Elias Gaul

If you have a birthday in January and we've missed it, please call the church office to update our records.



2020 Contribution statements will be mailed out the week of January 11th. If you have any questions regarding your 2020 contributions, please contact Charlotte Peterson at char1728@aol.com or through the church office at 309-788-9384.



Sunday, January 17 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. . Please consider a donation to this important ministry. You may mail your check or cash to the church office with a memo letting us know that it is to go to "Human Relations Day". Thank you in advance for your gifts to this special offering.



We have been blessed with wonderful responses to our last two Parking Lot Communion services back in November and again on Christmas Eve. Therefore, we will be gathering again for a time of worship in the south parking lot of Two Rivers Church at 2:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month until it is once again safe for us the gather for services inside the church building.

So, join us Sunday, January 3 at 2pm in the parking lot and tune in to radio station 94.1 FM to follow along. Everyone will be required to remain in their vehicles.

The focus of the service will be the full Communion liturgy. The elements will be prepared in pre-packaged cups and distributed to people who remain in their parked cars. In addition to the Communion Liturgy, there will be music, Communion hymns, and a short devotional.

This service will be in addition to our weekly Worship at Home videos. The videos will continue to be released at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday on Facebook Live and our church website. The service will be designed assumed that people have already watched the worship video, so my time will be more of a short reflection as opposed to a full sermon. The entire service is expected to last around 30 minutes.

Jacques Barutwanayo Awarded Argus/Dispatch Santa Fund Gift

In the 113th year of the Argus/Dispatch Santa Fund, Jacques Barutwanayo was given a special award. This year the Santa Fund gave away over \$40,000. The church sponsored his nomination for the gift, which recognizes Jacques's willingness to help others. Pastor Robb was able to give

Jacques the award, which he plans on using to help make improvements to his home.



Family Resources "Adopt A Family" Christmas Gifts

A huge "Thank You" to all those who donated, shopped and helped wrap gifts for the Family Resources "Adopt a Family for Christmas" project. With your generosity, we were able to provide a ton a gifts for 4 families in need, which included 18 individuals.

A special thank you to Claudia Applegate, Kala Lee, Ellen Martin and Sherry Prather for helping to shop for the gifts and Sarah McCoy, Maggie Herrera and Payton Glass for helping wrap all the gifts. And again, to all those who gave generously, Thank you!

United Methodist Men, Sisterhood & Two Rivers Readers

Due to the continuing pandemic and all the uncertainties that go with it, the United Methodist Men, Sisterhood and the Two Rivers Readers have decided to not hold any get-togethers until further notice. Please keep each other in your prayers. Be well in mind, body and spirit in this new year.

Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

Remember in Prayer-

Russ Kennedy, Ginny Cline, Betty Taylor, Barb Nightingale, Mickey Dotson and Summer Etzel Volk

Our sympathies to—

The family of Jackie Atkinson who passed away on December 15. Also, the Batz family on the loss of both of Aleta's parents in December.

Our presence—

November 29 Parking lot Communion Service = 35
 November 29 Livestream Worship ≈ 30
 December 6 Livestream Worship ≈ 30
 December 13 Livestream Worship ≈ 30
 December 20 Livestream Worship ≈ 30
 December 24 Parking lot Communion Service = 38
 December 24 Livestream Worship ≈ N/A
 December 27 Livestream Worship ≈ 30

Our gifts—

General Fund Offerings

December 2020 (as of December 28) - \$ 10,332.01

Our Service -

Members of the community served at Two Rivers Saturday Meal Site & Operation Safety Net (OSN):

November 28 — 70 Meal Site, 49 OSN
 December 5 — 68 Meal Site
 December 12 — 55 Meal Site
 December 19 — 71 Meal Site
 December 26 — 75 Meal Site, 50 OSN

Church office closed temporarily due to pandemic.

Per recommendations from Bishop Frank Beard the church office will remain closed until further notice due to the raising number for COVID-19 cases in the area. Office Manager, Brianna Pollock and Pastor Robb McCoy will be conducting their work from home. You may continue to contact the church by email, phone messages and mail as all will be checked throughout the week. As soon as we are given word that the church office is safe to reopen we will let you know. Be safe and stay well.

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Prayer Chain



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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 **Thursday, January 21**. Please have information or articles in by this deadline date. Thank you.

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