




SEPTEMBER

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  <i>Church Office Closed</i>	2	3 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site
7 Fill the Pantry Sunday 9:30 am Outdoor Worship/Baptisms in the south parking lot 10:45 am Sunday School	8 12:00 pm Bible Study	9	10 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 Patriot Day	12	13 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site
14 Music Celebration Sunday 9:30 am Worship/Communion 10:45 am Sunday School	15 12:00 pm Bible Study	16	17 Church Office Closed 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	18 Church Office Closed <i>October Compass Deadline</i>	19	20 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site
21 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 2—5pm Confirmation Multi-Church Gathering @ Two Rivers	22 Church Office Closed 12:00 pm Bible Study	23 Church Office Closed	24 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 11 am Young Lions Roar 11 am Operation Safety Net 12 pm Meal Site 5-8pm Fellowship hall rented
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Baptisms

On September 7, weather permitting, we will meet for worship outside in the south parking lot. As United Methodists, we understand that God can use any amount of water for baptism. Yet the symbolism of being fully submerged is a powerful experience. We will have multiple baptisms in one service as we conclude our Finding Faith for the Skeptic series. Helpers are needed to set up chairs, a sound system, and put things away. We will not share Communion, but will on September 14.



The Changemakers

“Making Change” is an interesting phrase. It could be simply the act of giving some the correct amount of money back after a purchase, or breaking large bills into small increments. But it can also go much deeper. Making change can be a person of faith acting as a catalyst to effect change. It could be a group of people advocating for justice. It could also be a small church finding the intersection of its gifts and resources and a community’s needs.

As we explore the meaning of being changemakers, we will ask questions about generosity, action, and faith. We will explore the calling of our heart as we listen to the needs of our community. We will answer the still small voice that is urging us to... make change.

Music Celebration on September 14

On the first Sunday of a new season of music ministries, we will have a grand celebration. Jon Hansen will be installed as our Director of Music and both the sanctuary choir and the bell choir will present offerings. We will also hear a selection with Jon’s voice featured. It will be a special beginning to a new era in worship at Two Rivers, and we hope for more to be inspired to be a part of our ongoing music ministries.





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- Larry Dalton

Keith Glass

Lilly Hanna

Carolyn Koch

Benise Nyambanguka

Emma Pollock

Kala Lee

Ike Mejia

Ser Nay Htee

Susan Lorenzen

AJ Pollock

Ted Litherland

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



Rock Island Line Podcast

Pastor Robb was recently featured on the Rock Island Line, a podcast that features interviews with local leaders. Past guests include the Superintendent of Rock Island/Milan Schools, the

Executive Director of QC Alliance on Immigration and Refugees, and a city alderman. Pastor Robb is the first pastor to be on the show. He and host Annike O’Melia shared a poignant conversation that lasted 90 minutes. “I guess one thing I take away from this is that I want to learn more about Jesus,” the non-church-going host said near the end of the conversation.

To listen to the episode, you can search and subscribe to “Rock Island Line” on any podcasting platform (Spotify, Apple Podcasts). You can also go to rockislandline.com/podcasts to watch the interview or youtube.com/@rockislandline. Make sure to share the episode on all of your social media platforms as well.



Confirmation will largely take place during the Sunday school hour. All youth are invited to be a part of Sunday school every week from 10:45-11:45. This will be a chance to continue to learn, discuss, and develop your faith. Even those already confirmed are encouraged to be a part of the youth Sunday school hour. Additional confirmation events will also take place as a part of a QC Methodist Connection.

At least five churches, and an estimated 25 youth will come together for three events. The first will be at Two Rivers Church from 2:00-5:00 on September 21. At these events we will have time of fellowship, snacks, games, and time to go through “The Absolute Basics of the Wesleyan Way.” This will be a great way to learn about Wesleyan Theology and develop a sense of connection between our congregations.

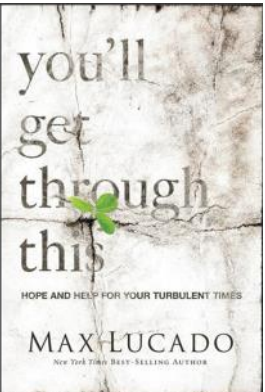
The next two events will be the third Sundays of October and November at Bethel Wesley UMC (Moline) and Christ UMC (East Moline).



Start of Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will resume meeting in the Asbury Parlor on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

The first study for the year will be *You'll Get Though This: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times* by Max Lucado. Class will consist of a short video presentation followed by discussion and Bible study. All adults are welcome.



Two Rivers Readers

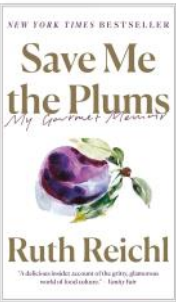
The Two Rivers Readers had a wonderful time last month discussing the book, “Remarkably Bright Creatures” and eating from a buffet of adorable octopus themed treats.



They would love to see you at the next Two Rivers Readers gathering on **October 6** to talk about Bill Bryson’s book, *A Walk in the Woods*. A delightful book chronicling his attempt to thru-hike the Appalachian Trail during the spring and summer of 1996.

The group will also meet on **October 27** to discuss a shorter book, *Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir* by Ruth Reichl. Complete with recipes, *Save Me the Plums* is a personal journey of a woman coming to terms with being in charge and making a mark, following a passion and holding on to her dreams—even when she ends up in a place she never expected to be.

The group meets in the back of the Sanctuary at 10 am. Their discussions are always insightful, challenging, and a lot of fun. They'd love to have you join them! Questions? Please contact the church Office.



Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

Remember in Prayer-
Please be in prayer for all those in need of healing and strength, as well as their caregivers.

Our presence—	
August 3	= 100 (Combined Worship at the Park)
August 10	= 58
August 17	= 71
August 24	= 63

Our gifts—	
General Fund Offerings	
August 3	\$3,279.35
August 10	\$4,024.35
August 17	\$3,756.35
August 24	\$2,336.35

Our Service -	
Members of the community served at	
Two Rivers Saturday Meal Site & Operation	
Safety Net (OSN):	
August 2	— 87 Meal Site
August 9	— 79 Meal Site
August 16	— 76 Meal Site
August 23	— 82 Meal Site

STILL LOOKING FOR OFFERING COUNTERS

Requirements: A member of the church. Not related to Brianna Pollock or Charlotte Peterson. Available for 30 minutes at 9 a.m. on Monday mornings (occasionally Tuesday morning when Monday is a bank holiday). A rotating schedule will be established. Ability to read sloppy handwriting and write legibly.

Duties: Count offering and prepare bank deposit with guidance from the Voluntary Financial Secretary.

Apply: Call the church office 309-788-9384 or tell Charlotte Peterson.





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Prayer Chain

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 persons listed below. They will alert the remaining chain members.



Charlotte Peterson 793-7783
Nancy Schwegler 781-6609



Online Giving at Tworiversumc.org

1. Website Giving:

Go to www.tworiversumc.org to give through the church website. It's a safe and easy way to give any time.



OR

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Download the Tithe.ly App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android). Once you've downloaded the app select your church and follow the instructions given.

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Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the **October** issue of the *Compass* is **Thursday, September 18, 2025**. Please have information or articles in by this deadline date. Thank you.

Welcome Statement



From the beginning of the Jesus movement, followers of Christ declared that there is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free, nor is there male and female. We, the people of Two Rivers United Methodist Church join in this movement of the Holy Spirit and declare that we celebrate the diversity of our neighborhood and the world. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual and affectional orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We believe that the body of Christ is more vital in its ministry when the whole diversity of the human family may enjoy full participation and leadership in the Church. We welcome all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the Church and society, and acknowledge the pain caused by the exclusionary policies of the United Methodist Church. We will continue to work toward a more inclusive Church and invite you to join us in following Jesus Christ on the Way, marked by greater hospitality, kindness, justice, peace, understanding, and mutual respect.

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