

# NOVEMBER

## 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>11 am</b> Young Lions Roar <b>12 pm</b> Meal Site
2 <i>Fill the Pantry Sunday</i> <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> <b>9:30 am</b> Worship/Communion <b>10:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>5-8 pm</b> Out at the Movies @ MCC Church	3 <b>12:00 pm</b> Bible Study	4 <b>6:00 pm</b> Making Sense of the Bible	5 <b>12:00 pm</b> Prayer Group via FB & Zoom <b>6:00 pm</b> Handbell Rehearsal <b>7:00pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 <b>11 am</b> Young Lions Roar <b>12 pm</b> Meal Site
9 <b>9:30 am</b> Worship <b>10:45 am</b> Sunday School	10 <b>12:00 pm</b> Bible Study	11 <b>5:30 -7:00 pm</b> Examen Book Club @ Atlas Collective in Moline	12 <b>12:00 pm</b> Prayer Group via FB & Zoom <b>6:00 pm</b> Handbell Rehearsal <b>7:00pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	13	14	15 <b>11 am</b> Young Lions Roar <b>12 pm</b> Meal Site
16 <b>9:30 am</b> Worship <b>10:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>2-5pm</b> Confirmation Multi-Church Gathering	17 <b>12:00 pm</b> Bible Study  <i>December Compass Deadline</i>	18 <b>6:00 pm</b> Making Sense of the Bible	19 <b>12:00 pm</b> Prayer Group via FB & Zoom <b>6:00 pm</b> Handbell Rehearsal <b>7:00pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	20 <i>Deadline for Christmas Poinsettias</i>  <b>Time TBD</b> Prayer Vigil for National Trans Day of Remembrance @ Church of Peace	21	22 <b>11 am</b> Young Lions Roar <b>12 pm</b> Meal Site
23 <b>Christ The King Sunday</b> <i>Hanging of the Greens Sunday</i> <b>9:30 am</b> Worship <b>11:00 am</b> Pot-Luck Soup Luncheon	24 <b>12:00 pm</b> Bible Study	25  <i>Church office Closed</i>	26  <i>Church office Closed</i>	27 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>  <i>Church office Closed</i>	28	29 <b>11 am</b> Young Lions Roar <b>11 am</b> Operation Safety Net <b>12 pm</b> Meal Site
30 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> <b>9:30 am</b> Worship <b>10:45 am</b> Sunday School						

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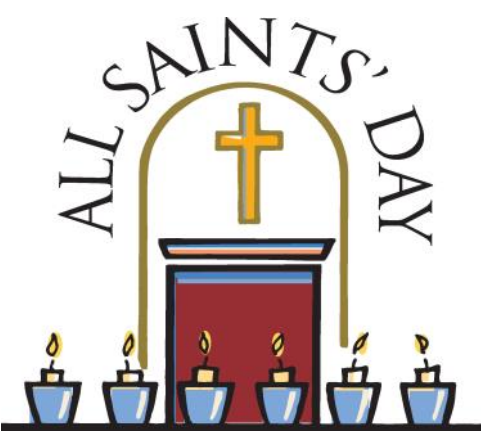
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A RECONCILING UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

# Compass

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ALL SAINTS DAY

During worship on Sunday, November 2, 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. Members of the congregation will also have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one during this time. Among those that will be remembered are:

<b>Phillip Everett</b>	<b>10/05/1947 - 01/29/2025</b>
<b>Judith Litherland</b>	<b>08/15/1936—02/03/2025</b>
<b>Sue Camp</b>	<b>12/04/1939—02/21/2025</b>
<b>Virginia Cline</b>	<b>12/15/1936—03/04/2025</b>
<b>Gary Johnson</b>	<b>02/27/1943—04/12/2025</b>
<b>Ron Castor</b>	<b>05/07/1945—04/18/2025</b>



### Special Hanging of the Greens Worship

We will celebrate a joyful day of worship on November 23 for Christ the King Sunday and the Hanging of the Greens. On the last Sunday before Advent we will decorate the sanctuary in evergreen garland, hang the wreaths, set up the nativity scene, and present the four Advent Chrismons. In addition to the readings and hanging of the decorations, there will a brass ensemble playing festive music to bring even more joy to the event.

After worship, all are invited to come down to Epworth Hall for a pot-luck soup luncheon. Everyone is invited to bring a crock pot of soup to share together after worship on the 23rd .

### Watch Pulpit Fiction Live

Pulpit Fiction, the podcast for preachers, seekers, and Bible geeks, is back and better than ever. You can watch live episodes every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. on YouTube. Pastor Robb and Eric Fistler talk each week about three different Scripture texts based on the Revised Common Lectionary. This is a great way to engage the Bible and grow in discipleship. Go to [youtube.com/@PulpitFiction](https://youtube.com/@PulpitFiction) and subscribe today. When you watch the live show, you can make comments and ask questions as they are recording. If you miss the live show, you can go back and watch at any time.







11/01	David Dehnel
11/01	Cassidy Tolson
11/07	Pam Lossing
11/07	Anne-Belle Munezero
11/11	Payton Glass
11/12	Julita Wilondja
11/12	Rebecca Tessen
11/14	Yvette Ahishakiye
11/17	Taddy Kalas
11/17	Korry Tessen
11/18	Jude Muir
11/18	Tim Muir
11/18	Ellen Pohlman
11/24	Kalie Tessen
11/26	Heather Muir

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



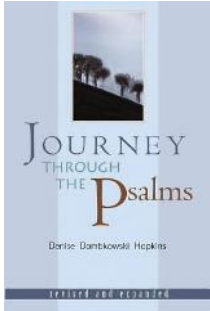
Chaddock Santa Express

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 Monday, **December 1**. 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.

Adult Sunday School



The Adult Sunday School class will be using the book, *Journey Through the Psalms* by Denise Dombkowski Hopkins from now until Advent. This study will examine how the Psalms formed the worship of ancient synagogues and earliest churches and how they can do the same for our churches today.

All adults are welcomed and encouraged to join in this insightful study.



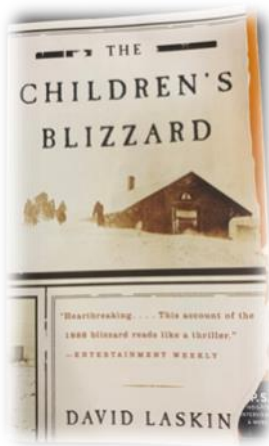
Advent Sunday School

Starting on November 30, we will have Sunday school in Epworth Hall for our One-Room-Sunday School. This multilingual, multicultural experience will be a chance for the congregation to be more intentional about getting to know each other. We will share stories of Christmas in our many cultural experiences. The theme for our Advent season is “What the World Needs Now,” and one thing that we need is more communication and more togetherness. Stick around every Sunday in Advent for this special experience.

Two Rivers Readers

The Two Rivers Readers will not be meeting in November but would love to see you at their next gathering on **December 15** to discuss the book, *The Children’s Blizzard* by David Laskin. This is the gripping story of an epic prairie snowstorm that killed hundreds of newly arrived settlers and cast a shadow on the promise of the American frontier.

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.



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Church 2025  
3rd Quarter Financial Report

Income Total through Q3 2025	=\$214,468.12
Expense Total through Q3 2025	=\$217,079.08
Surplus (Deficit) through Q3 2025=	(\$2,610.96)
Bank Balances on September 30, 2025	
General	=\$43,664.82
Retreat Center	=\$2,022.54
Dedicated Cking	=\$89,317.69
Ded. Savings	= \$24,434.72

<u>Break Down</u>	
<b>General Church Fund</b>	
Income total through Q3 2025	=\$202,158.12
(General Fund Offering =\$128,491.79)	
(Other General Fund Income = \$73,666.33)	
Expense total through Q3 2025	=\$198,096.49
Surplus (Deficit)	=\$4,061.63

<b>Retreat Center Fund</b>	
Income total through Q3 2025	= \$12,310.00
(RC Rental Fees = \$9,000.00)	
(Donations=\$3,310.00)	
(Camp Milan Trust Income = \$0.00)	
Expense total through Q3 2025	=\$18,982.59
Surplus (Deficit)	= (\$6,672.59)

<u>Balances of Invested Funds on</u>	
<u>September 30, 2025</u>	
<u>Principal-Protected</u>	
<u>Trust Funds</u>	=\$1,767,095.69
(Permanent Endowment & Camp Milan Trust)	

<u>Restricted Funds</u>	=\$437,963.19
(Parsonage & Capital Funds)	

<u>Available Funds</u>	=\$7,275.99
(Undesignated Funds)	

**Missional Giving through Q3 2025**  
(UMCOR, UM apportionments, UM Special Sundays, Meal Site, Coat Drive, etc..)  
=\$28,953.91

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

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.

<u><b>Our presence—</b></u>	
October 5	= 80
October 12	= 83
October 19	= 81
October 26	= 74

<u><b>Our gifts—</b></u>	
<b>General Fund Offerings</b>	
October 5	\$ 7,683.35
October 12	\$ 2,867.35
October 19	\$ 2,744.35
October 26	\$ 4,654.35

<u><b>Our Service -</b></u>	
<b>Members of the community served at</b>	
<b>Two Rivers Saturday Meal Site &amp; Operation</b>	
<b>Safety Net (OSN):</b>	
October 4	— 83 Meal Site
October 11	— 73 Meal Site
October 18	— 78 Meal Site
October 25	— 106 Meal Site, 96 OSN

**Our Thanks—**  
Thank you to all those who helped with the Fall grounds clean up around the church on October 25. Thank you to those who serve, provide food and monetary donations to our Little Free Pantry and Meal Site/Operation Safety Net Ministries. Thank you to Carolyn Koch for the many knitted winter hats to give to those in need.



Four Two Rivers Youth  
Make ILMEA Ensembles

We would like to announce that a few of our Two Rivers youth have made this year’s ILMEA ensembles which will be held at Augustana College on November 8. Charles and Oliver Cooley will be performing with the Senior Band, and Lilah Durbin and Jude Muir will be performing with the Junior Mixed Chorus. Please join us in congratulating these talented young musicians.





SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 5:00 P.M.

## Movie Night at MCC

# 1946

THE MISTRANSLATION  
THAT SHIFTED CULTURE

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE QC  
2930 W LOCUST ST, DAVENPORT



Affirming Congregations is hosting a free film screening at Metropolitan Community Church of the Quad Cities on Sunday, November 2 at 5:00 p.m. The feature will be “1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture.” This 2022 documentary tells the story of the creation of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which became the standard in American churches for decades. The story of the mistranslation combines politics, theology, and culture in a way that

has had repercussions that we are still dealing with.

The doors of MCC will open at 5:00, with people encouraged to bring snacks to share. The film will start at 5:30. The run-time is about 90 minutes. There will be a Q/A session with local church leaders afterwards to help process the information presented in the film.

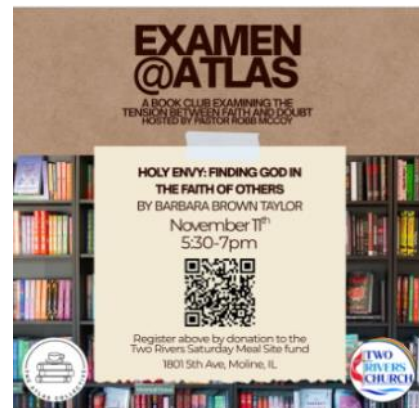
The address of MCC is 2930 W. Locust St. Davenport.

## Examen Book Club at The Atlas

Pastor Robb McCoy will be leading a discussion on *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor on November 11th from 5:30-7 PM at The Atlas Collective, a bookstore in downtown Moline (1801 5th Avenue). This book club registration is by donation to the Two Rivers Saturday Meal Site fund. This wonderfully readable book is 230 pages and is available to purchase from The Atlas Collective with a 10% book club discount.

*Holy Envy* is a memoir of a Christian religion professor going on a spiritual journey through teaching her class on world religions. Barbara Brown Taylor tells a remarkable story of finding more joy and depth in her own Christianity when she began to explore other faiths.

This is a tremendous opportunity for people from our church to make a connection to people in the community. The Atlas Collective is a trusted hub for community among progressive and LGBTQ young people in the Quad Cities. The purpose of the club is not to proselytize, but this is an incredible opportunity to make new relationships. Having a few friendly faces from Two Rivers could help make the discussion group extremely lively. Go to <https://www.atlascollectiveqc.com/events> and find the Examen Book Club event to register.



## Prayer Vigil

There will be a prayer vigil at Church of Peace UCC on November 20. Transgender Day of Remembrance is observed annually on November 20th. It is a day to honor the memory of transgender people who have been killed due to anti-transgender violence. The annual observance also serves to raise awareness of the ongoing violence and discrimination faced by the Transgender and gender non-conforming community worldwide. The prayer vigil is sponsored by Affirming Congregations of the Quad Cities, and will have clergy support from the member

churches. The service will be a solemn moment of mourning, lamentation, and prayer. It will be at a time to be determined at Church of Peace located at 1114 12th Street in Rock Island.



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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

## Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the **December** issue of the *Compass* is **Monday, November 17, 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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It’s time to order poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary on December 21st 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 \$10.00 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 shut-in, to your home address or if you will pick it up after the Christmas Eve worship service.

**Order deadline is November 20**

**No Late Orders Will be accepted**

I would like to order a poinsettia(s) at \$10.00 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 my poinsettia after the Christmas Eve worship service.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please deliver my poinsettia to my home address.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please deliver my poinsettia to a shut-in.



## General Wish List

**As you shop for Chaddock children, please keep in mind who you are helping:**  
As of today, we serve over 300 children in our Residential, Foster and Adoption and Educational programs.

- Please send **new items only**
- Amazon, Target, Walmart, and Visa gift cards are helpful and appreciated
- Please send all gifts **unwrapped** (but wrapping supplies are useful)
- ***Please write your church's name on each package***
- ***Contact Shawna Bunnell at (217) 592-0330 or [shunnell@chaddock.org](mailto:shunnell@chaddock.org)***

**Gift Cards**  
Visa  
Amazon  
Target/Walmart  
McDonald’s/Taco Bell  
Starbucks

**Supplies**  
Wrapping paper  
Bows  
Name tags  
Batteries – AA/AAA

**Infants and Toddlers**  
Balls  
Baby blankets  
Baby bedding  
Baby dolls & accessories  
Blocks  
Books  
Teething toys  
Crawling toys  
Ride-on toys  
Trucks, cars, trains

**Art/Craft Supplies**  
Activity books  
Canvases  
Craft kits  
Markers/colored pencils  
Nontoxic washable paints  
Watercolor paints  
Paintbrushes  
Play-Doh & clay  
Sidewalk chalk  
Sketch pads & markers  
Tracing/drawing books

**Personal Care Items**  
Bath towels/wash cloths  
Body wash  
Body lotion  
Body spray  
Brushes/combs  
Cantu hair products  
Chapstick  
Deodorant  
Hair spray/gel/mousse (non-aerosol)  
Hair ties/clips  
Kleenex  
Loofahs  
Make-up  
Nail polish & remover  
Shampoo & conditioner  
Shower caddy  
Toothbrush/toothpaste

**New Clothing**  
**Children’s Sizes Infant – Adult 2X**  
Athletic Clothing:  
Jogger set, t-shirts, shorts  
Pajamas  
Socks  
Sweatshirt/sweatpants  
Winter coats  
Gloves/winter hats

**Most Requested Items**  
Bath and body gift sets  
Body spray  
Board games  
Canvases and paints  
Journals  
Dolls/action figures  
Legos  
MP3 players  
Headphones  
Outdoor sports/games & equipment: basketballs, footballs, etc./bikes  
scooters, etc./sleds  
Helmets & knee pads

**Bedroom Décor**  
Alarm clocks with radio  
Bean bag chairs  
Bed in a bag (twin)  
Pillows  
Blankets  
Sheet sets (twin XL)

**Independent Living Needs**  
Bath mats  
Bath towels & wash cloths  
Cooking utensils  
Pots & pans  
Baking dishes  
Drinking glasses  
Dish cloths/towels  
Potholders  
Dishes (set of 4)  
Flatware  
Laundry baskets  
Laundry hampers  
Storage containers/totes