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TRUNK OR TREAT



Two Rivers Church in downtown Rock Island will once again hold our annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 2–4 P.M. This will be our sixth annual Halloween Trunk or Treat in the west parking lot of the church. This event will be for the entire Quad Cities.

Of course we want the church members to enjoy the trunk or treat by having candy in the trunks of their vehicles to treat the little kids in their many cute Halloween costumes. Should the church members want to dress in Halloween costumes, and decorate their vehicles, more the Halloween fun.

We will have a sign-up sheet in the west entrance of the church to enter your vehicle, or you may call the church office. For any information or questions you may call the church office at 309-788-9384. Let's have an enjoyable Halloween at Two Rivers Church downtown Rock Island. The Evangelism Team

BRING YOUR BIBLE TO CHURCH DAY
October 24

Bring your Bible to Church Day

On October 24 we will make a special presentation of Bibles to several young people of Two Rivers. Everyone is invited that day to bring their own Bible to church as well. We will have a special prayer over all Bibles during the service. Afterwards, everyone is invited to a special reception in Epworth Hall to meet the new kids and share stories about your Bible.

We want people to share about how they received their Bible. Perhaps it is a family heirloom, or it was a wedding gift. Tell us about your Bible you received in third grade or the Bible you bought as an adult when you started to study it more earnestly. We want to hear your Bible story and share with the kids how important your Bible has been to you over the years.

If you have a student in third grade or above, please go to the church website and fill out a form for a new Bible. There are a couple of options for Bibles to receive – you can get either the Deep Blue Kids Bible or the Common English Student Bible. You may make your decision based on your student's age.

Any adults interested in buying a new Bible should know that pastor Robb recommends the Common English Study Bible. "It's the best Bible on the market right now, and the one I use the most in my own study and devotion time." It is a great translation, and the study notes are superb.



- 2 October** Zoey Shafer
- 3 October** Ruth Hill
- 3 October** Dave Martin
- 4 October** Nancy Cornish
- 14 October** Mark Swessinger
- 15 October** Lorey Hillyer
- 16 October** Autumn Glass
- 17 October** Mike Andrews
- 19 October** Gerald Etzel
- 19 October** Kylee Littlejohn
- 21 October** Beline Shukuru
- 21 October** Olinda Gunther
- 23 October** Stacie Dean
- 28 October** Cindy Leonard
- 28 October** Gabriel Nightingale
- 29 October** Reva Beswick
- 30 October** Cheryl Prather

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

U.M.M Meeting

Methodist Men of Two Rivers will be having an organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 6:30 pm in Epworth Hall. The propose of this meeting is to re-connect and discuss the future needs and projects on-going. The pandemic is still within reality and the Methodist Men have been shut down for over 18 months but members felt a discussion meeting is needed to cover it's future. There will be no program or dinner for the evening and masks will be required with social distancing.

Hope to see you all there. Blessings to you all.

Harold Truitt, UMM President



Caring Sisters

Caring Sisters will get together again on Friday, October 29 at 11:00 a.m. in Epworth Hall. This will be a bring-your-own lunch event. All women are invited to come. Feel free to bring a friend. Join us for devotions, fellowship and a time to discuss how we can make a difference in the lives of our older adult brothers and sisters in Christ. Contact Rita Anderson at (309) 788-7150 for more information.



World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The offering on Sunday, October 3 benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Training Program. Please look for the special offering envelope in your October 3 worship bulletin. Thank you in advance for your gifts to this special offering.



Pastor Appreciation Sunday October 10

Once a year isn't often enough to celebrate and thank our wonderful Pastor for all he does for Two Rivers Church and beyond, but this month, and especially October 10, Pastor Appreciation Sunday, let us do all we can to make sure Pastor Robb feels extra appreciated. Greeting cards of encouragement and thanks are welcomed, and may be sent to the church or placed in a basket at the back of the sanctuary on October 10.

Our Annual Picnic at Camp Milan

What a beautiful day it was and enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Church members started arriving at Camp Milan at 5 PM ready to eat and have some fun. The kids and adults were having a great time at the basketball court, the volleyball court and also started a game of wiffleball. It was terrific to see the many kids enjoying the games along with the adults. Such as Dave Dehnel as pitcher at the wiffleball diamond and Frank Robinson and Gary Johnson kicking around the soccer ball before we ate.

Before long, everyone worked up a hunger and at 5:30 PM we where under the pavilion enjoy the many delicious foods that the church members brought including Dick Lee's pumpkin fluff and Kevin Pollock's perfectly grilled delicious hamburgers and quarter pound hotdogs.

As the sky darkened and the stars came out, Pastor Robb set up the movie theater on the north side of the pavilion and showing a movie to the adults and the kids there in lawn chairs and on blankets on the lawn.

It was a wonderful picnic of great weather, games, food and a movie. It was enjoyed by all at our beautiful Camp Milan near the woods in the country.

Thank you Two Rivers Church for a wonderful time of gathering and fun.

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College Care Packages

Going away to college and leaving the comforts of home can be a stressful and sometimes scary experience. Two Rivers would like to help our youth members that are currently on this college journey by sending them a college care package to brighten their day and remind them that they are thought of and prayed for by the Two Rivers congregation. For the next few weeks we will be taking donations to help purchase items for these care packages. If you would like to donate please mark your check or envelope "College Care". Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

Remember in Prayer-

Betty Taylor, Judy Litherland and Summer Etzel Volk

Our presence--

August 29	= 37
September 5	= 50
September 12	= 49
September 19	= 51
September 26	= 41

Our gifts--

General Fund Offerings

August 29	\$1,001.88
September 5	\$1,881.88
September 12	\$6,129.28
September 19	\$1,470.00
September 26	\$775.28

Our Service -

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

August 28	— 45 Meal Site, 51 OSN
September 4	— 35 Meal Site
September 11	— 42 Meal Site
September 18	— 48 Meal Site
September 25	— 60 Meal Site, 62 OSN



Thank you for all your prayers and notes during my recovery from surgery. I missed you all.

Sherry Prather

Dear Friends

A simple "thank you" seems insufficient for the kindness you have shown during my recent multiple adventures in the hospital and nursing home. Your cards, calls and prayers have been greatly appreciated. I am home now recuperating and gaining strength. Before long Kent and I hope to be able to attend worship services again.

Again, thank you for your support.

Nancy Cornish



Kids and Youth Sunday School

The kids and youth begin each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Epworth Hall. All the kids will meet together at first to share the Bible story.

The Bible passage at Sunday school will match the passage used in worship that day, making Sunday school a chance for the kids to dig a little deeper into the story that the whole congregation already shared.

As a large group, they will share the story again. When there are enough kids, the younger kids and older kids will then split up. Pastor Robb will take the older kids to do some deeper discussion about the text and its application. The younger kids will stay with a rotating volunteer to do activities and games that help the kids learn and internalize the story. There is an online signup sheet for adult volunteers that is available on the website.

Testimonies Needed



As a part of the People of God series at Two Rivers, Pastor Robb is asking for volunteers to share a short testimonial in worship. There is a space dedicated after the pastoral prayer and before the Scripture passage is read. Testimonials should be about 2-4 minutes long, and some more specific questions to guide you will be provided.

There are four topics left in this series. If any of these topics inspires you, please contact Pastor Robb, and he will give you some more details and guidance:

- Grateful to God – How do we show gratefulness to God, who is the source of all gifts?
- Called to serve – What does it mean to hear God's call in my life and how have I responded?
- Faithful to our mission – What does faithfulness look like? How have I been faithful to God and the church through the years?
- Doing justice in the world – What does it mean to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world? What are the ways I work for justice?

Please reflect on these questions and email Pastor Robb at mccoy@tworiversumc.org or call/text him at 815-514-3779 if you want to learn more about this project.



Thanksgiving is such a joyous time of year. The gathering together, giving of thanks to God, country, and all the wonderful things we have and the ways to enjoy them. What a wonderful place to give thanks and enjoy our sixth annual Thanksgiving dinner at our beautiful Camp Milan near the woods in the country.

Once you arrive you will enjoy the beautifully decorated great hall with tables adorned with lit candles, and the sparkling of the fireplace with the smell of burning wood providing warmth on a cool November day.

As at any Thanksgiving dinner there will be turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, rolls, and drinks all provided. We do you wish to have the right amount of food so please RSVP using the sign-up sheets in the church or by calling the church office at 309-788-9384. There is also a space on the sign-up sheets for those who would like to bring pumpkin pie, whip cream topping, cranberry sauce or whatever Thanksgiving favorite dish you'd like to share.

Once we have enjoyed our Thanksgiving dinner and gathering together. We will have an after dinner performance by Lydia Olson. She will give a wonderful presentation of the harp and a very delightful performance. We hope to see everyone at our beautiful Camp Milan for a Thanksgiving dinner to remember.

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

Newsletter deadline

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

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