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Zoom Bible Study and Prayer Group

Monday Bible Study at Noon

The Monday Bible Study is led by Pastor Robb and focuses on the scripture passage that will be used the following Sunday. The Zoom Bible study will start each week on Monday at 12:00 p.m.

The class usually lasts about an hour and encourages questions and insights of all participants, but no one is required to do any homework or reading ahead. Questions and answers come in a free form conversation. No one is ever called upon or singled out.

Right now the study is walking through the Gospel of John. By participating in this study, you will dig



deeper into each week's verse and see patterns and themes recur in the Gospel. You will come away with a deeper appreciation for the literary brilliance and the theological insight of John. "Come and See" what the Bible offers. Every participant knows that their work on Mondays makes next Sunday even more powerful.

Midday Service of Prayer and Devotion (Wednesdays at Noon)

The Wednesday Prayer Group meets in the Zoom chat to discuss prayer concerns from about 12:00-12:15. The prayer concerns from worship are listed as well as any that have been brought to the prayer chain since Sunday. Once we have a list of prayers, we "Go Live" on Facebook at about 12:15. Once live, Zoom participants are muted and hidden and Pastor Robb leads the time of prayer.

The Midday Service of Prayer and Devotion is on Facebook Live from about 12:15-12:45. It begins with the reading of a Psalm, the reading of our GPS Bible reading for the day and a short reflection. Then we move into our time of prayer. The prayer usually follows this pattern: Prayers for our church, prayers for the concerns listed by name, prayers for peoples and situations not named, and prayers for ourselves. The prayer has a rhythm of speaking and silence, allowing people to share their own prayers or listen to the Spirit as we pray.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	3	4	5 12 pm Meal Site
6 9:30 am Worship Service In-Person & on FB Live 2:00 pm YouTube Worship	7 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn Bible Study via Zoom	8 6:00 pm Zoom Leadership Meeting	9 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	10	11	12 12 pm Meal Site
13 9:30 am Worship Service In-Person & on FB Live 2:00 pm YouTube Worship	14 Happy Valentine's Day 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn Bible Study via Zoom	15	16 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	17 March Compass Deadline	18	19 12 pm Meal Site
20 Guest Preacher Greta Long 9:30 am Worship Service In-Person & on FB Live 2:00 pm YouTube Worship	21 No Bible Study	22	23 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	24	25	26 11 am Operation Safety Net 12 pm Meal Site
27 9:30 am Worship Service In-Person & on FB Live 2:00 pm YouTube Worship	28 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn Bible Study via Zoom					

February Birthdays

02/03 Frank Robinson
 02/03 Ivan Mejia
 02/03 Grant Dahlstrom
 02/04 Gary Camp
 02/11 Delores Hollars
 02/14 Garrett Atkinson
 02/27 Gary Johnson
 02/27 Kent Cornish

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



Weather Closings

In case of inclement weather, please know that we never want anyone to travel if they are uncomfortable. If main arteries are clear, we will probably still have worship. Our parking lot often has patches of ice, even if it has been cleared, so please use caution. If it is determined that worship needs to be cancelled it will first be posted on the church facebook page at: facebook.com/RITwoRivers. Also follow the Church Closings on Channels 6 and 8, and online at <https://kwqc.com/weather/closings>.

Life Line Screening



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Two Rivers United Methodist Church on **Thursday, March 17, 2022.**

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A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque) An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.

Osteoporosis Risk An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density. This can help assess the risk of osteoporosis, a disease where bones become weak and brittle.

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$139 and take 60-90 minutes to complete.

The church office has 3 complimentary screening vouchers valued at \$70.00 to give to anyone that is interested. Please call the church office at (309)788-9384 for more information on the 3 available vouchers.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 797979 or online at <https://lsa.social/HSC>.

State of the Church Report

2021

Financial State of the Church

Income Total for 2021 = \$258,386.51
 Expense Total for 2021 = \$257,322.28
 Surplus (Deficit) for 2021 = \$1,064.23

Bank Balances on Dec. 31, 2021

General = \$38,634.00
 Dedicated = \$42,020.46
 Retreat Center = \$1,357.83

Break Down

General Church Fund

Income total for 2021 = \$239,468.51
 (General Fund Offering = \$167,500.97)
 (Other General Fund Income = \$71,107.54)
 Expense total for 2021 = \$236,946.24
 Surplus (Deficit) = \$2,522.27

Retreat Center Fund

Income total for 2021 = \$18,918.00
 (RC Rental Fees & Donations = \$10,918.00)
 (Camp Milan Trust Income = \$8,000.00)
 Expense total for 2021 = \$20,376.04
 Surplus (Deficit) = (\$1,458.04)

Balances of Invested Funds on Dec 31, 2021

Principal-Protected Trust Funds

= \$2,366,016.47
 (Permanent Endowment, Capital & Camp Milan Trust)

Restricted Funds = \$39,847.13
 (Parsonage & Invested Dedicated Funds)

Available Funds = \$7,549.88
 (Undesignated Funds)

Missional Giving for 2021

(UMCOR, UM apportionments, UM Special Sundays, Our Conference Our Kids, Coat Drive, Good Samaritan Fund, Meal Site and many other causes) = \$50,450.91

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

Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

Remember in Prayer-

Willene Sowell, Jane McGinnis. and Summer Etzel Volk

Our Sympathies to -

Ike Mejia and his family on the loss of his father, Pedro Mejia on January 16.

Our presence—

January 2 = 30
 January 9 = 26
 January 16 = 41
 January 23 = 28

Our gifts—

General Fund Offerings

January 2 \$2,344.88
 January 9 \$2,292.71
 January 16 \$3,948.88
 January 23 \$3,269.88

Our Service -

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

January 1 — 12 Meal Site
 January 8 — 35 Meal Site
 January 15 — 28 Meal Site
 January 22 — 41 Meal Site

Corrections to 2022 Leadership & Committee Members List

Evangelism Chair

TBD

Finance Committee

Class of 2022

Daid Dehnel
 Sarah McCoy

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Class of 2022

Candy Canik
 Claudia Applegate
 Ruth Hill

Class of 2023

Nduwikunda David





Two Rivers & World Relief Come Together

World Relief and Two Rivers Church came together again to provide for an immediate need in our community. On January 11 World Relief sent out an email asking for help. "This week alone we are welcoming 28 new arrivals, with many more to come in the near future. Our inventories have been depleted and I am reaching out to see if any of you can help." Within a few days they were connected to Claudia Applegate, who has long maintained the coats and winter-gear ministry at Two Rivers.

Claudia reports that we were able to provide 12 adult coats, 12 children's coats and 6 pairs of snow pants, 6 infant/toddler snowsuits and buntings, and 7 pairs of boots. Julie Hornbuckle, a volunteer at World Relief said, "The little girl was over the moon with the snow boots she received. I love it when everybody's efforts come together and can put a smile on a little girls face and make people feel the warm welcome of their new community. "

This is just the latest chapter in a long story of cooperation between World Relief and Two Rivers Church. For the last few months World Relief has been using the Two Rivers Church facilities for the children and family literacy programs. They have done ESL classes in the library, skills development in the Asbury Parlor, and held children's programs in the nursery. Unfortunately due to COVID's local resurgence they have shifted all of their programs to be online-only.

If you would like to do more to help World Relief provide much-needed aid to new immigrants in the community, you can learn more by going to their website at www.worldrelief.org.



Ash Wednesday

The Lenten season will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 2. This will be an online service that will be put on both Facebook and our website in the evening. More details about this service will be made available through our weekly updates and emails.

Retirement of Dr. Don Batz



Dr. Donald Batz, who served our church in Rock Island as pastor from 1999 to 2004, has announced his official retirement January 1 follow a career of seventy years in the United Methodist Church ministry in not only our Illinois Great Rivers Conference but also Iowa and Indiana Conferences as well. Two churches Don served during his ministry - Union Church in Quincy, Illinois and St. Mark's Church in Camanche, Iowa,-- honored him as Pastor Emeritus of their congregations and the Illinois Great Rivers Conference recognized him as the recipient of the Peter Cartwright Award for his distinguished ministry in 2012. He and his wife, Aleta, are now living at 3080 Farmington Road, Lindenhurst, Illinois 60048.



Thanks so much for the poinsettia plant. I am truly grateful to be a member of such a thoughtful and caring church.

Again, thank you. God bless each and every one of you.
- Edie Hafeman

Thank you for the great gift bag of goodies. The bag was loaded with so many thoughtful and useful items—and Cookies! It is so good to know that I am thought of by all of you.

I miss attending church and seeing so many dear friends. Please look after each other.

- Ginny Cline

Dear Two Rivers Members,

I want to thank you for the "Treat Bag" that Sarah & Elizabeth McCoy delivered to me in Coal Valley. It was so thoughtful and I'm enjoying the goodies. Thank you, too, for the Christmas cards.

Happy New Year to you all!!
- Lois Howell

I would like to thank Brianna for delivering the beautiful Poinsettia. The thoughtfulness of the members of Two Rivers is appreciated.

- Bonnie Lawhorn

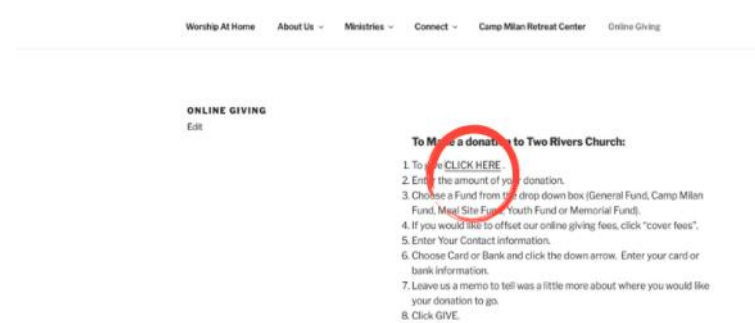
I'm living with Bonnie & Steve and really appreciate it as I cannot take care of myself very good.
- Lois Howell

ONLINE GIVING

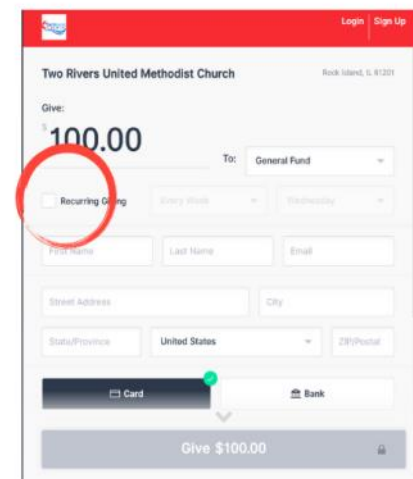
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STEP THREE: FILL OUT DONATION (NO NEED TO LOGIN OR SIGN UP)



Online Giving

Please consider signing up for online giving. While there are some fees associated with online giving, it is a great option for your financial support of the church. By signing up to a recurring payment through our Tithely app online, you can be assured that you never miss a contribution. The recurring contribution can also assure that when you give to special offerings like the United Methodist Committee on Relief or Human Relations Sunday, the offering to our general fund will continue.

To sign up, go to <http://tworiversumc.org/donate>. On that page there will be some instructions. If you click on **CLICK HERE**, you will be taken to donation menu. There is no need to register, and there are no passwords to remember. You can make a one-time donation or click on the "Recurring Giving" box. If you choose to make a recurring contribution, you can choose if you want it to happen weekly (and pick which day of the week), every two weeks (you pick which day of the week), monthly (you choose the date each month), or 1st and 15th of the month.

You can use either a credit card of a bank account. No registration, passwords, or usernames are needed. Tithely is a trusted system used by many churches.



Operation Safety Net Needs

Operation Safety Net needs your help. If you are doing some early spring cleaning, we would love to

have your household items you no longer wish to keep. We will find a new home for anything from your home that one person can carry. Examples include: pots, pans, dishes, silverware, bedding, towels, heaters, fans, small lamps, Knick knacks, art work, even small furniture. Again, anything that can be carried by one person. In addition to household items they are also in need of adult and children's winter clothing and men's clothing. These items can be dropped off in Epworth Hall during office hours or Sunday mornings. Thank you.

How to Connect at Home

With COVID-19 cases still high in Rock Island County we are restricting in-person gatherings at the church to strictly 9:30 am Sunday Worship, Saturday Meal Site and only a few committee meetings. There are two main ways to connect with Two Rivers Church from the comfort and safety of your home. An internet connection is essential. If you do not have an internet connection, please call the church office and let us know. We want to be intentional with reaching out to those who do not have internet access with phone calls by the pastor and other members.

	Facebook Live Facebook.com/RITwoRivers	Website TwoRiversUMC.org/WorshipatHome
Cost	Facebook is a social media application that you can use for free. However, Facebook uses your personal data and charges for advertising on the site. Nothing is truly free. To find the church page search "RITwoRivers" or go directly to the URL above.	Our website is free to access by going to the site above. If you simply go to our homepage at TwoRiversUMC.org , you will find a picture and link for each Sunday's Worship at Home experience. A bulletin is also available to download as a pdf file to help you follow along.
Time	The Worship at Home premieres at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Once it is finished, it is posted permanently on the church Facebook page and can be watched at any time.	The video is posted to the website at 2:00 p.m. The difference is that participants in the Facebook Live video can interact with Pastor Robb and with each other in the chat function.
Interaction	If you are viewing on Facebook, you will see when people are watching. You can interact using the chat functions and "Like" buttons.	There is no interaction functionality at this time.
What is Zoom?	A popular tool to staying connected during COVID has been Zoom, which is a free video conferencing application that can be used with any device that has a camera. There is also a way for people to call into the conference using just a telephone—even a landline. Pastor Robb currently conducts two weekly Zoom gatherings that you can be a part of including: Monday Bible study at noon and Wednesday Prayer & Devotions at noon. These events can be attended via Zoom or by phone. To join these "Two Rivers Connections" gatherings on Zoom, you must first download the Zoom app on your computer, tablet or smart phone. Once the app is downloaded you can join one of the classes listed above by clicking the "Join" button and enter the Meeting ID # 961 006 728. All Zoom meetings can also be joined by phone. Simply by dial 312-626-6799. This is a Chicago area-code and only regular phone charges apply. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation. In addition, the Wednesday noon Prayer & Devotions sessions can be viewed on Facebook live at Facebook.com/RITwoRivers .	

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?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

According to the fourth Gospel, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the _____."

A. love
B. life
C. light
D. Lord

Answer: C (See John 1:6-7, NRSV.)

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Prayer Chain

Charlotte Peterson 793-7783

Nancy Schwegler 781-5334

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 March issue of the *Compass* is **Thursday, February 17**. Please have information or articles in by this deadline date. Thank you.

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