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LENT Lent LENT Lent

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion Ash Wednesday Online Service @ 6pm | 3 | 4 | 5 12 pm Meal Site |
| 6 1st Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Worship Service In-Person & on FB Live 10:30am Sunday School 2:00 pm YouTube Worship | 7 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn Bible Study in-person | 8 6:00 pm Zoom Leadership Meeting | 9 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion | 10 | 11 | 12 12 pm Meal Site |
| 13 2nd Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Worship Service In-Person & on FB Live 10:30am Sunday School 2:00 pm YouTube Worship | 14 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn Bible Study in-person | 15 | 16 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion | 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 8 am—5:30 pm LifeLine Screening <i>Easter Lily Orders Due</i> | 18 | 19 12 pm Meal Site |
| 20 3rd Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Worship Service In-Person & on FB Live 10:30am Sunday School 2:00 pm YouTube Worship | 21 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn Bible Study in-person | 22 <i>April Compass Deadline</i> | 23 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion | 24 | 25 | 26 11 am Operation Safety Net 12 pm Meal Site |
| 27 4th Sunday of Lent UMCOR Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service In-Person & on FB Live 10:30am Sunday School 2:00 pm YouTube Worship | 28 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn Bible Study in-person | 29 | 30 12:00 pm Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion | 31 | | |



Ash Wednesday Online Service March 2 @ 6pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. This year it falls on March 2. Instead of having a traditional service in the sanctuary, we will be creating an online video that will launch simultaneously from our website, YouTube, and our church's Facebook page at 6:00 pm.

Continuing a recent tradition, we will partner with Church of Peace (United Church of Christ) in producing this worship at home experience. Pastor Mariah Marlin Warfield and Pastor Robb will film their segments in their home. Music will be provided by members of both churches.

The imposition of ashes will be do-it-yourself. People will be invited to use a burnt cork to apply the sign of the cross to your hand or forehead.

The statistics surrounding COVID-19 in the area are improving. There is reason for optimism as we move into Lent. Sunday school and small groups will begin meeting in-person at Two Rivers in March. Adults and kids will meet on the first Sunday of Lent—March 6. The Monday Bible study will return to Epworth Hall on March 7. The weekly Wednesday prayer group will remain online.

Lenten Series: "The Last Week"

In Lent, we will focus in on the final chapters of the Gospel of John that take place during the last week of Jesus' life. Starting with Mary anointing Jesus' feet (a slight variance from the Narrative Lectionary), we will then move to Jesus washing his disciples' feet, Peter's denial, Jesus before Pilate, Jesus condemned, and the crucifixion.

In this way we will alter the typical Christian calendar a little. The Sunday before Easter will be Passion Sunday, an alternative to Palm Sunday. This also means that the readings of March 27, April 3, 10, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter (April 17) will be a continual narrative from John 18:28-20:18.

- 3/6 Mary anoints Jesus and the plot to kill Lazarus
John 12:1-11
- 3/13 Jesus washes the disciples' feet John 13:1-17
- 3/20 Jesus' trial begins and Peter denies Jesus
John 18:12-27
- 3/27 Jesus and Pilate and the people choose Barabbas John 18:28-40
- 4/3 Jesus is condemned and sentenced to die
John 19:1-16a
- 4/10 Jesus is crucified on the Day of Preparation
John 19:16b-22
- 4/14 Holy Thursday: Jesus' last words from the cross
John 19:23-30
- 4/15 Good Friday: Jesus dies John 19:31-42
- 4/17 Easter: Mary finds an empty tomb and a Gardener John 20:1-18



- 02/29 Moses Bizimana
- 03/06 Jalia Mokola
- 03/08 Jen Kean
- 03/10 Ed Payton
- 03/12 Peggy Hallas
- 03/14 Jan Morrison
- 03/17 Jack Swim
- 03/19 Josefina Mejia
- 03/24 Ellen Baldrige
- 03/25 John Crede
- 03/25 Justin Martin
- 03/28 Brianna Pollock
- 03/28 Harold Truitt
- 03/29 Jeanna Ndayislimiye

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



UMCOR SUNDAY MARCH 27th

UMCOR Sunday giving allows the United Methodist Committee on Relief to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs. For more information on the work that UMCOR does you can visit their website at www.umcmission.org. A special offering envelope will be including in the bulletins on **March 27** for those wishing to give to this important mission. You may also mail your special offering for UMCOR Sunday to the church office at 1820 5th Ave, Rock Island IL 61201. Make sure to mark your offering "UMCOR Sunday".

ADULT Sunday School

Adult Sunday School: Foundations

For the six weeks in Lent (starting March 6), the Adult Sunday school class will be led by Pastor Robb. Adults new to the church as well as long-time members are invited to this short-term study. Those interested in baptism or membership are encouraged to be a part of this group. We hope to welcome new members on Easter Sunday (April 17).

The six week class will have sessions on: Church history, Bible Formation, Means of Grace, Sacraments in the United Methodist Church, The United Methodist Connection, and Issues Facing the UMC. Volunteers are needed to help lead kids and youth Sunday school while Pastor Robb shifts to the Adult Class.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Kids & Youth Sunday School

The Kids and Youth will restart the Spirit and Truth curriculum on Sunday, March 6. This is a downloadable resource that can be used for kids and youth together or to divide into two age groups (one in each part of Epworth Hall). If there are art or mission projects you would like to help lead, this can happen too. The curriculum is meant to be a backup resource. Since Pastor Robb will be leading the adult class, we will need two adult volunteers for Sunday school each week.

To sign up for a time to help, please call the church office or speak with Pastor Robb.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, the nations 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**.

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://llsa.social/HSC>.



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.



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Don't forget to
change your clocks
March 13th



Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

Remember in Prayer-

Jane McGinnis and Summer Etzel Volk

Our Sympathies to -

Jan Morrison and family on the passing of her son-in-law, Johan Feddema on January 31.

Our presence—

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| January 30 | = 41 |
| February 6 | = 43 |
| February 13 | = 44 |
| February 20 | = 31 |

Our gifts—

General Fund Offerings

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| January 30 | \$6,341.38 |
| February 6 | \$4,412.08 |
| February 13 | \$4,549.38 |
| February 20 | \$2,741.37 |

Our Service -

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

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|-------------|------------------------|
| January 29 | — 60 Meal Site, 50 OSN |
| February 5 | — 42 Meal Site |
| February 12 | — 37 Meal Site |
| February 19 | — 46 Meal Site |

Thank you's

After losing a confrontation with a laundry basket I was awarded with visits to two hospitals and two months in Silver Cross.

The visits were made more acceptable because of visits from friends, many cards, flowers and the well stocked goodie bag. Thank you all very much.

The laundry basket is now permanently in the basement.

- Ellen Pohlman

I really thank you all for the Christmas bag you all brought to me at the nursing home. That was real nice of you all. Thank you for the flowers, too. I hope you had a real nice Christmas and a Happy New Year. I miss you all. I have come out of the nursing home and I am at home now. Again, I miss you all and wish you a Happy New Year!

From, Willene Sowell



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If you wish to purchase an Easter Lily to be displayed during worship on Easter Sunday, April 17, please complete the form below and place it in the offering tray on Sunday morning or mail it to the church office, 1820 5th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201. ALL EASTER LILIES MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. The cost is \$15.00 each. Please make checks payable to “Two Rivers Church” and mark it “Easter Lily.” You may pick up your plant after worship on Easter Sunday. **The deadline for ordering is Thursday, March 17. No Late Orders Will Be Accepted.**

Easter Lily Order Form

I would like to order _____ Easter Lily(s) @ \$15.00 each.

Enclosed is my cash/check in the amount of _____

My Easter Lily should be designated as follows:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Phone Number _____

_____ I will pick up my Lily(s) from the church after Easter.

_____ Please deliver my Lily(s) to my home address.

_____ Please deliver my Lily(s) to a shut-in.

Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the April issue of the *Compass* is **Tuesday, March 22**. Please have information or articles in by this deadline date. Thank you.

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