

Calendar for November 19– November 26



WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Sunday, November 19

9:30 AM Worship
 10:45 AM Sunday School
 5:00 PM Young Adult
 Supper Club @ the
 McCoys

Monday, November 20

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn
 Bible Study

Tuesday, November 21

3:30—6 PM Young Lions Roar

Wednesday, November 22

12:00 PM Prayer/ Devotion
 via FB & Zoom
 3:30—6 PM Young Lions Roar

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

11:00 AM Operation Safety
 Net
 12:00 PM Meal site

Sunday, November 26

UM Student Sunday
 Last day to order Poinsettias
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:45 AM Hanging of the
 Greens & Soup
 Lunch

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Mark 12:40, 42

“They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes... One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Lev. 19:9-10, 25:8-12; Mark 12:38-44	
Monday	Leviticus 19:11-18	Living as a holy community
Tuesday	Leviticus 25:23-38	Do not exploit the poor
Wednesday	Leviticus 26:40-46	Covenant and restoration
Thursday	Mark 11:27-33	Jesus questioned
Friday	Mark 12:28-40	Don't cheat widows
Saturday	Genesis 32:13-32	Jacob wrestles

Reflections on Reading 1

- ◇ “Love your neighbor as yourself” comes from this part of Leviticus, What are the economic, environmental, and legal ramifications of loving your neighbor?
- ◇ This Jubilee year is about property distribution and land usage. Is it even possible to imagine what this could look like today? What are the principles that guide that decree of God?

Reflections on Reading 2

- ◇ A ten percent tithe is a Biblical standard for giving, but it can be oppressive for those living in poverty. A ten percent tithe for someone with great wealth might not be particularly difficult. What could be a more holistic Biblical standard for generosity and giving?
- ◇ Jesus gave a warning against “robbing widows” then pointed to a widow getting robbed. What is the warning of this passage?

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Upcoming Sermon: Our Money Story

Nov. 26 Restore Genesis 33:1-17 & John 21:1-19
 Hanging of the Greens after worship
 (Soup lunch after decorating)

Leviticus 19:9-10 (CEB)

When you harvest your land's produce, you must not harvest all the way to the edge of your field; and don't gather up every remaining bit of your harvest. Also do not pick your vineyard clean or gather up all the grapes that have fallen there. Leave these items for the poor and the immigrant; I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 25:8-13 (CEB)

Count off seven weeks of years—that is, seven times seven—so that the seven weeks of years totals forty-nine years. Then have the trumpet blown on the tenth day of the seventh month. Have the trumpet blown throughout your land on the Day of Reconciliation. You will make the fiftieth year holy, proclaiming freedom throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It will be a Jubilee year for you: each of you must return to your family property and to your extended family. The fiftieth year will be a Jubilee year for you. Do not plant, do not harvest the secondary growth, and do not gather from the freely growing vines because it is a Jubilee: it will be holy to you. You can eat only the produce directly out of the field. Each of you must return to your family property in this year of Jubilee.

Mark 12:38-44 (CEB)

As he was teaching, he said, "Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly."

Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who's been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on."



It's time to order poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary on December 17th 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 our home address or if you will pick it up after the Christmas Eve worship service.

Order deadline is November 26th

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.