April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 **12:00 pm** Pastor's Bible Study **4:00 pm** Grief-Share	**2** **3:30—6pm** YLR	**3** **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion **3:30—6pm** YLR **6:00 pm** Bell rehearsal **7:30 pm** Choir rehearsal	4	5	6 **12 pm** Meal Site **7 pm** Queer Prom @ Western IL University Moline
7 **Fill the Wagon Sunday for the Little Free Pantry** **9:30 am** Worship/ Communion **10:45 am** Sunday School for all ages	8 **12:00 pm** Pastor's Bible Study	9 **3:30—6pm** YLR	10 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion **3:30—6pm** YLR **6:00 pm** Bell rehearsal **7:30 pm** Choir rehearsal	11 **8:00 pm** Big Steppers	12	13 **12 pm** Meal Site **4 pm** Youth Progressive Dinner and Retreat @ Camp Milan
14 **Native American Ministries Sunday** **10:30 am** Worship @ Camp Milan	15 **12:00 pm** Pastor's Bible Study	16 **3:30—6pm** YLR	17 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion **3:30—6pm** YLR **6:00 pm** Bell Rehearsal **7:30** pm Choir rehearsal	18	19	20 **11 am** Beloved Community Celebration @ Riverside UMC **12 pm** Meal Site
21 **9:30 am** Worship **10:45 am** Sunday School for all ages	22 **Happy Earth Day!** **12:00 pm** Pastor's Bible Study	23 Beginning of General Conference 2024 in Charlotte, NC 4/23/24—5/3/24 **3:30—6pm** YLR *May Compass Deadline*	24 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion **3:30—6pm** YLR **6:00 pm** Bell rehearsal **7:30 pm** Choir rehearsal	25 **8:00 pm** Big Steppers	26	27 **11 am** Operation Safety Net **12 pm** Meal Site **12 pm** Young Lions Roar Poetry Summit **7 pm** Poetry Showcase
28 **9:30 am** Worship **10:45 am** Sunday School for all ages	29 **10:00 am** Two Rivers Readers **12:00 pm** Pastor's Bible Study	30 **3:30—6pm** YLR				

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Worship at Camp Milan

Worship will be at Camp Milan Retreat Center on **April 14 at 10:30 a.m**. with a pot-luck lunch to be shared afterwards. The worship will be combined with Trinity UMC (Milan). Pastor Lisa Wiedman and Pastor Robb will lead the service, with keynote speaker Rev. Dan Lybarger.

The worship service will take place outdoors (weather permitting) and honor Native American Ministries Sunday. Pastor Lisa is a member of the Illinois Great Rivers Committee on Native American Ministries. Rev. Lybarger is a Native American historian, storyteller, and flute player.

People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and a dish to share. There will be some seating provided, and if the weather is inclement, we will be able to move inside. Dishes can be stored in the refrigerators, plugged in, or kept warm in the ovens of the kitchen if needed.

Native American Ministries Sunday

April 14 is Native American Ministries Sunday. Gifts to Native American Ministries Sunday fund scholarships for Native American seminarians and strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural, urban and reservation congregations, ministries and communities and annual conference Native American ministries. Please look for a special offering envelope for NAMS included in this newsletter. You may mail your donation to Two Rivers UMC (1820 5th Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201) or bring it to our special Native American Worship at Camp Milan on April 14.

Youth Progressive Dinner and Lock-In

Youth and their chaperones are invited to an afternoon of learning, relationship-building, and food with the Allied QC youth groups of Asbury UMC, First Congregational UCC, and Two Rivers UMC. Rides are available with signed permission slip.

On Saturday, April 13, we will begin at 4:00 p.m. at Asbury UMC in Bettendorf. We will tour the church, learn a little about their congregation, and enjoy an appetizer. Then we will head to First Congregational UCC around 5:00 p.m. for a similar program and food. From there we will head to Two Rivers Church for dessert around 6:00.

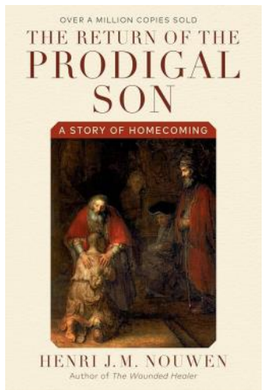
After the visits to the three churches, we will head to Camp Milan for a lock-in. Kids should bring their sleeping stuff, and toiletries. Our worship that Sunday is at 10:30 a.m. with Trinity UMC (Milan) for our Native American Ministries Sunday service.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/02	Ben Nefzger
04/03	Bryce Leonard
04/05	Jack Baldridge
04/08	Jeff Peterson
04/10	Kaleb Littlejohn
04/10	Ryan Woolums
04/13	Mary Jane Barnett
04/15	Dick Lee
04/21	Beverly Overturf
04/26	Lilah Durbin

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

Two Rivers Readers



The Two Rivers Readers will meet on April 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary to discuss our next book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen.

A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's painting, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, catapulted Henri Nouwen into a long spiritual adventure. In his highly-acclaimed book of the same title, he shares the deeply personal meditation that led him to discover the place within which God has chosen to dwell.

As always, our group is safe and nonjudgmental, and our discussions are insightful, challenging, and a lot of fun.

We'd love to have you join us!

Questions? Please contact the church Office.

General Conference 2020

General Conference 2020, which has been delayed several times due to difficulties traveling in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, will begin on April 23 in Charlotte, North Carolina. It will conclude on May 3. There are many places online where you can follow the proceedings.

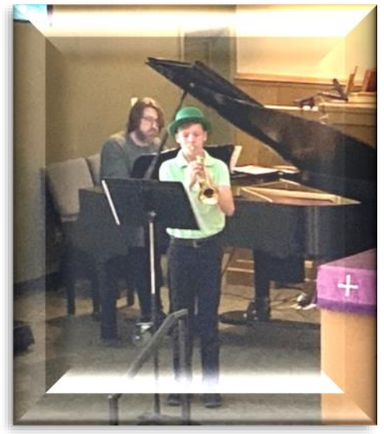
If you are on Facebook, you can follow the group IGRC for Unity. This is a group that Pastor Robb has been a part of since 2019. If you follow this group you can sign up for emails that are sent out weekly.

If you go to IGRC.org, you can find the article "Countdown to General Conference." Here, there are several videos about different aspects of General Conference. These are streamed live on Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. You can go back and watch ones after the live feed as well.

ResourceUMC.org, then find the tab "General Conference 2020." This will take you to the official UMC website. You can read all of the proposed legislation there now. When the conference starts, you will be able to watch a live feed there.

Operation Safety Net

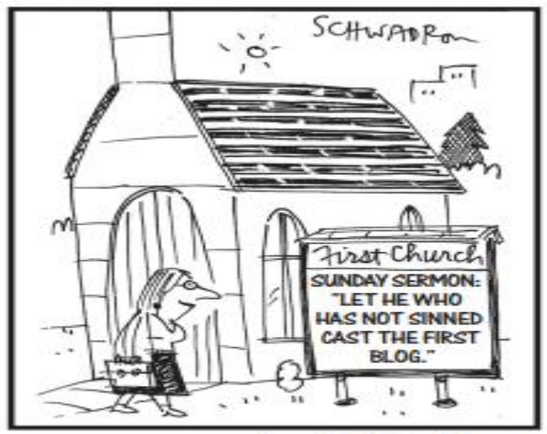
Our Mission Outreach Team is in need of household items to be given to those in need in the community. Possible items needed include but are not limited to—small appliances, towels/sheets, pots/pans/dishes, small kitchen items, lamps, fans/heaters, or any small household item. Items can be dropped off during office hours or Sunday mornings. Thank you.



On Sunday, March 17, worshipers were treated to a fabulous duet performed by Oliver Cooley, trumpet and Andrzej Kozlowski, piano.

Thanks to Brianna Pollock

In appreciation of her service and the many volunteer extras she gives to the church, a spontaneous congregational "Gathering of the Greens" was gifted to Brianna Pollock on March 17, 2024, St. Patrick's Day.



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Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

Remember in Prayer-

All those in need of prayers for healing and strength.

Our presence—

March 3	= 66
March 10	= 62
March 17	= 81
March 24	= 65

Our gifts—

General Fund Offerings

March 3	$3,571.94
March 10	$4,632.94
March 17	$2,914.54
March 24	$4,497.19

Our Service -

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

March 2	— 57 Meal Site
March 9	— 45 Meal Site
March 16	— 43 Meal Site
March 23	— 77 Meal Site

I wish to thank the beautiful congregation of Two Rivers for the wonderful surprise gift I received on St. Patrick's day. I could not express my gratitude enough for the love I feel every day from all of you! God Bless and Thanks again!

- Brianna Pollock

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.

Beloved Community at Riverside UMC

There will be a special celebration of Beloved Community at Riverside UMC in Moline on April 20 at 11:00 a.m. The celebration will include three churches that participated in the "Becoming Beloved Community" program together. This six week program included work on implicit bias, power, and systems of injustice and inequality. Participants in the training will share about their experiences during this celebration. There will be a time of praise and worship as well as refreshments and fellowship.

Becoming a Beloved Community is a program created by the Kaleidoscope Institute. Pastor James Fielder of Riverside UMC has offered to share this curriculum with participants from Two Rivers Church. The program will start in early June with a culmination celebration on July 28 at Schwiebert Park.

Poetry Showcase

The Young Lions Roar will host the second annual Young Writer's Summit at Two Rivers Church on Saturday, April 27. All young writers are invited to be a part of this impactful literary journey. There will be teaching artists from Chicago IL, Champaign IL, Des Moines IA, and Iowa City IA. This summit promises an immersive experience for young aspiring writers.

The day will begin at noon for the writers. As the day unfolds, students will weave their words into mesmerizing poems, infused with their personal experiences and imagination. These poetic creations will culminate in an unforgettable evening performance, where participants will take the stage to share their masterpieces with an eager audience.

The general public is invited to the showcase of their work at 7:00 p.m. The showcase will include some of the incredible professional poets as well as the young artists.

Trip to St. Paul's UMC

Palm Sunday at St. Paul's UMC with the African Nationals worship service was full of joy, singing, dancing, and cake!

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Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the **May** issue of the *Compass* is **Tuesday, April 23, 2024.** Please have information or articles in by this deadline date. Thank you.

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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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