June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 **12 pm** Meal Site **12-8pm** Pride Festival at Schwiebert Park
2 **Fill the Wagon Sunday for the Little Free Pantry** **9:30 am** Worship/ Communion	3 **10:00 am** Two Rivers Readers	4	5 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	6 **Annual Conference**	7	8 **12 pm** Meal Site
9 **9:30 am** Worship **10:30 am** "We Care" gift bag delivery	10 **Time TBD** Beloved Community @ Two Rivers	11 **6:00 pm** Leadership Meeting	12 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	13 **8:00 pm** Big Steppers	14	15 **12 pm** Meal Site **3-7pm** Pride At Bass Street Landing
16 ***Happy Father's Day!*** **9:30 am** Worship	17 **Time TBD** Beloved Community @ The House	18 **Pastor Robb at Youth Camp**	19	20 *July Compass Deadline*	21	22 **12 pm** Meal Site
23 **9:30 am** Worship	24 **Time TBD** Beloved Community @ The House	25	**26**	**27**	**28**	29 **11 am** Operation Safety Net **12 pm** Meal Site
30 ***Reconciling Sunday Celebration*** **9:30 am** Worship						

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Becoming Beloved Community

This is an important opportunity to join a movement for positive change in our community. People from three churches are invited to participate in this groundbreaking program. Two Rivers UMC, The House, and Riverside UMC will be coming together for frank discussions and powerful learning.

The six-week dialogue workshop and training is led by Kaleidoscope Institute facilitator, Rev. Dr. James Fielder. The course is designed to help embrace and enact the vision of Becoming a Beloved Community, a lifelong spiritual journey. Change happens in the space between comfort and fear, what has been described as the Grace Margin.

The work of the Kaleidoscope Institute is based on respectful communication and building relationships where people can change and learn. This is powerful anti-racism training that includes exploring historical and contextual instances of oppression and racism in which we all participate.

Through invitational dialogue, wondering together, questioning assumptions, telling historic truth, we can begin to overcome systems and patterns and begin to plot a new course.

These sessions will be about two hours and take place at our different churches. The exact schedule will be determined.

June 10	Two Rivers
June 17	The House
June 24	The House
July 1	Two Rivers
July 8	Two Rivers
July 22	The House

"Strangely Warmed" series continues

In June we will continue our sermon series on the distinctive tenets of Wesleyan theology and United Methodist history.

June 2 The Means of Grace, John 1:16, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. The role of the sacraments and other "methods" of experiencing God in one's life to encourage spiritual growth.

June 9 Practical Divinity, James 2:14-26, also Luke 4; The mission of Christ was to set free the captives, personal piety and social holiness are intimately connected. Personal faith needs a public expression.

June 16 (Father's Day) The Music of Methodism, Ephesians 5:19, Psalm 98. Charles Wesley, the poet and co-founder created a soundtrack of the movement with songs people could enjoy singing but had great theological depth.

June 23 The World is My Parish, the connectional system and a global church, with all of the complexity and joys of what that means. What does it mean for local congregations to be connected through the denomination?

06/02	Karen Dahlstrom
06/15	Rita Anderson
06/15	Gregory Etzel
06/17	Jake Favre
06/17	Matthew McGinnis
06/19	Ray Logsdon
06/21	Sandra Etzel
06/25	Khloe Littlejohn
06/27	Michelle Curtis
06/30	Judy Shryack

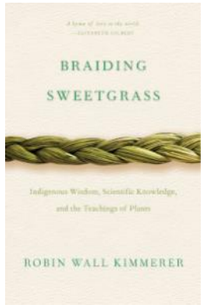
If you have a birthday in June and we've missed it, please call the church office to update our records.

IGRC Annual Conference 2024

The 2024 Annual Conference will be held on Thursday, June 6 to Saturday, June 8 at the Peoria Civic Center.
The theme is Our Time to Dance, taken from Ecclesiastes 3:4b.

Pastor Robb McCoy and Lay Member to Annual Conference, Charlotte Peterson will be attending the conference in-person this year.

Two Rivers Readers



The Two Rivers Readers will meet on June 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary to discuss our next book, *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants is a 2013 nonfiction book by Potawatomi professor Robin Wall Kimmerer, about the role of Indigenous knowledge as an alternative or complementary approach to Western mainstream scientific methodologies.

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

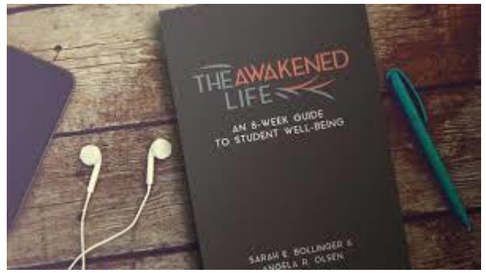
We'd love to have you join us!
Questions? Please contact the church Office.

Welcome, Russell Rursch!

Organist, Russell Rursch began his employment the last week of May and made his first appearance on the bench on May 26. Russell is also employed at R.I.A. Federal Credit Union and has been a substitute accompanist at Church of Peace several times. Please welcome Russell, as he joins the Two Rivers United Methodist family and brings the beautiful sounds of the organ back to our worship experience.

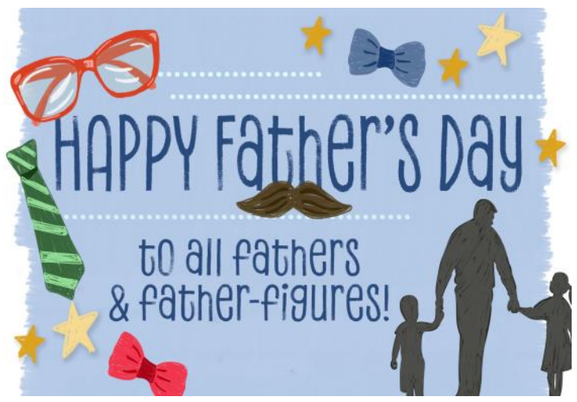
"We Care" Gift Bags For Our Senior Members

Sunday, June 9 will be the day to deliver "We Care" gift bags to our senior members. If you would like to help with delivery, please call or leave a message to: Judy Shryack at (309)798-9300 or Avalon Gibson at (309)799-3124



8-Week Youth Group

The Awakened Life: An Eight Week Guide for Student Well-Being" is a powerful workbook created for high school and college students. If there is interest among our youth, we will gather on Sundays from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to discuss the book and work through the exercises that focus on the intersection of spiritual and mental well-being. This is a great way to get ready for the upcoming school year. An interest survey has been sent out to the youth email list to see if there is a willingness to participate in this 8-week study. The plan is to begin on June 30 and meet most Sundays until August 25.



Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

Remember in Prayer-
All those in need of prayers for healing and strength.

Our presence—

May 5	= 65
May 12	= 71
May 19	= 52
May 26	= 40

Our gifts—
General Fund Offerings

May 5	$5,067.94
May 12	$2,729.70
May 19	$3,157.94
May 26	$1,972.94

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

May 4	— 61 Meal Site
May 11	— 48 Meal Site
May 18	— 49 Meal Site
May 25	— 80 Meal Site; 71 OSN

Our Thanks—
Thank you to Nancy Schwegler for filling in as church accompanist for April and May. Her talent and service is an inspiration to all.
Thank you to all who have given items for the Little Free Pantry.
Thank you to all who volunteer their time and talents on Sunday mornings and during Saturday Meal Site.

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.

Evangelism volunteers needed

June has long been a month set aside to commemorate and celebrate LGBTQ history. Since the Stonewall uprising of June 29, 1969, there have been parades and festivals that celebrate the liberation of LGBTQ people in an otherwise dangerous world. There are two local events for Pride month that are family-friendly, encouraging gatherings of music, food, and community engagement.

On May 31 and June 1, Quad Cities Pride Alliance hosts a festival at Schwiebert Park in Rock Island. On June 15 The Project of the Quad Cities hosts an event at Bass Street Landing in Moline. Volunteers are needed to sit at the Two Rivers Church table at both events. We need friendly faces to help meet, greet, and pass out flyers and invitations. Please email Pastor Robb at mccoy@tworiversumc if you can be at either of these events. More details and an online signup is available on our website.

Reconciling Sunday June 30

Our second annual Reconciling Sunday will be June 30. We will commemorate our congregation's decision to become a Reconciling Congregation. Last year at this time, we were standing in defiance of the denomination's policies. This is no longer the case, and we will celebrate with a special guest preacher. We will also begin our new sermon series called "Beloved Community" that will be based on the Revised Social Principles that were passed at General Conference.

June 30	Social Community, Galatians 3:28
July 7	Created Community, Genesis 2:15
July 14	Economic Community, Proverbs 31:8-9
July 21	Political Community, Deuteronomy 15:5-11
July 28	Community Celebration at Schwiebert Park

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All of us

Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the **July** issue of the *Compass* is **Thursday, June 20, 2024.** Please have information or articles in by this deadline date. Thank you.

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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