AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	**3** **12 pm** Meal Site
4 **Fill the Wagon Sunday for the Little Free Pantry** **9:30 am** Worship/ Communion	5 **12:00 pm** Bible Study	6	7 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion ***Church Office Closed***	8 ***Church Office Closed***	9	10 **11am—2:30pm Fusion Fest** at Riverside UMC Life Center in Moline **12 pm** Meal Site
11 **9:30 am** Worship	12 **12:00 pm** Bible Study ***Church Office Closed***	13 **6:00 pm** Leadership Meeting	14 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	15	16	17 **10:30 am** Wedding in the Sanctuary **12 pm** Meal Site
18 **9:30 am** Worship	19 **12:00 pm** Bible Study	20	21 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	22 *September Compass Deadline*	23 **5-10pm** Epworth Hall rented for Seth Bikorimana's Trivia Night	24 12 pm Meal Site
25 **9:30 am** Worship	26 **10:00 am** Two Rivers Readers	27	**28** **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	29	30	31 11 am Operation Safety Net 12 pm Meal Site

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August Series: The Bread of Life: never go hungry again.

This four-part series will explore Jesus' profound teaching as found in John 6. This chapter begins with Jesus feeding five thousand people with nothing but a youth's lunch. He then declares that, "I am the Bread of Life." We will dive into the meaning of this incredible saying. Those who eat the bread of life will never go hungry, but what does that mean? We will discover what Jesus was saying about the early Christian community and what we can learn about what it means to follow the Way of Christ today. Join us for four weeks of learning about the abundant feast that awaits us in Christ and the fellowship of believers.

Fusion Fest in Moline

WHERE: The Riverside UMC Life Center, at 712 16th Street, Moline
WHEN: Saturday, August 10 from 11 am—2:30 pm
WHO: All students from middle school through high school
WHAT: A day of concerts, food and worship
WHY: Outreach to our community youth. This is an event that will appeal to people who are not connected to churches or faith communities, but show that we are a people who care about all of our community youth.
NEEDED: Adults who can be on the planning team for this event. We are trying to work in closer contact with our sister church, Riverside UMC, and we're hoping to build leaders who can help out across our church youth events.

WIU Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation at Western Illinois University in Macomb is experiencing a true renewal. Under the leadership of Rev. Paul Newhall, the college ministry has really flourished – even over the summer when many students are home. This summer the WIU Wesley Foundation has hosted a youth event, shared many great meals, and is in the process of renovating their kitchen, buying new tables, and other facilities improvements. Rev. Newhall will be with us on September 1 to share more stories about the amazing work at the WIU Wesley Foundation. There will be a special offering taken that Sunday to support their work.

Young Lions Roar

Young Lions Roar, the program for youth writers to find expression in poetry, will move from after school during the week to Saturdays from 11:00-1:00 p.m. The hope is that by moving it to this time, guests at our Meal Site will be able to take advantage of this great program and kids that are interested in spoken word poetry will be able to share a good meal as well. Aubrey Barnes, the facilitator of Young Lions, will continue to hold the class in Asbury Parlor. The door for meal site usually opens at 11:00 a.m., so parents can bring their young people (from grade 5-12) to participate in the class while they wait for the meal. Students doing poetry will then get their meal around 12:15 and finish up the class at 1:00. The date for the start of Young Lions Roar has not been set.

08/01	Gwen Naylor
08/02	Samuel Bizimana
08/02	Lucy McCoy
08/02	Judy Nordquist
08/04	Madalin Etzel
08/10	Kevin Pollock
08/10	Katie Lee
08/10	Elizabeth Tessen
08/11	Kathy Littlejohn
08/15	Judy Litherland
08/17	Rosa Mejia
08/21	Jim Nordquist
08/22	Sarah McCoy
08/25	Ed Bell
08/25	Doug Kean
08/26	Laurence Nkundimana
08/26	Kennadie Dean
08/30	Gerrold Atkinson
08/30	Joshua Martin
08/31	Virginia Payton

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

From the MUSIC DIRECTOR

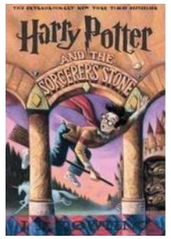
Music Ministries to Start in September

Due to my knee replacements, both Bell Choir and Sanctuary Choir will be postponing our usual August start date until September. I have just undergone my second surgery, this time on my left knee and will be spending most of August rehabilitating that knee. Please be patient, a new start date will be posted in the September newsletter. Tentatively we are looking at September 4th for returning to rehearsal.

Thank you for your prayers.

Mark Swessinger, Music Director

Two Rivers Readers



The Two Rivers Readers will meet on August 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary to discuss our next book, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowing.

The book that introduced us to the wizarding world, J.K. Rowing's Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone is the beginning of a magical journey that changed the world. Follow the boy who lived as he navigates his first year at Hogwarts.

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.

Little Free Pantry Needs

The Little Free Pantry in the south parking lot has been a great ministry for people in need. The "Take what you need, leave what you can" pantry is used by many in our community. We have found that the greatest need for the pantry is food that people can use right now. Things like canned goods, boxed dinners, and pasta are great, but there is a greater need for things like granola bars, breakfast bars (especially since they are soft), raisins, sausages or tuna (with pop-top lid). A great rule of thumb is simply thinking, what could I eat right now, with no tools and with no cooking. These kinds of items often go quickly because people who are unhoused really need them.

Prayer Chain

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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.

State of the CHURCH REPORT

End of 2nd Quarter 2024
Financial State of the Church

Income Total through Q2 2024	=$147,669.79
Expense Total through Q2 2024	=$141,061.28
Surplus (Deficit) through Q2 2024	= $6,608.51
Bank Balances on June 30, 2024	
General	=$42,966.64
Retreat Center	=$7,858.29
Dedicated Cking	=$96,865.20
Ded. Savings	= $25,431.62

Break Down

General Church Fund

Income total through Q2 2024	=$136,574.79
(General Fund Offering =$100,424.05)	
(Other General Fund Income = $36,150.74)	
Expense total through Q2 2024	=$131,558.32
Surplus (Deficit)	=5,016.47

Retreat Center Fund

Income total through Q2 2024	= $11,095.00
(RC Rental Fees =$6,455.00)	
(Donations=$4,640.00)	
(Camp Milan Trust Income =$0.00)	
Expense total through Q2 2024	=$9,502.96
Surplus (Deficit)	= 1,592.04

Balances of Invested Funds on June 30, 2024

Principal-Protected Trust Funds	=$1,722,043.22
(Permanent Endowment & Camp Milan Trust)	
Restricted Funds	=$394,315.31
(Parsonage & Capital Funds)	
Available Funds	=$7,371.98
(Undesignated Funds)	

Missional Giving through Q2 2024

(UMCOR, UM apportionments, UM Special Sundays, Meal Site, Coat Drive, etc..)

=$27,173.17

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

Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

Remember in Prayer-

Rita Anderson, Ginny Cline, Mark Swessinger and all those in need of prayers for healing and strength.

Our presence—

June 30	= 49
July 7	= 42
July 14	= 43
July 21	= 42

July 28 Worship at Schwiebert Park = 70

Our gifts—

General Fund Offerings

June 30	$2.392.94
July 7	$3229.94
July 14	$3,279.94
July 21	$3,222.94
July 28	$1,062.94

Our Service -

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

June 29	— 85 Meal Site, 79 OSN
July 6	— 63 Meal Site
July 13	— 70 Meal Site
July 20	— 75 Meal Site
July 27	— 109 Meal Site, 79 OSN

Our Thanks—

Thank you to those who have served as liturgists, ushers and greeters on Sundays.

Thank you to all the hard working Saturday Meal Site volunteers.

Thank you to all who donate to the Little Free Pantry.

Dorothy Bundy celebrated her 92nd birthday in July.

Trivia Night

Help Send Seth On His 8th Grade Trip To Washington D.C.

Come join us for a great night of trivia to help Seth Bikorimana raise money for a once in a lifetime 8th grade trip to Washington DC!

Brianna and AJ Pollock will be hosting a Trivia Night at Two Rivers Church in downtown Rock Island (1820 5th Ave, Rock Island) on Friday, August 23. Doors will open at 5:00pm with Trivia starting at 6:00pm.

We are looking for teams of 8 people. $10 per person.

Mulligans and Double Downs will be available for purchase.

There will be baked goods and beverages for sale. You are also welcome to bring your own food and snacks if you wish. (Sorry, no alcohol please.)

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP your table please contact Brianna Pollock at the church office (309-788-9384), or email: office@tworiversumc.org

Thank you all for your support!

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Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the **September** issue of the *Compass* is **Thursday, August 22, 2024.** Please have information or articles in by this deadline date. Thank you.

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Ministers
All of us

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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