OCTOBER

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion **6:00 pm** Bell rehearsal **7:30 pm** Choir rehearsal	3	4	**5** **12 pm** Meal Site
6 **World Communion Sunday** **Fill the Wagon Sunday for the Little Free Pantry** **9:30 am** Worship/ Communion **10:45 am** Sunday School	7 **12:00 pm** Bible Study	8 **6:00 pm** Leadership Meeting	9 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion **6:00 pm** Bell rehearsal **7:30 pm** Choir rehearsal	10	11	12 **12 pm** Meal Site
13 **Pastor Appreciation Day!** **9:30 am** Worship **10:45 am** Sunday School	14 **12:00 pm** Bible Study	15	16 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion **6:00 pm** Bell rehearsal **7:30 pm** Choir rehearsal	17	18 Life Line Screening in Epworth Hall	19 **12 pm** Meal Site
20 **Stewardship Sunday** **9:30 am** Worship **11:00 am** Stewardship Potluck in Epworth Hall	21 **12:00 pm** Bible Study	22 *November Compass Deadline*	23 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion **6:00 pm** Bell rehearsal **7:30 pm** Choir rehearsal	24	25	26 **9-11 am** Braver Angels Workshop @ Port Byron UMC **11 am** Operation Safety Net **12 pm** Meal Site
27 **9:30 am** Worship **10:45 am** Sunday School **1:30 pm** Annual Charge Conference @ Aledo UMC	28 **10:00 am** Two Rivers Readers **12:00 pm** Bible Study	29	**30** **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion **6:00 pm** Bell rehearsal **7:30 pm** Choir rehearsal	31 **Happy Halloween!**		

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Braver Angels Workshop

The "Skills for Disagreeing Better" workshop will be held at Port Byron First UMC on Saturday, **October 26** from 9:00-11:00 a.m. This is a part of a growing relationship between the United Methodist Churches in the area and a perfect workshop to align with our Campaign for Kindness.

In this polarized time, we lack basic understanding of why people on the other political side hold their beliefs. We don't see them as they see themselves–their core values and central concerns–but instead as we choose to see them. We are tempted to regard our own side as principled and the other side as self-interested.

When we try to communicate across this gap, we often lack the skills for listening carefully, looking for common ground, and sharing our perspectives in ways that connect rather than create more misunderstanding.

We can learn to disagree better in polarized times, which means accurately seeing where we differ and where we share common ground.

Goals

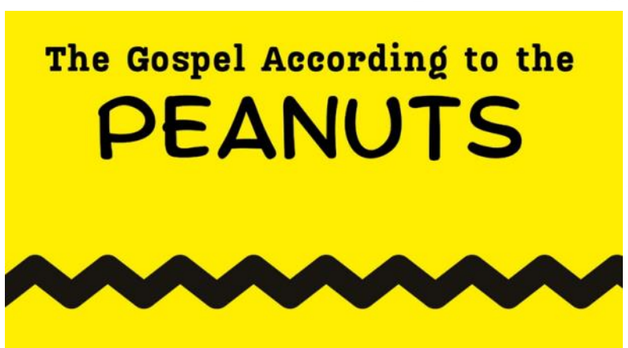
- More understanding of the values and concerns of people who differ from you politically.
- Better skills for listening in a way so that the other person feels heard.
- Better skills for sharing viewpoints in a way the other person might hear -- even if they disagree.

To register for the event, go to TwoRiversUMC.org and find the new events post.

*Tickets are Free, Donations Help. Use promo code BRAVER during registration to get a free ticket. Donations beyond the free ticket support Braver Angels, 501(c)3.

Questions? Contact Dean L. Sutton at dls61244@gmail.com

Gospel According to the Peanuts



On October 13 we will start a new series called, The Gospel According to the Peanuts. Each week we will look at one of Charles Schulz's classic characters from the comic strip that ran for over 50 years. Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, and friends will provide valuable insight into our faith and our world. Peanuts – in comic strips, television specials, and even feature films – is one of the most recognizable, beloved, and influential aspects of pop culture.

October BIRTHDAYS

10/01	Laurie Glass
10/02	Zoey Shafer
10/03	Ruth Hill
10/03	Dave Martin
10/04	Nancy Cornish
10/07	Tim Hanna
10/14	Mark Swessinger
10/15	Lorey Hillyer
10/16	Autumn Glass
10/17	Mike Andrews
10/19	Gerald Etzel
10/19	Kylee Littlejohn
10/21	Beline Shukuru
10/21	Olinda Gunther
10/23	Stacie Dean
10/28	Gabriel Nightingale
10/29	Reva Beswick

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

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday offerings fund graduate racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships. Donations also provide for undergraduate U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs. Please look for the special offering envelope in your October 6 worship bulletin. Thank you in advance for your gifts to this special offering.

Charge Conference

2024 Annual Charge Conference
October 27 at 1:30 p.m.

This year's Two Rivers UMC Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 27 at 1:30pm. Aledo United Methodist Church (301 N College Ave, Aledo, IL) will be the host church for our area this year. Everyone is invited to attend.

Two Rivers Readers

The Two Rivers Readers will meet on October 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary to discuss our next book which has not yet been selected. Please stay tuned and the book will be announced via emails and Sunday announcements.

As always, our group is safe and nonjudgmental, and our discussions are insightful, challenging, and a lot of fun. They also usually include some delicious book themed snacks.

In August, the Two Rivers Readers enjoyed a great conversion about the first book in the Harry Potter series and sampled many tasty treat inspired by the book.

We'd love to have you join us!

Questions? Please contact the church office.

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 **Friday, October 18, 2024**.

The church office still has 2 complimentary screening vouchers valued at $85.00 to give to anyone that is interested. Please call the church office at (309)788-9384 for more information on the 2 available vouchers. Register by calling 888-814-0466 and use promo code HSCA001 or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at LLSA.SOCIAL/HC .

OLIVER COOLEY IS SELLING LASAGNA to raise money for a trip to Washington DC.

He will make you Lasagna for delivery in October. He will continue to make them throughout the year, so you can re-order (or pre-order) for a certain time of year.

These will be meat lasagnas, although he can do vegetarian upon request. Also, these freeze really well, so if you want to order more than one, you can!
Cost: $30 for 9x13 pan or $20 for 6x8 pan
To order: Text or call Oliver at: 309-781-4656
Email: oliverccooley@gmail.com
Payment due at delivery via cash or check to Oliver Cooley or via Venmo: OliverCooley

Youth Sunday School

We got off to a great start with Sunday school on September 22. There were 11 kids that created Red and Blue paper weavings. This included 6 kids who were first-time attendees. We hope to continue to serve the kids and youth with discipleship activities that are fun, engaging, and interesting. Most Sundays we will probably meet together in Epworth Hall, with the possibility of dividing into age groups if there are enough kids.

Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

Remember in Prayer-
Doug Stephens, Barb Bernauer, Ginny Cline, Rita Anderson and Ron Castor. And all others in need of prayers for healing and strength.

Our Sympathies to -
The family and friends of Jane McGinnis, who passed away on August 30 .

Our presence—

September 1	= 51
September 8	= 53
September 15	= 71
September 22	= 66

Our gifts—
General Fund Offerings

September 1	$3,387.94
September 8	$4,564.94
September 15	$2,816.10
September 22	$3,196.94

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

August 31	— 82 Meal Site, 74 OSN
September 7	— 62 Meal Site
September 14	— 73 Meal Site
September 21	— 60 Meal Site

Our Thanks—
Thank you to Larry Dalton for always greeting all who come to worship on Sundays with a great, warm welcome. Also, thank you to all the ushers, acolytes, communion prepares, musicians and everyone that helps our Sunday morning worship be an inviting and meaningful experience for all.

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.

Stewardship

Every Sunday during our Invitation to Discipleship, we will expand on the presentation that was made on September 8 at our Mission and Ministry Fair. Look for more information through our emails, mailers, and in worship about the ways that we can participate in the mission of Two Rivers Church.

Administration, Adults and Youth, and Worship Support are ministries that help us take care of each other. These tasks help create a meaningful worship experience, maintain the facilities of the church, support the clergy and staff, and minister to kids, youth, and senior adults.

Our Hospitality and Mission teams make the church a welcoming environment and make our community a better place to live. Hospitality includes ushers, greeters, and prayground support. Mission work includes Saturday meal site, coat ministry, and the Little Free Pantry.

On **October 20,** we will celebrate the mission and ministry of Two Rivers Church with a brunch in Epworth Hall and celebrate those who volunteer in the many ways that make Two Rivers special.

Meal Kit Building @ Riverside UMC November 3

The United Methodist Churches of the Quad Cities are coming together for a special day of mission and service on November 3. We will gather at Riverside UMC on Sunday afternoon to build rice meals in an assembly-line style. This is a very popular service project – and a great chance to invite someone to serve as a part of a community. There will be more information forthcoming, but mark your calendars now for this incredible way for our churches to come together to serve the world.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, a specific time created to highlight the Church's ministers and give thanks for their work. Remember, however, that those who enter ministry have accepted a role that is not a 9 to 5 job, but one that is held 365 days a year.

We should at all times, but especially this Pastor Appreciation Month, tell Pastor Robb, Sarah, Ellie and Lucy how much they mean to us individually and as members of the Two Rivers' family.

Please take a moment to recognize Robb and his family's ministry - tell them how they have positively impacted your life; send a personal note or greeting card; ask how you may help with his ministry (volunteer to be on a Church Board or sign up for an Opportunity to Serve on the Sunday Bulletin); or otherwise express your thanks for Pastor Robb's work.

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All of us

Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the **November** issue of the *Compass* is **Tuesday, October 22, 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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