2024 november

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 **12 pm** Meal Site
3 **Fill the Wagon Sunday for the Little free Pantry** **All Saints' Sunday** **9:30 am** Worship/ Communion **10:45 am** Sunday School for all ages **2-4 pm** Meal Kit Building @ Riverside UMC	4 **12:00 pm** Bible Study	5	6 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion **6:00 pm** Bell rehearsal **7:30 pm** Choir rehearsal	7 **5—6 pm** RI Community Conversations	8 **6 pm** Overnight Youth Retreat @ Camp Milan	9 **12 pm** Meal Site
10 **9:30 am** Worship **10:45 am** Sunday School for all ages	11 **12:00 pm** Bible Study	12	13 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion **6:00 pm** Bell rehearsal **7:30 pm** Choir rehearsal	14 **6-7 pm** RI Community Conversations	15	16 **12 pm** Meal Site
17 **9:30 am** Worship **10:45 am** Sunday School for all ages	18 **12:00 pm** Bible Study	19 *December Compass Deadline*	20 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion **6:00 pm** Bell rehearsal **7:30 pm** Choir rehearsal	21 **6-7 pm** RI Community Conversations	22	23 **12 pm** Meal Site
24 **Hanging of the Greens Sunday** **UM Student Day** **9:30 am** Worship **10:45 am** Sunday School for all ages	25 **10:00 am** Two Rivers Readers **12:00 pm** Bible Study	26	27 **12:00 pm** Zoom & FB Live Prayer & Devotion	28 **Happy Thanksgiving** Church Office Closed	29	30 **11 am** Operation Safety Net **12 pm** Meal Site

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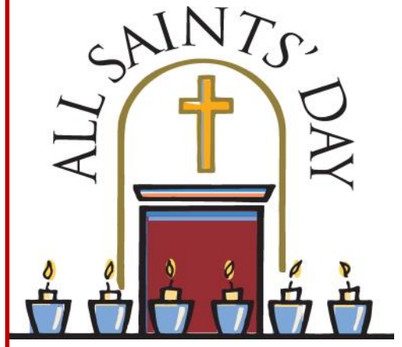


During worship on Sunday, November 3, we will pause to remember those who have passed away during the past year. The names of the people who have passed away will be read, a candle lit and a bell will toll in memory of each one. Members of the congregation will also have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one during this time. Among those that will be remembered are:

Dr. Don Batz	**08/11/1934 - 11/28/2023**
Gay Nefzger	**05/20/1936—12/01/2023**
Jack Swim	**03/17/1927—02/15/2024**
Mildred Wilson	**07/25/1934—07/23/2024**
Jane McGinnis	**07/18/1957—08/30/2024**
Ben Nefzger	**04/02/1934—10/18/2024**
Doug Stephens	**01/24/1948- 10/19/2024**

Special Hanging of the Greens Worship

Our Hanging of the Greens will be a special celebration in worship on November 24. This is a change from how we usually do the Hanging of the Greens – which is usually done by a group of people immediately after worship.

Instead, Sunday, November 24 will be a special celebration in worship, with song, ritual, and prayer connected to the sanctuary being transformed in honor of the coming of Christ. This will require special preparation ahead of time, including a team of helpers on Saturday, November 23 to do some preliminary decorating as well as many volunteers to assist in worship on Sunday. Look for sign-up sheets in the sanctuary in the coming weeks.

The Second Half of the Peanuts Sermon Series

Linus, Franklin, Marcy, Peppermint Patty, and Snoopy are all coming in November! We've been having a lot of fun with the Gospel According to the Peanuts. More than that, it has been a chance to identify ourselves in the characters, and reflect on our own faith journey. The last three weeks promise to be a fun exploration of faith.

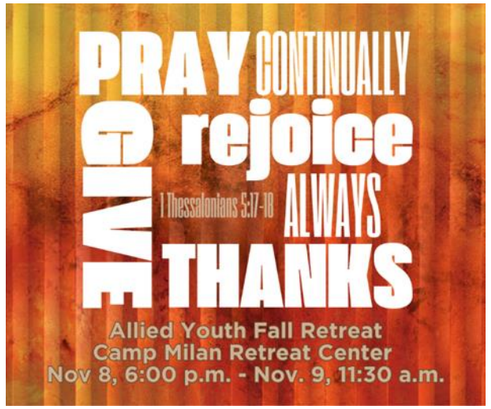
11/01	David Dehnel
11/01	Cassidy Tolson
11/05	Denise Reeves
11/07	Pam Lossing
11/07	Anne-Belle Munezero
11/11	Payton Glass
11/12	Rebecca Tessen
11/14	Yvette Ahishakiye
11/17	Taddy Kalas
11/17	Korry Tessen
11/18	Jude Muir
11/18	Tim Muir
11/18	Ellen Pohlman
11/24	Kalie Tessen
11/26	Heather Muir

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

United Methodist Student Day

Sunday, November 24 is United Methodist Student Day. It calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. Gifts on United Methodist Student Day support U.M. scholarships and the U.M. Student Loan Fund.

United Methodist Student Day offering envelopes will be available in the Sunday bulletin on November 24 for anyone wishing to donate. Thank you in advance for your gifts.



Fall Retreat

The Allied youth will gather for a fall retreat at Camp Milan Retreat Center on November 8-9. The retreat will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and end on Saturday morning at 11:30 a.m. The youth will come from our Allied Youth churches, which now includes The House – A Local Church. The retreat will include pizza on Friday night and breakfast on Saturday. There will be games, crafts, campfire, a nature walk, and worship based on the theme of Gratitude. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 is the key verse. "Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Chaddock Santa Express

Chaddock's Santa Express will be rolling into town the first week of December and Two Rivers Church is once again a drop off site for gifts for Chaddock's children.

Included in this issue of the *Compass* is a list of needed items as well as gift items for the children in Chaddock Foster Care. If you wish to give any of these gifts, please bring them (unwrapped) to the church office by Sunday, **December 1**. If you wish, wrapping paper, bows, etc. are also accepted to help wrap the gifts for the children.

Thank you for making Christmas brighter this year for the children of Chaddock.

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Two Rivers Church 2024 3rd Quarter Financial Report

General Fund

Income total as of Sept. 30, 2024	=$196,615.09
(General Fund Offerings =$142,002.48)	
Expense total as of Sept. 30, 2024	=$196,098.42
Surplus (Deficit)	= $516.67

Camp Milan Fund

Income total as of Sept. 30, 2024	=$14,040.00
Expense total as of Sept. 30, 2024	=$14,927.89
Surplus (Deficit)	= ($887.89)

Missional Giving Total as of Sept. 30, 2024
(UMCOR, UM Special Sundays, UM apportionments, Saturday Meal Site, and many other causes)
=$30,708.21

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

Send in Pledge Cards

Pledge cards and Mission and Ministry Brochures were sent out late in October. The pot-luck celebration was a wonderful event. There is so much to celebrate at Two Rivers Church, and so much excitement to join in. Generosity and Service are the heart of how a congregation remains vital. As we grow closer to Christ and grow in discipleship, our service and generosity should grow too. You can mail in your pledge cards or bring them in to worship. Please do so by November 10. Also, look for ways to help out as a member of a ministry team, or as a regular volunteer in our Hospitality, Worship Support, Administration, Mission, or Youth and Adult Ministries.

Online Giving at Tworiversumc.org

Two Rivers Donate QR Code

1. Website Giving:
Go to www.tworiversumc.org to give through the church website. It's a safe and easy way to give any time.
OR
2. Tithe.ly Giving App:
Download the Tithe.ly App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android). Once you've downloaded the app select your church and follow the instructions given.

Two Rivers

Prayers Presence Gifts Service

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

Our Sympathies to -
The family and friends of Mildred "Millie" Wilson who passed away on July 23, Ben Nefzger who passed away on October 18 and Doug Stephens who passed away on October 19.

Our presence—

September 29	= 50
October 6	= 75
October 13	= 84
October 20	= 67

Our gifts—
General Fund Offerings

September 29	$2,606.99
October 6	$4,625.94
October 13	$2,763.94
October 20	$2,590.94

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

September 28	— 83 Meal Site, 77 OSN
October 5	— 62 Meal Site
October 12	— 54 Meal Site
October 19	— 48 Meal Site

Our Thanks—

Thank you to AJ Pollock and their friend, Alice for decorating and filling 85 Halloween bags that will be handed out to individuals at our Saturday Meal Site on October 26.

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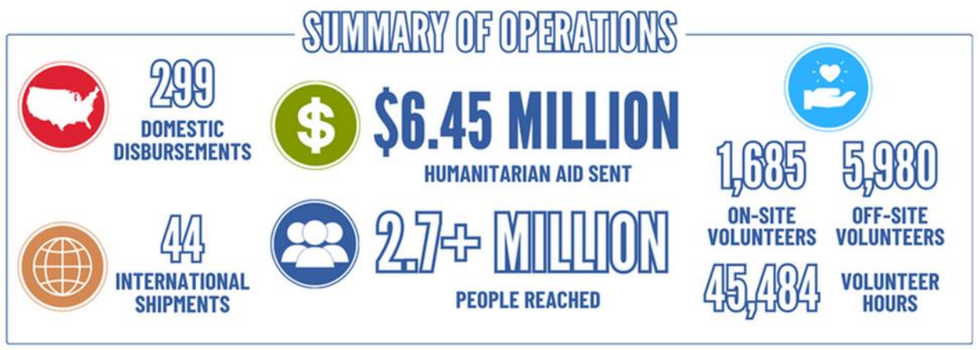
Methodist Mission Day

On November 3, United Methodist Churches in the area will come together for a day of unity and blessing bags. The eve of the Election was intentionally chosen as the day for this event because we will serve together as a reminder of our common mission. Liberal or conservative, Republican or Democrat, we were called by Christ to love our neighbor.

The Blessings Bags are also known as rice meal kits. They will be given to the Midwest Distribution Center, a United Methodist mission center near Springfield, Illinois. As the area churches work together, our goal is to raise $3000 to help pay for the kits. Any money we raise above that level will be donated to the Midwest Distribution Center. We will be taking a special offering.



Midwest Distribution Center

Our event on November 3 is being set up by the Midwest Distribution Center. While they are not a part of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, they work closely with them. Born out of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference with seed money from UMCOR and the conference, the Midwest Distribution Center is an independent organization that operates solely from donors. Since 2000, the Midwest Distribution Center has served as a storage facility and conduit of Christ's love in action, helping people in need who live around the corner, and around the world.

When disaster strikes, the MDC sends prepared kits to areas in need. The various kits include the Rice and Bean kits we will prepare on November 3. They also include Flood Buckets, Tornado Kits, Hygiene Kits, Education Kits, and so much more. The story of the Midwest Distribution Center couldn't possibly be summarized here. Go to midwestmission.org to learn more.

Community Conversations

The Rock Island Milan School Board hosts Community Conversations – open forums in which at least one member of the board is present for people to come ask questions and get information.

Two Rivers will be the sight of these events on Thursdays in November. The forums will take place from 5:00-6:00 on November 7, and from 6:00-7:00 on November 14, 21, and December 5.

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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.

Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the **December** issue of the *Compass* is **Tuesday, November 19, 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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Order Your Poinsettias

It's time to order poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary on December 22nd 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 December 1st

No Late Orders Will be accepted

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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.

2024 Chaddock Wish List

As you shop for Chaddock children, please keep in mind who you are helping:
As of today, we serve over 400 children in our Residential, Foster and Adoption and Educational programs.

- *Please send **new items only***
- *Amazon, Target, Walmart, and Visa gift cards are helpful and appreciated*
- *Please send all gifts **unwrapped** (but wrapping supplies are useful)*
- ***Please write your church's name on each package***
- ***Contact Shawna Bunnell at 217-592-0330 or sbunnell@chaddock.org***

Gift Cards
Amazon, Target, Walmart, Visa
McDonald's, Taco Bell, Starbucks

Supplies
Wrapping Paper
Name Tags/Bows
Batteries – AA/AAA

Infants and Toddlers
Balls
Baby Blankets
Baby Bedding
Baby Dolls & Accessories
Blocks
Books
Chewing or Crawling Toys
Preschool Toys
Ride-On Type Toys
Trucks, Cars & Trains

Most Requested Items
Bath and Body Gift Sets
Board Games
Canvases and paints
Cologne/Perfume
Dolls, Action Figures
Headphones
Helmets, Knee Pads
Journals
MP3 Players
iTunes Gift Cards

Legos
Sleds
Sports Equipment:
Basketballs & Footballs
Bikes & Scooters

Bedroom Decor
Alarm Clocks with Radio
Bean Bag Chairs
Bed in a Bag – Twin
Pillows
Blankets
Sheet Sets – Twin XL

Art/Craft Supplies
Activity Books
Canvases
Craft Kits
Markers/Colored Pencils
Nontoxic Washable Paints
Paintbrushes
Play Doh & Clay
Sidewalk Chalk
Sketch Pads & Markers
Tracing/Drawing Books
Water Color Paints

New Clothing
Children's Sizes Infant – Adult 2X
Athletic Clothing
Jogger Set, T-Shirts, Shorts
Gloves/Winter Hats
Pajamas
Socks
Sweatshirts/Sweatpants
Winter Coats

Independent Living Needs
Bath Mats
Bath Towels/Wash Cloths
Cooking Utensils
Drinking Glasses
Dish Cloths/Towels
Dishes - Set for 4
Flatware
Laundry Baskets
Potholders
Pots and Pans/Baking Dishes
Storage Containers

Personal Items
Bath Towels/Wash Cloths
Body Wash
Body Lotion
Body Spray
Brushes/Combs
Cantu – Hair Products
Chapstick
Deodorant
Hair Spray/Gel/Mousse (non-aerosol)
Hair Ties/Clips
Kleenex
Loofahs
Make-up
Nail Polish/Remover
Palmer's shampoo and conditioner
Razors/Shaving cream
Shampoo/Conditioner
Shower Caddy
Toothbrush/Toothpaste

CHADDOCK'S Santa Express