

FEBRUARY 2026



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fill the Pantry Sunday 9:30 am Worship/ Communion 10:45 am Sunday School	2 NO Bible Study	3	4 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site
8 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School	9 12:00 pm Bible Study	10 5:30 pm Examen Book Club @ Atlas Collective	11 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14 HAPPY VAL-ENTINE'S DAY 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site
15 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School	16 12:00 pm Bible Study	17 6:00pm Leadership Committee meeting	18 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 5:30 pm Pancake Dinner 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	19 5:30 pm Lent with <i>The Chosen</i> <i>March Compass Deadline</i>	20 4:00 pm Solidarity March @ RI County Courthouse	21 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site
22 1st Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 12-4pm Change-Makers Retreat @ Two Rivers	23 10:00 am Two Rivers Readers 12:00 pm Bible Study	24	25 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	26 5:30 pm Lent with <i>The Chosen</i>	27	28 11 am Young Lions Roar 11 am Operation Safety Net 12 pm Meal Site 12 pm NAACP Community Day @ Second Baptist Church RI



Lent with *The Chosen*

The Chosen is a remarkable television series that has told the story of Jesus over five seasons. The fifth season includes 8 hour-long episodes that begin with Palm Sunday and end with the Last Supper. This Lent, you are invited to experience *The Chosen* together in six installments on Thursday evenings at 5:30. We will begin with dinner, watch the episode while we eat, and then have a discussion afterwards. Episodes 7 and 8, which are entitled "The Last Supper, parts I and II" will be shown on Tuesday March 31 during Holy Week. The first four seasons are available to watch for free at <https://www.byutv.org/the-chosen> or on The Chosen app.



Ash Wednesday Service February 18

We will gather on Ash Wednesday, February 18, at Two Rivers Church at 5:30 for dinner and 7:00 p.m. for worship. The people of Church of Peace UCC will join us and Pastor Tyler will share the evening's message. A group of volunteers will prepare a pancake and sausage dinner to be served at 5:30. There will be time after eating for the combined choirs to rehearse while guests help clean up Epworth Hall. The worship service will begin the season of Lent and include the traditional imposition of ashes.



Lenten Series

In Lent we will read through Matthew 26 and 27. These two chapters cover the last 48 hours of Jesus' life on earth. Each Sunday we will pick up where we left off as we trace the last hours of our Lord. These momentous events include his agony in Gethsemane, the betrayal of Judas, his mockery of a trial, and his brutal death.

As we reflect on these last hours of Jesus we will gain appreciation for the way he died, the lessons he left us, and his incredible model for nonviolence that can overcome the wicked evil of this world. The hour has come for us to prepare for Easter by examining why and how Jesus died.



- 02/03 Grant Dahlstrom
- 02/03 Ivan Mejia
- 02/04 Gary Camp
- 02/08 Luke Cooley
- 02/10 Bennett Cooley
- 02/12 Charles Cooley
- 02/14 Garrett Atkinson
- 02/24 Oliver Cooley
- 02/27 Eh Klar Moo
- 02/27 Kent Cornish

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



Solidarity March

The Rock Island County NAACP Religious Affairs Committee is planning a Clergy March of Solidarity at 4:00 on Friday, February 20. Everyone is invited to join in the walk from the courthouse in Rock Island

to the Scott County Courthouse. If you are not able to do the walk, you can meet the group in Davenport at about 4:45. There will be a reading of a prepared statement appealing to nonviolence, compassion, and the restoration of dignity to all people. The statement will also demand for the end of harm and violence done at the hands of ICE, and for there to be accountability and justice for the harm already done. This is an interfaith effort, and while clergy are taking the lead in the walk and the statement, lay people of all faiths are encouraged to participate.

NAACP Community Day

The annual Community Day celebration will take place on Saturday, February 28 at noon at Second Baptist Church (919 6th Ave., Rock Island). The Rev. Dwight Ford will be the keynote speaker at this event which is hosted by the Rock Island County NAACP Religious Affairs Committee.

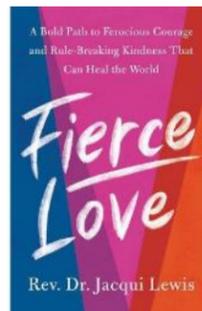
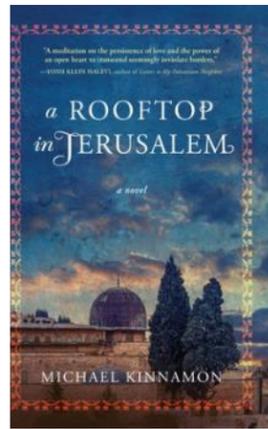
Two Rivers Readers

The Two Rivers Readers will gather on **February 23 at 10am** to discuss the novel, *A Rooftop in Jerusalem* by Michael Kinnamon.

A Rooftop in Jerusalem brings the Old City's walls, holy sites, and inhabitants to life, while putting a human face on headlines from the Middle East. Written by a former professor of Pastor Robb's, this novel draws on the author's extensive experience in the Middle East.

The group meets in the back of the Sanctuary. Their discussions are always insightful, challenging, and a lot of fun. They'd love to have you join them!

Questions? Please contact the church office.



Examen Book Club

The Examen book club at Atlas Collective has been rescheduled to February 10 at 5:30 pm. so you still have time to get and read Jacqui Lewis's book, *Fierce Love*. This is a powerful book by a revered pastor and public theologian. There is also a Pulpit Fiction

interview with her from November, 2021. If you go to PulpitFiction.com and click the INTER-VIEWS tab, scroll down to find it. Register for the book club at Atlas by scanning the QR code. On most phones, simply point your camera at it, and tap on the link that shows up.



State of the CHURCH REPORT

2025 Year-End Financial State of the Church

Income Total for 2025 = \$288,333.50
 Expense Total for 2025 = \$295,790.03
 Surplus (Deficit) for 2025 = (\$7,456.53)

Break Down

General Church Fund

Income total for 2025 = \$267,162.60
 (General Fund Offering = \$175,285.49)
 (Other General Fund Income = \$90,052.11)
 Expense total for 2021 = \$270,483.92
 Surplus (Deficit) = (\$3,321.32)

Retreat Center Fund

Income total for 2025 = \$21,170.90
 (RC Rental Fees = \$12,775.00)
 (Donations = \$3,395.00)
 (Camp Milan Trust Income = \$5,000.00)
 Expense total for 2025 = \$25,306.11
 Surplus (Deficit) = (\$4,135.21)

Bank Balances on Dec. 31, 2025

General = \$37,180.60
 Retreat Center = \$4,351.20
 Dedicated = \$95,582.21
 Ded. Savings = \$24,435.32

Balances of Invested Funds on Dec 31, 2025

Principal-Protected Trust Funds
 = \$1,765,630.43
 (Permanent Endowment & Camp Milan Trust)

Restricted Funds = \$446,126.64
 (Parsonage & Capital Funds)

Available Funds = \$7,256.48
 (Undesignated Funds)

Missional Giving for 2025

(UMCOR, UM apportionments, UM Special Sundays, Meal Site, Coat Drive, etc.)
 = \$52,703.00

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-

Please be in prayer for all those in need of healing and strength, as well as their caregivers.

Our Sympathy to-

The family and friends of Lee Farrar who passed away on December 26 and Pauline Durham who passed away on January 11.

Our presence--

January 4 = 75
 January 11 = 67
 January 18 = 75
 January 25 = 48

Our gifts--

General Fund Offerings

January 4 \$3,813.46
 January 11 \$3,397.46
 January 18 \$3,988.46
 January 25 \$2,741.46

Our Service -

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

January 3 — 87 Meal Site
 January 10 — 61 Meal Site
 January 17 — 82 Meal Site
 January 24 — 45 Meal Site

Our Thanks--

Thank you to AJ Pollock and Alice Adkins for decorating and filling Valentine candy bags for our Saturday Meal Site guests.





YOU'RE INVITED

PASSPORT TO THE RUNWAY
an international fashion gala

MARCH 6, 2026
6:00 - 9:00PM
WATERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER
BETTENDORF, IA

world relief
QUAD CITIES

**World Relief QC
2026 Passport to the Runway**

World Relief Quad Cities invites you to this year's annual gala, Passport to the Runway. Join us to celebrate with an evening of dinner, drinks, a silent auction, a showcase of international fashions, and more. This year's event will highlight the cultures and stories of East and Central Africa.

In 2024, our community became a safe haven for nearly 670 individuals seeking refuge from war and disaster. These are our neighbors. Their culture – food, music, fashion – is part of what makes our QC culture so vibrant. With your help, they have grown past survival, and they are flourishing.

On March 6th, men and women from 10 different countries will represent their journey by walking the runway: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Mexico, Afghanistan, Iraq, Ukraine, Myanmar, and first-generation Americans. Reserve your Passport to the Runway seats to celebrate and learn from our refugee neighbors while taking action so more people like them have a safe place to call home.

We are hoping to get a Two Rivers table for the World Relief Gala. Are there 7 people (plus Pastor Robb) interested in going together? It is \$60 per person if we buy a table. Contact Pastor Robb for more information, and mark your calendars now for this wonderful event.



**Change Makers
Retreat rescheduled**

The Change Makers Retreat was postponed due to the frigid weather on January 24. It has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 22, from 12:00-4:00. The meeting will take place at Two Rivers Church and lunch will be provided.

This will kick off the process of creating a new vision statement, mission statement, and ministry area goals for the church. It is an extended meeting that will set up the framework for the Change-maker Team to continue to meet this spring.

It is hoped that the meeting will include participation from a wide diversity of people from the church. There are youth, long-time leaders, newer members included on the team. There will also be a Swahili translator to make sure there is input from the many African nationals that are a part of our congregation.

Rev. Eric Swanson will be with us to facilitate the meeting. It is hoped that the new day and location will make it easier for more people to participate. There are no promises that the weather will cooperate in February either, but postponing an



January Baptism

On January 4, the Two Rivers congregation was blessed to start the new year by witnessing and being a part of the baptism of Theodore Maxwell Griffith, the son of Hannah Rettig. It is with great joy that we welcome Theo into the life and community of Two Rivers UMC.



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Prayer Chain

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 below. They will alert the remaining chain members.

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Ministers
All of us

Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the **March** issue of the *Compass* is **Thursday, February 19, 2026**. 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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