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Worship Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 am

www.facebook.com/RITwoRivers
Saturday Meal Site every week @ 12:00 pm



Holy Week Schedule



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.

Charlotte Peterson 793-7783
Nancy Schwegler 781-6609

Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the **May** issue of the *Compass* is **Tuesday, April 21, 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.

Palm Sunday, March 29

The Chosen: The Last Supper T.V. series viewing in the Two Rivers UMC sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Pot-luck dinner with communion and worship at Church of Peace UCC (1114 12th Street, Rock Island). Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner starting at 6pm, worship at 7pm.

Good Friday, April 3

Good Friday Worship at 12pm at Christ UMC (3801 17th St., East Moline) lead by Bishop David Bard.

Easter Sunday, April 5

Celebrate the Risen Lord with us! We will share Communion and have beautiful musical pieces performed by both choirs and after worship we will have an Easter egg hunt for the kids in Epworth Hall.

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<u>Accompanist</u> Russell Rursch	<u>Ministers</u> All of us

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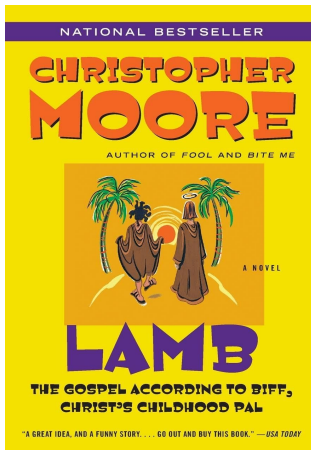
Two Rivers Readers

The Two Rivers Readers will gather on Monday, April 6 at 10am to discuss the book *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal* by Christopher Moore.

This is a subversive and hilarious novel that imagines the greatest story never told: the early years of Jesus's life, as seen through the eyes of his best boyhood friend, Biff.

The group meets in the back of the sanctuary with snacks provided. 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.



Confirmation/New Members 6-weeks

Starting April 12, Sunday school will include Confirmation class for the next six weeks. Young people who have been attending the monthly events with the QC Coalition should make an effort to be a part of the last six classes at Two Rivers after worship on Sundays. At these classes, the discussion will examine ways that they are called into faith, into service, and into membership of the church. We will make every effort to split the Sunday school hour into age groups so the children can have time together and the older youth can get into some more discussion time. This is intended to have confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 24.

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 presence—

March 1	= 74
March 8	= 65
March 15	= 72
March 22	= 73

Our gifts—

General Fund Offerings

March 1	\$4,172.00
March 8	\$4,025.00
March 15	\$2,449.00
March 22	\$2,820.00

Our Service -

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

February 28	— 82 Meal Site, 67 OSN
March 7	— 72 Meal Site
March 14	— 61 Meal Site
March 21	— 67 Meal Site

Our Thanks—

Thank you to all the choir members new and old for bringing such beautiful and inspiring music to our worship experience.



Candy Canik reading to Sarah McCoy's Kindergarten class at The Rock Island Academy

- 04/03 Bryce Leonard
- 04/08 Jeff Peterson
- 04/08 Mary Wolf
- 04/10 Kaleb Littlejohn
- 04/10 Ryan Woolums
- 04/13 Mary Jane Barnett
- 04/14 Russell Rursch
- 04/15 Dick Lee
- 04/21 Beverly Overturf
- 04/26 Lilah Durbin

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



Backpack Hygiene Giveaway

We are excited to announce our upcoming Backpack Giveaway, an initiative to provide essential hygiene products to those in need in our community. To make this event a success, we need your support! Your generous contributions will help us fill each backpack with vital items such as toiletries, personal care products, and other necessities. Every dollar donated brings us closer to ensuring that individuals facing hardships have access to the basic essentials they deserve. Please join us in making a difference—your kindness and generosity can help restore dignity and hope to those who need it most. Thank you for your support!



Coat Ministry Donations

It may seem strange to request donations for our Coat Ministry when warmer weather should arrive shortly, but we buy, stock, and provide outerwear throughout the year. For those experiencing homelessness, protective clothing is much needed regardless of the calendar.

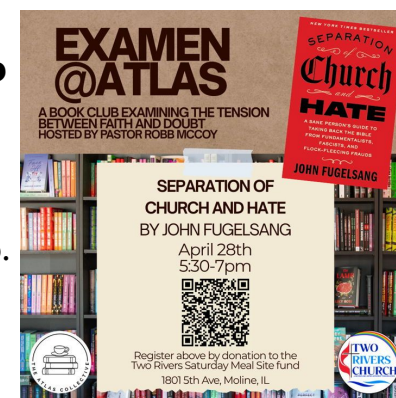
Your donations of outerwear for all seasons is greatly appreciated, but for the hard to find sizes or items, your monetary donations make all the difference.

We shop thrift stores at least once a week (especially the pay by the pound outlets), take advantage of retail end of season sales (occasionally with special discounts), and frequent summer garage sales. Having a well-stocked closet helps us fulfill needs rather than turning folks away.

Please consider the Coat Ministry in your charitable giving. Donations may be made to Two Rivers UMC with "Coat Ministry" noted on the MEMO line.

Examen Book Club

The Atlas Collective is hosting the third edition of the Examen Book Club. The book chosen for this club is called *The Separation of Church and Hate*, by John Fugelsang. Many people from outside the church have recommended the book to Pastor Robb, and he hoped that the National Best Seller would be a good draw for people searching for a new kind of faith community. The club will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 at the Atlas Collective (1801 5th Ave. Moline).



Two Rivers UMC table for the World Relief 'Passport to the Runway' Gala Fundraiser



6-week sermon series that encourages us to explore how God equips us for the mission, calls us to step out in faith, and invites us to serve right where we are. This transformative series invites you to discover your unique calling and purpose. Through powerful biblical narratives and practical application, you'll learn how God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things in His kingdom.

- **Discover Your Call:** Learn to recognize God's voice and understand how God is calling you to serve in your unique context.
- **Be Equipped:** Gain practical tools and biblical wisdom to step boldly into the mission God has prepared for you.
- **Serve Together:** Connect with others who are answering God's call and build a community of faithful servants.
- **Live with Purpose:** Transform your everyday life into a meaningful expression of God's love and mission.



On April 15 a group of United Methodists from the Illinois Great Rivers and Northern Illinois Conferences will gather in Springfield for a day of prayer and advocacy. A series of meetings between people of faith and state leaders will provide an opportunity for us to bring the Social Principles of the UMC to the State House. While registration for the event is closed, we are planning on having a letter-writing meeting after worship on Sunday, April 12. At this meeting we will present the issues on the table and participants will be guided in writing letters and note cards to their elected officials that will be hand delivered.



I AM Event in Bloomington

The Inclusive and Affirming Ministries Team (I AM Team) of the IGRC is hosting a workshop and worship celebration on April 28 in Bloomington/Normal. This event will last from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and will include a series of three workshops designed to help people and churches be more welcoming and inclusive in their ministries. The training sessions will cover the topics of Biblical interpretation and theology, language surrounding gender identities, and welcoming, hospitality, and allyship for churches. The event will include lunch and end with worship. Pastor Robb will be the preacher for the worship event.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2 Maundy Thursday 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship @ Church of Peace UCC in RI	3 Good Friday 12:00 pm Worship at Christ UMC (East Moline)	4 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site 1pm Choir & Bell choir rehearsal
5 Easter Sunday 9:30 am Worship/Communion 10:45am Kids Easter Egg Hunt	6 10:00 am Two Rivers Readers No Bible Study	7	8 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site
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