



### 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 **June** issue of the *Compass* is **Thursday, May 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.



### ChangeMakers Team meetings

The ChangeMakers Team is set to meet on Saturday afternoons in May. Most will be at 1:00 p.m., immediately after work is done at the Meal Site. An informal survey revealed that Saturday afternoons would work best for those interested in being a part of the ChangeMakers Team. The African choir usually meets at 3:00 p.m., which gives us a possible point of contact to gain their input in the process as well.

We will be building on work done on the February meeting, which identified five core values. This will be the launching point to produce a new vision statement and mission statement.

The next step will be to identify ministry areas based on the vision statement, and create some SMART goals for each ministry area. SMART goals are measurable and attainable. The core values identified in our first meeting are connection, justice, discipleship, empathy, and service. Members of the ChangeMakers Team are encouraged to bring some ideas about a vision statement that can incorporate these concepts.

### Pentecost & Confirmation May 24

On Pentecost Sunday, wear red, and celebrate another class of young people taking their vows of membership on Confirmation Sunday. Many of these youth were baptized in the fall, and have been a vital part of the QC UM Coalition youth group outings all year. Since Easter they have been working through the Called curriculum as well as a newly made confirmation workbook. They have also been working on finding their personal favorite Bible verse, which they will share on Confirmation Sunday.



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

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# may BIRTHDAYS

- 05/02 Sandra Atkinson
- 05/03 Liam Muir
- 05/04 Charlotte Peterson
- 05/05 Kole Littlejohn
- 05/08 Roger Pohlman
- 05/12 David Nduwikunda
- 05/15 Avalon Gibson
- 05/17 Seth Bikorimana
- 05/26 Ellen Andrews
- 05/26 Calla Kean
- 05/29 Eliza Hanna
- 05/31 Bonnie Combs

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

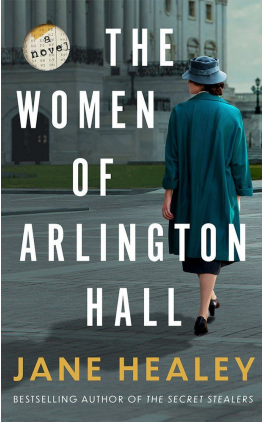
## Two Rivers Readers

The Two Rivers Readers will gather on Monday, May 18 at 10am to discuss the book *The Women of Arlington Hall* by Jane Healey.

A female codebreaker puts her future and her heart on the line in a stirring novel about love, loyalty, betrayal, and Cold War spy games.

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.



## “We Care” Gift Bags For Our Senior Members

Sunday, June 7 will be the day our “We Care” gift bags for our senior shut-in members will be ready for delivery.

If anyone wishes to make a monetary contribution to this worthy cause, please send your contribution to the church office by June 1 and designate that it's for the “We Care” gift bags.

Once again, volunteers will be needed to help with the delivery of these gift bags. If you would like to help with delivery, please call or leave a message at the church office: 309-788-9384.



## 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 29	= 87
April 5	= 119
April 12	= 92
April 19	= 75
April 26	= 71

### Our gifts—

#### General Fund Offerings

March 29	\$2,207.00
April 5	\$4,796.00
April 12	\$6,090.00
April 19	\$3,605.00
April 26	\$3,250.00

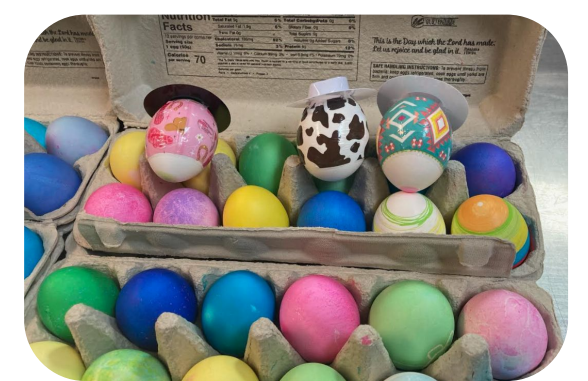
### Our Service -

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

April 4	— 71 Meal Site
April 11	—72 Meal Site
April 18	— 68 Meal Site
April 25	—102 Meal Site, 85 OSN

### Our Thanks—

Thank you to Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel for faithfully preparing the communion table each month and on special Sundays. Thank you to the Cooley family for donating dozens of beautifully decorated hard boiled eggs for those who attended our Saturday Meal Site on April 4.



## Peace With Justice Sunday

Gifts on Peace with Justice Sunday fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally. A special Peace with Justice offering envelope will be available in your Sunday bulletin on May 31st. Thank you in advance for your contributions.



## Office Closed

The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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## Annual Conference Offerings

Every year at Annual Conference, several offerings are given. Members of local congregations are invited to make contributions to these offerings which I will place in the offering baskets as part of my duties as your Lay Member of Annual Conference. These are the offerings which will be collected this year:

- IGRC Camping Scholarship Fund
- IGRC Campus Ministries
- John Kofi Asmah Maintenance Fund
- The African University
- Tom Brown Scholarship, Wiley College

Ordinands' Trip – An offering will also be taken for the Ordinands' Trip. This trip is used to form spiritual leaders at the beginning of their ministry.

If you are moved to contribute to these offerings, please have your donation to the church office by May 24 as Annual Conference will begin on June 4.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, Charlotte Peterson, Lay Member of Annual Conference



## Graduation Recognition Sunday May 17

All high school and college graduates will be recognized in worship on May 17. If you have a graduate you would like to honor, please send us a photo and information about what is coming next for them.



## Help people find Two Rivers online

Moving up in search engine algorithms can be an extremely important way for new people to find a church. You can help Two Rivers Church reach new people. If you have a Google or "Gmail" account, it is particularly easy. Just go to google, search "Church near me" or "Churches in Rock Island," and scroll down until you find Two Rivers. When you do, click on the link and stay on our site for a little while. If you want to go one step farther, leave us a five-star review with a paragraph explaining why you love Two Rivers Church. These user reviews and searches can really help bump Two Rivers up in the searches of those who are looking for a church in our area.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site 1:00 pm ChangeMakers Meeting
3 <b>Fill the Wagon Sunday</b> 9:30 am Worship/Communion 10:45am Sunday School	4 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	5	6 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	7	8	9 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site 1:00 pm ChangeMakers Meeting
10 <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b> 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School	11 12:00 pm Bible Study	12	13 12 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 6 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site 1:00 pm ChangeMakers Meeting
17 <b>Graduation Recognition Sunday</b> 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School	18 10:00am Two Rivers Readers 12:00 pm Bible Study	19	20 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom	21 <i>June Compass Deadline</i>	22	23 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site 1:00 pm ChangeMakers Meeting
24 <b>PENTECOST</b> 9:30 am Worship & Confirmation 10:45 am Sunday School	25 <b>Memorial Day</b> Church Office Closed	26	27 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom	28	29	30 11 am Young Lions Roar 11 am Operation Safety Net 12 pm Meal Site 1:00 pm ChangeMakers Meeting
31 <b>Peace with Justice Sunday</b> 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School						

