

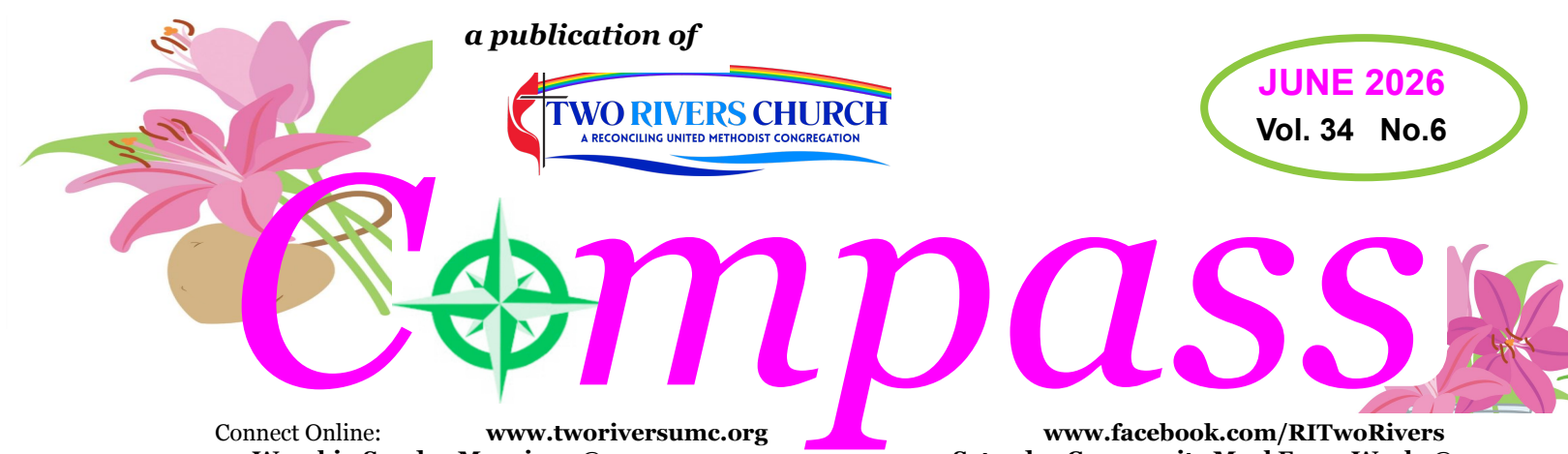
Compass

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Worship Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 am

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Saturday Community Meal Every Week @ 12:00 pm

THE BIBLE, WISDOM &



CHILDREN'S BOOKS

This summer we will explore Biblical Wisdom through the lens of children's picture books. We will read a book every Sunday to the kids in a children's moment, then explore the wisdom of the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job. We will share some old familiar favorites as well as some personal favorites that aren't as well known.

The Sermon Interest Survey revealed two of the top interests were "Proverbs" and the "Gospel According to Children's Books," and this summer series will connect these two interests. The series will begin on Pentecost Sunday with *God's Dream*, an instant classic by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. It will include other favorites like *Corduroy*, *The Story of Ferdinand*, and *Where the Wild Things Are*. We will also have some special guest readers, and if you would like to be one, please let Pastor Robb know.



Adult Multicultural Sunday School

Pastor Robb will start a Sunday school class for adults interested in membership at Two Rivers United Methodist Church. This will include African nationals who want to learn more about our congregation and get to know more people. We have a few translation devices available to help with this process. We also hope to have a few people who can translate. These conversations will be difficult, but hopefully

a great way to make connections within our congregation. We will learn about the United Methodist Church, our conference, distinctive Wesleyan theology, and how our congregation works with a translated booklet that Pastor Robb created for the confirmation class.



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 **July** issue of the *Compass* is **Tuesday, June 23, 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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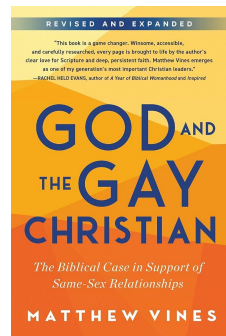


- 06/02 Karen Dahlstrom
- 06/04 Sophia Baugher
- 06/15 Rita Anderson
- 06/15 Gregory Etzel
- 06/17 Jake Favre
- 06/17 Matthew McGinnis
- 06/19 Ray Logsdon
- 06/21 Sandra Etzel
- 06/25 Khloe Littlejohn
- 06/27 Michelle Curtis
- 06/30 Judy Shryack

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



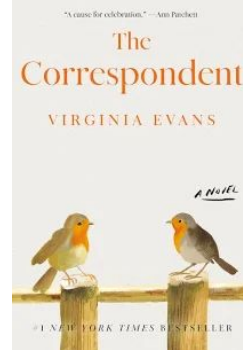
Examen Book Club



The Examen Book Club will meet on Wednesday, June 24 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Atlas Collective book store in Moline. The June book is *God and the Gay Christian*, by Matthew Vines. Published in 2014, this 180-page paperback has become a seminal work in the work of LGBTQ inclusion in churches. Deeply readable, poignant, and carefully backed up with academic rigor, *God and the Gay Christian* will provide a great chance for conversation. If you purchase the book at Atlas Collective, there is a 10% book club discount. Please register for the book club - there is a link in the church website (scroll to the "What's Going On?" section of the main page).

Two Rivers Readers

The Two Rivers Readers will gather on Monday, June 22 at 10am to discuss the novel, *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.



The Correspondent, told entirely through correspondence, explores themes of aging, loss, and forgiveness, and has received numerous award nominations, including the PEN/Hemingway Award for Best First Novel.

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!



ChangeMakers

The ChangeMakers Team is close to finalizing a Vision Statement and a Mission Statement. Once done, the task will be to create ministry areas based on the mission statement and set SMART Goals for each ministry area. The next two meetings will be Monday, June 8 and June 22 at 5:00 p.m.



Bass Street Pride

The Affirming Congregations of the QC will be at the Pride Party at Bass Street Landing. The ACQC had two tents and tables for volunteers to represent the member churches. Two Rivers will bring our button maker, which is a great way to get to know families with young kids who want to make their own button. Volunteers are encouraged to wear Two Rivers Church t-shirts and get to know anyone interested in learning more about churches in the area where LGBTQ people are welcomed and affirmed as full members. Two Rivers Church is a founding member of ACQC and has had a presence at the Bass Street Landing pride event for the last three years. The event takes place on Saturday, June 27 at 3:00 p.m., and volunteers at tables are asked to remain until sundown.



Youth Mission Retreat

This service learning project will take place from Monday, June 29 at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday, July 2 at 5:00 p.m. Youth entering grades 6-12 will stay at Camp Milan Retreat Center and spend three days serving and learning at Argrow's House. This is a chance for young people to learn that they are loved by God and that they are sent to serve. Argrow's House is a multi-faceted service organization, rooted in Christian faith, that serves women who are victims of abuse. The youth will serve at the cafe, the shelter, the community garden, and learn about putting their faith into action. The group will also go to a Quad Cities River Bandits game. The total cost for the retreat is \$150 per student and scholarships are available.

AIR Camp

Youth from Two Rivers Church are invited to be a part of AIR Camp at Little Grassy this year. Pastor Robb will be the main speaker for the week and Elizabeth McCoy will be one of the counselors. Youth from grades 6-12 are welcome to attend. There should be room in the McCoys' minivan to go. The group will leave the morning of Sunday, June 14 and arrive back on Friday, June 19.

"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.



Once again, volunteers will be needed to help with the delivery of these gift bags. If you would like to help with this task, 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 Sympathies to -

The family and friends of Janice Peterson who passed away on May 9 and Willene Sowell who passed away on May 10.

Our presence—

May 3	= 68
May 10	= 92
May 17	= 101
May 24	= 87

Our gifts—

General Fund Offerings

May 3	\$7,876
May 10	\$2,743
May 17	\$4,062
May 24	\$1,911

Our Service -

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

May 2	— 82 Meal Site
May 9	— 70 Meal Site
May 16	— 82 Meal Site
May 23	— 95 Meal Site

Our Thanks—

Thank you to Larry Dalton for always making sure that everyone that comes to worship on Sunday morning feels welcomed and seen and for taking care to tidy up the west entrance and decorate for special occasions and birthdays and providing flowers on Mother's Day.



Roger Pohlman celebrating his 93rd Birthday on May 8



2026 June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12:00 pm Bible Study	2	3 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom	4	5	6 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site 1:00 pm Asbury Parlor Rented
Annual Conference						
7 Fill the Wagon Sunday 9:30 am Worship/Communion 10:45 am Sunday School "We Care" Gift Bag delivery	8 12:00 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm ChangeMakers Meeting	9	10 12 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 6:00 pm Leadership Meeting	11	12	13 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site
World Relief Summer Camp						
14 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth 5:00pm Divera & Gilbert wedding rehearsal	20 11 am Divera & Gilbert Wedding 11 am Young Lions Roar 12 pm Meal Site
World Relief Summer Camp						
Pastor Robb away at AIR Camp June 14 - 19						
21 Happy Father's Day 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School	22 10:00 am Two Rivers Readers 12:00 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm ChangeMakers Meeting	23 5:00 pm YWCA Preschool grad <i>July Compass Deadline</i>	24 12:00 pm Prayer Group via FB & Zoom 5:30 pm Examen Book Club @ Atlas Collective	25	26	27 11 am Young Lions Roar 11 am Operation Safety Net 12 pm Meal Site 3:00 pm Bass Street Pride event
28 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School	29 12:00 pm Bible Study	30				
Youth Retreat @ Camp Milan 5pm June 29 - 5pm July 2						

TWO RIVERS GRADUATES

Jon Hansen, college; Danny Burroughs, high school; Autumn Hines, masters



MAY SPECIAL WORSHIP MUSIC



May 17: Final choir performance for the season accompanied by a harp, cello and flute



May 3: Charles Cooley and Jon Hansen

May 17: Oliver Cooley and Jon Hansen



May 24: Mark Swessinger and Tamara Baugh

SATURDAY COMMUNITY MEAL VOLUNTEERS



TWO RIVERS 2026 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Ehklar Moo, Ehpree Paw, Bri Schrempf, and Sophia Baugher

