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Worship Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 am

www.facebook.com/RITwoRivers
Saturday Community Meal Every Week @ 12:00 pm



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 **September** issue of the *Compass* is **Thursday, August 20, 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.

Worship at Schwiebert Park



Multi-Church Brunch at Schwiebert Park

Instead of worship at church on August 2, we will join other area churches in Schwiebert Park for a morning of food and Christian fellowship. All are invited to bring chairs and food to share for a brunch at 10:30 a.m. Jesus prayed that his followers would be one, so we will join together in fellowship and practice our love for God and for each other.

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The Gospel According to Broadway is getting set for a third run at Two Rivers Church. This year we will be starting on August 9, with a six-part run through September 13. This has been a favorite series over the years, and is a great one to invite friends to. This year the featured singers will be a mix of members of Two Rivers, returning friends, and new faces. Some of the shows include classics like “Les Miserables,” “West Side Story,” “Man of La Mancha,” and new favorites like “Matilda.”



08/01 Gwen Naylor
08/02 Samuel Bizimana
08/02 Lucy McCoy
08/02 Judy Nordquist
08/10 Kevin Pollock
08/10 Katie Lee
08/10 Elizabeth Tessen
08/11 Kathy Littlejohn
08/17 Rosa Mejia
08/21 Jim Nordquist
08/22 Sarah McCoy
08/22 Ben Schrempf
08/23 Dan Dillon
08/25 Ed Bell
08/25 Doug Kean
08/26 Laurence Nkundimana
08/26 Kennadie Dean
08/27 Bri Schrempf
08/30 Gerrold Atkinson
08/31 Virginia Payton

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



Young Adult Pie Days Continue!

All young adults (roughly 18-25) are invited to the Village Inn in Moline (2001 1st Street A) for a time of fellowship and short Bible study with Pastor Robb. Invite friends you might be interested in discussing faith, sharing about life, and making good friends. The pie is on Robb!

Two Rivers' Choirs Return For Rehearsals

The Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Choirs provide music for worship throughout the year from September through May. They rehearse every Wednesday night with Bells meeting at 6pm and the Choir at 7pm. The Choir will begin rehearsals on August 19 and Bells on August 26. No experience is necessary to be a member of either ensemble.

Two Rivers Readers

The Two Rivers Readers will gather again on Monday, **August 10 at 2 pm** to discuss the novel, *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides.

This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is primarily a coming-of-age story and family saga that chronicles the effect of a mutated gene on three generations of a Greek family, causing momentous changes in the protagonist's life.

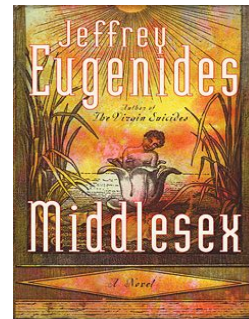
The group meets in the back of the sanctuary with snacks provided. Their discussions are always insightful, challenging, and a lot of fun. They'd love to have you join them!

South African Missionaries

Christ UMC (3801 7th St, East Moline) is hosting Joel and Hollie Pick from www.PickFreedom.org for an evening of inspiring stories from their ministry in Cape Town, South Africa on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall.

Lives are being transformed through compassionate, Christ-centered care for those facing trauma, addiction, and mental health challenges. The ministry attacks the crises of trauma and addiction in Cape Town by providing compassionate, trauma-informed care and education. Individuals are empowered to heal from depression, addiction and the deep impacts of violence, poverty and historical legacies, guiding them on a journey from trauma to wholeness and true freedom.

Through evidence-based mental health support and the transformative hope of Christ, we build pathways of hope in underserved communities, helping South Africans choose recovery, build resiliency, and live lives of purpose and healing.



2026 2nd Quarter Financial State of the Church

Income Total through Q2 2026 = \$140,503.70
Expense Total through Q2 2026 = \$146,076.30
Surplus (Deficit) through Q2 2026 = (\$5,572.60)

Break Down

General Church Fund

Income total through Q2 2026 = \$130,553.70
(General Fund Offering = \$93,652.63)
(Other General Fund Income = \$36,051.07)
Expense total through Q2 2026 = \$132,740.64
Surplus (Deficit) = (\$2,186.94)

Retreat Center Fund

Income total through Q2 2026 = \$9,950.00
(RC Rental Fees = \$5,300.00)
(Donations = \$4,650.00)
(Camp Milan Trust Income = \$0.00)
Expense total through Q2 2026 = \$13,335.66
Surplus (Deficit) = (\$3,385.66)

Bank Balances on June 30, 2026

General = \$34,169.69
Retreat Center = \$723.02
Dedicated = \$97,467.35
Ded. Savings = \$24,436.54

Balances of Invested Funds on June 30, 2026

Principal-Protected Trust Funds

= \$1,853,810.99
(Permanent Endowment & Camp Milan Trust)

Restricted Funds = \$485,120.66
(Parsonage & Capital Funds)

Available Funds = \$7,220.29
(Undesignated Funds)

Missional Giving through Q2 2026

(UMCOR, UM apportionments, UM Special Sundays, Meal Site, Coat Drive, etc..) = \$19,563.00

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 presence—

July 5 = 62
July 12 = 64
July 19 = 65

Our gifts—

General Fund Offerings

July 5 \$6,770
July 12 \$2,903
July 19 \$2,791

Our Service -

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

July 4 — 62 Meal Site
July 11 — 93 Meal Site
July 18 — 72 Meal Site

Our Thanks—

Thank you to all those that joined us for our July 12th picnic at Camp Milan and provided a delicious array of food and great conversation.

Thank you to everyone that has participated in our ChangeMakers conversations.

And as always thank you to all of our Liturgists, greeters, ushers, cooks, servers, cleanup crews and so many more that help keep the church and our ministries going.



Dorothy Bundy
celebrated her 94th
B-Day on July 11

Church Picnic 2026

**Camp Milan
July 12, 2026**



VISION

We aspire to be a church where the two rivers of justice and compassion flow from the all-loving God to bring new life, reconciliation, and peace.

MISSION

We are a people called to do what the Lord requires: serve others through mercy, advocacy, and community care; connect with one another in loving-kindness, empathy, and inclusive belonging; and walk together in Christian discipleship as we grow in faith.

**WE SERVE WITH JUSTICE, CONNECT WITH STEADFAST LOVE,
AND GROW AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST**

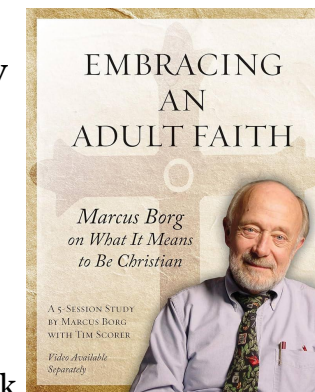
ChangeMakers Update

The next step in the ChangeMakers process is goal setting. There will be two levels of goals for the church to make with each of five Ministry Areas. The ministry areas, as determined by our Mission Statement, are: Administration, Worship, Service, Connection, and Discipleship. The larger ChangeMakers team, which has been working to create the vision and mission statements, will help set some big-picture strategic goals at the next two meetings.

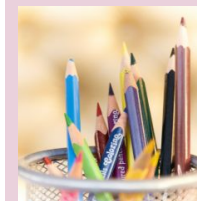
We are also looking for more volunteers to create small groups for each of the five ministry areas that will set more specific SMART goals.

Evening Weekday Study

An adult education night on **Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.**, on August 4, 11, 18, 25, and September 1. The topic will be Marcus Borg's "Embracing an Adult Faith." This is a five-part study that has a paperback book and DVD portion. This is a chance to confront some big, and sometimes painful, questions about faith. What is salvation? Why does Jesus matter today? These are the kind of "keep me up at night" questions that we will dig into as a group. Participants do not need to purchase the book, but we can make a group order if you are interested. It is available on Cokesbury for \$17.99 and can be found used at various book sellers for closer to \$12.



A prayer for back to school



Lord, as we start a new season, we asked that you guide our students, teachers, principles, and staff at our schools. Keep them safe and under your protective wing. Amen.

Leave a 5-Star Review for Two Rivers Church



One of the easiest and most effective ways to support Two Rivers United Methodist Church is to leave a Google review. Anyone with a google account or gmail email address can easily leave a review of Two Rivers. These reviews will help us move up on the google search algorithm. So when people search "Churches in Rock Island," Two Rivers will be on the front page - or even on the top of the list! Here's how to help:

1. Open your phone's camera app.
2. Point your camera at the square QR code.
3. When a link pops up, tap it.
4. If you have a Google account, you can fill out a review. Make sure to make it 5-stars and then write a few sentences about what you love about Two Rivers Church.
5. For good measure, open a new browser window and search "Churches in Rock Island" and scroll until you find Two Rivers Church. Click on it, and search around our website a little.