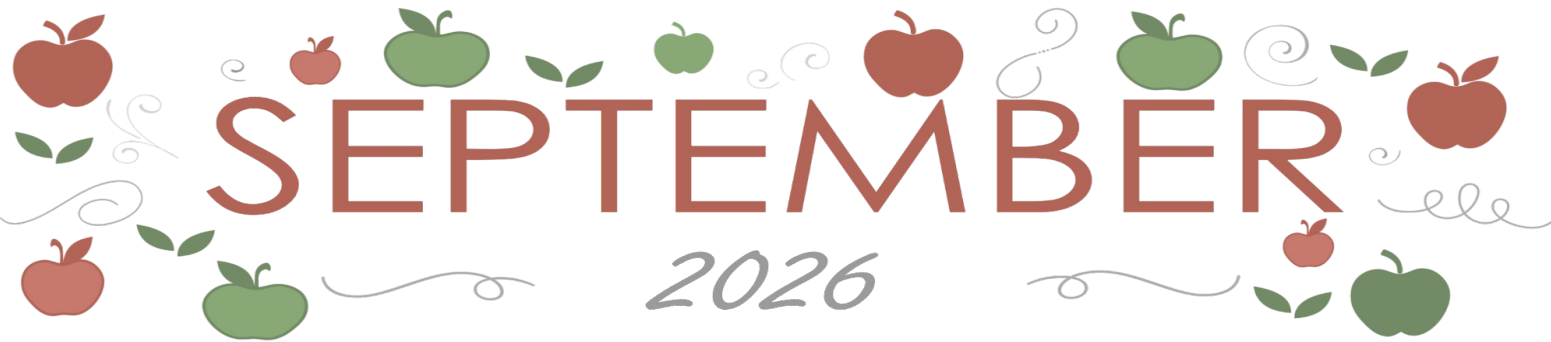




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Prayer Chain

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.

Charlotte Peterson 793-7783
Nancy Schwegler 781-6609

Newsletter deadline

The deadline for items for the **October** issue of the *Compass* is **Tuesday, September 22, 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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Two Rivers Rally Day

We are targeting September 20 as a day to celebrate a new year of ministry. Our Rally Day Sunday will be our first Sunday with the choir back in worship. We will also launch our Sunday school classes for the year.

Many of the details for Sunday school have not yet been worked out. There will be a meeting for everyone involved on August 30 after worship. Look for more announcements about the education opportunities in the weekly newsletter.



Mission and Vision Series

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

Starting September 20, we will enter a four part series on the new Mission and Vision Statements of Two Rivers United Methodist Church. The Vision statement is based on the two fundamental aspects of God as found in the Bible - Compassion and Justice. Our Mission statement developed from long talks from the congregation about our shared values. In the midst of many discussions, it was discovered that our shared values mirror that of Micah 6:8. Our values of service, connection, and discipleship reflect God's call on our lives to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. The four part series will look first at our Vision Statement and then at the three aspects of our mission.

Curtains on Broadway

Before the curtain closes on the Gospel According to Broadway sermon series at Two Rivers Church we will enjoy a few more performances. On August 30, Charles Cooley will perform "Stars" from *Les Miserables* and the following week we will hear Meghan Cooley sing "Somewhere" from *West Side Story*. Olinda Gunther will close out the series on September 13 with "God Help the Outcasts" from *Hunchback of Notre Dame*. We'd like to thank all the very talented performers that have made this year's Broadway Series possible. We give a grand applause to Marley Smith, Mark Swessinger, Myka Walljasper, Charles & Meghan Cooley, and Olinda Gunther!





- 09/02 Theodore Griffith
- 09/03 Larry Dalton
- 09/03 Keith Glass
- 09/03 Lilly Hanna
- 09/10 Carolyn Koch
- 09/10 Benise Nyambanguka
- 09/10 Emma Pollock
- 09/12 Kala Lee
- 09/14 Ike Mejia
- 09/16 Ser Nay Htee
- 09/17 Susan Lorenzen
- 09/21 AJ Pollock
- 09/27 Ted Litherland

If you have a birthday in September 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) on Wednesdays at 5:30pm for a time of fellowship and short Bible study with Pastor Robb. Invite friends who 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 starting date of the Handbell Choir and the Sanctuary Choir rehearsals have been pushed back a few weeks to give our interim Music Director, Mark Swessinger time to prepare. Both choirs will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, **September 9**. The Handbell choir rehearsal will be from 6:30pm to 7:15pm and the Sanctuary Choir will begin at 7:15 and go until 8:15pm. All all invite to join the choirs and help us make wonderful music for the Lord.



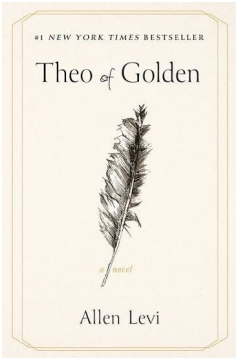
ChangeMakers Meetings

On Mondays at 5:00, the Change Makers are invited to begin creating goals for each ministry area team. Our Administration, Worship, Connection, Service, and Discipleship goals will help guide the mission and ministry of the church. The team will meet on September 14, 21, and 28 to start the goal-making process.

Two Rivers Readers

The Two Rivers Readers will gather on Tuesday, **September 8 at 12 pm** to discuss the novel, *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. This is a story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.

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!



Pulpit Fiction Live on Mondays

If you are looking for another way to go deeper into the Bible, you can check out Pulpit Fiction Live broadcasts on most Mondays at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Robb and his friend Rev. Eric Fistler will start recording their weekly podcast on Monday, September 14. The live feed will begin shortly after 2:00. Each week Robb and Eric discuss two Bible texts with deep scholarly insight, humor, and pastoral care. The structure is based on the Revised Common Lectionary, which we do not typically follow, but is a great way to work through the majority of the Bible in a systematic way. Go to youtube.com/@PulpitFiction to watch each new episode.



Looking For Offering Counters

Requirements: A member of the church. Not related to Brianna Pollock or Charlotte Peterson. Available for 30 minutes at 9 a.m. on Monday mornings (occasionally Tuesday morning when Monday is a bank holiday). A rotating schedule will be established. Ability to read sloppy handwriting and write legibly.

Duties: Count offering and prepare bank deposit with guidance from the Voluntary Financial Secretary.

Apply: Call the church office 309-788-9384 or tell Charlotte Peterson.



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 26	= 50
August 2	= 100 <i>Total Gathered @ Schwiebert Park</i>
August 9	= 60
August 16	= 67
August 23	= 69

Our gifts—

General Fund Offerings

July 26	\$1,588.78
August 2	\$1,307.03
August 9	\$6,979.08
August 16	\$2,477.03
August 23	\$4,964.03

Our Service -

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

July 25	— 114 Meal Site, 93 OSN
August 1	— 85 Meal Site
August 8	— 85 Meal Site
August 15	— 92 Meal Site
August 22	— 82 Meal Site



“Sunday school I like. Monday through Friday school I could do without.”