

RIVERSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Where the Spirit runs deep...



The Messenger

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AT THIS TIME THE STATUS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES IS UNCERTAIN. PLEASE STAY UPDATED THROUGH FACEBOOK, RECORDED MESSAGES ON THE OFFICE PHONE, AND THE WEBSITE (WWW.RIVERSIDEUMCCHURCH.COM).

KEEPING OUR CHURCH STRONG IN THESE CORONAVIRUS DAYS

Even as we have suspended all worship services and activities at the church as we maintain social isolation, we want to continue to be the Church. In this time when we cannot be together physically, we are working to keep members and friends connected. Here are some of the things we are working on as a staff - and how you might be able to help:

- We would like to set up a phone tree to be in contact with members who are alone or who are otherwise vulnerable. **Call the church office if you are willing to**

BUILDING / OFFICE UPDATES

Sharon Asp will staff the office Monday-Thursday from 9AM-1PM for as long as this is possible. There is a new voicemail option when you call the church to keep you up-to-date with church information. The doors will be locked for security purposes - use the buzzer to the right of the door if you need to get in. Pastor Lori will be in regularly during these office hours - check with the office if you'd like to meet with her.

make phone calls to church members during this time.

- We are staffing the church office to handle the daily business of the church and will continue to do so until or if we are put under a 'Shelter in Place' order.
- Connect with Riverside online. I will be doing a live devotion on Facebook, and Kirk Brock is working on recording some of our favorite old-time hymns which will also be posted on Facebook when available. The website will have updated information available.
- Attend worship services online. Two great options are the Church of the Resurrection, and Embrace

NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

It is normal to be feeling anxious these days. If you find yourself in need of someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Lori! She is happy to listen and offer support and encouragement. Call the office (218)732-5205, or email rumc@unitelc.com to reach Pastor Lori.

United Methodist Church:

<https://iamembrace.com/media>

<https://cor.org/worship-online>

- "Thinking of You" cards are being sent to vulnerable church members.

Your financial donations make these ministries possible! Your support allows us to heat and light a portion of the building for the office staff, pay staff, provide phone and internet connections to keep us connected and informed. And, when this is over we want our ministries to resume in full strength! You can donate through Vanco on our website, mailing a check to the church, or having your donation automatically withdrawn from your checking account (contact the church office for the paperwork). Thank you for your faithful financial support of your church! Every gift we receive makes a difference in someone's life!

In Christ's love, *Pastor Lori*



Enjoy *The Messenger* - your way!

Riverside's newsletter, *The Messenger*, is available in a format that fits your lifestyle. You may receive it on your e-mail, regular mail delivery or on our website at www.riversideumcchurch.com. **Articles must be submitted for publication by the 15th day of each month.** Space is limited, and we reserve the right to review for content and appropriateness.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

April Schedule

At this time the status of Holy Week and Easter Services is uncertain. Please stay updated through facebook, recorded messages on the office phone, and the website (www.riversideumcchurch.com).

- 5 PALM SUNDAY
- 9 MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 10 GOOD FRIDAY
- 12 EASTER SUNDAY
- 22 Earth Day



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS

Mon. -Thurs: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Building Open: 8:00 AM

Sunday Worship

8:30 AM Traditional Service

9:30 AM Education

10:30 AM Contemporary Service

Fellowship follows each worship service

Minnesota Annual Conference:

www.minnesotaumc.org

United Methodist Websites:

www.rethinkchurch.org

www.umc.org

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

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