

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

- First time guest       Member
- Returning guest       Interested in membership or Baptism
- Looking for a church home

### New Contact Information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Opportunities to serve

#### Sunday School & Wednesday Night Adult

##### Volunteer opportunities:

- Sunday School Helper
- Wednesday Night Live Youth Helper (7:00-8:00)
- Wednesday Night Live STEAM activities helper (6:00-7:00)

#### Saturday Meal Site opportunities to serve:

- Hosts: Someone who can greet guests and sit with them during the meal.
- Clean-up crew. Come around 12:30-1:30.
- Provide grocery bags and/or socks for Meal Site & Operation Safety Net

#### Other Opportunities:

- Hospitality Ministry (Greeter, Usher, provide snacks)
- Helping on Sundays (sound tech, liturgist, video recording)
- Connecting to a small group or Bible study.
- Certified lay ministry.

February 17, 2019

### Announcements

We are blessed by your presence, and pray that worship is meaningful for you. All are invited to remain after worship and enjoy some coffee and refreshments in the back of the sanctuary. You are invited to note your attendance and mailing address on the blue attendance tear-off sheet found in each bulletin. This sheet may be placed in the offering plate during offertory. We encourage family participation in worship. We offer activity bags for children as well as a PRAYground area towards the front of the sanctuary specially designed for young worshipers; please see an usher for more information. If desired, an adult-staffed nursery for children up to 5 years old is located in room 208. Ushers can also provide you with large print bulletins if needed. We extend a special welcome to you and trust you will experience God's presence today.

#### Sunday School Classes

Children's Sunday School K—5th Grade @ 10:30am— 3rd Floor Room 302  
 Youth/Confirmation Class 6th—12th Grade @10:30am—3rd Floor Room 301  
 Swahili Bible Study Class @10:45am—Keystone Room #207  
 Adult Sunday School Class @ 10:45am—Asbury Parlor #210

**Pulpit Exchange with Church of Peace** On February 24, Pastor Robb McCoy will lead worship at the Church of Peace and Pastor Mariah Marlin-Warfield will lead worship at Two Rivers. Church of Peace worships together at 10:30 a.m. It is located at the corner of 12th Avenue and 12th Street in Rock Island. Two Rivers will worship at our regular time of 9:30 a.m. Pastor Mariah will continue the Epiphany series "Aha!" and will preach from the text planned for that Sunday, Luke 6:27-38.

**Special Session of General Conference** The Special Session of General Conference will convene in Saint Louis from **February 23-26**, in hopes of making a final decision on how the United Methodist Church will deal with the inclusion of LGBT individuals. There are several plans that will be debated and voted on at this special General Conference. To read about these plans and follow the developments of the General Conference, you can find links at the Two Rivers Church website at [TwoRiversUMC.org](http://TwoRiversUMC.org).

**Nebraska Wesleyan Band Housing/Bedding Needed** On March 10th the NWU Band will be holding a concert here at Two Rivers in the afternoon. They are in need of housing for 50 band members and staff for the night of March 9th. If you would be willing to open your home to an individual or two for the night, please contact the church office or Mark Swessinger. For those that we cannot find housing for we will need bedding for them to stay at our Camp Milan facility.

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary  
 Password: TwoRivers2013  
[www.TwoRiversUMC.org](http://www.TwoRiversUMC.org)



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- Beline Shukuru

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "On Wings of Song" - Mendelssohn  
 Nancy Schwegler, piano

Greeting John 1:14  
 One: And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
 All: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

\*Opening Praise "It Is Well With Me Soul" 377 UMH

\*Prayer of Confession (UM Book of Worship 478)

All: Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence aware of our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity. There is weakness in us as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

*(Pause for private confession)*

One: The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true. God shows mercy to us all, forgives iniquity,  
 All: And grants pardon to us all. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace



Prayer Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" vs 1 474 UMH

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem "The Beatitudes" - Avery & Marsh/Wilson Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Gracious God, open our hearts to the story of your love. Open our minds to new ways of knowing you. Open our doors to all whom you would welcome. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 6:17-26 CEB

Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a large area of level ground. A great company of his disciples and a huge crowd of people from all around Judea and Jerusalem and the area around Tyre and Sidon joined him there. They came to hear him and to be healed from their diseases, and those bothered by unclean spirits were healed. The whole crowd wanted to touch him, because power was going out from him and he was healing everyone.

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

"Happy are you who are poor, because God's kingdom is yours.

Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich, because you have already received your comfort.

How terrible for you who have plenty now, because you will be hungry.

How terrible for you who laugh now, because you will mourn and weep.

How terrible for you when all speak well of you.

Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

One: The word of God. For the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message - "I Come With Joy" vs. 1 617 UMH (All children are invited to the front.)

Musical Offering "Whispering Hope" Two Rivers Ukulele Choir

Sermon 'The Sermon on the Plain (Blessings & Woes)' - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE AND THANKSGIVING

Response in Song "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" 402 UMH

Offering "It is Well with My Soul" - Bliss/arr. Berry

\*Doxology 94 UMH

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Holy and Gracious God, you have revealed to us a new way of living in Christ Jesus. You have revealed to us that wealth is not measured by what we have, but by what we release. You have revealed to us that salvation comes not through our own plans and effort, but by surrendering ourselves to your will. We give you our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness so that you may use all things for your Kingdom. Use this, our gift; use us, your servants; and use this, your church so that all may know of the saving grace of Jesus. It is in his name we pray. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" vs. 1 568 UMH

\*Blessing

\*Closing Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" vs. 4 568 UMH

\*Postlude "Hope" Op. 38, No. 4 - Mendelssohn

\* You are invited to stand as you are able. FWS - The Faith We Sing (black hymnal) UMH - United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal) Words of anthem/hymn reprinted under CCLI License

PRAYER MINISTRY

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Who would you like to see this prayer?

Pastor Only. Only the pastor will see this prayer. He will most likely see it and be in prayer for it on Monday morning.

Prayer Team. This is a small group that meets on Friday mornings to pray for the church and for the concerns that are brought forward.

Prayer Chain. These prayers will be sent to those who have signed up for prayer chain email. Names only will be printed in newsletter if it is an ongoing need.

Please be in prayer for:

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Please pray for this:

For this week only.

Until \_\_\_\_\_

This is an ongoing need.

I am interested in being a part of the Prayer Chain:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_