

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

STEAM CAMP June 10-13

- Snack helper
- Registration
- Photography
- Workshop assistant

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

Step Up Task Force Teams:

- Diversity Team
This is a team that will help create opportunities to build relationships across our multi-cultural barriers.
- Welcoming and Connections Team
This is a team that will focus on how we welcome new guests and how we can help people connect to the life of the church.

April 28, 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 worshippers; 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 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

Baseball Night Church of Peace and Two Rivers are getting together again this year for a fun Baseball Night. Help us cheer on the River Bandits at Modern Woodmen Ballpark on Friday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a fireworks display after the game. Tickets cost \$8.00 each. To guarantee the group rate and seating, all ticket orders should be made, and money paid by today, April 28. Please sign up in the west entrance or contact the church office if you would like to purchase tickets. (309)788-9384.

Two Rivers Readers Two Rivers Readers will meet tomorrow, April 29 at Ellen Pohlman's home, 2430 19th Ave. at 10 AM. Joan and Frank Robinson will lead the discussion on "The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough. Two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize, David McCullough tells the dramatic story of the courageous brothers who taught the world how to fly. Please come and join us. If you have questions call Ellen Pohlman 786-8954.

Native American Sunday Next Sunday May 5, is Native American Sunday. Gifts to Native American Ministries Sunday fund scholarships for Native American seminarians and strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural, urban and reservation congregations, ministries and communities and annual conference Native American ministries. Please look for a special offering envelope for NAMS in next Sunday's bulletin and give generously.

QC Flute Concert The Quad Cities Flutes Unlimited ensemble is coming to Two Rivers Church for their spring concert on Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm. The ensemble includes 20 flutes and Michael Wahlmann on the cello. This year's Spring Concert is called "La Musique Francaise!" and will feature music from Faure, Bizet, Debussy, and others. The group is directed by Laura Paarmann. This is a free concert open to the public.

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary
Password: TwoRivers2013
www.TwoRiversUMC.org



Announcements

- Charlotte Peterson

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" - F. Atkinson/ J. Carter
Nancy Schwegler, pianist

Greeting

One: Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen Indeed!

One: We come to worship the Risen One who is Three in One.

All: We come to live into Resurrection.

*Opening Praise "Up From the Grave He Arose" 322 UMH

*Prayer of Confession (2 Cor. 5:19)

One: As we who proclaim Christ Risen, we are called to be in the ministry of reconciliation. The first step in this ministry is to reconcile ourselves to God through repentance, forgiveness, and assurance. We have sinned as a people, so we confess as a people.

All: Merciful God, we have sinned as a people. We have created barriers that are not of God. We have tried to exclude some from God's grace. We have tried to call some unworthy of God's blessings. We have tried to hoard God's abundance as if there wasn't enough for all. Forgive us for these barriers we create. Forgive us for these divisions we have made. Reconcile us to your love so we may be a part of your reconciling work with all people.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: God is reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them.

All: He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer Hymn "We Are One in Christ" 2229 FWS

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.

Musical Offering "Celebration" -Sherman
Two Rivers Handbell 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.

First Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

*So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of a new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!
All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He trusted us with this message of reconciliation."*

Second Scripture Reading Genesis 11:1-9 CEB

All people on the earth had one language and the same words. When they traveled east, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them hard." They used bricks for stones and asphalt for mortar. They said, "Come, let's build for ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves so that we won't be dispersed over all the earth."

Then the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the humans built. And the Lord said, "There is now one people and they all have one language. This is what they have begun to do, and now all that they plan to do will be possible for them. Come, let's go down and mix up their language there so they won't understand each other's language." Then the Lord dispersed them from there over all of the earth, and they stopped building the city. Therefore, it is named Babel, because there the Lord mixed up the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord dispersed them over all the earth.

One: The word of God. For the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message – "In His Time" vs. 2 2203 FWS
(All children are invited to the front.)

Sermon "The Gift of Babel: Nations" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE AND THANKSGIVING

Response in Song "Behold a Broken World" vs. 1, 5 & 6 426 UMH
Tune from Hymn #175

Offering "I Surrender All" - W. Weeden/ M. Hayes

*Doxology 94 UMH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Thank you, Lord, for butterflies, birds that sing, apple pies. Thank you for the drops of rain, summer days, golden plains. Mountains tall with trees so green, lollipops, air so clean. Thank you for the sky so blue, sun and stars, and cows that moo. Holidays and happy faces, Grandma's hugs and warm embraces. Thank you for sweet pups and kittens, and when it's cold my warm red mittens. Thank you Lord, for all these things, the sunset's glow, the robin's wings. Your gentle rainbows 'cross the sky, your fluffy clouds, oh so high. Springtime days, and bunnies, too. But most of all, Lord, thanks for YOU. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" vs 1&3 2223 FWS

*Blessing

*Closing Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" vs 4 2223 FWS

*Postlude "For the Healing of the Nations" - J. Hughes/ C. Berry

* 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:

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: _____