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

New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

In Search of a Meal Site Chaplain

We are looking for a special person or team of people to fill a void that is needed at the Meal Site on Saturdays. The Meal Site needs a chaplain. This is a role that has been deeply missed since the death of Jim Prather.

Who: A caring individual who is willing to listen and pray with people in need.

What: You don't need to cook, wash a dish, or mop the floor. You need only be a regular presence in the dining hall. You can help people to their table, talk to people, or simply be a non-anxious presence in the room.

When: A regular commitment is needed. It does not have to be every Saturday, but at least once a month is needed to cultivate a relationship with our guests.

How: Pastor Robb will train you. You will meet with him several times to talk about this role and he will go with you to Meal Site for a couple of Saturdays to model this role for you.

I am interested in learning more about becoming a Meal Site Chaplain.

April 7, 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 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

UMM Dinner & Program The Methodist Men will be having their regular monthly dinner meeting on Tuesday, April 9. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. with the price of \$9.00 per person. After dinner Dan Saskpwski, Cardiac Rehab Manager will be speaking. A short business meeting will follow. Please call Jerry Etzel 764-5837 with you reservation by Monday, April 8.

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 April 28. Please sign up in the west entrance or contact the church office if you would like to purchase tickets. (309)788-9384.

Lenten Concert Series and Bible Study Returning perennials, Edgar Crockett and Dave Holcomb will bring their brand of jazz to Two Rivers on April 10. It is always a joy to welcome this duo back to the Lenten Concert Series where they have performed several consecutive seasons. This year, Dr. Crockett will be bringing members of the Blackhawk College Jazz ensemble. All Lenten Concert Series events are free admission. Fifteen minutes after the concert, Pastor Robb will lead a Bible study based on Adam Hamilton's book "Final Words: From the Cross."

Lenten Studies During the Lenten season we have two different studies for people to participate in on Sundays and Mondays. The Adult Sunday Class is doing the study, DATELINE: JERUSALEM which was created by Rev. John Crede who is also be the lead teacher for the series. Each Sunday they are exploring one day during Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday and ending with Easter Sunday. Pastor Robb is leading a study of World Religions. This is an intergenerational group. It includes youth and adults and meets in the Youth Sunday School room on Sundays at 10:45am. If you cannot make it to the Sunday school class, the same topic is covered at the Monday Lunch and Learn group at noon.

Operation Safety Net Requests Our Mission Outreach Team is in need of household items to be given to those in need in the community. They would like to have a big give away of these items this spring if they receive enough items. Possible items needed include but are not limited to—small appliances, towels/ sheets, pots/pans/dishes, small kitchen items, lamps, fans/ heaters, or any small household item. They are also in need of socks and men's shoes. Items can be dropped off during office hours or Sunday mornings. Thank you.

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



April 7, 2019, The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Announcements

- Harold Truitt

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Nearer, My God to Thee" - L. Mason/M. Hayes
Nancy Schwegler, pianist

Greeting (part of the Breastplate of Saint Patrick)

One: I arise today through the strength of heaven,
All: The light of the sun, the radiance of the moon,
One: The splendor of fire, the speed of lightning,
All: The swiftness of wind, the depth of the sea,
One: The stability of the earth, the firmness of rock.
All: I arise today through God's strength.

*Opening Praise "Blest be The Tie That Binds" 557 UMH

*Celtic Prayer of Confession

One: We are the people who fashion crosses of wood. We are the people who strike with hammers. We are the people who hang bodies from crosses. We are the people who seal Christ in a tomb, hoping that would be the end of Christ's mission and love.
All: I am sorry, God, for failing Christ still. I am sorry for denying Christ's love. I am sorry for ignoring the cry of the needy and walking past the hurting. I am sorry for pushing the marginalized to the side and for enjoying my place of comfort and privilege. Stir in me a new heart. May this Lenten journey be one of repentance, and empower us all to rise from the Ashes to the sure and certain hope of Resurrection.

One: In the name of Christ crucified and in the name of Christ risen.
All: We are dead to sin and rise in Love. Glory to God. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer Hymn "Abide with Me" vs 3 700 UMH

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem "We Gather at Your Table, Lord" -Ehret
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 John 15:9-17 CEB

"As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message – "My Song is Love Unknown" vs. 1 - See Screens
(All children are invited to the front.)

Sermon "Soul Friendships" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE AND THANKSGIVING

Holy Communion 15 UMH

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.

Offering "Take My Life, and Let It Be" - C. Malan/B. Wolaver

*Doxology 94 UMH

*Celtic Prayer of Thanksgiving (from the *Carmina Gadelica*)

All: Thanks to thee, O God, that I have risen today. To the rising of this life itself; May it be to Thine own glory. O God of every gift, And to the glory of my soul likewise. O Great God, aid Thou my soul with the aiding of thine own mercy. Even as I clothe my body with wool, cover thou my soul with the shadow of thy wing. Help me to avoid every sin, and the source of every sin to forsake; and as the mist scatters on the crest of the hills, May each ill haze clear from my soul, O God.

*Closing Hymn "Irish Blessing" -Eilers
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

*Blessing

*Postlude "Grateful" - M. Hayes



* You are invited to stand as you are able.
FWS - The Faith We Sing (black hymnal)
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)
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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: _____