

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

Creators' 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.

May 12, 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

No Lunch & Learn Bible Study this Monday

Methodist Men Dinner & Program Come join the Methodist Men for their dinner meeting on Tuesday, May 14 when Katie Hanson from Augustana College will be speaking about the Healthy Benefits of Reading. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., and the price is \$9.00 per person. Please make your reservation with Jerry Etzel (764-5837) by Monday, May 13. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Pet Fest The 4th Annual Pet Fest at Two Rivers will be held next Sunday, May 19 from 2-4pm. The Fest will again be co-sponsored by The Rock Island Animal Hospital and feature great pet loving vendors and rescues. New this year will be a bounce house for the kids and snacks for all. Be sure to invite all your two-legged and four-legged family and friends to this great one of a kind event. We are still looking for vendors to fill our booths so if you know anyone that sells pet goods or works with animals please have them contact the church office.

Midwest Mission Disaster Kit Collection Supplies are needed for humanitarian & disaster relief around the world and around the corner. Please make all checks

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



Announcements

- Charlotte Peterson

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

"Interlude in G"

- D. Justice

Two Rivers Handbell Choir

Litany for Mothers

- See Insert

*Opening Praise

"Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love"

422 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 horde 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.

Anthem "In Gratitude We Come" - Lanz
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.

Gospel Reading John 4:4-10, 19-30, 39-42 CEB

Jesus had to go through Samaria. He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

The Samaritan woman asked, "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.)

Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water."...

The woman said, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You and your people worship what you don't know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth."

The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us."

Jesus said to her, "I Am—the one who speaks with you."

Just then, Jesus' disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who has told me everything I've done! Could this man be the

Christ?" They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus....

Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's word when she testified, "He told me everything I've ever done." So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is truly the savior of the world."

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.)

Special Musical Offering "Song for Momma"
Two Rivers Children & Youth

Sermon "Truth We Make Us Free: Gender" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE AND THANKSGIVING

Response in Song "Christian Women, Christian Men" - See Screens

Offering "Amazing Grace" - 19th cent. U.S./arr. E. Rocherolle

*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

* 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



May 12, 2019
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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: _____

Litany For Mothers

One: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

One: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

All: We pray for peace.

One: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

All: We pray for healing.

One: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

One: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

One: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary.

All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

One: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

One: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

All: We pray for wisdom and patience.

One: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

One: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

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