

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 19, 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

Pet Fest The 4th Annual Pet Fest at Two Rivers will be held this afternoon rain or shine from 2-4pm. The Fest will again be co-sponsored by The Rock Island Animal Hospital and feature great pet loving vendors and rescues. Be sure to invite all your two-legged and four-legged family and friends to this great one of a kind event.

Sisterhood May's Sisterhood Get-Together will be on Monday, May 20 at 6:00p.m., at Pagalo's Pizzeria & Gelato Café located at 119 1st Ave W. in Milan. We try to visit a different local restaurant each month. All women are invited to come. Feel free to bring a friend. Join us for devotions, dinner, fellowship and a fun evening out. Contact Rita Anderson at (309) 788-7150 for more information.

"We Care" Gift Bags Sunday, June 2 will be the day to pick up "We Care" gift bags for our homebound members. Please contact the office before May 30 if any homebound is diabetic or has any allergies, so we can include the appropriate treats for each diet. If anyone wishes to make a monetary contribution to this worthy cause, please send your contribution to the church office by May 30 and designate that it's for the "We Care" gift bags. Once again, volunteers will be needed to help with the delivery of these gift bags. If you would like to help with delivery, please call or leave a message to: Avalon Gibson at (309)799-3124 or Judy Shryack at (309)798-9300.

Midwest Mission Disaster Kit Collection Supplies are needed for humanitarian & disaster relief around the world and around the corner. Please make all checks payable to Two Rivers UMC with IGRC Advance Special #6620 in the memo line. The Midwest Mission truck will be at Annual Conference on June 6th and 7th. The church will be collecting items for kits up until June 2nd. Here are some of the items we will be collecting: 2 Pairs Work Gloves, 24 1-gallon resealable bags, 2 Permanent Markers, 1 Roll Duct Tape - prefer colored, 2 Dust Masks - No surgical, 24 Trash Bags - heavy duty - 33-45 gallon size, 24 Clear / White Trash Bags - 20-33 gallon size, and \$9 Donation for 2 Totes - 18-gallon. Pastor Robb and/or our lay member to Annual Conference, Charlotte Peterson will deliver the items to the Midwest Mission truck while at Annual Conference.

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



May 19, 2019, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Announcements

- Charlotte Peterson

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" - Bach/Dykes/Berry

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 "O Spirit of the Living God" 539 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 "Lord, Here am I" - Beck
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 Acts 8:26-40 CEB

An angel from the Lord spoke to Philip, "At noon, take the road that leads from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) So he did. Meanwhile, an Ethiopian man was on his way home from Jerusalem, where he had come to worship. He was a eunuch and an official responsible for the entire treasury of Candace. (Candace is the title given to the Ethiopian queen.) He was reading the prophet Isaiah while sitting in his carriage. The Spirit told Philip, "Approach this carriage and stay with it."

Running up to the carriage, Philip heard the man reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you really understand what you are reading?"

The man replied, "Without someone to guide me, how could I?" Then he invited Philip to climb up and sit with him. This was the passage of scripture he was reading:

*Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent
so he didn't open his mouth.*

In his humiliation justice was taken away from him.

*Who can tell the story of his descendants
because his life was taken from the earth?*

The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, about whom does the prophet say this? Is he talking about himself or someone else?" Starting with that passage, Philip proclaimed the good news about Jesus to him. As they went down the road, they came to some water.

The eunuch said, "Look! Water! What would keep me from being baptized?" He ordered that the carriage halt. Both Philip and the eunuch went down to the water, where Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Lord's Spirit suddenly took Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. Philip found himself in Azotus. He traveled through that area, preaching the good news in all the cities until he reached Caesarea.

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 "There's Nothing to Prevent You: Orientation"
- Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE AND THANKSGIVING

Response in Song "In the Midst of New Dimensions" vs. 1,3,4,5 2238 FWS

Offering "Faith, Op. 102, No. 6" - F. Mendelssohn

*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. Holi-
days 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 sun-
set'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 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" - Goss/Kerrick

* 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: _____