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## Opportunities to serve

### Random acts of kindness:

- Donate school supplies to a local school.
- Pray for the people, leadership, and ministry of Two Rivers Church.
- Pray for peace in the world.

# Two Rivers Outreach Ministry opportunities:

- Donate new or used household items to Operation Safety Net.
- Donate non-perishable food and hygiene products to our Little Free Pantry.

## Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Liturgist Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- ☐ Greeter— Greet people at the West parking lot.
- Sunday Usher—Open the church for Sunday worship, make coffee, greet people as they come into the service, and help with offering and Communion.
- Tech Support -Video recording, editing, sound board and /or slides. Get behind the scenes and help create a meaningful worship experience for those in the sanctuary and those watching from home.

#### **Welcome Statement**



From the beginning of the Jesus movement, followers of Christ declared that there is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free, nor is there male and female. We, the people of Two Rivers United Methodist Church join in this movement of the Holy Spirit and declare that we celebrate the diversity of our neighborhood and the world.

We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual and affectional orientation, who are also of

every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We believe that the body of Christ is more vital in its ministry when the whole diversity of the human family may enjoy full participation and leadership in the Church.

We welcome all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the Church and society, and acknowledge the pain caused by the exclusionary policies of the United Methodist Church. We will continue to work toward a more inclusive Church and invite you to join us in following Jesus Christ on the Way, marked by greater hospitality, kindness, justice, peace, understanding, and mutual respect.

### Announcements for August 6, 2023

### Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class

**Discipleship Schedule** Monday Bible Study will not meet again until Monday, July 17 in Epworth Hall at noon. Wednesday Prayer & Devotion Time meets on Facebook Live and Zoom at noon every week. Zoom Meeting ID # for Wednesday is 961 006 728. The Zoom meeting can also be joined by phone simply by dial 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

**Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir:** If you are interested in making beautiful music with good friends, consider being a part of our sanctuary choir or bell choir. No experience necessary. Choir rehearsals begin August 23rd and Bell Choir begins the next week on August 30th.

Confirmation class will begin next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Young people in grades 6th and up are invited to be a part of our Confirmation Class, which will last 20 weeks. Confirmation is a chance for youth to ask questions, express their doubt, explore their faith, and make a decision for Christ.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
8/6	Ellie McCoy	Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	Larry Dalton/
8/13	Sarah McCoy	Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
8/20	Tamara Baugh	Dick & Kala Lee Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
8/27	Virginia Payton	Doug Stephens, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
9/3		Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	Larry Dalton/

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# Ezra 3:10-13 (CEB)

When the builders laid the foundation of the Lord's temple, the priests clothed in their vests and carrying their trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, arose to praise the Lord according to the directions of Israel's King David. They praised and gave thanks to the Lord, singing responsively, "He is good, his graciousness for Israel lasts forever."

All of the people shouted with praise to the Lord because the foundation of the Lord's house had been laid. But many of the older priests and Levites and heads of families, who had seen the first house, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this house, although many others shouted loudly with joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, because the people rejoiced very loudly. The sound was heard at a great distance.

### GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Miracle of Miracles" - Bock/Hardnick

**GREETING** 

\*OPENING HYMN #382UMH "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" vs. 1, 2 & 4

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, sometimes walking through life can feel like being a Fiddler on the Roof. When we fall for toxic nostalgia, remind us of the truth of an oppressive past. When we want to rush ahead on our own, help us to remain anchored in your promises in the past. We're just trying to scratch out a pleasant, simple tune without breaking our neck. Help us to keep our balance. From sunrise to sunset, help us to remain in the moment, so that as the years swiftly fly, your gracious presence will be in our happiness and tears.

Pause for silent reflection and confession

One: As the Good Book says, "God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever."

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and empowered. Amen.

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER HYMN #492 UMH "Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire" vs. 1 & 6

**PASTORAL PRAYER** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, reveal to us your story of love and grace. Like a visit in the night from Grandma Tzietl (ZI-til), show us the way to salvation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Ezra 3:10-13(CEB)

MUSICAL OFFERING "Do You Love Me?" - Fiddler on the Roof/Bock

Tamara Baugh and Mark Swessinger, duet

SERMON The Gospel According to Broadway: Fiddler on the Roof - Rev. Robb McCoy

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

# HOLY COMMUNION LORD'S PRAYER

Page 15 UMH

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.

**COMMUNION MUSIC** 

"Agnus Dei/Holy, Holy, Holy"

- Smith

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*OFFERING HYMN #701 UMH

"When We All Get to Heaven" vs. 1 & 3

(All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering container at the front of the sanctuary as we sing)

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: God of song and dance, you are worthy of our worship and praise. We thank you for showing us the way home. We thank you for guiding us through tradition and upheaval. We are grateful for the good gifts that you provide. Help us to listen to your still small voice. Thank you for lighting in us a spark of creation that calls us to build, reach, and find every last star. We will respond to your love by living every minute of the year, all five hundred twenty five thousand, six hundred of them, trying to love you, love one another, and love our selves. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY #94

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Shout to the Lord"

Zschech

\* 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



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<b>J</b>	<b>Prayer Chain</b> . These prayers will be sent to those who have signed up for prayer chain email. They will also be prayed for by first name only during our Wednesday online prayer service.				
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