

NAME: _____

- ☐ First time guest
- ☐ Returning guest
- ☐ Member
- ☐ Interested in membership or Baptism

New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to serve

Random acts of kindness:


- ☐ Pray for peace in the world.
- ☐ Pray for the people, leadership, and ministry of Two Rivers Church.
- ☐ Donate socks, hats and gloves to Operation Safety Net.

Two Rivers Outreach Ministry opportunities:

- ☐ **Donate Grocery Bags** to Saturday Meal Site and 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.
- ☐ **2nd & 4th Sunday Ushers**—Open the church for Sunday worship and make coffee. Take offerings in bank bag to bank depository. *(Must be a member of the church in good standing for at least 6 months.)*



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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 January 21, 2024

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class Room
Confirmation Class—10:45 am in the Youth Room on 3rd floor
Adult Sunday School—10:45 am in the Asbury Parlor

Discipleship Schedule Monday Bible Study meets every Monday 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.

New Member Luncheon All are invited to a luncheon for new members today at 11:00 a.m. We will meet downstairs in Epworth Hall and share a luncheon for those who are interested in membership at Two Rivers United Methodist Church. We will have a short presentation from members of the church as well as some time to get to know each other. We will also pick an upcoming Sunday for new people to take their official vows of membership. If you are transferring membership from another congregation, we will need to know which congregation to contact so that they can update their records as well.

Human Relations Sunday Today is Human Relations Sunday. Your gifts to the Human Relations Day offering strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth through Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Look for the special Sunday offering envelope in today’s bulletin.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeter
1/21	Harold Truitt	Kala Lee & Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Dick Lee
1/28	Kala Lee	Doug Stephens & Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
2/4		Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	Larry Dalton/

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January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday of Epiphany



Luke 2:22-38 (CEB)

When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (It’s written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.”) They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what’s stated in the Law of the Lord, *A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*

A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn’t die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus’ parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,

Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word, because my eyes have seen your salvation. You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples. It’s a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel.

His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged to the tribe of Asher. She was very old. After she married, she lived with her husband for seven years. She was now an 84-year-old widow. She never left the temple area but worshipped God with fasting and prayer night and day. She approached at that very moment and began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to everyone who was looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE

GREETING

*HYMN “Give the Four Winds Thy Fears” #129 UMH (v. 1-3)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 131

One: Lord my heart isn’t proud; my eyes aren’t conceited. I don’t get involved with things too great or wonderful for me.

All: No, But I have calmed and quieted myself like a weaned child on its mother;

One: I’m content like a weaned child.

All: Israel, wait for the Lord from now until forever from now.

MUSICAL OFFERING “Holy is the Lord” - F. Schubert/ar. K. McChesney
Two Rivers Handbell Choir

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ruth Duck (UMBOW 483)

All: God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth.

Pause for silent confession

One: Hear the good news, God’s forgiveness and grace is offered before we even ask for it. The God who knows us well, forgives us fully.

All: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

GATHERING “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” #349 UMH

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

ANTHEM “Write Your Word Upon My Heart” - Larson
Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: We are about to hear the story of God’s love for the people God loves.

All: May the Words of Scripture kindle in us a love for God and God’s people. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-38

SERMON “Anna and Simeon greet Mary” Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE “My Master, See, the Time Has Come” #226 UMH

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERING HYMN “Where He Leads Me” #338 UMH (v. 1, 4)
(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)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth. Who chose Mary to nurture the savior of the world.

I believe in Christ, who was nurtured in the womb of his mother, who made sure he was circumcised and dedicated according to Jewish Law, and brought him to the Temple as a child. His mother Mary called him to public service at a wedding in Cana and was on his mind as he went to the Cross. Other women found his empty tomb and were the first to declare that Christ is Risen.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who filled Anna and Simeon with words of prophecy, praise and evangelism; who descended upon Jesus like a dove as he was baptized in the Jordan, who still moves us to repentance and praise, and empowers us to be prophets and evangelists. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
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PRAYER MINISTRY

YOUR NAME _____

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:

Prayers for people I know:

- ☐ I have permission to publish this prayer.
☐ I do not have permission to share this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

Prayers for myself:

