

Name _____

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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer opportunities:

- ☐ Assist with set-up or take-down of outdoor service on June 8th.
- ☐ Help deliver “We Care” gift bags to senior members. on June 8th..

Outreach opportunities:

- ☐ **Donate used grocery bags for use at Meal Site.**
- ☐ **Donate household items to Operation Safety Net (pots, pans, dishes,towels, blankets, small appliances, small furniture that one person can carry, etc.)**
- ☐ Donate non-perishable food items, water and hygiene items to the Little Free Pantry.

Worship volunteers:

- ☐ **Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- ☐ **2nd & 4th Sunday Ushers** —Open the church for Sunday worship and make coffee. Take offerings in bank bag to bank depository.
- ☐ **Counters** - Monday mornings, help take account of Sunday offering (Must be a member of the church in good standing for at least 6 months.)



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 history of 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 June 1, 2025

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom

Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am in the Asbury Parlor

Youth/Kids Sunday School - 10:45 am in Youth room upstairs

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 dialing 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

Light Up Pride The first event sponsored by ACQC (Affirming Congregations of the Quad Cities) for Pride Month will be Light Up Pride, which will take place tonight, June 1 at 8:00 p.m. at the Spotlight Theater in Moline. The lights of the spotlight theater are a significant part of the night sky as you cross the I-74-Bridge. On the first night of Pride Month, civic, non-profit, business, and religious leaders will gather to celebrate the importance of Pride Month and watch as the setting sun reveals the rainbow beauty of the Spotlight Theater.

We Care Gift Bags Sunday, June 8 will be the day our “We Care” gift bags for our senior shut-in members will be ready for delivery. If anyone wishes to make a monetary contribution to this worthy cause, please send your contribution to the church office by June 1 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 at the church office: 309-788-9384.

Pentecost Sunday/ Outdoor Worship On June 8 – Pentecost Sunday – we will gather in the south parking lot for a special worship service. We will provide many folding chairs, but people can bring their own lawn chairs as well to make sure we have enough seating. The purpose of the outdoor service is to have baptisms in the style of full immersion. We will have a wading pool set up in the parking lot for baptisms.

Guest Wifi



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June 1, 2025 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Psalm 119:1-8, 105-112

Those whose way is blameless—
who walk in the LORD’s Instruction—are truly happy!
Those who guard God’s laws are truly happy!
They seek God with all their hearts.
They don’t even do anything wrong!
They walk in God’s ways.
God, you have ordered that your decrees
should be kept most carefully.
How I wish my ways were strong
when it comes to keeping your statutes!
Then I wouldn’t be ashamed
when I examine all your commandments.
I will give thanks to you with a heart that does right
as I learn your righteous rules.
I will keep your statutes.
Please don’t leave me all alone!

Your word is a lamp before my feet
and a light for my journey.
I have sworn, and I fully mean it:
I will keep your righteous rules.
I have been suffering so much—
LORD, make me live again according to your promise.
Please, LORD, accept my spontaneous gifts of praise.
Teach me your rules!
Though my life is constantly in danger,
I won’t forget your Instruction.
Though the wicked have set a trap for me,
I won’t stray from your precepts.
Your laws are my possession forever
because they are my heart’s joy.
I have decided to keep your statutes forever, every last one.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Take My Life And Let It Be” - arr. Stan Pethel

GREETING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Ezekiel’s Wheel”

Tamara Baugh, soprano & Mark Swessinger, baritone and Nancy Schwegler, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Ellie McCoy

One: We glorify God through joyful song. We praise the LORD with instrument and voice, but our deepest worship happens in the heart.

All: Let every instrument be tuned for praise.

One: In music, our expression of emotions transcends speech. In music, our lamentations and our celebrations are made sublime.

All: Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise

One: May God be glorified in our music, in our speech, in our thoughts and deeds.

All: And may God give us faith to sing always. Alleluia, Amen.

*HYMN #68 UMH “When In Our Music God is Glorified”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of all Creation, those who walk in your Instruction are truly happy. They seek you with all their hearts and walk in God’s ways. Forgive us for our arrogance in thinking our way is superior. Forgive us for ignoring your Laws and mocking your precepts. Forgive us for the insults we hurl and for the spears we throw. Deal gently with us who stray. Return us to your path and remind us of your Instruction. Open our eyes to your Word and set us on the path of salvation.

<Pause for silent confession and reflection>

One: Hear the good news: Know that the LORD is God—he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture.

All: We are forgiven and restored because the LORD is good, his steadfast love endures forever. Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #420 “Breathe On Me Breath of God” vs. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

CHORAL ANTHEM “Surely, the Presence of the Lord is in this Place” - Schrader

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, bless the reading and hearing of this sacred text. Speak through these words and reveal to us the living Word of Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 119:1-8, 105-112 (CEB)

HYMN #432 “Jesu, Jesu” vs. 1

CONVERSATION WITH MARK: “Be Thou My Vision”

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONSE HYMN #451 “Be Thou My Vision”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN #57 UMH “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” vs. 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)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: One voice, one mouth, one tongue does not feel like enough to praise our risen Lord. My praise alone feels inadequate. I need the help of the Church.

All: O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer’s praise!

One: I praise God for the glory of Resurrection. I stand in awe of the victory Christ has won.

All: The glories of my God and King, the triumph of his grace.

One: I wish I could share with all the world the joy I feel today. I need the Holy Spirit to give me the right words to describe the grace of Jesus.

All: My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim

One: May every corner of the world know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

All: To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING “When I have Sung My Songs” - Hagemann

POSTLUDE “Glory Land” - Lani Smith

*=please rise if you are able

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. You can use the red books in front of you. Music used with permission under CCLI License:

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

June 1, 2025

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 publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

Prayers for myself:
