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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer opportunities:

- ☐ Serve as greeter or usher at Andrejz Kozlowski's farewell concert on June 27
- ☐ Sit at the Affirming Congregations Booth at Bass Street Pride on June 28

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 15, 2025

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

Youth/Kids Sunday School - 10:45 am

Discipleship Schedule Monday Bible Study will meet the next two Mondays at noon in the Church Library, just up the stairs from the sanctuary. 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.

Youth Handbell Choir The youth bell choir will begin practicing on June 15 after worship at 10:45am. A.J. Pollock will teach the kids the basics of bell ringing and pick a few simple songs to learn. No experience is necessary. The group will have a lot of fun learning to make music together and they hope to present in worship by the end of the summer.

Peace w/ Justice Sunday Gifts on Peace with Justice Sunday fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally. A special Peace with Justice offering envelope is available in your Sunday bulletin this morning. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

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June 15, 2025 – Trinity Sunday

Acts 8:4-13, 26-40

Those who had been scattered moved on, preaching the good news along the way. Philip went down to a city in Samaria and began to preach Christ to them. The crowds were united by what they heard Philip say and the signs they saw him perform, and they gave him their undivided attention. With loud shrieks, unclean spirits came out of many people, and many who were paralyzed or crippled were healed. There was great rejoicing in that city.

Before Philip's arrival, a certain man named Simon had practiced sorcery in that city and baffled the people of Samaria. He claimed to be a great person. Everyone, from the least to the greatest, gave him their undivided attention and referred to him as "the power of God called Great." He had their attention because he had baffled them with sorcery for a long time. After they came to believe Philip, who preached the good news about God's kingdom and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. Even Simon himself came to believe and was baptized. Afterward, he became one of Philip's supporters. As he saw firsthand the signs and great miracles that were happening, he was astonished. ...

...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.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE Fantasy on “Sweet By and By” - Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: Sarah McCoy
One: The Council of Bishops has given the United Methodist Church a new guiding vision. This vision reflects the Church's deep commitment to embodying God's dream for the world.
All: The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

***HYMN #384 UMH “Love Divine, All Love Excelling” vs. 1,2,4**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
All: Holy Spirit, let your soft wind blow over the embers of our heart and kindle in us a fire for your people. Feed the flames of our faith so that we may burn again for justice and righteousness. Forgive us for allowing our fire to fade. The self-centered sins of greed, apathy, and fear can distract us from what is truly needed in the world and in our lives. Sometimes it feels like we are running on idle. Return us to your mission to form disciples. Empower us to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in our community and the world.
<Pause for silent confession and reflection>

One: Hear the good news: the Spirit is poured out on all people. Sons and daughters will prophesy. Young will see visions. Old will dream dreams.
All: We are your servants, forgiven by grace, and empowered by the fire of Pentecost. Amen

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER SONG #503 “Let It Breathe On Me”

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 power, and the glory, and the kingdom forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

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 Acts 8:4-13, 26-40 (CEB)

SERMON “LOVE BOLDLY” - Rev. Robb McCoy
RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #568 “Christ For the World We Sing” vs. 1-3

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

***HYMN #192 UMH “There’s a Spirit in the Air” vs. 1,2,4,6**
(All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering basin at the front as we sing)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**
God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name and give thanks for the model of Philip, who showed us how to love boldly. We give thanks for his courage to go to Samaria and share the good news with a people whom he historically did not trust. We give thanks for his obedience to the Spirit as he approached the Ethiopian eunuch. Let the example of his bold love inspire us. We too can reach out to people who need to hear the Good News. We can reach out in thanksgiving, praise, and love, for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE Postlude on “Forest Green” - Lani Smith

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UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. You can use the red books in front of you.
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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
June 15, 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:

