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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 Andrzej Kozlowski's farewell concert on June 27 @ 6pm
- ☐ Volunteer at The Project's 5K walk and run at 8:00 a.m. on June 28. Race volunteers hand out water, point the way, cheer on runners, etc.
- ☐ Sit at the Affirming Congregations Booth at Bass Street Pride on June 28

Outreach opportunities:

- ☐ 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.)



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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 22, 2025

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

Youth/Kids Sunday School - 10:45 am

Discipleship Schedule Monday Bible Study meets at noon in Epworth Hall. 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.

Andrzej Kozlowski Farewell Concert June 27th 6pm @ Two Rivers Join us for a special evening of music as we bid farewell to our dear friend Andrzej Kozlowski, a gifted Polish classical pianist and composer known for his masterful interpretations of Fryderyk Chopin. Andrzej has been a cherished part of our community, especially for his generous support as a temporary accompanist at the beginning of last year. In addition to his musical talents, Andrzej founded the Sound Conservatory in the Quad Cities, nurturing a love for classical music in countless students. As he prepares to return to Europe, we invite you to celebrate his contributions and enjoy one final performance that promises to be both moving and memorable.

Bass Street Pride Party Join us at the annual Pride Party at Bass Street Landing in Moline on Saturday, June 28 from 3 - 10:30pm. Enjoy live music, performances, food, and fun for all ages. Volunteer some time at our Affirming Congregations booth and meet great folks from other allied churches from around the Quad Cities.

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2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 22, 2025

Acts 9:1-21

Meanwhile, Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest, seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found persons who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. During the journey, as he approached Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven encircled him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me?"

Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, whom you are harassing," came the reply. "Now get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do." Those traveling with him stood there speechless; they heard the voice but saw no one. After they picked Saul up from the ground, he opened his eyes but he couldn't see. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind and neither ate nor drank anything.

In Damascus there was a certain disciple named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

He answered, "Yes, Lord."

The Lord instructed him, "Go to Judas' house on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias enter and put his hands on him to restore his sight."

Ananias countered, "Lord, I have heard many reports about this man. People say he has done horrible things to your holy people in Jerusalem. He's here with authority from the chief priests to arrest everyone who calls on your name."

The Lord replied, "Go! This man is the agent I have chosen to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites. I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

Ananias went to the house. He placed his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord sent me—Jesus, who appeared to you on the way as you were coming here. He sent me so that you could see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Instantly, flakes fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. After eating, he regained his strength.

He stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days. Right away, he began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. "He is God's Son," he declared.

Everyone who heard him was baffled. They questioned each other, "Isn't he the one who was wreaking havoc among those in Jerusalem who called on this name? Hadn't he come here to take those same people as prisoners to the chief priests?"

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace”

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: Virginia Payton
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 #577 UMH “God of Grace and God of Glory” 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. Elders 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

MUSICAL OFFERING “Gethsemane’ (Hoffman), Esther Shy

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 9:1-21 (CEB)

SERMON “SERVE JOYFULLY” - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

***RESPONSE HYMN #378 “Amazing Grace” vs. 1-3, 6**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***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**
I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things To your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, You are mine, and I am yours.

So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it also be made in heaven.
Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE “March” - J.S. Bach

**=please rise if you are able*
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. You can use the red books in front of you.
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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
June 22, 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:

