

Name _____

☐ First time guest

☐ Returning guest

☐ Interested in baptism or membership

☐ Member

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer opportunities:


- ☐ Be a part of our World Relief Good Neighbor Team that is assisting a family settling into the community.
- ☐ Help serve at Saturday meal site.

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:

- ☐ **Counters - Monday mornings, help take account of Sunday offering (Must be a member of the church in good standing for at least 6 months.)**
- ☐ **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.



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 29, 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.

Multi-generational Handbell Choir The summer bell choir practices every Sunday after worship at 10:45am. A.J. Pollock teaches the basics of bell ringing and guides the group through learning a few simple songs . 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.

Youth Trip Fundraiser On July 6th the youth will be holding a bake sale after church at 10:30am. They will also be having a car wash in the church parking lot at 12:00 noon later that afternoon. This fundraiser is to help raise funds for their upcoming mission trip to St. Louis later in the month.

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3th Sunday after Pentecost, June 29, 2025

Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God’s word. When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. They accused him, “You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!”

Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. “I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds. I heard a voice say, ‘Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!’ I responded, ‘Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ The voice from heaven spoke a second time, ‘Never consider unclean what God has made pure.’ This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man’s house. He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter. He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.’ When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. I remembered the Lord’s words: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God’s way?”

Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, “So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life.”

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Simple Gifts” -J. Carter

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgists: Charles & Simon Cooley

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 #2223 FWS “They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” vs. 1,3,4**

***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 “Offertory” (John Ness Beck) Marissa Elliott

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 11:1-18 (CEB)

SERMON “SERVE JOYFULLY” - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

***RESPONSE HYMN #593 “Here I Am, Lord”**

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**

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name and give thanks for the model of Peter, who showed us how to lead courageously. We give thanks for his courage to go to Cornelius despite the danger. We give thanks for Peter’s courage to learn, grow, and change with how the Spirit was leading while he was still anchored to the power of tradition. We give thanks for his courage to lead the Church in a new direction and stand up for what he believed to be right.

Empower us to use our voices, our resources, and our power on behalf of others. Strengthen us as we lead the Church courageously in new directions even as we are anchored in the tradition of those who came before. Help us to lead courageously as we form disciples for Christ. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE Postlude on “Gwalchmai” -G. Medlock

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
June 29, 2025

Your Name_____

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:

Prayers for people I know:

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☐ I do not have permission to publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

Prayers for myself:

