

Name _____

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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer opportunities:

- ☐ 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 8, 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.

We Care Gift Bags Today will be the day to deliver “We Care” gift bags to our senior members. If you would like to help with delivery, please find the labeled bags on the table in Epworth Hall after worship.

Bi-State Unity Pride Parade This Saturday, June 14, members of Two Rivers are invited to walk with the ACQC float at the Bi-State Unity Pride Parade. We will gather with the other congregations at 10:00 a.m. at the start of the parade in Davenport, walk in the parade to Schwiebert Park. Participants in the parade are encouraged to wear Royal Blue – as each church has a different color to wear.

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.

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June 8, 2025 – Pentecost Sunday

Acts 10:34-48

Peter said, “I really am learning that God doesn’t show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on everyone who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. They heard them speaking in other languages and praising God. Peter asked, “These people have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. Surely no one can stop them from being baptized with water, can they?” He directed that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited Peter to stay for several days.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “To God Be the Glory” -J. Scriveyner

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: David Martin
One: On the day of Pentecost, they were all together in one place, suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind fill the entire house where they were sitting
All: They saw what seemed like individual flames of fire alight on each of them. Thy were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak as the Spirit enabled them to speak.
One: The Holy Spirit drove the first disciples from the Upper Room and empowered them to boldly declare the mighty works of God
All: Some understood. Some mocked. But multitudes came to know the Gospel. May the power of the Spirit compel us today to speak boldly, act justly, and love radically.

***HYMN #544 UMH “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”**

***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 our lives. Do not allow our fire to go out. Alight in us renewed hope and help us to walk on your path.

<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 first of Pentecost. Amen

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER SONG #503 “Let It Breathe On Me”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

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 2:1-21, 38-47 (CEB)

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #632 “Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether”
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** (From UM Book of Worship)
God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that you have poured out on your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth; through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE “Postlude in C” - M. Thomas

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
June 8, 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:

**=please rise if you are able
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