

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 July 13, 2025

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom
Youth/Kids Sunday School - 10:45 am

Discipleship Schedule

NO BIBLE STUDY OR PRAYER GROUP IN THE MONTH OF JULY

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 This special 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.

Guest Wifi



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5th Sunday after Pentecost, July 13, 2025

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Now in light of all that, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you? Only this: to revere the Lord your God by walking in all his ways, by loving him, by serving the Lord your God with all your heart and being, and by keeping the Lord's commandments and his regulations that I'm commanding you right now. It's for your own good!

Clearly, the Lord owns the sky, the highest heavens, the earth, and everything in it. But the Lord adored your ancestors, loving them and choosing the descendants that followed them—you!—from all other people. That's how things still stand now. So circumcise your hearts and stop being so stubborn, because the Lord your God is the God of all gods and Lord of all lords, the great, mighty, and awesome God who doesn't play favorites and doesn't take bribes. He enacts justice for orphans and widows, and he loves immigrants, giving them food and clothing. That means you must also love immigrants because you were immigrants in Egypt. Revere the Lord your God, serve him, cling to him, swear by his name alone! He is your praise, and he is your God—the one who performed these great and awesome acts that you witnessed with your very own eyes. Your ancestors went down to Egypt with a total of seventy people, but now look! The Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the nighttime sky!

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Come, Thou Fount” - arr. C. Berry

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Deut. 12:1-13) **Liturgist: Judy Smiley**
One: Love the LORD your God and follow his instructions, his regulations, his case laws, and his commandments always. And remember the great things God has done.
All: The signs and acts he performed in the heart of Egyptian territory, against Egypt’s Pharaoh and all his land. The amazing things God did for us in the desert.
One: You have witnessed what God has done, so keep every part of God’s commandments.
All: We will love the LORD our God with all our heart and being. Amen

***HYMN #140 UMH “Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
All: God of laws and God of grace, you have given us your commandments so that we may know how to live as people of God. The Law shows us how to care for the widow, orphan, and stranger. We have failed to obey your commands to love our neighbor. You desire our clean hearts and upright actions, not just ritual and gestures. Restore us as a people and keep us faithful to your ways.
<Pause for silent confession and reflection>
One: Hear the good news: God gave us the Law and God invites us to repent and be restored. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
All: In the name of the law-giving God and by the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored. Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #347 UMH “Spirit Song” VS. 1

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

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

MUSICAL OFFERING “Precious Jesus” - J. Althouse
Olinda Gunther, mezzo soprano & Nancy Schwegler, piano

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 Deuteronomy 10:12-22 (CEB)

SERMON “The Calling of Deuteronomy: Obey” - Rev. Robb McCoy
RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #467 “Trust and Obey” vs. 1, 2, 4

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYER FOR THOSE GOING ON THE SERVICE TRIP TO SAINT LOUIS
***HYMN #2129 FWS “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**
(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**
Holy and Gracious God, we hear your command and remember what you have done for us. We will remember that you delivered us from Egypt. We will remember that you provided for us in the Wilderness. We will remember that you gave us instructions on how to live with one another and how to serve you. We will remember the prophets who called us to repentance and spoke on behalf of the voiceless. We will remember your faithful love.
We will respond with our generosity, our commitment to justice, and our kindness and compassion. We hear you. We give thanks to you. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” -Beethoven

**=please rise if you are able*
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).
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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
July 13, 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:

