

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 20, 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.

August 3rd Worship at the Park On August 3 we will gather at Schwiebert Park at 10:30 a.m. with two other local churches for a special community worship service. Pastors Greg Hampton, Mason Parks, and Robb McCoy will create a program focused on community building and lifting up the connection between our churches. There will be more information in the coming weeks, but we are hoping to create a pot-luck picnic atmosphere, with a chance for people to get to know each other over food and conversation.

Guest Wifi



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6th Sunday after Pentecost, July 20, 2025

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

This commandment that I’m giving you right now is definitely not too difficult for you. It isn’t unreachable. It isn’t up in heaven somewhere so that you have to ask, “Who will go up for us to heaven and get it for us that we can hear it and do it?” Nor is it across the ocean somewhere so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the ocean for us and get it for us that we can hear it and do it?” Not at all! The word is very close to you. It’s in your mouth and in your heart, waiting for you to do it.

Look here! Today I’ve set before you life and what’s good versus death and what’s wrong. If you obey the LORD your God’s commandments that I’m commanding you right now by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments, his regulations, and his case laws, then you will live and thrive, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and so are misled, worshipping other gods and serving them, I’m telling you right now that you will definitely die. You will not prolong your life on the fertile land that you are crossing the Jordan River to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth as my witnesses against you right now: I have set life and death, blessing and curse before you. Now choose life—so that you and your descendants will live— by loving the LORD your God, by obeying his voice, and by clinging to him. That’s how you will survive and live long on the fertile land the LORD swore to give to your ancestors: to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “The Lord’s My Shepherd” - arr. C. Berry

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Deut. 28:1-6) **Liturgist:Ellie McCoy**
One: And it shall be, if you truly heed the voice of the LORD your God to keep and do all his commands that I charge you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All of these blessings will come upon you and overtake you when you heed the voice of the LORD your God.
All: Blessed be our towns and fields. Blessed be our fruit and soil. Blessed be our beasts and flocks. Blessed be our coming and going. Blessed be the name of the LORD, Amen.

***HYMN #419 UMH “I Am Thine O Lord” vs. 1, 2, 4**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
All: God of all Creation, you have given us a choice. There is a path of love, generosity and life. There is a path of selfishness, greed, and death. We have chosen the wrong path. Forgive us for building a society that rewards ignoring your justice and trampling your laws. Our help is not distant. It is not in the heavens or beyond the sea. Our help is in Christ, who by his grace can lead us to life.
<Pause for silent confession and reflection>

One: Hear the good news: God gave us the Law and God is 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 BY Harold Truitt, tenor

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 30: 11-20 (CEB)
SERMON “The Calling of Deuteronomy: Choose” - Rev. Robb McCoy
RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #354 “I Surrender All” vs. 1, 2, 4
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***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 “Fugue in G Minor” - J.S. Bach

**=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 20, 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:

