

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 6, 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.

Youth Trip Fundraiser Today 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 this afternoon. This fundraiser is to help raise funds for their upcoming mission trip to St. Louis later in the month.

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. **NOTE: No Rehearsal on July 6th.**

Guest Wifi



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4th Sunday after Pentecost, July 6, 2025

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Now these are the commandments, the regulations, and the case laws that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you to follow in the land you are entering to possess, so that you will fear the Lord your God by keeping all his regulations and his commandments that I am commanding you—both you and your sons and daughters—all the days of your life and so that you will lengthen your life. Listen to them, Israel! Follow them carefully so that things will go well for you and so that you will continue to multiply exactly as the Lord, your ancestors' God, promised you, in a land full of milk and honey.

Israel, listen! Our God is the Lord! Only the Lord!

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

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

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Deut. 32:1-4) Liturgist: Ellie McCoy
One: Heaven, pay attention and I will speak: Earth, listen to the words of my mouth. The Lord’s teaching will fall like raindrops; God’s speech will settle like dew - like gentle rains on grass... Give praise to our God!
All: God is our rock, his acts are perfection. No doubt about it, all his ways are right. He’s the faithful God, never deceiving. God is altogether righteous and true. Amen

***HYMN #454 UMH “Open My Eyes That I May See”**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
All: God of salvation and liberation, you saved us from captivity and command us to “hear.” We confess that too often, we refuse to listen. We allow the noise of the world and our own stubborn will to drown out your call to care for the orphans, widows, and strangers. You have commanded us to love you with our whole being, but our allegiance is divided. We follow many masters of our own creation. Forgive us for straying. Forgive our deaf ears. Write your commands on our hearts and help us to hear your voice calling us to love our neighbor and love you.

<Pause for silent confession and reflection>

One: Hear the good news: God is the God who brought you out of Egypt. God is the God who brought you out of slavery to sin and death. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
All: In the name of the liberating 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

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

MUSICAL OFFERING “How Great Thou Art” Mark Swessinger, baritone

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 6:1-9 (CEB)

SERMON “The Calling of Deuteronomy: Hear” - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HOLY COMMUNION 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.

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 “March No. 1” -J.S. Bach

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
July 6, 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
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).
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