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Change Makers Team

What is the Change Makers Team? This is a group that will meet to create a new mission statement, vision statement, and create SMART goals for our different ministry areas. This is a team that will help us assess who we are as a congregation, where we are positioned in the community, and where we want to go as we move toward our third century as a church.

Who is on the Change Makers Team? A few people have already said yes to being on the team. It is important that the team reflects the diversity that gathers each Sunday. We need new families and generational members; new ideas and seasoned leaders, immigrants and long-term residents, youth, parents, and grandparents.

What is the commitment? This will probably be a six-month process. We will start with a 4-5 hour meeting on a Saturday in November to name our core values. After this, we will probably not meet again until the new year. Then 5-6 one hour meetings will be the plan, but the group will shape the scope and schedule.

☐ I want to learn more. Please contact me so I can learn more about it. The best way to contact me is to:

☐ I'm in! I want to be on the Change Makers Team!



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 October 12, 2025

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom

Youth/Kids Sunday School - 10:45 am K-5 grade in the Nursery & 6-12 grade in the 3rd Floor Youth Room

Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am in Asbury Parlor

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.

Annual Charge Conference in Aledo, IL This year's Two Rivers UMC Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 12 at 1:30pm. Aledo United Methodist Church (301 N College Ave, Aledo, IL) will be the host church for our area this year. Everyone is invited to attend.

Guest Wifi



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18th Sunday after Pentecost, October 12, 2025

Psalms 82

God takes his stand in the divine council;

he gives judgment among the gods:

“How long will you judge unjustly

by granting favor to the wicked?

Give justice to the lowly and the orphan;

maintain the right of the poor and the destitute!

Rescue the lowly and the needy.

Deliver them from the power of the wicked!

They don't know; they don't understand;

they wander around in the dark.

All the earth's foundations shake.

I hereby declare, “You are gods,
children of the Most High—all of you!

But you will die like mortals;

you will fall down like any prince.”

Rise up, God! Judge the earth

because you hold all nations in your possession!

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” - J. Carter

GREETING

CALL TO CHANGE MAKING

One: Change making requires people to notice suffering and realize that things are not the way they are meant to be.

All: **Change starts with compassion.**

One: Jesus showed us that in this work we need help. We cannot do it on our own.

All: **Change happens with collaboration.**

One: We need a prophetic imagination to see a new way. We need to imagine new relationships, new techniques, and embrace the giftedness of each individual.

All: **Change happens through creativity.**

One: There are no shortcuts on the road. We need sustenance for the journey.

All: **Change happens when we are empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

One: This is more than a moment. This is a movement. God’s justice, peace, and shalom is not an ideal to chase. It is a promise to be upheld.

All: **Change is promised by God. May this time of worship inspire us to join in the promise.**

*HYMN #441 UMH “What Does the Lord Require” vs. 1-2, 4

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of all Creation, you are the one true judge over all. We are mortal ones who withhold justice for the lowly and the orphan. We fail to maintain the rights of the poor and destitute. We allow the lowly and the needy to be trampled by the power of the wicked. Withhold your anger and fulfill your promise of steadfast love. Forgive us for wandering in the dark even though you have provided a light to our path. Forgive us that we may live again.

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Hear the good news: Rise up and be made new. You seek forgiveness, and it is granted to us all. But we know, mortal ones, what God requires of us in response.

All: We are forgiven and freed to do justice, love mercy, and walk humanly with our God. Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #369 UMH “Blessed Assurance” 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, Open us up to your Word found in this psalm. As we read, listen, and sing, may it open our hearts and minds to the promise of God’s justice, and move us to a deeper devotion to your mission. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 82 (CEB)

ANTHEM Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir *(See screens to join in the refrain)*
“Psalm 82” - Hal Hopson

LECTIO DIVINA Mark 6:30-44 (CEB)

SERMON “A Promise to Make Change” by Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #87 “What Gift Can We Bring”

INVITATION TO CHANGE MAKING

*OFFERTORY “Let Us Be Makers” - See Screens
To the tune of #369 “Blessed Assurance”
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

All: We thank you God, for the blessed assurance of your steadfast love. While we are often paralyzed by fear or the overwhelming weight of it all, your love can free us. Thank you for the gifts that we share in this church and for the change you are calling us to make. Help us to articulate a vision for our community and a mission for our congregation. Continue to speak words of compassion, creativity, collaboration, and empowerment so that we, like Jesus, can make change in this world. Amen

DOXOLOGY to the tune of #369, “Blessed Assurance”
Praise to the Maker, the One who gives breath
Praise to Christ Jesus, who reigns over death.
Praise to the Spirit, our strength, and our friend.
Three-in-One present, world without end.

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Minuet In G” - Purcell/arr. C.H.T.

**=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
October 12, 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:
