

Name _____

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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Ways to Serve

HANGING OF THE GREENS NOV 23

- ☐ Come on Saturday, November 22 at 10am to prepare for Hanging of the Greens, setting up most of the decorations.
- ☐ **Bring a soup to share on November 23 after worship.**

OUTREACH

- ☐ Donate food and/or funds to Two Rivers Meal Site, Operation Safety Net and Little Free Pantry ministries.
- ☐ Volunteer on Saturdays at Meal Site, set up, serving, cleanup, or all of the above.

WORSHIP

- ☐ **Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- ☐ **Video** - Work the camera in balcony to improve YouTube video
- ☐ **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 November 9, 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.

Estate Planning During the Sunday School hour today in the Asbury Parlor, Theodore Frost, Executive Director of the United Methodist Foundation will be speaking on developing estate planning strategies for individuals to support the ministries of the church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this informational talk.

Confirmation Gathering Today from 2-5pm the Confirmation class will gather with other local church confirmation classes for a time of games, activities and learning. This gathering will take place at Christ UMC in East Moline (3801 7th Street, East Moline, IL)

Change Makers Team Meeting November 16 at 11:30 a.m., those who are a part of the ChangeMakers Team will meet for lunch in Epworth Hall. We will get to know each other and go over some more details and goals of the group. We will discuss what needs to be accomplished before our retreat on January 24. Pastor Robb will provide the lunch.

Guest Wifi



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22nd Sunday after Pentecost, November 9, 2025

Psalm 109:1-19, 29-31

God of my praise, don't keep quiet, because the mouths of wicked liars have opened up against me, talking about me with lying tongues. Hateful words surround me; they attack me for no reason. Instead of returning my love, they accuse me—but I am at prayer. They repay me evil for good, hatred in return for my love.

“Appoint a wicked person to be against this person,” they say, “an accuser to stand right next to him. When the sentence is passed, let him be found guilty—let his prayer be found sinful! Let his days be few; let someone else assume his position. Let his children become orphans; let his wife turn into a widow.

Let his children wander aimlessly, begging, driven out of their ruined homes. Let a creditor seize everything he owns; let strangers plunder his wealth. Let no one extend faithful love to him; let no one have mercy on his orphans. Let his descendants be eliminated; let their names be wiped out in just one generation!

Let his father's wrongdoing be remembered before the LORD; let his mother's sin never be wiped out. Let them be before the LORD always, and let God eliminate the very memory of them from the land.

All because this person didn't remember to demonstrate faithful love, but chased after the poor and needy—even the brokenhearted—with deadly intent! Since he loved to curse, let it come back on him! Since he didn't care much for blessing, let it be far away from him!

Since he wore curses like a coat, let them seep inside him like water, seep into his bones like oil! Let them be like the clothes he wears, like a belt that is always around him.”

Let my accusers be dressed in shame; let them wear their disgrace like a coat. But I will give great thanks to the LORD with my mouth; among a great crowd I will praise God! Because God stands right next to the needy, to save them from any who would condemn them.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDETwo Rivers Handbell Choir
“Seek Ye First” with Pachelbel’s Canon - Lafferty/arr. Hollander

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give to the winds your fears. Do not allow your doubt to win.
All: God hears our sighs and counts our tears. God shall lift our heads.
One: Let the waves, clouds, and storms pass by.
All: God clears them all away.
One: Let God be sovereign and choose to obey.
All: God will raise a wise and strong hand.
One: Let us, in life and death, declare.
All: That God will love us and guard us with care.

*HYMN #129 UMH “Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 31)

All: I take refuge in you, LORD. Please never let me be put to shame.
Rescue me by your righteousness. Listen close to me. Deliver me quickly. Be a rock that protects me, a strong fortress that saves me. Guide me and lead me for the sake of your good name. Get me out of this net that has been set for me. Be my protective fortress. My life is consumed with groaning. Strength fails me because of my suffering. Have mercy on me, LORD. I entrust my spirit into your hands.

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Hear the good news: God has revealed God’s faithful love to us. The LORD protects those who are faithful. We who wait on the LORD will be delivered.
All: We are forgiven and strengthened by Jesus Christ, our solid rock and firm foundation. Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #2164 FWS “Sanctuary”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEMTwo Rivers Sanctuary Choir
“I Prepare A Place” - arr. Roger Thornhill

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, as we read these words of life, make them be for us a lamp before our feet and a light unto our path. Amen.

THE PSALMPsalm 109:1-19, 29-31 (CEB)

SERMON“Vengeance Psalms: Woe to the Wicked” – Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #375 “There is a Balm in Gilead”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERTORY #87 UMH “What Gift Can We Bring”
All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering basin at the front as we sing

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (based on Psalm 109)
A God that is worthy of praise will not keep victims silenced.
A God that is worthy of praise will not reward lying tongues.
A God that is worthy of praise will not repay evil for good.

We will not be silent when the innocent are harmed.
We will not turn away when the poor and needy are harassed.
We will not sleep on the harm that is being done in the name of God.

Help us, LORD our God. Amplify our voices. Multiply our numbers.
Give courage to our hearts and make the wicked tremble,
Not because of our strength, but because of your righteousness.
We will not fear, because you God, stand next to the needy.
You will not allow us to fall. Amen.

DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Ride On in Majesty” - Dorothy Wells

**=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
November 9, 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:

