

Name _____

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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Ways to Serve

OUTREACH

- Donate monetary funds to our Hygiene Bag ministry. Write "Hygiene" on the memo line of your check or on your envelope.
- 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.
- Donate snacks for kids Sunday school class (goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, pretzels, etc.)

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.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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 February 15, 2026

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom
Advent Multi-generational Sunday School - 10:45 am in Fellowship Hall
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.

Ash Wednesday dinner & Service Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 18. We will be gathering here at Two Rivers with the congregation from Church of Peace UCC for a meal and our Ash Wednesday worship service. For the meal at 5:30, we would like to host a pancake dinner.

The Chosen Lenten Study The Chosen is a remarkable television series that has told the story of Jesus over five seasons. The fifth season includes 8 hour-long episodes that begin with Palm Sunday and end with the Last Supper. This Lent, you are invited to experience The Chosen together in six installments on Thursday evenings at 5:30 starting this week. We will begin with dinner, watch the episode while we eat, and then have a discussion afterwards. Episodes 7 and 8, which are entitled "The Last Supper, parts I and II" will be shown on Tuesday March 31 during Holy Week. The first four seasons are available to watch for free at <https://www.byutv.org/the-chosen> or on The Chosen app.

Change Makers Retreat February 22 from 12 - 4pm This will kick off the process of creating a new vision statement, mission statement, and ministry area goals for the church. It is an extended meeting that will set up the framework for the Changemaker Team to continue to meet this spring. It is hoped that the meeting will include participation from a wide diversity of people from the church. There are youth, long-time leaders, newer members included on the team. There will also be a Swahili translator to make sure there is input from the many African nationals that are a part of our congregation. Please contact Pastor Robb if you would like more information or would like to join the Team.

Guest Wifi



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February 15, 2026 - The sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Matthew 7:15-29

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you dressed like sheep, but inside they are vicious wolves. You will know them by their fruit. Do people get bunches of grapes from thorny weeds, or do they get figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, and every rotten tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit. And a rotten tree can't produce good fruit. Every tree that doesn't produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, you will know them by their fruit.

“Not everybody who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will get into the kingdom of heaven. Only those who do the will of my Father who is in heaven will enter. On the Judgment Day, many people will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name and expel demons in your name and do lots of miracles in your name?’ Then I'll tell them, ‘I've never known you. Get away from me, you people who do wrong.’

“Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It didn't fall because it was firmly set on bedrock. But everybody who hears these words of mine and doesn't put them into practice will be like a fool who built a house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It fell and was completely destroyed.”

When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching because he was teaching them like someone with authority and not like their legal experts.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “How Firm a Foundation” - arr. Eithun
Two Rivers Handbell Choir

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 127:1-2

One: Unless it is the LORD who builds the house, the builders work is pointless.

All: Unless it is the LORD who protects the city, the guard on duty is pointless.

One: It is pointless that you get up early and stay up late, eating the bread of hard labor

All: God gives sleep to those he loves.

***HYMN #391 UMH “O Happy Day” vs. 1-3**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Holy God, you call us to a way of life that is honest, humble, and rooted in love, yet we confess how often we fall short. You call us to quiet kindness, but we often crave attention for our good deeds. You tell us not to worry, yet we let anxiety shape our days more than trust in you. You command us to love our enemies, but we struggle to love even our neighbors. You invite us to build our lives on the firm foundation of your words, yet we build on the sinking sand of self-gratification. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts. Teach us again the way of Christ, that we may live with integrity, compassion, and joy in your kingdom.

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Shine with the grace of God.

All: We are forgiven through the grace of Christ. We will not be hidden. We will shine like a city on a hill. Amen

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER SONG #394 UMH “Something Beautiful”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

MUSICAL OFFERING “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” - Tom Trenney
Jon Hansen, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and our redeemer. Amen

SCRIPTURE – Matthew 7:15-29 (Common English Bible)

SERMON “Foundation” - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #2130 FWS “The Summons” vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***OFFERTORY #559 UMH “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” vs. 1, 2, 4**
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**

We believe in God who leads us to practical wisdom. We are not led to simply believe rightly. We are called to bear good fruit.

We believe that The Holy Spirit may give us discernment. In a world where would-be teachers and experts lead people into harm, we call upon the Spirit to help us see underneath the costumes people wear.

We call Christ Lord, not just out of placid acceptance, but with deep conviction and relationship. It is through Christ and in the Church that we will speak truth, resist the spiritual forces of wickedness, and heal the world.

We will build our lives on Christ’s words.

We accept that we are blessed. We will let our light shine. We live by the heart of the Law. We will seek true spirituality, not just showy religion.

We will not be judgmental, but we will use good judgment. We will walk through the narrow gate and build our lives on the firm foundation of the Word of Christ. Amen

DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE “Proclaim the Glory of the Lord” - arr. Ellen Banks Elwell

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

February 15, 2026

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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