

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 22,, 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.

Change Makers Retreat Today 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.

Two Rivers Readers Two Rivers Readers will meet tomorrow, Monday, **February 23** at 10 am in the back of the sanctuary to discuss the novel, *A Rooftop in Jerusalem* by Michael Kinnamon. All are invited to join the discussion.

The Chosen Lenten Study This Lent, you are invited to experience the fifth season of *The Chosen* together on **Thursday** evenings at 5:30. We will begin with dinner, watch an episode while we eat, and then have a discussion afterwards. The first four seasons are available to watch for free at <https://www.byutv.org/the-chosen> or on *The Chosen* app.

NAACP Community Day The annual Community Day celebration will take place on Saturday, **February 28** at noon at Second Baptist Church (919 6th Ave., Rock Island). The Rev. Dwight Ford will be the keynote speaker at this event which is hosted by the Rock Island County NAACP Religious Affairs Committee.

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February 22, 2026 - The first Sunday of Lent
Matthew 26:1-25

When Jesus finished speaking all these words, he said to his disciples, "You know that the Passover is two days from now. And the Human One will be handed over to be crucified."

Then the chief priests and elders of the people gathered in the courtyard of Caiaphas the high priest. They were plotting to arrest Jesus by cunning tricks and to kill him. But they agreed that it shouldn't happen during the feast so there wouldn't be an uproar among the people.

When Jesus was at Bethany visiting the house of Simon, who had a skin disease, a woman came to him with a vase made of alabaster containing very expensive perfume. She poured it on Jesus' head while he was sitting at dinner. Now when the disciples saw it they were angry and said, "Why this waste? This perfume could have been sold for a lot of money and given to the poor."

But Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said, "Why do you make trouble for the woman? She's done a good thing for me. You always have the poor with you, but you won't always have me. By pouring this perfume over my body she's prepared me to be buried. I tell you the truth that wherever in the whole world this good news is announced, what she's done will also be told in memory of her."

Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I turn Jesus over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. From that time on he was looking for an opportunity to turn him in.

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?"

He replied, "Go into the city, to a certain man, and say, 'The teacher says, "My time is near. I'm going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" The disciples did just as Jesus instructed them. They prepared the Passover.

That evening he took his place at the table with the twelve disciples. As they were eating he said, "I assure you that one of you will betray me."

Deeply saddened, each one said to him, "I'm not the one, am I, Lord?"

He replied, "The one who will betray me is the one who dips his hand with me into this bowl. The Human One goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One! It would have been better for him if he had never been born."

Now Judas, who would betray him, replied, "It's not me, is it, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You said it."

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” - arr. Carol Tornquist

GREETING

LENTEN REFLECTION “Lent” by Wilda Gafney

***HYMN #287 UMH “O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done”**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (adapted from a Prayer of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, seedbed.com)

All: O God, early in the morning I cry to you. Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on you; I cannot do this alone. In me there is darkness, but with you there is light; I am lonely, but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help; I am restless, but with you there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience. I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me. Speak to me in this moment. Breathe into me your words of life and grace.

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Through Christ we are restored to liberty. We are enabled to live now. We may stand before God and humanity as forgiven and freed.

All: Lord wherever this may lead us. Whatever this day may bring, your name be praised. Amen

***PASSING THE PEACE**

***THE DIMINISHING LIGHT**

One: Six candles lit, six candles extinguished for Lent. Today we extinguish the candle of anointing. For it was only the woman who understood what Jesus promised.

All: He said, “the Passover is two days from now. And the Human One will be handed over and crucified.”

One: Then the chief priests and elders gathered and decided that Jesus must die. The light of the world must be extinguished.

All: A woman anointed him with oil, pouring expensive fragrant oil on his head. The disciples objected, but still she persisted. Wherever the good news is announced.

One: She will be remembered, and from this moment, the shadow of the Cross grew ever darker.

All: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.”

PRAYER SONG #2275 FWS “Kyrie”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

ANTHEM “Create In Me” - arr. Joseph M. Martin, with Adele Shirkey, Flute

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: O God, your word is a lamp before my feet, and a light for my journey. As we venture into the darkness of Lent, may your light illumine our path. Amen

SCRIPTURE – Matthew 26:1-25 (Common English Bible)

SERMON “Predicted, Anointed, Betrayed” - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #203 UMH “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” vs. 1, 2, 4

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***OFFERTORY #163 UMH “Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know” v. 1-4**

All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering basin at the front as we sing

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Anointed One, as we journey toward the Cross this Lenten season, we look deep into the heart of betrayal, denial, and shame. It is not an easy road, yet we trust that hope remains. Even as the darkness creeps, the light still shines, and the darkness will not overcome it. For this, we give you thanks.

These are the things we offer—a longing for renewal, an honest reflection, a restatement of our priorities, and a desire to remain steadfast.

Receive also this gift of prayers, presence, and treasure. They are our sincere and humble response to the magnificent glory that you offer to us.

In Christ’s holy name, and with the sure and certain hope of Resurrection, we pray. Amen.

DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE “You Are My Hiding Place” - arr. Ellen Banks Elwell

**=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

February 22, 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:
