

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.

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 8, 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

(No Monday Bible Study on Feb. 2) 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 Volunteers Ash Wednesday is coming up on 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. To make this happen we will need a few volunteers to flip some jacks and grill some sausage links. Please let us know if you would like volunteer.

Atlas Examen Book Club The Examen book club at Atlas Collective has been rescheduled to February 10 at 5:30 pm. so you still have time to get and read Jacqui Lewis's book, *Fierce Love*. This is a powerful book by a revered pastor and public theologian. There is also a Pulpit Fiction interview with her from November, 2021. If you go to PulpitFiction.com and click the INTERVIEWS tab, scroll down to find it. Register for the book club at Atlas by scanning the QR code. On most phones, simply point your camera at it, and tap on the link that shows up.



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February 8, 2026 - The fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Matthew 7:1-14

Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. ²You'll receive the same judgment you give. Whatever you deal out will be dealt out to you. ³Why do you see the splinter that's in your brother's or sister's eye, but don't notice the log in your own eye? ⁴How can you say to your brother or sister, 'Let me take the splinter out of your eye,' when there's a log in your eye? ⁵You deceive yourself! First take the log out of your eye, and then you'll see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother's or sister's eye. ⁶Don't give holy things to dogs, and don't throw your pearls in front of pigs. They will stomp on the pearls, then turn around and attack you.

⁷"Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door is opened. ⁹Who among you will give your children a stone when they ask for bread? ¹⁰Or give them a snake when they ask for fish? ¹¹If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him. ¹²Therefore, you should treat people in the same way that you want people to treat you; this is the Law and the Prophets.

¹³"Go in through the narrow gate. The gate that leads to destruction is broad and the road wide, so many people enter through it. ¹⁴But the gate that leads to life is narrow and the road difficult, so few people find it.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" - arr. Elwell

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 143:1-2, 7-8

One: Listen to my prayer, LORD. Because of your faithfulness, hear my requests for mercy.

All: Because of your faithfulness, answer me.

One: Please don't bring your servant to judgment, because no living thing is righteous before you.

All: Lord quickly, my breath is fading. Don't hide your face from me. Or I'll be like those going down to the Pit.

One: Tell me about your faithful love come morning time because I trust you.

All: Deliver me from my enemies, LORD! I seek protection from you. Show me the way to go because I offer my life to you.

***HYMN #131 "We Gather Together"**

*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

CHORAL ANTHEM "Follow Me" - Russell Nagy

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 7:1-14 (Common English Bible)

SERMON "Wisdom" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #557 "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

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** (which shares an ending with Prayer of St. Francis)

I will pursue God's Wisdom.

I will examine my own eye before pointing out the flaws of another, yet I will not turn a blind eye to injustice and suffering.

I will not deceive myself into thinking that I have all the answers, but will trust when the Spirit moves me to speak or act.

I will knock on doors that lead to new opportunities, new relationships, and new perspectives.

I will search for wisdom in prayer, Scripture, service, and worship.

With God's help and in Christ's mercy, I will seek the narrow gate. It is the gate of grace, forgiveness, nonviolence, and justice that leads to life.

I will not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" - Handel

**=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 8, 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:
