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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

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Learn more about ways to help:

Worship

- Ushers needed on the fourth Sunday of the month
- Learn about slide changing and audio

Community Meal

- Preparing food
- Greeting
- Server

Administration

- Staff-Parish Team
- Groundskeeping
- Office help

Evangelism Events

- Pet Fest
- Rally Day
- Camp Milan Picnic

Youth Mission Retreat (June 29-Jul 2)

- Chaperone
- Transportation
- Food preparation



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 May 24, 2026

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am Asbury Parlor
Kids & Youth Sunday School - 10:45 am 3rd floor
Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am 1st floor

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.

Peace with Justice Sunday May 31 Gifts on Peace with Justice Sunday fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally. A special Peace with Justice offering envelope will be available in your Sunday bulletin on May 31st. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

We Care Gift Bags Sunday, June 7 will be the day our "We Care" gift bags for our senior shut-in members will be ready for delivery. If anyone wishes to make a monetary contribution to this worthy cause, please send your contribution to the church office by May 31 and designate that it's for the "We Care" gift bags. Once again, volunteers will be needed to help with the delivery of these gift bags. If you would like to help with delivery, please call or leave a message at the church office: 309-788-9384

Guest Wifi



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May 24, 2026 - **Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-20

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young will see visions.
Your elders will dream dreams.
Even upon my servants, men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.
The sun will be changed into darkness,
and the moon will be changed into blood,
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.*

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Hymn of Promise” - Natalie Sleeth

GREETING

CALL TO WISDOM

One: Lady Wisdom calls from the city gate. Her voice rings out over the noise of the chaos and the seduction of the wicked.

<bell>

One: She calls the curious and the weary, the young and the old, the bold and the unsure. From her lips come what is right. Her mouth utters truth.

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One: From the heights of the path she cries out, “Let us unite the pair so long disjoined, knowledge and vital piety.”

<bell>

All: Lady Wisdom, we rise to you meet you here. We will listen to the sound of your voice and sing praise to the Spirit who calls.

<bell>

***HYMN #420 Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Fire and Wind, on this Pentecost Sunday the Holy Spirit filled the room where the apostles gathered. They were alight with fire and wind swept them into the public space. There, you gave them the miracle of communication, enabling the good news to be shared with all. Today, it is too easy to stay in our locked spaces. We douse the fire of the Spirit with fear and anxiety. We stifle chances to share your love. Free us from our fear and forgive us of our sin so we may joyfully share the good news. Empower us to leave our comfortable places, and the vision to see a grander plan for your Kingdom.

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Listen, God’s people, “Your young will see visions and your old will dream dreams. Upon God’s servants, men and women, the Spirit will be poured out, and they will prophesy.

All: The Spirit of forgiveness and grace is poured out for us. The day of the LORD is upon us, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER SONG #2056 FWS “God is So Good”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING “I Want To Be Like Jesus/Lord, Be Glorified” - arr. Tom Fettke Mark Swessinger, baritone and Tamara Baugh, Soprano

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

CHILDREN’S TIME “God’s Dream” by Bishop Desmond Tutu

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, illuminate these words of Scripture so that we may know Wisdom. Reveal to us your prophetic vision and your dream of peace.

SCRIPTURE - Acts 2:1-20 (Common English Bible)

SERMON *The gift of the Spirit* - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

CONFIRMATION

RESPONSE SONG #2129 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***OFFERTORY #404 UMH “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” (v. 1-2)**

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

God of Fire and Wind, blow your Spirit over the embers of our hearts and ignite in us a passion for the good news of Jesus Christ. Fan the flames of our faith, that we may burn for justice, compassion, and steadfast love.

We thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit that gives us grace beyond our understanding and abilities beyond our capacity. Your Holy Spirit empowers us to dream and cast visions. It bears fruit of joy, compassion, generosity, encouragement, and love.

The gift we bring reflects our thankful hearts. You have already given us so much. We receive your gifts with joy. Now we present these gifts to you so that you can use them and multiply them. Use these gifts, our hearts, and whole lives so that your Kingdom will be made known to the ends of the earth.

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE “Echoes of Praise” - Gerald Peterson

**=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

May 24, 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:
