

Name _____

☐ First time guest

☐ Returning guest

☐ Interested in baptism or membership

☐ Member

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

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



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 31, 2026

Adult Multicultural 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 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 is available in your bulletin. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Adult Multicultural Sunday School Pastor Robb will start a Sunday school class for adults interested in membership at Two Rivers United Methodist Church. This will include African nationals who want to learn more about our congregation and get to know more people. We have a few translation devices available to help this process. We also hope to have a few people who can translate. These conversations will be difficult, but hopefully a great way to make connections within our congregation.

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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Proverbs 2:1-10

My son, accept my words
and store up my commands.
Turn your ear toward wisdom,
and stretch your mind toward understanding.
Call out for insight,
and cry aloud for understanding.
Seek it like silver;
search for it like hidden treasure.
Then you will understand the fear of the Lord,
and discover the knowledge of God.
The Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
He reserves ability for those with integrity.
He is a shield for those who live a blameless life.
He protects the paths of justice
and guards the way of those who are loyal to him.
Then you will understand righteousness and justice,
as well as integrity, every good course.
Wisdom will enter your mind,
and knowledge will fill you with delight.

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

What do workers gain from all their hard work? I have observed the task that God has given human beings. God has made everything fitting in its time, but has also placed eternity in their hearts, without enabling them to discover what God has done from beginning to end.

I know that there’s nothing better for them but to enjoy themselves and do what’s good while they live. Moreover, this is the gift of God: that all people should eat, drink, and enjoy the results of their hard work. I know that whatever God does will last forever; it’s impossible to add to it or take away from it. God has done this so that people are reverent before him. Whatever happens has already happened, and whatever will happen has already happened before. And God looks after what is driven away.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Hymn of Promise” - John Carter

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.

<bell>

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 #145 UMH “Morning Has Broken”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Grace, before the beginning of the earth, Wisdom with there. When there was depth, Wisdom was brought forth. Lady Wisdom stands at the city gate, calling upon people to understand. You plead with us to learn prudence, acquire intelligence, to seek justice and avoid arrogance. Yet in our folly we listen to the noise of the world. Instead of searching with awe and wonder, we claim to find answers in our own effort. We build idols of certainty and claim authority we do not have. Forgive us for our arrogance and restore in us humble, childlike hearts. Help us to ponder instead of proclaim. Help us to wonder instead of answer. Help our faith grow through your grace.

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 #420 UMH “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” vs. 1 & 3

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into emptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING “Amazing Grace - My Chains Are Gone” - Esther Shy

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

CHILDREN’S TIME “What’s God Like” by Rachel Held Evans

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 - Prov. 2:1-10 & Ecc 3:9-15 (Common English Bible)

SERMON *Awe and Wonder* - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE SONG #77 UMH “How Great Thou Art” vs. 1-2

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERTORY #404 UMH “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” (v. 1)
All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering basin at the front as we sing

TUMAINI CHOIR

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of Grace, before the beginning of the earth, Wisdom was there, and we can hear her calling. Before us are set the paths of wisdom and folly, and we thank you for guiding us to wisdom. We wander. We search. We question, and while we may not always get answers, we often find something much deeper - your heart.

We thank you for the joy of searching, and for your presence on our journey. Your gifts of wisdom, awe, and wonder are the truest gifts we can receive. We bring you this gift not as a price paid, but as a response to your love and grace. Amen

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

**=please rise if you are able*

POSTLUDE “Ride On in Majesty” - D. Wells

*UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).
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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK May 31, 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:
