

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 June 14, 2026

Swahili Sunday School - 10:45 am Asbury Parlor
Kids & Youth Sunday School - 10:45 am Nursery
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.

Special Summer Handbell Choir Today, June 14 AJ Pollock will be directing a special summer handbell choir. Rehearsals will begin at 10:45am after worship. No experience necessary. If you have ever wanted to learn an instrument, the handbell is an easy one to pick up. If you can count to four you're halfway there. AJ will guide and assist you in mastering the rest. The choir will rehearsal every Sunday throughout the summer perfecting one piece of music and perform it during worship sometime in August.

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Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, 27:9, 27:17, 27:6

Friends love all the time,
and kinsfolk are born for times of trouble.

There are persons for companionship,
but then there are friends who are more loyal than family.

Oil and incense make the heart glad,
and the sweetness of friends comes from their advice.

As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens a friend.

Trustworthy are the bruises of a friend;
excessive are the kisses of an enemy.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their hard work. If either should fall, one can pick up the other. But how miserable are those who fall and don't have a companion to help them up! Also, if two lie down together, they can stay warm. But how can anyone stay warm alone? Also, one can be overpowered, but two together can put up resistance. A three-ply cord doesn't easily snap.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Simple Gifts” - J. 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 #557 UMH “Blest Be the Tie the Binds”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord, we know that a braided cord is stronger than a single strand, and yet we often rely on our own strength. Forgive us for the ways that we isolate ourselves. Vulnerability is difficult. Intimacy is frightening. People who are not careful with our hearts create wounds that scar over with barriers. Soften our hearts and tear down our walls. Lead us to deeper connection with others. Help us to be careful with others. Remind us to handle others with care for they have been wounded, too. Keep us watchful for friends, neighbors, and strangers who have fallen. Empower us to pick them back up and give us the courage to seek help when it is needed.

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

**=please rise if you are able*

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING Jon Hansen

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

CHILDREN’S TIME “Corduroy” by Don Freeman

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. 17:17, 18:24, 27:9, 27:17, 27:6 & Ecc. 4:9-12 (CEB)

SERMON *Companionship* - Guest Preacher Mark Swessinger

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #2223 FWS “They’ll Know We are Christians By Your Love”

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, like Corduroy, most of us have a missing button or a flaw we wish would be fixed. We search for ways to feel whole, but you pick us up and love us just the way we are. Thank you for calling us to bonds of friendship. We know this world can be a lonely place, but with the help of friends, a church, and your Spirit, we can find our way. We offer this gift to you now as a sign of gratitude for all that you have given us. Use it for your glory, so more may find the ties that bind. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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 June 14, 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:
