

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



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 28, 2026

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

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.

QC Mission Youth Retreat Canceled Unfortunately, due to low registration the June 29 - July 2 QC Mission youth retreat had to be canceled. Thank you to those who offered to volunteer for this event.

Two Rivers Summer Picnic Mark your calendars! We will be having a summer picnic at Camp Milan on **Sunday, July 12** . Invite friends and family to join us for a great day of food, fun and fellowship. More details to come.

Guest Wifi



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Proverbs 3:13-20, 27-35, 12:20

Happy are those who find wisdom and those who gain understanding.
Her profit is better than silver, and her gain better than gold.
Her value exceeds pearls; all you desire can't compare with her.
In her right hand is a long life; in her left are wealth and honor.
Her ways are pleasant; all her paths are peaceful.
She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who hold her tight are happy.
The Lord laid the foundations of the earth with wisdom, establishing the heavens with understanding.
With his knowledge, the watery depths burst open, and the skies drop dew.

Don't withhold good from someone who deserves it, when it is in your power to do so.
Don't say to your neighbor, "Go and come back; I'll give it to you tomorrow," when you have it.
Don't plan to harm your neighbor who trusts and lives near you.
Don't accuse anyone without reason, when they haven't harmed you.
Don't envy violent people or choose any of their ways.
Devious people are detestable to the Lord, but the virtuous are his close friends.
The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous.
He mocks mockers, but he shows favor to the humble.
The wise gain respect, but fools receive shame.

Deceit is in the heart of those who plan evil,
but there is joy for those who advise peace.

Ecclesiastes 4:1-6

When I next observed all the oppressions that take place under the sun, I saw the tears of the oppressed—and they have no one to comfort them. Their oppressors wield power—but they have no one to comfort them. So I declare that the dead, who have already died, are more fortunate than the living, who are still alive. But happier than both are those who have never existed, who haven't witnessed the terrible things that happen under the sun.

I also observed that people work hard and become good at what they do only out of mutual envy. This too is pointless, just wind chasing.

Fools fold their hands and eat their own flesh.
But better is resting with one handful
than working hard for two fistfuls and chasing after wind.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Prelude on “Savannah”” - R. Anderson

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>

MUSICAL OFFERING “Classic Sonatina 1st Movement” Simon Cooley, piano

*HYMN #666 UMH “Shalom To You”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lady Wisdom calls us to peacemaking that is built into our character. Peace is achieved through integrity, gentleness, patience, self-control, and humility. The way of Wisdom includes seeking the good for others, and seeing the good in others. Folly leads to irrational anger, unbalanced retribution, rash decisions, and bitterness. Lying lips are an abomination, and arrogance prevents apologies and repentance. Forgive us for being drawn to folly, and restore us to the way of wisdom. Strengthen us for the difficult task of peacemaking.

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

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).

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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 “Let There Be Peace on Earth” - Miller/Jackson
Charles and Oliver Cooley accompanied by Nancy Schwegler, piano

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

CHILDREN’S TIME “The Story of Ferdinand” by Munro Leaf

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. 3:13-20, 27-35 and 12:20 and Ecc. 4:1-6 (CEB)

SERMON The Wisdom of Peace Making - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #2172 FWS “We Are Called”

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT AND 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

God of peace, we give you thanks for Ferdinand, whose strength was not in his gargantuan bulk or fearsome horns, but in his courage to be himself. Like him, we have the strength to resist evil and end cycles of violence. We give you thanks for cork trees, restful sabbath, and the beautiful aroma of flowers. We give you thanks for peace makers, who do not provoke with spears or profit from violence; but are wise enough to know the source of true happiness. May our gratitude for your goodness overflow into generosity toward all. Bless this gift and the peaceful hearts that have brought it. Use it for your glory. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Postlude in C” - M. Thomas

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
June 28, 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:
