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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

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August Weeknight Study

Pastor Robb would like to offer a 5-week study using Marcus Borg's *Embracing an Adult Faith*, but there are other options as well. If you are interested in a short-term summer study, select which topic and which evening would work best for you.

Which night would be best?

- ☐ Monday
- ☐ Tuesday
- ☐ Wednesday
- ☐ Thursday

What topic is most interesting?

- ☐ World Religions
- ☐ Theology of LGBTQ inclusion
- ☐ Bible Basics
- ☐ *Embracing an Adult Faith*, by Borg



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 July 5, 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.

Two Rivers Summer Picnic Join us next Sunday, July 12th from 4 - 7pm for a wonderful outdoor picnic at Camp Milan (1328 127th Avenue, Milan) The church will provide meat, drinks, and ice cream for all guests. Participants are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. While plates and utensils will be available, bringing your own place settings would be greatly appreciated. There will be games and activities for all ages. This is a great opportunity to introduce friends and family to our Two Rivers Church community.

Young Adult Pie Day! Wednesdays at 5:30 pm All young adults (roughly 18-25) are invited to the Village Inn in Moline (2001 1st Street A) for a time of fellowship and short Bible study with Pastor Robb. Invite friends that might be interested in discussing faith, sharing about life, and making good friends. The pie is on Robb!

Guest Wifi



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July 5, 2026

The sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 7:14-20; 9:7-12

When times are good, enjoy the good; when times are bad, consider: God has made the former as well as the latter so that people can't discover anything that will come to be after them.

¹⁵ I have seen everything in my pointless lifetime: the righteous person may die in spite of their righteousness; then again, the wicked may live long in spite of their wickedness. ¹⁶ Don't be too righteous or too wise, or you may be dumbfounded. ¹⁷ Don't be too wicked and don't be a fool, or you may die before your time. ¹⁸ It's good that you take hold of one of these without letting go of the other because the one who fears God will go forth with both.

¹⁹ Wisdom makes a wise person stronger than ten rulers who are in a city. ²⁰ Remember: there's no one on earth so righteous as to do good only and never make a mistake.



⁷ Go, eat your food joyfully and drink your wine happily because God has already accepted what you do. ⁸ Let your garments always be white; don't run short of oil for your head. ⁹ Enjoy life with your dearly loved spouse all the days of your pointless life that God gives you under the sun—all the days of your pointless life!—because that's your part to play in this life and in your hard work under the sun. ¹⁰ Whatever you are capable of doing, do with all your might because there's no work, thought, knowledge, or wisdom in the grave, which is where you are headed.

¹¹ I also observed under the sun that the race doesn't always go to the swift, nor the battle to the mighty, nor food to the wise, nor wealth to the intelligent, nor favor to the knowledgeable, because accidents can happen to anyone. ¹² People most definitely don't know when their time will come. Like fish tragically caught in a net or like birds trapped in a snare, so are human beings caught in a time of tragedy that suddenly falls to them.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Air and Variation” - Beethoven

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 #437 UMH “This is My Song”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lady Wisdom calls us to lamentation over injustice and anger toward oppression. Expressions of faith are not always joy and celebration. The spiritual forces of wickedness can cause us to lose faith. Forgive us when we feel defeated or turn a blind eye to the suffering of the world. Forgive us for the times we are blind to our own contributions to the terribleness around us. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and the courage to address the harm that we do. Grant us the grace to see the wounds that we can heal.
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

MUSICAL OFFERING “Softly and Tenderly” - arr. Dennis Light
Mark Swessinger, baritone

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

CHILDREN’S TIME “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day”
by Judith Viorst

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 - Ecclesiastes 7:14-20; 9:7-12 (CEB)

SERMON The Wisdom of Lamentation - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

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

*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 justice, we understand a story like Alexander's. When we have terrible, horrible, no good, very bad days, you are still with us. There are days when gum gets stuck in our hair and we feel squeezed out, picked on, or ignored. There are times when the horror is of our own making. There are days when accidents and misfortune pile up. And there are times when evil systems or wicked people do us harm. Through it all, you are there. Through it all, you give us courage to persist. Thank you for the many gifts in our lives. It is good to stop and consider them - even on terrible days. Especially on terrible days. We give you thanks and return this gift to you, even if we’d rather just run away to Australia . Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “March from Scipio” - Handel/arr. G. Blake

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
July 5, 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:

