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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Ministry Area Teams

We are trying to build Five Ministry Area Teams. Please mark down if you are interested in being a part of one, or any of these teams. These teams will be setting specific goals for their area.

- ☐ **ADMINISTRATION** : Property management, grounds keeping, endowment management, staff evaluations, offering counting, etc.
- ☐ **WORSHIP** : Music ministries, sermon series development, visual arts, sanctuary decor, audio/visual, Live Feed, translation devices.
- ☐ **SERVICE** : Meal site, advocacy programs, little free pantry, clothes drives, coat ministry.
- ☐ **CONNECTION** : Greeters and ushers, hospitality in worship, “We Care” gifts, visitation, grief care, letters to inactive members
- ☐ **DISCIPLESHIP** : Adult Bible studies, Sunday school, book club, youth ministry, baptism and member classes.



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 August 9, 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 Readers The Two Rivers Readers will gather again on Monday, August 10 at 2 pm to discuss the novel, *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides. This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is primarily a coming-of-age story and family saga that chronicles the effect of a mutated gene on three generations of a Greek family, causing momentous changes in the protagonist's life. The group meets in the back of the sanctuary with snacks provided. Their discussions are always insightful, challenging, and a lot of fun. They'd love to have you join them!

Weeknight Study An adult education night on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., on August 4, 11, 18, 25, and September 1. The topic will be Marcus Borg's “Embracing an Adult Faith.” This is a five-part study that has a paperback book and DVD portion. This is a chance to confront some big, and sometimes painful, questions about faith. What is salvation? Why does Jesus matter today? These are the kind of “keep me up at night” questions that we will dig into as a group. Participants do not need to purchase the book, but we can make a group order if you are interested. It is available on Cokesbury for \$17.99 and can be found used at various book sellers for closer to \$12.

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August 9, 2026
The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Isaiah 2:1-4

This is what Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

will be the highest of the mountains.

It will be lifted above the hills;

peoples will stream to it.

Many nations will go and say,

“Come, let's go up to the Lord's mountain,

to the house of Jacob's God

so that he may teach us his ways

and we may walk in God's paths.”

Instruction will come from Zion;

the Lord's word from Jerusalem.

God will judge between the nations,

and settle disputes of mighty nations.

Then they will beat their swords into iron plows

and their spears into pruning tools.

Nation will not take up sword against nation;

they will no longer learn how to make war.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho” - J. Carter

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Isaiah 1)

One: The curtain rises on Isaiah with the world in despair.

All: The prophet declares that God “has reared children and they turned against me!”

One: The overture plays, and it is a song of mourning.

All: “Doom! Sinful nation, people weighed down with crimes, evildoing offspring, corrupt children! They have abandoned the LORD”

One: The players take the stage, and the roles are clear. The conflict is building

All: “Your rulers are rebels... Everyone loves a bribe and pursues gifts. They don’t defend the orphan, and the widow’s cause never reaches them.”

One: But a voice of hope cries out. The spotlight finds our hero.

All: “Zion will be redeemed by justice, and those who change their lives by righteousness.”

*HYMN #144 UMH “This is My Father’s World”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: The Prophet Isaiah makes it clear that we have fallen short of God’s call upon our lives. Our leaders lack the will to do what is right. The powerful care only about profit, do not act justly, and use their influence to extract more power. The people suffer and turn to idols for distraction and a false sense of security. Forgive us for our complicit obedience in this unjust world. Help us to listen to the artists and the poets who tell stories of hope and sing songs of liberation. Send your Spirit of grace upon us. Sanctify this time of worship so that we may be transformed. Forgive us and prepare us for an eternal, meaningful, and grace-filled life.

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Thus says the Lord: “Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow.... All who change their lives will be redeemed.” In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #2193 FWS “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

PASTORAL PRAYER

**=please rise if you are able*
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).
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PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, speak through the Prophet Isaiah that your light may break upon us. Open our hearts to hear your promise of justice, mercy, and a world made new. Amen

SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 2:1-4 (CEB)

MUSICAL OFFERING "My House" (Minchin) sung by Marley Smith

SERMON *The Prophet of Hope: Ms. Honey* - 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 #2236 FWS “Gather Us In” (vs. 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

All: God of Justice and Compassion, we thank you for the Prophet Isaiah whose words help make a way in the wilderness. We thank you for stories and songs that enliven your gospel, and for the prophetic imagination of artists who help us see your Kingdom.

We thank you for children like Matilda, who are gifted with remarkable kindness, tremendous talent, and endless possibility. And we thank you teachers and prophets like Miss Honey, who speak powerful words of truth into our lives.

We thank you for this house that might not be much, but it’s enough for me. We know that we have a place in your house, a place of warmth, protection, and dreams for the future. There is nowhere we’d rather be, and so...

We offer you this gift as a sign of thanks for the stories that empower, the songs that inspire, and for the good news that is offered to all. Use this gift to strengthen this house of God, where there is room enough for all. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Fugue in C Major” - J.S. Bach

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
August 9, 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:
