Name _____

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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

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I want to learn more about

Connection ministries

- ❑ Translation Device Host
- ❑ Ushering
- ❑ Respite Care with UM Connection

Service ministries

- ❑ Community meal
- ❑ Operation Safety Net
- ❑ Respite Care with UM Connection

Discipleship ministries

- ❑ Adult Education
- ❑ Sunday school volunteer
- ❑ Lay Servant Ministries

Worship

- ❑ Liturgist
- ❑ Ushering
- ❑ Worship design (table decor)

Administration

- ❑ ChangeMakers Goal Setting
- ❑ Church Committees
- ❑ Office help

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 October 18, 2026

Adult Sunday School -10:45 am 1st floor classroom
Swahili Sunday School - 10:45 am Asbury Parlor 2nd Floor
Kids & Youth Choir and Sunday School - 10:30 am 3rd floor classrooms

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.

Adult Sunday School Fall Study The Adult Sunday School class is continuing their study of Adam Hamilton's "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics". Today's topic of discussion will be, 'Spiritual Maturity and Seeing Gray'. All are welcome to join this thought provoking study.

Youth Connect Mission Event The next Youth Connect gathering will be today from 3:30-5:30 at Riverside UMC in Moline. The gathering will focus on putting together the Student Kits for the Midwest Distribution Center. This mission-oriented gathering will include youth from many churches in the Quad Cities.

Guest Wifi

Online Giving

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TWO RIVERS CHURCH

A RECONCILING UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

October 18, 2026

The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy.

To the Thessalonians' church that is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to all of you.

We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.

Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you. We know this because our good news didn't come to you just in speech but also with power and the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know as well as we do what kind of people we were when we were with you, which was for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord when you accepted the message that came from the Holy Spirit with joy in spite of great suffering. As a result you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it. People tell us about what sort of welcome we had from you and how you turned to God from idols. As a result, you are serving the living and true God, and you are waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE Meditation on "How Great Thou Art" - John Carter

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96**
Responsive reading found on page 815 of the Red Hymnal
Sung Response:
The Lord Comes, the Lord comes, and all creation sings for joy.

***HYMN #547 UMH "O Church of God, United" vs. 1, 3, 4**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: **Faithful God, you call us to be your people, not as individuals but together. We confess that we are still becoming. Our faith grows tired, our hope wears thin, and our love keeps score. We tear down when you call us to build one another up. We hurry past the weary and stay quiet when courage is needed. We want to be holy without the hard work of belonging to one another. Forgive us. Mend what is broken in us and between us, and make us whole. In this time of silence, hear the prayers we cannot say aloud.**

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Hear the Good News: the One who calls us is faithful, and God will finish what God has begun in us. 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 #451 UMH "Be Thou My Vision"

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

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

ANTHEM "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (Raymond Haan) – Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen**

SCRIPTURE - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (CEB)

SERMON ***Becoming a Community of Faith, Hope and Love*** **- Mark Swessinger**

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #2236 FWS "Gather Us In"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***OFFERTORY #2223 FWS "They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love"**
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: **Faithful God, like Paul we give you thanks for this community. When we look around, we are inspired by our works of faith, our labor of love, and our steadfast hope in Jesus Christ. Your good news came to us not in words alone but in power, by the Holy Spirit. Others showed us the way, and now our lives are becoming an example for those who come after us. Like the church in Thessalonica, we turn from what is empty to serve you, the living and true God. As we offer these gifts, may our faith be seen in our work, our love in our labor, and our hope in our patience, so that the world knows we are Christians by our love. Amen.**

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE "Psalm 19" - Marcello/Schrader

**=please rise if you are able*
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).
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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
October 18, 2026

Your Name_____

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:

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Prayers for people I know:

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☐ I have permission to publish this prayer.

☐ I do not have permission to publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

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Prayers for myself:

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