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 25, 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, ''What would Jesus say to America?". All are welcome to join this thought provoking study.

Two Rivers Readers The Two Rivers Readers will gather tomorrow, Monday, October 26 at 10 am to discuss the Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *Angel Down* by Daniel Kraus. The group meets in the back of the sanctuary with snacks provided. Their discussions are always insightful, challenging, and a lot of fun.

Annual Charge Conference in Aledo, IL This year's Two Rivers UMC Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 1 at 1:30pm. Aledo United Methodist Church (301 N College Ave, Aledo, IL) will be the host church for our area this year. Everyone is invited to attend.

Guest Wifi

Online Giving

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TWO RIVERS CHURCH

A RECONCILING UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

October 25, 2026

The Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

As you yourselves know, brothers and sisters, our visit with you wasn't a waste of time. On the contrary, we had the courage through God to speak God's good news in spite of a lot of opposition, although we had already suffered and were publicly insulted in Philippi, as you know. Our appeal isn't based on false information, the wrong motives, or deception. Rather, we have been examined and approved by God to be trusted with the good news, and that's exactly how we speak. We aren't trying to please people, but we are trying to please God, who continues to examine our hearts. As you know, we never used flattery, and God is our witness that we didn't have greedy motives. We didn't ask for special treatment from people—not from you or from others— although we could have thrown our weight around as Christ's apostles. Instead, we were gentle with you like a nursing mother caring for her own children. We were glad to share not only God's good news with you but also our very lives because we cared for you so much. You remember, brothers and sisters, our efforts and hard work. We preached God's good news to you, while we worked night and day so we wouldn't be a burden on any of you. You and God are witnesses of how holy, just, and blameless we were toward you believers. Likewise, you know how we treated each of you like a father treats his own children. We appealed to you, encouraged you, and pleaded with you to live lives worthy of the God who is calling you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also thank God constantly for this: when you accepted God's word that you heard from us, you welcomed it for what it truly is. Instead of accepting it as a human message, you accepted it as God's message, and it continues to work in you who are believers.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Wherever I May Wander" (Sondra Tucker)
- Two Rivers Handbell Choir

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23**
Responsive reading found on page 754 of the Red Hymnal
Sung Response: #2
The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly..

*** HYMN #593 UMH "Here I Am, Lord"**

***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" vs 1

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.

**=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

ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Shepherd" (Thomas Matthews) – 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 2:1-13 (CEB)

SERMON *Becoming a Community of Courage and Care* - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #581 UMH "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***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 DEDICATION**
All: Creating God, you are knitting us together into a community of courage and care. We are inspired by Paul, whose leadership was not driven by greed or status, but who cared for his people as tenderly as a mother nurses her child. We do not seek prestige; we simply strive to be authentic bearers of your good news. Even when justice meets opposition and compassion is scoffed at, we are glad to share with the world not only your good news but our very lives. This is our commitment: we will preach the good news, we will work night and day for your kingdom, and we will be witnesses to all that is holy and just. We present these gifts as a sign of our commitment and a response to the sacred trust you have placed in us. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE "Psalm 19" - Marcello/Schrader

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
October 25, 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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