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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

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
- ☐ Office help
- ☐ Respite Care with UM Connection



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 September 27, 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.

ChangeMakers Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday We have created Five Ministry Areas that we need to come up with goals for. We will meeting again tomorrow, Monday, September 28th at 5:00 to continue our work on creating Strategic Goals for each ministry area: Administration, Worship, Connect, Service, Discipleship.

Kids Choir and Sunday School Immediately after worship this morning all kids and youth are invited to go up to the third floor to start what we hope will be an amazing year of music and learning. We'll start by singing some songs with Oliver Cooley and then learn about Jesus feeding 5000 by playing some games and do activities.

Adult Sunday School Fall Study Starting today the Adult Sunday School class will commence a 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 on Faith and Politics All are welcome to join this thought provoking study.

New Music Director For Two Rivers Please join us in welcoming our new Music Director, Maddie Baez.

Guest Wifi



Online Giving



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September 27, 2026

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Matthew 4:12-22

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said:

Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,

alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,

the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light, and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death.

From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!"

As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “God the Omnipotent” - Edward Broughton

GREETING

*OPENING REFRAIN #2274 FWS “Come, All You People” (repeat)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come all you people to praise your maker.
All: We are ready to worship. We are ready to be renewed.
One: Come, for Christ has given us a song to sing.
All: Our song rises to God on high.
One: Come and sing praise to God in Three persons, blessed Trinity.
All: Holy, Holy, Holy God who is, and was, and evermore shall be.
One: God is merciful and mighty. All of creation praises God’s name.
All: Earth, sky, and sea reveal God’s wonderful works. And so we rise to sing.

*HYMN #64 UMH “Holy, Holy, Holy” vs. 1, 2, 4

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy and Gracious God, we confess to you that we have not done what you require. You brought us out of oppression and into freedom. You led us through Wilderness and into fertile land. You sent leaders to guide us and your Son to redeem us. And yet have forgotten. We know what you require - a contrite heart, an honest assessment, and a sincere desire to do better. In this time of silence, speak to us as we listen for your verdict.

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: Hear the Good News. Jesus came to us while we were yet sinners and calls us all to reconciliation and peace. 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 #2128 FWS “Come and Find the Quiet Center” vs. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

INSTALLATION OF MUSIC DIRECTOR Maddie Baez

ANTHEM "Follow Me” (Carter) – Two Rivers 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 - Matthew 4:12-22 (CEB)

SERMON Serve: Fish for People - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #558 UMH “We Are The Church” vs. 1-3

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERTORY #2243 FWS “We All Are One In Mission” vs. 1-3
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: Holy God, you call us as you called those first fishermen — not only to follow, but to join your work of justice in the world. You draw us into a movement where nets are cast wide, where the vulnerable are lifted up, and where your mercy gathers all people in. So we offer this gift in thanksgiving, trusting that you will use it to mend what is broken, to strengthen those who serve, and to widen the reach of your compassion. Receive what we bring, and shape our hearts for the work of justice to which you call us. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL (sung refrain from UMH 772)

Call: We are planted by the ever-flowing streams of God’s justice and compassion.
Refrain: Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.
Call: Our vision is to be the church that helps bring new life, reconciliation, and peace.
Refrain: Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.
Call: We are called to serve others through mercy, advocacy, and community care.
Refrain: Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.
Call: We are called to connect with one another in loving-kindness, empathy, and inclusive belonging.
Refrain: Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.
Call: We are called to walk together in Christian discipleship as we grow in faith.
Spoken: With God’s help we serve with justice. We connect with loving kindness. We grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen

POSTLUDE “How Firm a Foundation” - Edward Broughton

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
September 27, 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:

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