Name _____

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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

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Advent Preparations

Our time of preparation for Christmas is just a few weeks away. There are some extra volunteer and growth opportunities.

- ❑ Print me a copy of the daily Advent devotional.
- ❑ Print me a Family Advent Calendar
- ❑ I will bring a soup to share after Hanging of the Greens.
- ❑ I want to help with Advent banner designs and special decorations.
- ❑ I want to be a part of the Christmas Eve service hospitality team.
- ❑ I will help with "Breakfast Church" on the Sunday after Christmas.

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 November 15, 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.

YouthConnect at Bethel Wesley UMC All Junior High and High School students are invited to join with other local UMC youth groups for an afternoon of activities at Bethel Wesley UMC in Moline from 2-4pm.

Hanging of the Greens Next Sunday we will gather after worship for our annual Hanging of the Greens. This is a joyful chance for our whole church family to work side-by-side as we transform the sanctuary for the Advent season. While the adults are decorating, the kids will have Sunday school and begin preparing for their Christmas program. Once the decorating is complete, everyone is invited downstairs to Epworth Hall for a pot-luck soup lunch. Bring a favorite soup to share if you're able, and enjoy warm food and good company as we begin this season of hope together.

Guest Wifi

Online Giving

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TWO RIVERS CHURCH

A RECONCILING UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

November 15, 2026

1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:11

Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about people who have died so that you won't mourn like others who don't have any hope. Since we believe that Jesus died and rose, so we also believe that God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus. What we are saying is a message from the Lord: we who are alive and still around at the Lord's coming definitely won't go ahead of those who have died. This is because the Lord himself will come down from heaven with the signal of a shout by the head angel and a blast on God's trumpet. First, those who are dead in Christ will rise. Then, we who are living and still around will be taken up together with them in the clouds to meet with the Lord in the air. That way we will always be with the Lord. So encourage each other with these words.

We don't need to write to you about the timing and dates, brothers and sisters. You know very well that the day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. When they are saying, "There is peace and security," at that time sudden destruction will attack them, like labor pains start with a pregnant woman, and they definitely won't escape. But you aren't in darkness, brothers and sisters, so the day won't catch you by surprise like a thief. All of you are children of light and children of the day. We don't belong to night or darkness. So then, let's not sleep like the others, but let's stay awake and stay sober. People who sleep sleep at night, and people who get drunk get drunk at night. Since we belong to the day, let's stay sober, wearing faithfulness and love as a piece of armor that protects our body and the hope of salvation as a helmet. God didn't intend for us to suffer his wrath but rather to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with him. So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Bwana Awabariki" (May God Grant You a Blessing) -arr. S. T. Nelson Two Rivers Handbell Choir

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 90**
Responsive reading found on page 809 of the Red Hymnal
Sung Response:
God, you are my refuge and my strength, a present help in trouble.

*** HYMN #160 UMH "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" vs. 1, 2, 5**

***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 "Keep Your Lamps" (Victor C. Johnson) – 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 4:13 - 5:11 (CEB)

SERMON *Becoming a Community of Light and Security* -Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #206 UMH "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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, we give you thanks that you are knitting us together into a community of security and light. The world cries "peace and security" while trusting in walls and weapons and violent expressions of force. We reject that false security, and we rejoice in the security you provide: a hope that holds even in our grief, and a love stronger than death. Clothe us in faith and love, and give us the hope of salvation as our helmet. Teach us to encourage one another and build each other up, so that together we may walk as children of light. Receive these gifts as an offering of our very selves, secure in the light and upheld in your strength. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE "The Joy of the Lord" - John F. Wilson

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK
November 15, 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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