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New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to serve

Saturday Meal Site opportunities to serve:

- Hosts: Someone who can greet guests and sit with them during the meal.
- Clean-up crew. Come around 12:00-1:30pm.
- Provide grocery bags and/or socks for Meal Site & Operation Safety Net

Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Greeter—Greet people at the West parking lot.
- Usher—Greet people as they come into the service. Help with offering and Communion.
- Video—Get behind the camera to make a video recording of the sermon.
- Editor—Take the footage of the worship series and edit into a video to be posted on youtube.
- Sound—Help with the sound board, making sure mic levels are correct during worship.
- Slides—Help switch the slides during the service.

September 5, 2021

Announcements

We are blessed by your presence, and pray that worship is meaningful for you. You are invited to note your attendance and mailing address on the blue attendance tear-off sheet found in each bulletin. This sheet may be left at your seat for the ushers to gather after service. We encourage family participation in worship. We can provide activity bags for children upon request. Please see an usher for more information. Ushers can also provide you with large print bulletins if needed. We extend a special welcome to you and trust you will experience God's presence today.

Sunday School Classes

Adult Sunday School Class @ 10:30am— Asbury Parlor and Zoom

Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Swahili Class Room

Children's Sunday School will resume in the fall

Church Fall Picnic and Movie Under the Stars Saturday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. at Camp Milan. We will grill hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring a dish to share if you wish, and enjoy the fellowship of eating outside under the covered pavilion. There will be games for all ages. Learn more about new ministries and small groups at Two Rivers. Stick around after dinner for a Movie Under the Stars. Bring a lawn chair (and bug spray) and we'll watch a family-friendly movie together on the big screen outside.

Discipleship Schedule Monday Noon Bible Study meets in-person in Epworth Hall and on Zoom. Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion Time continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID # for both is 961 006 728. All Zoom meetings can also be joined by phone simply by dial 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

Two Rivers Kids & Youth Two Rivers Kids and Youth will meet at Camp Milan on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30pm starting in August. Adult volunteers are needed to help supervise and/or provide a meal for the group. Kids and youth in need of rides should contact Pastor Robb by texting him (815-514-3779). New adult volunteers must have approved background checks.

Online Giving Option at TwoRiversUMC.org We have an easy and convenient way of giving online at Two Rivers Church through [Tithe.ly](https://www.givelify.com), a safe and secure giving platform that allows you to give one-time or recurring gifts! Go to TwoRiversUMC.org/donate or scan this QR Code with your smart phone camera and follow the steps to donate.



Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary
Password: TwoRivers2013
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September 5, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Ruth 2-4 (selected verses)

Now Naomi had a respected relative, a man of worth, through her husband from the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz... So [Ruth] went down to the threshing floor, and she did everything just as her mother-in-law had ordered. Boaz ate and drank, and he was in a good mood. He went over to lie down by the edge of the grain pile. Then she quietly approached, uncovered his legs, and lay down. During the middle of the night, the man shuddered and turned over—and there was a woman lying at his feet.

"Who are you?" he asked. She replied, "I'm Ruth your servant. Spread out your robe over your servant, because you are a redeemer."

"Now, although it's certainly true that I'm a redeemer, there's a redeemer who is a closer relative than I am. Stay the night. And in the morning, if he'll redeem you—good, let him redeem. But if he doesn't want to redeem you, then—as the LORD lives—I myself will redeem you. Lie down until the morning." So she lay at his feet until morning. Then she got up before one person could recognize another, for he had said, "No one should know that the woman came to the threshing floor." He said, "Bring the cloak that you have on and hold it out." She held it out, and he measured out six measures of barley and placed it upon her. Then she went into town.

[Later], Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there. Just then, the redeemer about whom Boaz had spoken was passing by. He said, "Sir, come over here and sit down." So he turned aside and sat down. Boaz said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has returned from the field of Moab, is selling the portion of the field that belonged to our brother Elimelech. I thought that I should let you know and say, 'Buy it, in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you won't redeem it, tell me so that I may know. There isn't anyone to redeem it except you, and I'm next in line after you."

He replied, "I will redeem it." Then Boaz said, "On the day when you buy the field from Naomi, you also buy Ruth the Moabite, the wife of the dead man, in order to preserve the dead man's name for his inheritance."

But the redeemer replied, "Then I can't redeem it for myself, without risking damage to my own inheritance. Redeem it for yourself. You can have my right of redemption, because I'm unable to act as redeemer." Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I've bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. And also Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, I've bought to be my wife, to preserve the dead man's name for his inheritance so that the name of the dead man might not be cut off from his brothers or from the gate of his hometown—today you are witnesses."

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. He was intimate with her, the LORD let her become pregnant, and she gave birth to a son. Naomi took the child and held him to her breast, and she became his guardian. The neighborhood women gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They called his name Obed. He became Jesse's father and David's grandfather.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude Edgar Crockett Trio

Greeting

UMM Scholarship Presentation

***Call to Worship**

One: Kindness matters. Let us remember the words of the Apostle Paul

All: Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others.

***Opening Hymn #526 UHM "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" vs. 1 & 2**

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Holy and Gracious God, Paul reminded us to resist selfish purposes, to live in humility, and to watch out for the good of others before ourselves. Instead, we ignore the common good. We react in anger and bitterness to those with whom we disagree, and we fall into selfish habits of comfort, greed, and apathy. Forgive us for missing the mark of your love. Free us from what binds us to anger and fear. Empower us to live in your grace and love.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Hear the Good News: Christ died for the sake of love and rose in the power of love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Spirit Hymn #171 UHM "There's Just Something About That Name"

Pastoral Prayer

Special Musical Offering Edgar Crockett Trio

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
FWS - The Faith We Sing (black hymnal)
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, open our hearts to the story of your love. Open our minds to new ways of knowing you. Open our doors for all whom you would welcome. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Selected verses from Ruth 2-4 (CEB)

Sermon

Ruth & Boaz

- Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Holy Communion

UMH #15

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.

Response Hymn #2158 FWS

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" vs. 1 & 2

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: If 'Thank you' is the only prayer we ever say, it would be enough. Let us pause and reflect on the goodness of God.

(Pause for silent reflection and gratitude)

All: God of Ruth and Naomi, and God of kindness and friendship, we thank you. We thank you for the friendships in our lives that give us hope and courage. We thank you for the friendship we have in Christ Jesus, which is steadfast and endures forever. We thank you for the power you give us through your loving kindness. Help us to respond to all who we meet with the same love and joy. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #672 UMH**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" v. 1 no refrain

***Blessing and Dismissal**

Postlude

Edgar Crockett Trio

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PRAYER MINISTRY

NAME: _____

Who would you like to see this prayer?

- Pastor Only.** Only the pastor will see this prayer. He will most likely see it and be in prayer for it on Monday morning.
- Prayer Chain.** These prayers will be sent to those who have signed up for prayer chain email. They will also be prayed for by name only during our Wednesday online prayer service. Names only will be printed in newsletter if it is an ongoing need.

Please be in prayer for:

Please pray for this:

- For this week only.
- Until _____
- This is an ongoing need.

I am interested in being a part of the Prayer Chain:

Email: _____