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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 gloves 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.

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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 & Youth Sunday School @ 10:30am— Epworth Hall

Discipleship Schedule Monday Noon Bible Study meets in-person in Epworth Hall. 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.

Caring Tree Two Rivers Church has adopted three large families from Family Resources to help make their Christmas a little more bright. If you would like to purchase gifts for a family, one member of a family, or simply make a donation to the cause to help buy gift cards, please take a candy cane from the caring tree and fill out the back tag with your information and leave it in the basket. The suggested amount to spend per person is \$75-\$100. Gifts need to be unwrapped with the original tag attached and delivered to the church no later than Thursday December 16.

UM Student Sunday Today is United Methodist Student Day. It calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. Gifts on United Methodist Student Day support U.M. scholarships and the U.M. Student Loan Fund. United Methodist Student Day offering envelopes are available in today's bulletin for anyone wishing to donate. Thank you in advance for your gifts.

Wednesday Vespers Service Starting this Wednesday at 7pm, Pastor Robb will share a short vespers service. Vespers is the ancient tradition of evening prayer. The service will take place in the sanctuary. It will include a time of prayer and reflection, a Psalm song, a reading from our daily All the Good devotional, and Communion. The service should take between 30-40 minutes, and be over before 8:00. The theme for each week will follow along with our Advent themes of Prepare with Hope, Praying for Peace, Care with Joy, and Do in Love.

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary
Password: TwoRivers2013
www.TwoRiversUMC.org



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First Sunday of Advent



Psalm 51:1-2,6-7,11-12,15-19

1 Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!

Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

2 Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!

6 And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.

7 Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

11 Please don't throw me out of your presence; please don't take your holy spirit away from me.

12 Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit.

15 Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will proclaim your praise.

16 You don't want sacrifices.

If I gave an entirely burned offering, you wouldn't be pleased.

17 A broken spirit is my sacrifice, God.

You won't despise a heart, God, that is broken and crushed.

18 Do good things for Zion by your favor.

Rebuild Jerusalem's walls.

19 Then you will again want sacrifices of righteousness— entirely burned offerings and complete offerings.

Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Ready the Way of the Lord" - Hurd

Greeting

Presentation of Advent Candle and Chrismon Dick and Katie Lee

Advent Reading Luke 3:1-7

One: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,"

All: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Lighting the Candle of Hope and Hanging the Chrismon

Hymn 207 "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

One: Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!

All: For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.

One: Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,

All: And they shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.

*Opening Hymn #211 UMH "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1&2

*Prayer of Confession

All: O God of Love Eternal, you became flesh and descended into the world to redeem all people. We confess that we have not lived as redeemed people, but as frightened people. We have not loved our neighbor as ourself, and struggle even with loving ourselves. Prepare our hearts with hope, that we may see ourselves and each other as you see us—as wonderful gifts to the world, made in love and in the image of God.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: The Word became flesh and made its home among us. In the name of Eternal Christ of love and grace, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, born once and coming again, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #195 UMH "Send Your Word" 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.

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 Psalm 51:1-2, 6-7, 11-12, 15-19 (CEB)

Sermon All the Good: Prepare with Hope - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn #390 UHM "Forgive Us Our Sins as We Forgive" vs. 1 & 4

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: As we prepare for the coming of Christ, we are thankful for Christ already among us.

All: Holy and Gracious God, your redemption and love are the source of our hope. As we prepare for Christmas, help us to have a spirit of gratitude, that we may respond in generosity. We pause to reflect on our reasons for hope.

(Pause for Silent Reflection on Hope)

One: We will sing praises to your name, Most High. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #213 UMH "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" v. 1&4

*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" - Beethoven

* 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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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: _____