

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

- First time guest
- Returning guest
- Member
- Interested in membership or Baptism

### New Contact Information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Opportunities to serve

#### Random acts of kindness:

- Write a thank you note to your mail carrier.
- Volunteer to help with the Children's Sunday School class
- Pray for the people, leadership, and ministry of Two Rivers Church.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine and all the refugees of the world.

#### Saturday Meal Site opportunities to serve:

- Donate new or used household items to Operation Safety Net.
- Provide grocery bags 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.
- Tech Support -Video recording, editing, sound board and /or slides. Get behind the scenes and help create a meaningful worship experience for those in the sanctuary and those watching from home.

## March 6, 2022 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— All Classes Resume TODAY!**  
**Adult Sunday School Class @ 10:30am— Asbury Parlor**  
**Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Swahili Class Room**  
**Children & Youth Sunday School @ 10:30am—Epworth Hall**

**Discipleship Schedule** Starting this week, Monday Noon Bible Study will meet in-person in Epworth Hall. Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion Time continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID # for Wednesday is 961 006 728. The Zoom meeting 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.

**Adult Sunday School Class: Foundations** For the six weeks in Lent, the Adult Sunday school class will be led by Pastor Robb. Adults new to the church as well as long-time members are invited to this short-term study. Those interested in baptism or membership are encouraged to be a part of this group. We hope to welcome new members on Easter Sunday (April 17). The six week class will have sessions on: Church history, Bible Formation, Means of Grace, Sacraments in the United Methodist Church, The United Methodist Connection, and Issues Facing the UMC.

**Volunteers and Workers Needed** The Church is looking for volunteers to help with the Children's Sunday School class. We are also looking to hire 2 Nursery Attendance so we can once again provide childcare during worship and Sunday School. If you or someone you know would be interested in working with the children of the church please contact the church office.

**Two Rivers Choirs Are Back!** The Two Rivers Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals Starting on Wednesday, **March 9** at 6pm in the sanctuary. The long awaited return of the Sanctuary choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, **March 23** at 7:30pm. All those eager to get back to making a joyful noise to the Lord are encouraged to attend one or both of these rehearsals.

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



Donation QR Code

March 6, 2022  
First Sunday of Lent



### John 12:1-11 (CEB)

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" ( He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

Many Jews learned that he was there. They came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. The chief priests decided that they would kill Lazarus too. It was because of Lazarus that many of the Jews had deserted them and come to believe in Jesus.

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

Prelude "Into the Desert " - Stephan/Hart

Greeting

\*Call to Worship (adapted John 20:30-31)

One: Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples which are not written. But these are written [and told] so that you may come to believe

All: That Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

\*Hymn #420 UMH "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" vs. 1 & 4

\*Prayer of Confession

All: Heal us, Emmanuel, Hear our prayer. Our deeply wounded souls are in need of repair. We are wounded by alienation, isolation, apathy, and contempt. We are wounded by feeling forsaken and neglected. We are wounded by cries of the need, the fear of war, and the feeble security our labor and the world provides. Forgive us our sin and restore our relationships with our neighbor and with Creation. Help us to turn from paths that lead to desolation and despair. Guide us to your bosom. Hold us in your loving arms. Lead us beside the still waters so that we may know your peace.

*(Pause for silent reflection and confession)*

One: Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who knows the voice of his sheep, you are loved, restored, and forgiven.

All: We know the voice of our Good Shepherd, who calls us to love and restoration. We are forgiven. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #266 UMH "Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer" vs. 1

Pastoral Prayer

**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

John 12:1-11(CEB)

Sermon

"Mary anoints Jesus" - Rev. Robb McCoy

**RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

Holy Communion

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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.

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Holy Anointed One, As Mary poured herself out at your feet and washed them with pure oil, we pour out our thanks to you.

All: You so love the world that you show us the way to life. Even in your last week, while you were arrested, tried, and condemned, your love never failed. Your path never faltered. You are the Good Shepherd and you are the Lamb of God. We pour out our thanks and ponder the goodness of your path. We pause and reflect on the ways that we may abide with you in generosity and love.

*(pause for silent reflection and thanksgiving)*

\*Doxology #95 UMH

\*Blessing

\*Hymn #301 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" vs. 1 & 2

Postlude

"Gracious God" - Manibusan



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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 first name only during our Wednesday online prayer service.

Please be in prayer for:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

\* You are invited to stand as you are able.  
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