

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 a teacher, any teacher, even if you don't have a student in our life.
- Pray for the people, leadership, and ministry of Two Rivers Church.
- Pray for peace in the world.

Two Rivers Outreach Ministry opportunities:

- Donate new or used household items to Operation Safety Net.
- Provide grocery bags for Meal Site & Operation Safety Net
- Donate non-perishable food and hygiene products for our Little Free Pantry.

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.

May 15, 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 placed in the collection bowl at the front of the sanctuary 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

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

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

Pastor Robb will be away Monday through Friday this week. He will be traveling to Denver, CO to attend the Festival of Homiletics, a week long event that brings together outstanding preachers and professors of homiletics to inspire a discourse about preaching, worship and culture. We wish him safe travels and good times for the week.

Since Robb will be gone there will be no Monday Bible Study or Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion this week.

Methodist Men Meeting Methodist Men of Two Rivers will be having a meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 pm in Epworth Hall. The propose of this meeting is to connect and discuss on-going and future projects.

Fill the Wagon Sundays In June Two Rivers will be starting an initiative to supply our Little Free Pantry with much needed food and hygiene products. Therefore, the first Sunday of every month we will be asking the congregation to help fill a little wagon in the front of the sanctuary with items for the Little Free Pantry. If everyone picked up just 1 extra item each week during their grocery run just think of how well we could stock the pantry all month long! Pick up a list of suggested item today from the back table in sanctuary or on your way out in the west entrance.

May Madness Miles This is a reminder to turn in your miles for the week to the church office. You can email them to office@tworiversumc.org, or call the office at 309-788-9384, or write your miles on your attendance sheet each week.

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



Donation QR Code

May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Acts 17:16-31 (CEB)

While Paul waited for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to find that the city was flooded with idols. He began to interact with the Jews and Gentile God-worshippers in the synagogue. He also addressed whoever happened to be in the marketplace each day. Certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers engaged him in discussion too. Some said, "What an amateur! What's he trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods." (They said this because he was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) They took him into custody and brought him to the council on Mars Hill. "What is this new teaching? Can we learn what you are talking about? You've told us some strange things and we want to know what they mean." (They said this because all Athenians as well as the foreigners who live in Athens used to spend their time doing nothing but talking about or listening to the newest thing.)

Paul stood up in the middle of the council on Mars Hill and said, "People of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. As I was walking through town and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: 'To an unknown God.' What you worship as unknown, I now proclaim to you. God, who made the world and everything in it, is Lord of heaven and earth. He doesn't live in temples made with human hands. Nor is God served by human hands, as though he needed something, since he is the one who gives life, breath, and everything else. From one person God created every human nation to live on the whole earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands. God made the nations so they would seek him, perhaps even reach out to him and find him. In fact, God isn't far away from any of us. In God we live, move, and exist. As some of your own poets said, 'We are his offspring.'

"Therefore, as God's offspring, we have no need to imagine that the divine being is like a gold, silver, or stone image made by human skill and thought. God overlooks ignorance of these things in times past, but now directs everyone everywhere to change their hearts and lives. This is because God has set a day when he intends to judge the world justly by a man he has appointed. God has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

When they heard about the resurrection from the dead, some began to ridicule Paul. However, others said, "We'll hear from you about this again." At that, Paul left the council. Some people joined him and came to believe, including Dionysius, a member of the council on Mars Hill, a woman named Damaris, and several others.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "How Great is Our God" - Chris Tomlin

Greeting

Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen

All: Hallelujah

One: Christ is Risen

All: He is Risen indeed!

*Opening Hymn #77 UMH "How Great Thou Art" vs. 1 & 4

*Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, you disrupted the world with Resurrection. You robbed the Empire of its power and showed the world what love can do. Disrupt our lives with your grace. When we have fallen into patterns of sin, apathy, self-centeredness, or comfortable stagnation, disrupt our lives with forgiveness, power, and grace. Break through the darkness of our stubborn hearts and reveal to us the light of Christ. Show us the path of community, fellowship, and love.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Just when it seemed that the story was over, that Jesus was dead, buried and forgotten, Christ disrupted the story with Resurrection. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Resurrected One, you are forgiven.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #311 UMH "Now the Green Blade Riseth" vs. 1 & 4

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.

Musical Offering "All Praise to Thee" -Handel/Hopson
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

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 Acts 17:16-34(CEB)

Sermon Disruptions: Paul's Sermon Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn #121 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" vs. 1&4

Invitation to Discipleship

*Doxology #94 UMH

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Disruption is a chance to reassess. It is a chance to reset priorities and take stock of what is important.

All: We thank you God, for disrupting our lives with Resurrection. It is an event that we must respond to. We choose to respond with generosity. We respond with forgiveness. We respond with friendship and community. We will not let this moment pass us by. We will respond with love.

(Pause for silent reflection on how you may respond to Resurrection)

One: Amen

*Blessing

*Closing Hymn #312 UMH "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" vs. 1 & 2

Postlude "God of Wonders" - Hindalong/Byrd

* 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 first name only during our Wednesday online prayer service.

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: _____