

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:

- Make cards that say "you are special" and hand them out to people you don't know.
- 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.
- Donate non-perishable food, hygiene products and rain gear for our Little Free Pantry.

Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- Greeter**– Greet people at the West parking lot.
- 4th Sunday Usher**—Open the church for Sunday worship, make coffee, greet people as they come into the service, and 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 28, 2023 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 at the end of the 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.

Adult Sunday School—10:45 am in Asbury Parlor
Family Sunday School—10:45 am starts in Epworth Hall
Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class

Adult Sunday School The Adult Class study of the Book of Acts continues with Session 6, "This changes everything". Author Matthew Skinner helps us explore six key ways this book illustrates what is the work of the church and the challenges of living faithfully in a changing world. Come join us at 10:45 Sundays in Asbury Parlor.

Discipleship Schedule Our noon Monday Bible Study will not meet for the rest of May. We will resume meeting in-person in Epworth Hall on June 5th. Wednesday Prayer & Devotion Time will resume meeting again this next, May 31 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.

We Care Gift Bags Next Sunday, June 4 will be the day our "We Care" gift bags for our homebound members will be ready for delivery. If anyone still wishes to make a monetary contribution to this worthy cause, please do so today and designate that it's for the "We Care" gift bags. Once again, volunteers will be needed to help with the delivery of these gift bags. If you would like to help with delivery, please call or leave a message to: Judy Shryack at (309)798-9300.

Reconciling Conversations With the results of the straw poll being overwhelmingly in favor of joining the Reconciling Ministries Network, The final decision to join the RMN and approve our welcome statement will occur on Sunday, June 11 with an 11:00 a.m. vote. After consultations with other churches and leaders about joining Reconciling Ministries, it was decided that a congregational vote is most appropriate. This will not be an official Church Conference. This means that anyone who "Calls Two Rivers United Methodist Church their home congregation" will be allowed to participate.

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



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May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-4

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Romans 8:18-31

I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God's sons and daughters. Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.

In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will. We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose. We know this because God knew them in advance, and he decided in advance that they would be conformed to the image of his Son. That way his Son would be the first of many brothers and sisters. Those who God decided in advance would be conformed to his Son, he also called. Those whom he called, he also made righteous. Those whom he made righteous, he also glorified.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

May 28, 2023



PRELUDE "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit" - Bill & Gloria Gaither

GREETING

*MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE - See Screens

*OPENING HYMN #420 UMH "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist—Harold Truitt

All: God of fire and wind, we confess we have missed the movement of your Spirit in our lives and in your world. We have not been a Spirit-led church. We have not pursued your anointing or your sanctifying presence. We have not lived in holiness. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from bondage to life in the Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pause for silent reflection and confession

One: Hear the good news! All who believe in Jesus Christ will have streams of living water flowing from within, streams of refreshing and of power. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and empowered.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and empowered Hallelujah Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER HYMN #500 "Spirit of the Living God" 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.

ANTHEM "Come, Holy Spirit, Like the Wind" - Carter
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION -Grundy

Lyrics: *More Light, more truth
Is Breaking from your Word.
More Light, more truth.
Holy Spirit, help us hear what needs to be heard.*

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-4 & Romans 8:18-31 (CEB)

SERMON All the People: Nothing Can Separate Us - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN #557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERING HYMN #465 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"
(All are invited to place your offering in the offering container at the front of the sanctuary as we sing our offering hymn)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: God of wind and flame: set us on fire this morning as we celebrate the explosion of your Holy Spirit coming into the world on the Day of Pentecost! Remind us that the gift you gave that day was not just the gift to speak in different tongues, but also the gift of hearing and comprehension. May your Holy Spirit keep us attuned to the voices all around us, to those who need us to be bearers of your love and compassion, and may these gifts we give help us, through your church, meet those needs. In the holy name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Spirit Blowing Through Creation" - Haugen

* 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: _____