

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:

- Donate money or items to a local animal shelter.
- 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.

June 25, 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.

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class

Reconciling Sunday Please join us after worship for cake and refreshments to celebrate Two Rivers becoming a Reconciling congregation!

Discipleship Schedule Monday Bible Study meets in-person every week in Epworth Hall at noon. Wednesday Prayer & Devotion Time also continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom at noon every week. 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.

Youth Group at West Lake Two Rivers UMC Youth are invited to join in an afternoon of fun and swimming at West Lake in Davenport on June 29 from 12-4pm. Please register at tinyurl.com/TwoRiversSummer so that the group can plan accordingly.

John Deere Classis Birdies For Charity By using Birdie #2399 – Two Rivers UMC Camp Milan Retreat Center you can direct your pledge to Camp Milan. If you have ever been a guest at Camp Milan, you know what a special place it is. You also know that there are many ways that we can improve the quality of the facility and make sure that Camp Milan continues to thrive for years to come. Please pick up a pledge form located in the back of the sanctuary or in the West Entrance. **All pledges must be received by July 7.** After all the pledges are made, Birdies for Charity will then send us a check with all of the gifts with at least 5% added. So your \$100 gift to Birdies will come to Camp Milan as \$105. So please, consider supporting Camp Milan Meeting and Retreat Center.

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



Donation QR Code



June 25, 2023

Psalm 23

(Revised Standard Version)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
he makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

June 25, 2023



PRELUDE "The Shepherd of My Soul" - DeFord

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #2238 FWS "In the Midst of New Dimensions" vs. 1 & 3

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil for the Lord's rod and staff, they protect me.

All: Love leads us on paths of justice, but along this path hatred from the world casts long shadows. Movements toward justice, inclusion, and peace are often met with reactionary fear. So we lose heart. We tread paths of comfort instead. We try to avoid the valley for fear of the dark. Forgive us for seeking the easy way out. Strengthen our resolve. Help us to know that your rod is there to guide us. Your staff is there to protect us. Give us the courage to face the future unafraid, and guide us to the table of plenty that is before us if we but follow your love.

Pause for silent reflection and confession

One: Hear the good news! God is the Good Shepherd who will search for the sheep, even when they are lost. In Christ, you are forgiven.

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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SPOKEN WORD POETRY Poets from Young Lions Roar and QC Arts

PRAYER HYMN #358 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING "Brother James' Air" - James M.L. Bain/arr. J. Carter (The Lord's My Shepherd) Nancy Schwegler, piano

SPOKEN WORD POETRY Poets from Young Lions Roar and QC Arts

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 Psalm 23 (Revised Standard Version)

SERMON Love Guides with No Fear Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

REFLECTION and WELCOME TO RMN Siblings from the IGRC Adam Peters of Clock, Inc.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERING HYMN #2175 FWS "Together We Serve" vs. 4 (All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering container at the front of the sanctuary as we sing)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: O God our God, you are the good shepherd. You provide all that we need. You bring us to Sabbath rest and restore us to right relationship. You create space for peace to grow and empower us to work for justice. You guide us through difficult times and shed light upon our path. Thank you for pursuing us with goodness and mercy. Thank you for your eternal love. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

* 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: _____