

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 bottled water for the Little Free Pantry.
- Pray for the people, leadership, and ministry of Two Rivers Church.
- Pray for peace in the world.

#### Two Rivers Outreach Ministry opportunities:

- Attend New Members Luncheon as:
  - Someone wanting to join
  - Long-time member wanting to get to know the new people.
- 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.

### Welcome Statement



From the beginning of the Jesus movement, followers of Christ declared that there is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free, nor is there male and female. We, the people of Two Rivers United Methodist Church join in this movement of the Holy Spirit and declare that we celebrate the diversity of our neighborhood and the world.

We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual and affectional orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We believe that the body of Christ is more vital in its ministry when the whole diversity of the human family may enjoy full participation and leadership in the Church.

We welcome all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the Church and society, and acknowledge the pain caused by the exclusionary policies of the United Methodist Church. We will continue to work toward a more inclusive Church and invite you to join us in following Jesus Christ on the Way, marked by greater hospitality, kindness, justice, peace, understanding, and mutual respect.

### Announcements for July 2, 2023

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

**Discipleship Schedule** Monday Bible Study will not meet again until Monday, July 17 in Epworth Hall at noon. Wednesday Prayer & Devotion Time meets 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** Two Rivers UMC Youth will not meet this week. We wish all a happy and safe Independence Day!! For upcoming youth events please check out and register at [tinyurl.com/TwoRiversSummer](https://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.

**Worship at the Park** On Sunday, July 16, Two Rivers UMC will join with 3 other local congregations to have a special worship service at Schwiebert Park at 10:30am. All are invited to bring a lawn chair to the bandshell at Schwiebert Park for a time of worship.

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary  
Password: TwoRivers2013  
[www.TwoRiversUMC.org](http://www.TwoRiversUMC.org)



Donation QR Code



July 2, 2023

## Psalm 23 (The Message)

God, my shepherd!  
I don't need a thing.  
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,  
you find me quiet pools to drink from.  
True to your word,  
you let me catch my breath  
and send me in the right direction.  
Even when the way goes through  
Death Valley,  
I'm not afraid  
when you walk at my side.  
Your trusty shepherd's crook  
makes me feel secure.  
You serve me a six-course dinner  
right in front of my enemies.  
You revive my drooping head;  
my cup brims with blessing.  
Your beauty and love chase after me  
every day of my life.  
I'm back home in the house of God  
for the rest of my life.

# GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

July 2, 2023



PRELUDE "America the Beautiful" - Samuel Ward

GREETING

\*OPENING HYMN #616 UMH "Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast" vs. 1, 3, 4

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord, you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies and anoint my head with soothing oil.

All: My cup is overflowing, but I feel as if it is half empty, or worse. I see the table that is prepared, but do not want to sit and eat with my enemies. I would rather vanquish them. Forgive me for the failing to see the abundance in my life. Forgive me for wallowing in anger, despair, or fear instead of taking a seat at the table of grace. I see now that your table is set with bread and cup. Prepare my heart to receive your meal, even if my enemies go to the table with me.

*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

PRAYER HYMN #136 "The Lord's my Shepherd" vs. 4

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING "23rd Psalm" - Malotte  
*Marissa Elliot, soprano*

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 (The Message)

SERMON Love prepares a Table Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION Page 15 UMH

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC "Communion" - Mac Powell

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*OFFERING HYMN #188 UMH "Christ is the World's Light" vs. 1 & 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 "God Bless America" - Irving Berlin

\* 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:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_