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

New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to serve

Random acts of kindness:

- Do something nice for a neighbor this week.
- 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 and hygiene products to 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.
- 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 August 13, 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.

Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir: If you are interested in making beautiful music with good friends, consider being a part of our sanctuary choir or bell choir. No experience necessary. Choir rehearsals begin August 23rd and Bell Choir begins the next week on August 30th.

Confirmation class begins today at 10:30 a.m. Young people in grades 6th and up are invited to be a part of our Confirmation Class, which will last 20 weeks. Confirmation is a chance for youth to ask questions, express their doubt, explore their faith, and make a decision for Christ.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
8/13	Sarah McCoy	Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
8/20	Tamara Baugh	Dick & Kala Lee Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
8/27	Virginia Payton	Doug Stephens, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
9/3	Mark Swessinger	Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	Larry Dalton/
9/10	Charlotte Peterson	Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/

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James 1:16-18 (CEB)

Don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Day by Day" - Stephen Schwartz

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #92UMH "For the Beauty of the Earth" vs. 1, 3, 4 & 6

*PRAYER OF LAMENTATION Stephen Schwartz

All: When will thou save the people? O God of mercy when?
Not Kings and Lords, or nations. Not thrones and crowns, but men!
Flowers of thy heart, O God are they; Let them not pass, like weeds, away.
Their heritage a sunless day. God save the people
Shall crime bring crime forever. Strength aiding still the strong?
Is it thy will, o Father, that men shall toil for wrong? God save the people.

(Pause for silent reflection and lamentation)

One: "No" say thy mountains; "No" say thy skies; Man's clouded sun shall
brightly rise. And songs be heard instead of sighs

All: God save the people.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER HYMN #492 UMH "Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire" vs. 1 & 6

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.

HYMN #140 UMH "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Stephen Schwartz

All: Day by Day. Day by Day. Oh dear Lord, three things I pray. To see
thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly,
day by day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE James 1:16-18 (CEB)

SERMON *The Gospel According to Broadway: Godspell*
- Rev. Robb McCoy

MUSICAL OFFERING "All Good Gifts" - Godspell/Schwartz
Marissa Elliot, soprano

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERING HYMN #701 UMH "When We All Get to Heaven" vs. 1 & 3
*(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: God of song and dance, you are worthy of our worship and praise.
We thank you for showing us the way home. We thank you for guid-
ing us through tradition and upheaval. We are grateful for the good
gifts that you provide. Help us to listen to your still small voice. Thank
you for lighting in us a spark of creation that calls us to build, reach,
and find every last star. We will respond to your love by living every
minute of the year, all five hundred twenty five thousand, six hundred
of them, trying to love you, love one another, and love our selves.
Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "O Bless the Lord, my Soul" - Schwartz

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
FWS -The Faith We Sing (black hymnal)
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)

August 13, 2023



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: _____