

NAME: _____

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

New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to serve

What future sermon series idea sounds more interesting to you:

- "Do I Stay Christian?"** An exploration of faith and doubt. This will take a hard look at the difficulty of being a Christian, mistakes that have been made, and forging a way forward. Inspired by the book of the same name by Brian McLaren.
- "Cutting Edge"** A look at the leading edge of science, theology, and society. What are the implications of AI? How has the James Webb telescope changed our understanding?
- Other: _____


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:

- Sunday Usher**—Open the church for Sunday worship, make coffee, greet people as they come into the service, and help with offering and Communion.

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 27, 2023

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class Room
Confirmation Class—10:45 am in Asbury Parlor

Discipleship Schedule Monday Bible Study meets every Monday 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 Handbell Choir Come make music with us on Wednesday nights. Rehearsal for Bell Choir starts at 6pm and Sanctuary choir starts at 7:30pm.

Allied Youth Group Bowling The youth groups from Asbury UMC (Bettendorf), St. Johns Lutheran (Rock Island), and First Congregational UCC (Moline) will be coming together for a fun afternoon of bowling at Big River Bowling in Davenport today at 2pm. This will be a great way for all the youth to get to know one another and kick off the start of a wonderful new partnership.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
8/27	Virginia Payton	Doug Stephens, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
9/3	Ellie McCoy	Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	Larry Dalton/
9/10	Charlotte Peterson	Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
9/17		Dick & Kala Lee, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
9/24		Doug Stephens, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/

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Genesis 3:1-13 (CEB)

The snake was the most intelligent of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say that you shouldn't eat from any tree in the garden?"

The woman said to the snake, "We may eat the fruit of the garden's trees but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, 'Don't eat from it, and don't touch it, or you will die.'"

The snake said to the woman, "You won't die! God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

During that day's cool evening breeze, they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the Lord God in the middle of the garden's trees. The Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

The man replied, "I heard your sound in the garden; I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree, which I commanded you not to eat?"

The man said, "The woman you gave me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the woman, "What have you done?!" And the woman said, "The snake tricked me, and I ate."

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

August 27, 2023



PRELUDE "Your Words" - Mac Powell

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #314UMH "I Come to the Garden Alone"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from lyrics by Stephen Schwartz)

All: Oh God, in the beginning everything was perfect. And the night was perfect. And their dreams were perfect. And they woke with the dawn and smiled with a yawn at one another. And their love was perfect. And the day was perfect. And the next day was perfect. And the next day was perfect. And as the days went by, though she could not say why, she discovered... Beyond. I used to think it was the spark of creation. Was it just a defect in me? A flaw in my nature, and now look at what I've done. This wild inclination. Is it the spark of creation?

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Fare thee well my precious children. In your hands I place a key. To this prison made of gratitude, that has held you close to me. Now I know I cannot hold you. Till at last I let you be.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, the second Adam, we are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, the completion of Creation, we are free. Amen.

*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 (See Screens) "The Tree of Life" (tune #682 UMH)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, You placed the spark of creation in all of us. May your wind blow over the embers of our hearts. Kindle in us a fire for your children as we hear again the story of salvation.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 3:1-13 (CEB)

SERMON The Gospel According to Broadway: Children of Eden - Rev. Robb McCoy

MUSICAL OFFERING "The Spark of Creation" - Children of Eden/Schwartz Katherine Zerull, soloist

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 guiding 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 "How Great is Our God" - Chris Tomlin

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

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:

Four horizontal lines for writing names of people to pray 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: _____