

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:

- Thank a police officer for their service.
- 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 September 3, 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.

Adult Sunday School class will resume on September 10 in the Asbury Parlor at 10:45am. They will start studying the book of Galatians the following week, September 17. All adults are welcome!

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
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/
10/01		Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	Larry Dalton/

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Luke 15:1-10 (CEB)

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn’t he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Celebrate with me because I’ve found my lost sheep.’ In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

“Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won’t light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me because I’ve found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life.”



GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" Thompson-Raney
Nancy Schwegler, piano

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #348UMH "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" vs. 1,2,4

*PRAYER OF LAMENTATION (adapted from lyrics by Kurt Weill)

All: God of the Sea and the Land, you made the stars and held them in the palm of your hand. The stars in the sky are like grains of sand in our fingers. And if one grain of sand was lost, your promise was to find it again. But I've been walking through the night and the day. Till my eyes get weary and my head turns gray. And sometimes it seems maybe God's gone away. Forgetting the promise that we've heard you say. And we're lost out here in the stars. And we're lost out here in the stars.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Down here on earth it can feel like God has left us. There is injustice everywhere. Evil seems to get rewarded. We cry out to you, O God. Search for us. Save us. Don't let us slip through your fingers like sand.

All: God of Sea and Land. Hold us in the palm of your hand.

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, Who can walk quietly in the dusk when behind the dusk there are whispers and reckless hands? Give us something greater than fear. Reveal to us, in the stories of God's love, something greater than fear

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10 (CEB)

MUSICAL OFFERING "Lost in the Stars" - Maxwell Anderson-Kurt Weill
Mark Swessinger, baritone

SERMON The Gospel According to Broadway: Lost in the Stars
- Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

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HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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 "He Keeps Me Singing" - Bridges-Pethel

* 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:

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: _____