

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:

- Pick up trash in your neighborhood.
- 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 10, 2023

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class Room
Confirmation Class—10:45 am in the Youth Room on 3rd floor
Adult Sunday School—10:45 am in the 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.

The Adult Sunday School Class meets this morning at 10:45 in the Parlor. After we share news of our summer activities, Charlotte will give a preview of our six-week study of Galatians, which ties in with Pastor Robb's early-Fall sermon series. All adults are welcome!

| Date | Liturgist | Ushers | Greeters |
|-------|--------------------|---|---------------|
| 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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1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (CEB)

If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. We know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I've put an end to childish things. Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "The Gift of Love" - Hopson

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #408 UMH "The Gift of Love"

*PRAYER OF LAMENTATION (adapted from lyrics by Jonathan Larson)

All: Holy God, we're falling behind. We read headlines, wait in bread lines, and wonder how to start a fire when there's nothing left to burn. So we warm ourselves by a fire fueled by newspapers, posters, and dreams. Beaten up by life, stolen hat, torn coat, barely able to stay on our feet when every street is "trick or treat" but mostly just trick. Hopeless, wandering, isolated, and desperate, we're on life support hoping to live another day. We wonder how we're going to pay last year's rent.

(Pause for silent reflection and lamentation)

One: And God whispers, "You Okay, Honey? Live in my house. I'll be your shelter. I'll warm you by the fire of the Holy Spirit, and make sure you'll always be covered in love."

All: Open your door, and I'll be your tenant. I have some baggage to lay at your feet, but I've got love to give and love to spare.

*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 THE 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 #111 "How Can We Name a Love" vs. 1,2,4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, we are all a little weak on our feet. We need you to light our candle. While the world keeps blowing it out, we need you to light it again with the story of your love and salvation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (CEB)

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

MUSICAL OFFERING "Seasons of Love" - Larson Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir and Guest Vocalists

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERING MUSIC "Seasons of Love" (on screens) (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 "Seasons of Love" - Larson/arr. Keveren

* 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:

Four horizontal lines for writing names for prayer.

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: _____