

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 flowers to a nursing home
- 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 24, 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** The Adult Sunday School Class explores today the second lesson on Galatians: "Your life is rich in purpose." Please come to the Parlor at 10:45 to seek insights and enjoy fellowship. Invite a friend!

**World Communion Sunday is Next Sunday** This special offering funds graduate racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships. Donations also provide for undergraduate U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs. Please look for the special offering envelope in your October 1 worship bulletin. Thank you in advance for your gifts to this special offering.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
9/24	Charles Cooley	Doug Stephens, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
10/01		Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	Larry Dalton/
10/08		Jerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/

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## Galatians 2:11-16 (CEB)

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was wrong. He had been eating with the Gentiles before certain people came from James. But when they came, he began to back out and separate himself, because he was afraid of the people who promoted circumcision. And the rest of the Jews also joined him in this hypocrisy so that even Barnabas got carried away with them in their hypocrisy. But when I saw that they weren't acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of everyone, "If you, though you're a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you require the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

We are born Jews—we're not Gentile sinners. However, we know that a person isn't made righteous by the works of the Law but rather through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. We ourselves believed in Christ Jesus so that we could be made righteous by the faithfulness of Christ and not by the works of the Law—because no one will be made righteous by the works of the Law.

# GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Come Now is the Time to Worship" - Doerksen

## GREETING

\*OPENING HYMN #452 UMH "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord, when there are voices competing for our attention,

**All: Let us not desert the Gospel.**

One: When there are promises made by those who aren't trustworthy

**All: Let us not desert the Gospel.**

One: When the outrage machine gets us worked up over the latest offense.

**All: Let us not desert the Gospel.**

One: When anxiety settles in and despair starts to get a grip on our hearts.

**All: Let us not desert the Gospel.**

One: When we miss the mark of love in our lives, and we start to stumble down a road of guilt and shame.

**All: Let us not desert the Gospel.**

One: When we get caught up in pleasing people instead of pleasing God.

**All: Lord, forgive us for deserting the Gospel. Renew in us our trust in Christ and restore us to new life.**

*(Pause for silent reflection and confession)*

One: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sin to rescue us from the present age, according to the will of God.

**All: All honor and glory to God, now and forever. Amen.**

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER HYMN #119 UMH "O God in Heaven" vs. 1

## 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.

ANTHEM "Let All Creation Sing his Praise" - Martin  
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: Holy Spirit, may the words of Scripture and the proclamation of the gospel blow a wind over the embers of our hearts and kindle in us a fire for your people. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 2:11-16 (CEB)

SERMON *Righteous through Faith in Christ*  
- Rev. Robb McCoy

# RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN #2083 FWS "My Song is Love Unknown" vs. 1 & 4

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*OFFERING HYMN #121 UMH "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" 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 goodness and grace, we thank you for setting us free from bondage to sin and death. We thank you for the power to resist the evil forces of this world. We thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fruit that is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness. Grant that we may set aside selfish ways, but that we may use these gifts for the glory of God and God's Kingdom. As we leave this place, help us stay true to the gospel and live by the Spirit. Amen.**

\*DOXOLOGY #94

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "I Will Lift Up Your Name" - Angrisano/Tomaszek

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

September 24, 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:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_