

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 new or used jackets, gloves, and hats to our Coat Drive ministry.
- 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.
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Ushers**—Open the church for Sunday worship and make coffee. Take offerings in bank bag to bank depository. *(Must be a member of the church in good standing for at least 6 months.)*
- 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 October 15, 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**

The Adult Sunday School Class Today's Adult Sunday School Class lesson title declares "You've been set free for this." Hear what the apostle Paul says about this in his letter to the Galatians. We gather for learning and fellowship each Sunday at 10:45 in the Parlor. Come and bring a friend!

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.

Jazz Sunday Join us for a Sunday morning worship filled with the amazing sounds of jazz. On Sunday, October 22, The Edgar Crockett Trio will be here to get your toes tapping and your hands clapping to some wonderful jazz beats. Don't miss it!

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
10/15	Simon & Bennett Cooley	Dick & Kala Lee Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
10/22	Ellie McCoy	Doug Stephens Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
10/29	Ellie McCoy	Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/

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Galatians 5:13-25 (CEB)

You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!

I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do. But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law. The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit" - Akers

GREETING

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

*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 "Fruits of The Spirit" - Forrest
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 5:16-25 (CEB)

PIANO INTERLUDE "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

- Peter Scholtes/Mark Hayes

Nancy Schwegler, piano

SERMON *Fruit of the Spirit*
- Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN #733 UMH "Marching to Zion"

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 "Send Us Your Spirit" - Haas

* 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:

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: _____