

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:

- Pray for peace in the world.
- Pray for the people, leadership, and ministry of Two Rivers Church.
- Send a 'Thinking of you' card to a shut-in.


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 29, 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.

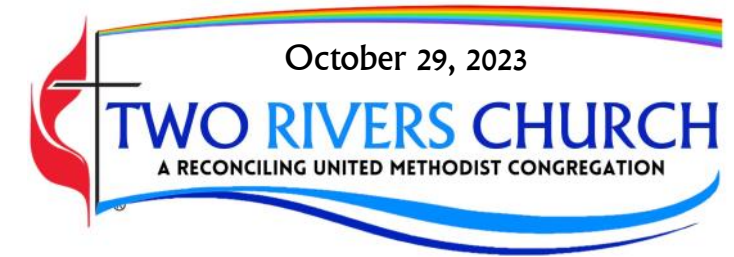
Big Steppers A group of men will begin meeting at Two Rivers Church on the first and third Thursdays of each month, starting with **November 2** and 16 at 8:30 p.m. This men's small group is designed to be a time of sharing, accountability, and growth. The meetings will last about an hour. There is no curriculum or book study. It is simply a time of intentional sharing. There is a light "agenda," which allows space for everyone to share as they feel comfortable. It is a non-judgmental space to share our struggles, joys, and unpack the stress of life.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
10/29	Ellie McCoy	Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
11/05		Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	Larry Dalton/
11/12	David Dehnel	Jerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
11/19		Kala Lee, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/

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Genesis 32:24-30 (CEB)

But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. When the man saw that he couldn't defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob's thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with him. The man said, "Let me go because the dawn is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I won't let you go until you bless me."

He said to Jacob, "What's your name?" and he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name won't be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won."

Jacob also asked and said, "Tell me your name."

But he said, "Why do you ask for my name?" and he blessed Jacob there. Jacob named the place Peniel, "because I've seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved."

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

October 29, 2023



PRELUDE "Blessed Assurance" - Crosby

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #369 UMH "Blessed Assurance"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from Jacob's prayer in Genesis 32)

All: Lord God of father Abraham, God of father Isaac, and God of father Jacob, who wrestled with a stranger on the eve of his reunion with Esau. You have called us to action, and yet we stand frozen. You have called us to love, and yet we are gripped with fear. We don't deserve your steadfast love. All that we have, we owe to you. Save us from our fear, o God. Protect us from our anxieties. Deliver us from the shame that wrenches our heart. Help us to hold onto the promises you made. Strengthen our resolve as we wrestle with ourselves.

(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 of 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 blow a wind over the embers of our hearts and kindle in us a fire for your Kingdom. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 32:24-30 (CEB)

SERMON Let Me Go
- Kelsey Ross

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN #145 UMH "Morning Has Broken"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERING MUSIC "Offertatoire"
Two Rivers Handbell Choir

(All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering container at the front of the sanctuary)

*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 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise" - Smith/Caswell

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: _____

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