

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 Pastor Robb for all he does for Two Rivers and the community.
- 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 8, 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 The Adult Sunday School Class will dig into "The truth about your inheritance." This 4th lesson from our Galatians: Accepted and Free DVD study is sure to be interesting. Come listen, ask questions, and learn with us at 10:45 in the 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.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday Today is Pastor Appreciation Sunday and we would like to invite you to join us after worship for cake and refreshments in celebration of Pastor Robb and his beautiful family.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
10/08	Donna Burroughs	Jerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
10/15	Simon & Bennett Cooley	Dick & Kala Lee Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
10/22	Ellie McCoy	Doug Stephens Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/

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Galatians 4:1-7 (CEB)

I'm saying that as long as the heirs are minors, they are no different from slaves, though they really are the owners of everything. However, they are placed under trustees and guardians until the date set by the parents. In the same way, when we were minors, we were also enslaved by this world's system. But when the fulfillment of the time came, God sent his Son, born through a woman, and born under the Law. This was so he could redeem those under the Law so that we could be adopted. Because you are sons and daughters, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son or daughter, and if you are his child, then you are also an heir through God.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" - arr Modlin

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #178 UMH "Hope of the World" vs. 1, 2, 5

*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 "Children of the Heavenly Father" - arr. Schneider
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 4:1-7 (CEB)

SERMON *Adopted By God*
- Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN #447 "Our Parent, by Whose Name"

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 "Sing to the Mountains" - Duford

* 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: _____