

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.
- Donate socks, hats and gloves to Operation Safety Net.

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.)*

Hanging of the Greens on November 26

- Help decorate during Hanging of the Greens
- Bring a soup to share.
- Bring a dessert to share.

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 November 12, 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 will meet at Two Rivers Church on November 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.

Young Adult Supper Club Young adults (Age 16-25ish) are invited to another Young Adult Supper Club at the home of Robb and Sarah McCoy. We will meet on Sunday evening at 5 pm on November 19 for dinner. We may play a game after dinner and pick out a date for our next Supper Club.

Hanging of the Greens On November 26 we will decorate the church for Advent. We will begin the work of hanging the greens shortly after worship. When the decorating is complete, we will share a prayer for the Chrismon tree and then have a soup luncheon in Epworth Hall. There will be crafts for the kids and jobs for them as well. Please check one of the boxes in the offering slip or the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
11/12	David Dehnel	Jerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
11/19	Shari Cole	Dick & Kala Lee, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
11/26		Doug Stephens Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/

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GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Surely the Presence" - Wolf, arr. Hayes

GREETING

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

*OPENING HYMN #150 UMH "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" vs. 1, 2, 4

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Through Moses, God said,

All: "Let my people go."

One: In Scripture, the law declares:

All: "In the seventh year, you must cancel all debts."

One: With grace, Jesus said:

All: "Give one coat away."

One: With honesty, Jesus taught:

All: "Sell what you have, give that money to the poor."

One: Faith has always involved letting go, releasing, setting free, dropping our nets, giving to others, and following.

All: So in this hour of worship, may we release that which binds us. May we worship with open, untamed, and porous hearts, so that we can walk freely with God.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER HYMN #395 UMH "Take Time to Be Holy" vs. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Gracious God, we release our hearts to you.

All: First, we remove the pressure, for release requires the freedom to be moved.

One: Then we allow our hearts to return to their original resting position—in sync with you and the rhythm of this whole wild creation.

All: Then we pray that you will find our hearts available—not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually.

One: So like the mockingbird releases her song, we release our hearts to you.

All: Move in us. Stir us awake. Speak to us now. We are waiting. Amen.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 15:1-11 (CEB)

ANTHEM "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place" - Schrader
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

GOSPEL READING Matthew 19:16-22 (CEB)

SERMON RELEASE - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN #77 "How Great Thou Art" vs. 1, 3, 4

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

One: Holy God, it is not always easy to give what we have. We count pennies. We weigh the pros and cons. We calculate what we have given before, and we remind ourselves what we are giving to now.

All: And yet, even though it can take work for us to practice release, we trust that you can take these gifts, however freely or reluctantly given, and use them to build a more beautiful world.

One: For that is who you are. You are forever building castles out of sand, disciples out of people, and new life out of cautious gifts.

All: We believe; help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*OFFERING HYMN #396 UMH "O Jesus, I Have Promised" vs. 1 & 4
(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)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that on the first day, God released love and creativity over a void; and that void became mountains and rivers, sunsets, and starry nights.

We believe God released God's people from the grips of slavery, liberating us day in and day out.

We believe God laid down with death and was released from its grip, knowing suffering and freeing us from this fragile life.

And we believe God invites us—day in and day out—to release our fears, let go of assumptions, tear down walls, throw open doors, and walk closer to love. May it be so. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "A Rightful Place" - Angrisano

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

November 12, 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:

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: _____