

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 19, 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.

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 this evening at 5 pm for dinner. We may play a game after dinner and pick out a date for our next Supper Club.

Hanging of the Greens Next Sunday, 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.**


Office Hours The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday this week in observance of Thanksgiving.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
11/19	Shari Cole	Dick & Kala Lee, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
11/26	David Martin	Doug Stephens Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
12/03	Ellie McCoy	Candy Canik & David Dehnel	Larry Dalton/

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November 19, 2023

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A RECONCILING UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION



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PRELUDE "All Good Gifts" - Schwartz

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #102 UMH "Now Thank We All Our God"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of grace, you invite us to dream of a better world,
All: But instead we bury our heads in the sand, afraid to recognize how much must change. We are afraid, because if we know the truth, then don't we have a big job to do?

One: So instead, more often than not, we maintain the status quo.

All: We passively allow things to stay the same.

One: We don't imagine a new day.

All: We don't dream of a world without racism, sexism, bigotry, or shame. We surrender to 'the way its always been.'

One: We allow ourselves to believe that some things will never change.

All: Forgive us. Show us the way. Teach us to dream.

One: Help us to imagine again.

All: Humbly we pray.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Hear the good news. Christ is alive. Even when our imagination fails, God will never fail us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: We are forgiven by the love of Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL INTERLUDE "I Surrender All" - Weeden/arr. Mark Hayes
Nancy Schwegler, piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Holy God, we want to see what you see.

All: But we stumble through roadblocks of bias and narrow perspective, fear and limited information.

One: We want to see what you see.

All: We want to re-imagine this life we're living. Clear away the roadblocks. Amen.

FIRST READING Leviticus 19:9-10, 25:8-13 (CEB)

ANTHEM "Sing a New Song" - Handel/Hopson
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

GOSPEL READING Mark 12:38-44 (CEB)

SERMON REIMAGINE - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE HYMN #96 "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

One: Dear Jesus, in Scripture we hear of a woman who gave her last coin away. You pointed her out, but you did not say, 'go and do likewise.' Instead, you were pointing at an institution that lacked the imagination to follow God's decrees.

All: So today, for her, and for you, and for every person who needs to hold onto their last few coins, we give. We give this gift and ask that you give this church the imagination to do more.

One: Right what is wrong. Balance systems of injustice. Use these gifts to build the world that we can imagine together.

All: In hope 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 in God the Creator, who, like a painter with a canvas, imagined creation and breathed it into being.

We believe in Jesus, who many years later, walked this hurting world and showed us a new way to love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who prods us and pulls us, leads us and guides us, carries us and loves us into new life, day after day.

And we believe in the power of imagination, a gift from God that allows us to dream, create anew, start over, try again, and live into hope.

So in response together, as God's Church, we dare to dream. We strive to love. We imagine a new day. And we walk together

All with God's help. Amen

*DOXOLOGY #94

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Grateful" - Tomaszek

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

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: _____