

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.)*

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 26, 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
No Sunday School Today, November 26th

UM Student Sunday United Methodist Student Day is today. It calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. Gifts on United Methodist Student Day support U.M. scholarships and the U.M. Student Loan Fund. Look for a Special Sunday offering envelope in today’s bulletin. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Hanging of the Greens Today we will be decorating 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.

Two Rivers Readers The Two Rivers Readers will meet tomorrow, November 27 at 10:00 am in the back of the sanctuary to discuss the book, *Born A Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. As always, our group is safe and nonjudgmental, and our discussions are insightful, challenging, and a lot of fun. We’d love to have you join us!

Poinsettia Orders All orders are due today.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
11/26	David Martin	Doug Stephens Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/
12/03	Ellie McCoy	Candy Canik & David Dehnel	Larry Dalton/
12/10		Roger Pohlman, Jerry Etzel, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	Larry Dalton/

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Christ the King Sunday



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PRELUDE "Heart of Worship" - Redman

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #715 UMH "Rejoice, the Lord is King" vs. 1, 2, 4

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, to restore is to bring back;

All: So today we bring our hearts back to you, our thoughts back to love, and our souls back to peace.

One: We try to stay in this place, but we confess, it's never been easy.

All: We flirt with reconciliation and then back away. We come face-to-face with an opportunity for justice, but get scared. We are offered an opportunity to re-write our story, but we lose our way.

One: Bring us back to this moment.

All: Bring us back to your story where siblings extend grace and the one who denied it was forgiven.

One: Bring us back. Restore us. Forgive us.

All: Gratefully we pray, (Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Hear the good news. God restored Esau and Jacob. He restored Peter to his flock. God restores us all to new life and peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you 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 OFFERING "Chatter With the Angels" - Tucker Dedicated to the memory of Frank Robinson, former bell ringer Two Rivers Handbell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: God, we cannot do the work of restoration without your Word.

All: We cannot do the work of remembering, releasing, or re-imagining without your Word.

One: We need you like the ground needs rain and a sailboat needs wind.

All: We come to you in prayer to ask that you breathe new life into us. Grant us the clarity needed to hear your Word anew.

One: And as you do, restore our breath. Synchronize our breath to yours.

All: Restore us to your Word. Restore us to one another. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 33:1-17 (CEB)

ANTHEM "Rejoice, the Lord is King" - Courtney Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

GOSPEL READING John 21:1-19 (CEB)

SERMON RESTORE - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE HYMN #188 "Christ is the World's Light" vs. 1-3

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

One: Holy God, there was Eden, and then there was east of Eden;

All: Which is all to say—this world is not what you intended it to be.

One: You planted a garden and dreamed of Sabbath—and it was good. It was so very good.

All: However, when we look around today, we know that we have lost our way. So today we bring our hearts, minds, and money back to you in hopes that you will sow goodness.

One: This is the work of restoration, for we want to be a restoration people. Use these gifts for your hurting world.

All: Restore us to you, oh God. 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 a restoring God, who restores our bodies through the gift of Sabbath.

We believe in a restoring God, who restores our souls through the gifts of grace and second chances.

We believe in a restoring God, who restores this hurting world through the gift of mercy through the Son Jesus Christ.

We believe in a restoring God who invites us to join in this restoration work of feeding the hungry, loving our neighbors, forgiving seventy times seven, welcoming the children, seeing all, loving all, and living like we belong to all.

And so we work until God's promised day. This we believe. Amen

*DOXOLOGY #94

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Mighty King" - Angrisano

* You are invited to stand as you are able. FWS -The Faith We Sing (black hymnal) UMH- United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal) Words of anthem/hymn reprinted under CCLI License



PRAYER MINISTRY

YOUR 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:

Four horizontal lines for writing names of people to pray 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: _____