

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.


Two Rivers Outreach Ministry opportunities:

- Donate Grocery Bags to our Saturday Meal Site & 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 February 11, 2024

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class Room
Kids Sunday School —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.

Ash Wednesday Service Our Lenten experience will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, with a service at 6:00 p.m. We will once again be sharing the service with Church of Peace UCC and Pastor Jane Courtright. We will have snacks afterwards in the back of the sanctuary to encourage a time of fellowship between our two congregations.

Adult Sunday School Class will continue their “Women of the Bible” study that they started on January 21. This twelve-session journey, taught by six acclaimed Bible teachers, will open you to the raw and revealing stories of frailties, struggles, brokenness, and victories of real women from both the Old and New Testaments. All adults are welcome to join in this meaningful class on Sunday mornings in the Asbury Parlor at 10:45 a.m.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
2/11	Dave Dehnel	Jerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
2/18	Dave Martin	Dick & Kala Lee and Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
2/25		Doug Stephens, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	

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February 11, 2024

6th Sunday of Epiphany



Mathew 12:33-37, 46-50 (CEB)

“Either consider the tree good and its fruit good, or consider the tree rotten and its fruit rotten. A tree is known by its fruit. Children of snakes! How can you speak good things while you are evil? What fills the heart comes out of the mouth. Good people bring out good things from their good treasure. But evil people bring out evil things from their evil treasure. I tell you that people will have to answer on Judgment Day for every useless word they speak. By your words you will be either judged innocent or condemned as guilty.”

While Jesus was speaking to the crowds, his mother and brothers stood outside trying to speak with him. Someone said to him, “Look, your mother and brothers are outside wanting to speak with you.”

Jesus replied, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” He stretched out his hand toward his disciples and said, “Look, here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven is my brother, sister, and mother.”

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 50

One: From the rising of the sun to where it sets, God, the Lord God, speaks, calling out to the earth.

All: From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines brightly. Our God is coming; he won't keep quiet.

One: God calls out to the skies above and to the earth in order to judge his people:

All: Bring my faithful to me, those who made a covenant with me. The skies proclaim his righteousness because God is the judge.

*HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384 UMH (v. 1-3)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ruth Duck (UMBOW 483)

All: God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth.

Pause for silent confession

One: Hear the good news, God's forgiveness and grace is offered before we even ask for it. The God who knows us well, forgives us fully.

All: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

GATHERING "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" #349 UMH

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

ANTHEM

"Gaudeamus Hodie" - Sleeth

"Let Us Rejoice Today"

Sanctuary Choir with Nancy Schwegler & Andrzej Kozlowski on piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: We are about to hear the story of God's love for the people God loves.

All: May the Words of Scripture kindle in us a love for God and God's people. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 12:33-37, 46-50 (CEB)

SERMON

"Mary waits for Jesus" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" -See Screens

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*OFFERING HYMN "Where He Leads Me" #338 UMH (v. 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

I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth. Who chose Mary to nurture the savior of the world.

I believe in Christ, who was nurtured in the womb of his mother, who made sure he was circumcised and dedicated according to Jewish Law, and brought him to the Temple. His mother Mary called him to public service at a wedding in Cana and was on his mind as he went to the Cross. Other women found his empty tomb and were the first to declare that Christ is Risen.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who filled Anna and Simeon with words of prophecy, praise and evangelism; who descended upon Jesus like a dove as he was baptized in the Jordan, who still moves us to repentance and praise, and empowers us to be prophets and evangelists. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
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PRAYER MINISTRY

YOUR NAME _____

Prayers for our Church and its ministry:

Prayers for people I know:

- I have permission to publish this prayer.
 I do not have permission to share this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

Prayers for myself:

