

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 men’s and women’s sweatpants and sweatshirts to Operation Safety Net.
- 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 25, 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

NO Monday Bible Study this Week

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.

Lenten Devotional—The *Unvarnished Jesus* daily devotional will include a Zoom gathering on Sundays at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to come discuss their Lenten journey, even if they are not reading the daily devotional. The Zoom meeting can be found at TwoRiversUMC.org/unvarnished-jesus.

Religious Affairs Committee Community Day Celebration The Rock Island County NAACP annual Religious Affairs Committee Community Day Celebration will be today at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (1330 13th Street, Moline) This is an annual event that tries to bring people of faith together for a time to celebrate diversity and efforts toward racial justice. After the service there will be snacks and a time of fellowship.

Two Rivers Readers The Two Rivers Readers will meet on February 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary to discuss the book, *Riders of the Purple Sage*, by Zane Grey.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
2/25	Charlotte Peterson	Doug Stephens, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
3/3		Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	
3/10		Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Brianna & Kevin Pollock	

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Second Sunday of Lent



John 8:1-11 (CEB)

And Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he returned to the temple. All the people gathered around him, and he sat down and taught them. The legal experts and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery. Placing her in the center of the group, they said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery. In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone women like this. What do you say?” They said this to test him, because they wanted a reason to bring an accusation against him. Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger.

They continued to question him, so he stood up and replied, “Whoever hasn’t sinned should throw the first stone.” Bending down again, he wrote on the ground. Those who heard him went away, one by one, beginning with the elders. Finally, only Jesus and the woman were left in the middle of the crowd.

Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Is there no one to condemn you?”

She said, “No one, sir.”

Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, don’t sin anymore.”

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 66:12-14

One: The Lord says, "Look, I'm extending prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.

All: You will nurse and be carried on the hip and bounced upon the knee.

One: As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you;

All: In Jerusalem you will be comforted. When you see this, your heart will rejoice; your entire being will flourish like grass."

One: The Lord's power will be known among his servants, but his fury among his enemies.

***HYMN #560**

"Help Us to Help Each Other" vs. 1, 2, 4

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: O God your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all of us who have strayed from your ways. Soften our hearts from the hardness of a sinful world. May your steadfast love restore us to steadfast trust. Help us to choose kindness, compassion, and relationship when temptation makes this choice difficult. Help us to trust your life-giving Word and follow your resurrected Son, Jesus Christ.

Pause for silent confession

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

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

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT #277 UMH "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" vs. 1

PRAYER HYMN #109 UMH "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace" vs. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

ANTHEM

"Peace Like a River/ Kum-ba-yah" - Schafferman

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: God's word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey. May the light of Scripture illumine the Way of Christ. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

John 8:1-11 (CEB)

SERMON

"Judgement of Others" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #170 UMH

"O How I Love Jesus"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN #100 UMH "God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us" 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**

I believe in the power of love to overcome the darkness, and that Sin is that which stands in opposition to love of God, love of others, and love of self.

I believe that love overcomes the power of Sin. Treating others as they wish to be treated, loving my enemy, praying for those who persecute others, and non-violent resistance are the Way toward the Kingdom of God.

I believe that Sin crucified Christ for loving those who were unloved, for feeding those who were unfed, and healing those who were in dis-ease. The Cross was the greatest display of the power of Sin, but was overcome by Christ's power of love.

This Lenten season, I believe that by the grace of God I can turn away from the Sin of the world and toward the love of Christ, and that I can embrace the Cross and not fear it. I believe the grace of Christ empowers us all to eternal life. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #95**

***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:

