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- 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.
- Purchase a Pizza from the UM Youth for a friend in need of an easy dinner.


#### 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 4, 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.

**Big Steppers** will meet at Two Rivers Church on February 8 at 8:00 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.

**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
2/4	Dick Lee	Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	
2/11	Dave Dehnel	Jerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
2/18	Dave Martin	Dick & Kala Lee and Kevin & Brianna Pollock	

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February 4, 2024

5th Sunday of Epiphany



### John 2:1-11 (CEB)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet."

His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did. The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now." This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

## GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

### PRELUDE

### GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Revelation 7:9-12

One: One day the people will stand before the throne and the Lamb. They will wear white robes and hold palm branches. They will cry out in a loud voice

**All: Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.**

One: The angels will stand in a circle. The elders and all God's creatures will fall down, worship, and sing:

**All: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving. Honor and power and might be our God forever and always. Amen.**

### \*HYMN

**"Ye Servants of God" #181 UMH (v. 1, 3, 4)**

### \*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

## PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

### ANTHEM

**"I Will Remember Thee" - Althouse**  
*Sanctuary Choir*

### 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

John 2:1-11

**SERMON "Mary attends the Wedding at Cana" - Rev. Robb McCoy**

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

### HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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### 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:

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Prayers for people I know:

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

Prayers for the community/world:

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Prayers for myself:

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