

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:

- Buy flowers for a friend to brighten their day.
- 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 March 3, 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.

UMCOR Sunday March 10 is UMCOR Sunday. Gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for all United Methodist Committee on Relief work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all contributions designated to specific programs can go 100 percent to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered. Please look for the special UMCOR envelope in next week's bulletin and give generously. Thank you.

Open Arms for Olivia Blood Drive On Thursday, March 21 from 3-7pm in Epworth Hall. To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code or contact Tracy Waytenick at tmkranchi@me.com. Use group code 4741 at registration.



Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeter
3/3	Shari Cole	Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	
3/10	Dave Dehnel	Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Brianna & Kevin Pollock	
3/17	Kala Lee	Dick Lee, Brianna & Kevin Pollock	

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary
Password: TwoRivers2013
www.TwoRiversUMC.org



Donation QR Code

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent



John 4:7-15 (CEB)

A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

The Samaritan woman asked, "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.)

Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!"

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 78:1, 23-25

One: Listen, my people, to my teaching; tilt your ears toward the words of my mouth.

All: God gave orders to the skies above, opened heaven’s doors, and rained manna on them so they could eat. He gave them the very grain of heaven!

One: Each person ate the bread from heaven. God sent provisions to provide for them.

All: Thanks be to God, who’s steadfast love endures forever.

***HYMN #127**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

***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

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

ANTHEM

“Jesus Took the Cup” - Pelz
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 4:7-15 (CEB)

SERMON

“Know the Story of Others” - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD’S PRAYER

#15 UMH

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:

