

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:

- Sign up to give blood on March 21.
- 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 10, 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.

UMCOR Sunday Today 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 this bulletin and give generously. Thank you.

Fellowship with Pastor Robb Stay after worship next Sunday, March 17 and join Pastor Robb for some refreshments and fellowship in the back of the sanctuary. This will be a chance to get to know Robb a little better and from him to get to know you.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeter
3/10	Dave Dehnel	Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Brianna & Kevin Pollock	
3/17	Kala Lee	Dick Lee, Brianna & Kevin Pollock	
3/24	Judy Smiley	Doug Stephens, Brianna & Kevin Pollock	

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Fourth Sunday of Lent



John 11:17-35 (CEB)

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother's death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you."

Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son, the one who is coming into the world."

After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary, "The teacher is here and he's calling for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. He hadn't entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb.

When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They replied, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus began to cry.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE

GREETING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Ah, Holy Jesus” - D. Wagner
Two Rivers Handbell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 107

One: Give thanks to the Lord because God is good. God’s faithful love lasts forever.

All: We cried out to the Lord in our distress, and God saved us from our desperate circumstances.

One: God gave the order and healed us, rescuing us from the pit.

All: Thank the Lord for God’s faithful love, and his wondrous works for all people. We declare what God has done with songs of joy!

*HYMN #103 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” 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 “Praise We Sing to Thee” - Haydn
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 11:17-35 (CEB)

SERMON “Mourn with Others” - Mark Swessinger

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #420 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” vs. 1,2,3

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 disease. 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:

