

NAME: _____

- First time guest
- Returning guest
- Member
- Interested in membership or Baptism

New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to serve

Searching for interested volunteers:

- April 27 is the Rock Island Community Garage Sale at Longview Park. We are looking for a group who could help organize this as a possible fundraiser for youth ministries, and as an outreach about Two Rivers ministries.
- Provide dessert for Allie Youth Progressive Dinner at Two Rivers on April 13.

Two Rivers Outreach Ministry opportunities:

- Donate household items to Operation Safety Net. (pots, pans, dishes, etc.)
- 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 24, 2024

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES UNTIL APRIL 7
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.

Two Rivers Readers Two Rivers Readers will meet in the back of the sanctuary tomorrow, March 25 at 10am to discuss Jane Austen’s novel, *Emma*. All are invited.

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday Potluck/Service at Church of Peace UCC (1114 12th Street, Rock Island) at 5:30pm.
Friday, March 29—Stations of the Gospel self-guided tour at Two Rivers UMC. The church will be open from 3-6pm.
Sunday, March 31—Easter Celebration Service at 9:30 am. Kids Easter Egg Hunt after service in Epworth Hall.

Native American Worship Service at Camp Milan on April 14. In place of our normal worship at 9:30am at Two Rivers, we will be having a special service at Camp Milan at 10:30 am on April 14 to honor the Native Americans who lived on the land before us.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
3/24	Judy Smiley	Doug Stephens, Brianna & Kevin Pollock	
3/31	Mark Swessinger	Brianna & Kevin Pollock	
4/7	Ellie McCoy	Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	

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Palm Sunday



Matthew 27:11-23 (CEB)

Jesus was brought before the governor. The governor said, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus replied, “That’s what you say.” But he didn’t answer when the chief priests and elders accused him.

Then Pilate said, “Don’t you hear the testimony they bring against you?” But he didn’t answer, not even a single word. So the governor was greatly amazed.

It was customary during the festival for the governor to release to the crowd one prisoner, whomever they might choose. At that time there was a well-known prisoner named Jesus Barabbas. When the crowd had come together, Pilate asked them, “Whom would you like me to release to you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?” He knew that the leaders of the people had handed him over because of jealousy.

While he was serving as judge, his wife sent this message to him, “Leave that righteous man alone. I’ve suffered much today in a dream because of him.”

But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and kill Jesus. The governor said, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

“Barabbas,” they replied.

Pilate said, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”

They all said, “Crucify him!”

But he said, “Why? What wrong has he done?”

They shouted even louder, “Crucify him!”

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 21:8-12a

One: Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road.

All: The crowds in front of Jesus and behind him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

One: And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" people asked.

All: The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." Then Jesus went to the Temple and threw out all those who were buying and selling there.

*HYMN #280 UMH

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" vs. 1,4,5

*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

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

ANTHEM

"Come, Jerusalem, Sing Hosanna" - Besig/Price
Sanctuary Choir

PAYER 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

Matthew 27:11-23 (CEB)

SERMON

"Advocate for Others" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #290 UMH

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" 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 UMH

*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:

