

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 Allied 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 31, 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.

**Sunday, March 31**—Easter Celebration Service at 9:30 am. Kids Easter Egg Hunt after service in Epworth Hall.

**Youth Progressive Dinner and Lock-in** Youth are invited on April 13, at 4:00 p.m. to Asbury UMC in Bettendorf. We will tour the church, learn a little about their congregation, and enjoy an appetizer. Then we will head to First Congregational UCC around 5:00 p.m. for more food. From there we will head to Two Rivers Church for dessert around 6:00. After the visits to the three churches, we will go to Camp Milan for an overnight lock-in.

**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
3/31	Mark Swessinger	Brianna & Kevin Pollock	
4/7	Ellie McCoy	Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	
4/14	10:30am Service at Camp Milan/ No Liturgist Needed		

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



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Easter Sunday



John 20:11-18 (CEB)

*Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”*

*She replied, “They have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they’ve put him.” As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus.*

*Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?”*

*Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him.”*

*Jesus said to her, “Mary.”*

*She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni” (which means Teacher).*

*Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, ‘I’m going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”*

*Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.” Then she told them what he said to her.*

## GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

GREETING Rev. Robb McCoy

PRELUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" -Handel/arr. Schuster  
Marc Zyla, French Horn

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:21-24

One: I will praise you for you have answered me, and have become my salvation.

All: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day the Lord has made

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

\*HYMN #302 UMH "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" vs. 1,2,5,6

\*GOSPEL READING

One: Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

All: She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him."

One: Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other cloths but was folded up in its own place.

All: Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

One: This is the story of God's love for the people God loves.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: We believe the scriptures that Jesus died and rose from the dead. We will share the good news that Christ is Risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT #310 UMH "He Lives" Refrain

PRAYER HYMN #303 UMH "The Day of Resurrection" vs. 2

## PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CONTINUING THE GOSPEL READING John 20: 11-18 CEB)

ANTHEM "Crown Him Lord this Easter Day" - Besig/Price  
Sanctuary Choir

SERMON "Rabbouni" - Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

BAPTISM AND RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS UMH page 33

CONFESSION AND PARDON UMH page 12

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH page 13

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN #318 UMH "Christ Is Alive" vs. 1, 2, 5  
(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 adapted from Philippians 3

One: So then, brothers and sisters, be glad in the Lord.

All: We are the ones who serve by God's Spirit and who boast in Jesus Christ. We don't put our confidence in worldly things. Instead, the righteousness we have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his passion.

One: So then, brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. Again, I say, rejoice.

All: We will let our gentleness show in our treatment of all people. The Lord is near. The peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep our hearts and minds safe in Christ.

\*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "When I Survey" -Mason/arr. Schuster  
Marc Zyla, French Horn

\* 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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