

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### New Contact Information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Opportunities to serve

#### Searching for interest in fellowship:

- I'm interested in a Women's Only Retreat or Small Group Study .


#### 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 April 21, 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.

**Young Lions Roar Poetry Showcase** The Young Lions Roar will host the second annual Young Writer's Summit at Two Rivers Church on Saturday, April 27 at 12pm. All young writers are invited to be a part of this impactful literary journey. There will be teaching artists from Chicago IL, Champaign IL, Des Moines IA, and Iowa City IA. This summit promises an immersive experience for young aspiring writers. The general public is invited to a showcase of their work at 7:00 p.m. The showcase will include some of the incredible professional poets as well as the young artists.

**General Conference 2020** General Conference 2020 will begin on April 23 in Charlotte, North Carolina. It will conclude on May 3. There are many places online where you can follow the proceedings. Visit ResourceUMC.org, then find the tab "General Conference 2020." This will take you to the official UMC website. You can read all of the proposed legislation there now. When the conference starts, you will be able to watch a live feed there.

**Big Steppers** will meet at Two Rivers Church on April 25 at 8:00 p.m. This men's small group is designed to be a time of sharing, accountability, and growth. The meeting will last about an hour.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
4/21	Donna Burroughs	Dick Lee	
4/28	Dave Martin	Doug Stephens, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
5/5		Dave Dehnel & Candy Canik	

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April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Eastertide



### Acts 5:1-11 (CEB)

*However, a man named Ananias, along with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property. With his wife's knowledge, he withheld some of the proceeds from the sale. He brought the rest and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Peter asked, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has influenced you to lie to the Holy Spirit by withholding some of the proceeds from the sale of your land? Wasn't that property yours to keep? After you sold it, wasn't the money yours to do with whatever you wanted? What made you think of such a thing? You haven't lied to other people but to God!" When Ananias heard these words, he dropped dead. Everyone who heard this conversation was terrified. Some young men stood up, wrapped up his body, carried him out, and buried him.*

*About three hours later, his wife entered, but she didn't know what had happened to her husband. Peter asked her, "Tell me, did you and your husband receive this price for the field?"*

*She responded, "Yes, that's the amount."*

*He replied, "How could you scheme with each other to challenge the Lord's Spirit? Look! The feet of those who buried your husband are at the door. They will carry you out too." At that very moment, she dropped dead at his feet. When the young men entered and found her dead, they carried her out and buried her with her husband. Trepidation and dread seized the whole church and all who heard what had happened.*

## GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"  
- J.S. Bach/John Dykes/Cindy Berry  
Nancy Schwegler, piano

### GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Acts 2:42-45

One: "The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers.

All: God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them."

One: We gather today to hear teaching, to sing, to pray, and to share our lives together.

All: May God continue to perform many wonders and signs through us. Amen.

\*HYMN #57 UMH "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs. 1, 2, 4

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION UMH 12

One: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

All: We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will. We have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors. We have not heard the cry of the needy.

One: Forgive us we pray

All: Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.  
(Pause for silent confession)

One: Hear the good news. Jesus was willing to go to the cross even though we sin. This proves Christ's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

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

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

## PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION UMH 6

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Acts 5:1-11 CEB)

SERMON "Sapphira" - Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #368 "My Hope is Built" vs. 1, 3, 4

### 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

I believe that God still calls ordinary people like Sapphira to share, Tabitha to rise, Lydia to pray, and Priscilla to lead. And whether we fail like Sapphira or rise in glory like Tabitha, God will continue to guide us on our journey.

I believe that God pours out the Spirit on all people, empowering sons and daughters to prophecy, and enabling the young to see visions and the old to dream dreams.

I believe the love of Christ forgives sin, embraces all people, creates community, and restores life; that love is made known today in the body of Christ, the Church. And that the mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

### \*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"  
- John Goss/M.E. Kerrick

\* 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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