

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 28, 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.

**General Conference 2020 Continues** General Conference 2020 in Charlotte, North Carolina continues into week two. It will conclude on May 3. There are many places online where you can follow the proceedings. Visit [ResourceUMC.org](http://ResourceUMC.org), then find the tab "General Conference 2020." This will take you to the official UMC website where you can read all of the proposed legislation and watch a live feed.

**Two Rivers Readers** Two Rivers Readers will meet in the back of the sanctuary tomorrow, April 29 at 10am to discuss the book *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri J.M. Nouwen. All are invited.

**Argrow's House Pop-up Shop** Argrow's House is a healing house that offers free services for survivors of domestic violence and abuse. It's also a social enterprise, which hires survivors to create bath and body products that are sold online and in local stores. **Next Sunday** after worship they will be having a Mother's Day Pop-up shop in the back of the sanctuary. They will be featuring the following products. Argrow's House Bath and Body Mother's Day Gift Sets (Bath and Body), Island Handcraft Crystal Earrings (Charleston, SC), Hon's Honey (Baltimore, MD), Thistle Farms Candles (Nashville, TN), New Hope Girls Handbags (Dominican Republic), and Vi Bella Jewelry (Mexico and Haiti).

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
4/28	Dave Martin	Doug Stephens, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
5/5		Dave Dehnel & Candy Canik	
5/12		Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman	

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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide



### Acts 9:36-43 (CEB)

*In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, "Please come right away!" Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive.*

*Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God's holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.*

## GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "To God Be the Glory" - W.H. Doane/J. Carter  
Nancy Schwegler, piano

### GREETING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy Spirit, comforter, advocate, and guide; descend upon this sacred space and fill our hearts and minds.

All: Ignite within us a passion for justice, compassion for your children, and enthusiasm for sharing your good news.

One: Raise us out of our dead places as you raised up Tabitha. Take us by the hand and lead us to new life.

All: Holy! Holy! Holy lord. You are merciful and mighty. Let us raise our song to thee!

\*HYMN #64 UMH "Holy, Holy, Holy" vs. 1, 2, 3

\*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

ANTHEM "Kyrie" -Leavitt  
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

## 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 9:36-43 (CEB)

SERMON "Tabitha, rise up!" - Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #266 "Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer" vs. 1, 4, 5

### 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 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"  
- C.H. Gabriel/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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