

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.

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 7, 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.

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. Worship will be at Camp Milan Retreat Center on **April 14 at 10:30 a.m.** with a pot-luck lunch to be shared afterwards. The worship will be combined with Trinity UMC (Milan). Pastor Lisa Wiedman and Pastor Robb will lead the service, with keynote speaker Rev. Dan Lybarger. People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and a dish to share. There will be some seating provided, and if the weather is inclement, we will be able to move inside. Dishes can be stored in the refrigerators, plugged in, or kept warm in the ovens of the kitchen if needed.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
4/7	Ellie McCoy	Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel	
4/14	10:30am Service at Camp		
4/21	Donna Burroughs	Dick & Kala Lee, Brianna & Kevin Pollock	

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 Password: TwoRivers2013
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April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Eastertide



Matthew 28:1-10 (CEB)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn’t here, because he’s been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, ‘He’s been raised from the dead. He’s going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.’ I’ve given the message to you.”

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there.”

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - Glaser/Carter
Nancy Schwegler, piano

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** 1 John 1:1-4

One: We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.

All: This life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us.

One: We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

All: We are sharing these things so that our joy may be complete.

***HYMN #315 UMH** "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" vs. 2, 4, 5

***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

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

ANTHEM "In Remembrance of Me" - Albrecht/Althouse
Sanctuary Choir

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 Matthew 28:1-10 (CEB)

SERMON "The Empty Tomb Retold" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

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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

* 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:

