

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 Retreat or Small Group Study .
- I'm interested in attending a Ministries Fair to find out more about ways to serve.
- I'm interested in learning more about the Beloved Community sessions.


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 May 12, 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 dialing 312-626 -6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

Wear Red for Pentecost May 19 is Pentecost, the day in the Church when we recognize the fire of the Holy Spirit by adorning the sanctuary – and ourselves – in red. May the fire of Pentecost ignite in us a burning desire for justice, peace, righteousness, and love.

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
5/12	Harold Truitt	Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman,	
5/19	Donna Burroughs	Dick & Kala Lee, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
5/26		Doug Stephens, Kevin &	

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May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Eastertide



Acts 18:1-3, 18-19, 24-28 (CEB)

1-3

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus. He had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul visited with them. ³Because they practiced the same trade, he stayed and worked with them. They all worked with leather.

18-19

After Paul stayed in Corinth for some time, he said good-bye to the brothers and sisters. At the Corinthian seaport of Cenchræe he had his head shaved, since he had made a solemn promise. Then, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila, he sailed away to Syria. After they arrived in Ephesus, he left Priscilla and Aquila and entered the synagogue and interacted with the Jews.

24-28

Meanwhile, a certain Jew named Apollos arrived in Ephesus. He was a native of Alexandria and was well-educated and effective in his use of the scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord and spoke as one stirred up by the Spirit. He taught accurately the things about Jesus, even though he was aware only of the baptism John proclaimed and practiced. He began speaking with confidence in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they received him into their circle of friends and explained to him God's way more accurately. When he wanted to travel to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples so they would open their homes to him. Once he arrived, he was of great help to those who had come to believe through grace. He would vigorously defeat Jewish arguments in public debate, using the scriptures to prove that Jesus was the Christ.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADER'S HYMN-arr. Joel Raney

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this day that is set aside to honor the importance of motherhood and the power of women, we gather in the name of the Living God

All: **Who calls women and men to be co-workers with Christ in remaking a world of justice, love, generosity, and grace.**

One: We celebrate the wisdom and leadership of women like Priscilla

All: **Who worked with her hands, shared with her voice, taught with her heart, and led the work of the Gospel in her household of faith.**

One: For women like Priscilla, and for the diversity of gifts within the Body of Christ.

All: **We give our thanks and praise, Amen.**

*HYMN #117 UMH "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" vs. 1, 3, 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

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY Cole Arthur Riley, *Black Liturgies*

LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING "English Country Dance I & II"- arr. M. L. Thompson
Two Rivers Bell 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 18:1-3, 18-19, 24-28 CEB)

ANTHEM "All Praise to Thee" - Tallis/Pooler
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

SERMON "Priscilla, co-worker with Christ" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #496 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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 prophesy, 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 "Fughetta No. 5" G. F. Handel-arr. Ellen J. Lorenz

* 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:

