

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 5, 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.

Two Rivers Readers Two Rivers Readers will meet in the back of the sanctuary tomorrow, May 5 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. This morning 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).

Big Steppers Men's Group will meet at Two Rivers Church on May 9 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
5/5	Dick Lee	Dave Dehnel & Candy Canik	
5/12	Harold Truitt	Gerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman	
5/19	Donna Burroughs	Dick & Kala Lee, Kevin &	

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Sixth Sunday of Eastertide



Acts 16:11-15, 35-40 (CEB)

We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

[Paul and Silas were later arrested for doing ministry in the city. Through a miraculous chain of events, they escaped prison and stayed for a night at the home of their jailer]

The next morning the legal authorities sent the police to the jailer with the order "Release those people."

So the jailer reported this to Paul, informing him, "The authorities sent word that you both are to be released. You can leave now. Go in peace."

Paul told the police, "Even though we are Roman citizens, they beat us publicly without first finding us guilty of a crime, and they threw us into prison. And now they want to send us away secretly? No way! They themselves will have to come and escort us out." The police reported this to the legal authorities, who were alarmed to learn that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens. They came and consoled Paul and Silas, escorting them out of prison and begging them to leave the city.

Paul and Silas left the prison and made their way to Lydia's house where they encouraged the brothers and sisters. Then they left Philippi.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" - R.E. Kreutz-J. Carter
Nancy Schwegler, piano

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy Spirit, you guided and empowered Paul and Silas on their ministry journey, reaching out to the far ends of the earth.

All: Reach out to us that are gathered here and empower us to healing, evangelism, and prophetic witness to your good news.

One: Holy Spirit, you won the heart of Lydia, who welcomed the saints with radical hospitality and empowered the Church to thrive.

All: Win over our hearts and strengthen our resolve to hospitality and generosity so we can continue to build the beloved community!

*HYMN #166 UMH "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine" vs. 1, 2, 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

ANTHEM "Remember Me" -Althouse
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 16:11-15, 35-40 CEB)

SERMON "Lydia's Purple Reign" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD'S PRAYER Page 15 UMH

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 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"
- Jamaican Folk Tune/D. Potter-J. Carter

* 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:

