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- 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 can serve on the planning team for Fusion Fest and/or our Youth Rally at Camp Milan.

Two Rivers Outreach Ministry opportunities:

- 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.)*
- Tech Support** -Video recording, editing, sound board and /or slides. Get behind the scenes and help create a meaningful worship experience for those in the sanctuary and those watching from home.

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 July 7, 2024

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class Room

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 Summer Youth Events: August 10 will be Fusion Fest at the Riverside UMC Life Center in Moline. September 8 is Youth Rally at Camp Milan. More details to come.

Beloved Community Session #5 These sessions are an important opportunity to join a movement for positive change in our community. People from three churches are participating in this groundbreaking program. Two Rivers UMC, The House, and Riverside UMC come together for frank discussions and powerful learning. The workshops take place from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Mondays. This week’s session is located here at Two Rivers in the back of the sanctuary.

| Date | Liturgist | Ushers | Assistant Greeter |
|------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 7/7 | Shari Cole | David Dehnel & Sandy Canik | |
| 7/14 | | Jerry Etzel, Roger Pohlman, Kevin & Brianna Pollock | |
| 7/21 | Kala Lee | Dick & Kala Lee, Brianna & Kevin Pollock | |

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary
 Password: TwoRivers2013
 www.TwoRiversUMC.org



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Romans 8:22-24 (CEB)

We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. And it’s not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn’t hope. Who hopes for what they already see?

Matthew 6:26-30 (CEB)

Look at the birds in the sky. They don’t sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren’t you worth much more than they are? Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don’t wear themselves out with work, and they don’t spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn’t dressed like one of these. If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it’s alive today and tomorrow it’s thrown into the furnace, won’t God do much more for you, you people of weak faith?

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Personal and Social holiness are the twin foundations of Methodism. Holiness happens in community, and we recognize the ways we can work with God to move us onward toward perfection.

All: We recognize the need to worship in community. We come to be made new and be strengthened in our faith.

One: Today we recognize the Created Community and affirm the sacred worth of all God’s creation and the vast web of ecosystems that were entrusted to us to care for and nurture.

All: The church is called to be a nurturing community, accepting the call to care for all of Creation. Amen.

***HYMN #398 UMH** “Jesus Calls Us” vs. 1, 3, 5

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Creating God, in the beginning you saw that your beautiful garden, full of life and rich diversity, was in need of a gardener. So we were given dominion to maintain the shalom you intended. Forgive us for taking your Creation for granted. Instead of being good stewards, we have used our position to exploit and consume. Help us to break our harmful habits that have disastrous effects on life on our planet. Strengthen our resolve as individuals, as a nation, and as a global community, to change—and save our created community.
(Pause for silent confession and prayer)

One: Hear the good news, God pardons those who humbly repent and believe the gospel. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER HYMN #171 UMH “There’s Something About That Name”

PASTORAL PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, open our hearts to the story of your love. Open our minds to new ways of knowing you. Open our doors to all whom you would welcome. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:22-24 & Matthew 6:26-30 (CEB)

SERMON

“Created Community” - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD’S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND RECOGNITION OF PASTOR ROBB’S 10 YEARS AT TWO RIVERS UMC

***HYMN #733 UMH** “Marching to Zion” vs. 1,2,4

(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 the Revised Social Principles
We affirm that human beings are made for God and for one another. We celebrate the diversity of our human family and respond to God’s call in the world through acts of mercy and justice.

We affirm that all creation belongs to God and is a manifestation of God’s goodness. Humans, nonhuman animals, plants, and other forms of life are a part of a web of community that depends on each other. We affirm our sacred call to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

We profess that all we are and all that we possess, belongs to God. We are temporary stewards of resources and material goods that should be used to serve God and our neighbor. We recognize economic challenges of scarcity, but pledge to live into a Kingdom of God where all are cared for and all have enough.

We affirm that our involvement in political systems is rooted in the Gospel imperative to love our neighbor, to do justice, and to care for the vulnerable. Our political action is to be aimed at a common good and not a pursuit of power.

I believe that the Triune God is a God that is community, and that God created humanity to be in community. We are called to be holy, and are made holy through the saving work of Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
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July 7, 2024



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:

