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- First time guest
- Returning guest
- Member
- Interested in membership or Baptism

### New Contact Information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Opportunities to serve


#### 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 January 19, 2025

**Adult Sunday School—10:45 am in Asbury Parlor**  
**Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Class Room**  
**Youth/Kids Sunday School—10:45 am in Fellowship Hall**

**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.

**Human Relations Sunday** Today is Human Relations Sunday. Your gifts to the Human Relations Day offering strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth through Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Look for the special offering envelope in your worship bulletin.

**Special MLK Worship Service** The QC Methodist Clergy Coalition has built a meaningful experience to honor the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Churches from the surrounding area are invited to participate in the worship service this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at Bethel Wesley United Methodist Church (1201 13th St, Moline).

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Assistant Greeter
1/19	Judy Smiley	Dick & Kala Lee, Kevin & Brianna Pollock	
1/26	Donna Burroughs	Brianna & Kevin Pollock	
02/02		Dave Dehnel & Candy Canik	

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January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Luke 4:14-30 (CEB)

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
 because the Lord has anointed me.  
 He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,  
 to proclaim release to the prisoners  
 and recovery of sight to the blind,  
 to liberate the oppressed,  
 and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son, isn't it?"

Then Jesus said to them, "Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: 'Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we've heard you did in Capernaum.'" He said, "I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet's hometown. And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah's time, when it didn't rain for three and a half years and there was a great food shortage in the land. Yet Elijah was sent to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. There were also many persons with skin diseases in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed."

When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was filled with anger. They rose up and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of the hill on which their town had been built so that they could throw him off the cliff. But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

## GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "O Lord, We Praise You" - W. Hennig

### GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Isaiah 61:1-2, 10

One: The Lord's spirit is upon us because the Lord has anointed the Church

All: To bring good news to the poor. To bind up the broken hearted. To proclaim release for captives, and liberation for prisoners.

One: Join me in proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor, and a day of vindication for our God.

All: We surely rejoice in the Lord. Our heart is joyful because of God. Amen

\*HYMN # 559 UMH "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" vs. 1, 2, 4

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, you anointed Jesus with power and the Spirit for a mission of liberation and healing. His mission was met with both approval and fear. It was true then, and it is true in our hearts still. There are moments we are ready to rally behind your love and mission, but sometimes we shy away, too comfortable or too timid to join you. Forgive us for being afraid to rock the boat. Forgive us for succumbing to the temptations of the status quo. Empower us to join you in shaking up the world. Please, keep calling us to follow, even when we feel like standing aside.

<Pause for silent confession and reflection>

One: Friends, the good news is that Jesus will not let us walk away without pursuit. The good news is Jesus will always welcome us back on the journey. The good news is that you are forgiven.

All: We are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER HYMN #393 UMH "Spirit of the Living God"

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

ANTHEM "Rejoice in the Lord" - Larson  
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

## PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, as we open up the Scriptures and read this Gospel story, help us to not only hear the good news, but to believe in the good news. Help us to not only believe in the good news, but to live out the good news. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:14-30 (CEB)

SERMON "Jesus in Nazareth" - Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #454 UMH "Open My Eyes that I May See"

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN #399 UMH "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

(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 in God who is creating, active in the formation of lives and the healing of the world. God created humanity in God's image, and yearns for us to join in the process to restore Creation to Shalom.

I believe in Christ who is redeeming, who proclaims the Good News and shows us the Way to heal ourselves, each other, and the world. Christ helps us imagine the possibility of the Kingdom of God, and beckons us to follow in his footsteps.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who is sustaining us on the journey and empowering us to achieve what would be impossible to do alone.

As the Church, we share in this mission. We have the ability to proclaim the Good News, to heal and serve, to call and lead, to preach and teach, to restore community, to feed the multitudes, and to transform the world. We do this by the power of love and the grace of God. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

### \*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Postlude" - H. Purcell

\* You are invited to stand as you are able.  
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## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/19/25

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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