

Name _____

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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to Serve

Outreach opportunities:

- Donate household items to Operation Safety Net (pots, pans, dishes, appliances, etc.)
- Donate non-perishable food items, hand warmers, blankets, to Little Free Pantry.
- Donate used grocery bags for use at Meal Site.

Volunteer opportunities:

- Help serve at Saturday meal site.
- Read to kids at Earl Hanson Elementary (on Tuesday mornings with Pastor Robb)

Worship volunteers:

- 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.
- Counters** - Monday mornings, help take account of Sunday offering (Must be a member of the church in good standing for at least 6 months.)



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

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 26, 2025

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom

Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am in the Asbury Parlor

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.

Two Rivers Readers Two Rivers Readers will meet this Monday, January 27 at 10 am in the back of the sanctuary to discuss the book, “Miss Benson’s Beetle” by Rachel Joyce. All are invited to join the discussion.

The Project of the QC Library Pastor Robb has been named to the board of directors for The Project of the Quad Cities, an important health and service organization for LGBTQ people in the area. Within the agency is a lending library. We have been given the opportunity to create a shelf of books in the library that will be marked “Donated by Two Rivers UMC” these books will be LGBTQ-affirming theology books and Bible studies. If you would like to donate to this cause, be sure to mark your payments “Project Library.”

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January 26, 2025 – Third Sunday of Epiphany

Luke 4:31-44

Jesus went down to the city of Capernaum in Galilee and taught the people each Sabbath. They were amazed by his teaching because he delivered his message with authority.

A man in the synagogue had the spirit of an unclean demon. He screamed, “Hey! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God.”

“Silence!” Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. “Come out of him!” The demon threw the man down before them, then came out of him without harming him.

They were all shaken and said to each other, “What kind of word is this, that he can command unclean spirits with authority and power, and they leave?” Reports about him spread everywhere in the surrounding region.

After leaving the synagogue, Jesus went home with Simon. Simon’s mother-in-law was sick with a high fever, and the family asked Jesus to help her. He bent over her and spoke harshly to the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and served them.

When the sun was setting, everyone brought to Jesus relatives and acquaintances with all kinds of diseases. Placing his hands on each of them, he healed them. Demons also came out of many people. They screamed, “You are God’s Son.” But he spoke harshly to them and wouldn’t allow them to speak because they recognized that he was the Christ.

When daybreak arrived, Jesus went to a deserted place. The crowds were looking for him. When they found him, they tried to keep him from leaving them. But he said to them, “I must preach the good news of God’s kingdom in other cities too, for this is why I was sent.” So he continued preaching in the Judean synagogues.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” - Gerhard Krapf

GREETING

BELL CHOIR “Just As I Am”, arr. Bradbury/Lamb

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 103:1-5)

One: Let my whole being bless the Lord! Let everything inside me bless his holy name!

All: Let my whole being bless the Lord and never forget all his good deeds;

One: God forgives all your sins, heals all your sickness, saves your life from the pit, crowns you with faithful love and compassion,

All: And satisfies you with plenty of good things so that your youth is made fresh like an eagle’s. Amen

***HYMN #349 UMH “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” vs. 1-4 (see screens)**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Gracious God, you anointed Jesus with power and the Spirit for a mission of liberation and healing. In Capernaum, he spoke with compassion and authority. He cast out the forces that were keeping people isolated and afraid. Do the same for us now. When we question your authority or doubt your compassion, remind us. We need your healing. We need your cleansing. We need your power to renew our hearts and minds so that we can focus on service and love.

<Pause for silent confession and reflection>

One: Friends, the good news is that Jesus has authority and compassion even when we don’t recognize it. He will cast out the evil that corrupts our mind and world. In the name of Jesus Christ, 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

CHOIR ANTHEM “Healer of Our Every Ill” - Haugen

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 4:31-44 (CEB)

SERMON “Jesus in Capernaum” - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE HYMN #262 UMH, “Heal Me, Hands of Jesus”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN #399 UMH “Take My Life, and Let It Be”**

(All are invited to lace your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering container atp 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 “Theme and Variations” - J. Pachelbel

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/26/2025

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 publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

Prayers for myself:
