

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.
- Donate children sized socks and shoes.

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 February 2, 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.

NAACP Community Day The Annual NAACP Religious Affairs Community Day worship will be at 3:00 p.m. on February 23 at Grace City Church in Rock Island. This is the tall-steepled church across the street from Two Rivers at 1925 5th Avenue. The keynote speaker will be Ciera Bates-Chamberlain. She is a dynamic speaker and will bring an inspiring and motivating message. In addition to Rev. Bates-Chamberlain, there will be music from Voices of Quad Cities Choir and other ensembles.

Online Giving



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February 2, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Luke 5:1-11

One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God’s word. Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, “Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch.”

Simon replied, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I’ll drop the nets.”

So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Leave me, Lord, for I’m a sinner!” Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. James and John, Zebedee’s sons, were Simon’s partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people.” As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies" - F. Mendelssohn

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 138:4-7a)

One: Let all the earth's rulers give thanks to you, Lord, when they hear what you say.

All: Let them sing about the Lord's ways because the Lord's glory is so great!

One: Even though the Lord is high, he can still see the lowly, but God keeps his distance from the arrogant.

All: Whenever I am in deep trouble, you make me live again... Your steadfast love endures forever, Lord.

***HYMN #128 UMH "He Leadeth Me"**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: "Fear not," Jesus said as he called his first disciples. He knew what would hold them back from following. He knew what would keep them from loving. He understood the difficulty in becoming "fishers of people." Fear still gets in our way. Fear of penalties and persecution. Fear of isolation and ostracization. The fear is real. Help us to breathe. Forgive us our fear and replace it with resolve. Forgive us our fear and give us courage. We will fish for people. We will fish for justice.

<Pause for silent confession and reflection>

One: Hear the good news, Jesus' first words to his disciples after Resurrection were "Fear not." As long as there is injustice in the world, there will be fear. As long as we have Christ in our lives, there will be courage.

All: In the face of our fear, 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

CHOIR ANTHEM "We Gather at Your Table, Lord" - Eheret

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 5:1-11 (CEB)

SERMON "Jesus at Lake Gennesaret" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD'S PRAYER #15 UMH

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

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 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 RECESSIONAL" J.L. Battman

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF

2/2/2025

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:
