

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

### New Contact Information

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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### Opportunities to Serve

I would be interested in a weeknight Lenten study that featured dinner, a documentary, and discussion. I could:

- Attend on Tuesday nights (6:00-8:30)
- Help with at least one dinner

#### Volunteer opportunities:

- Help serve at Saturday meal site.
- Be a part of a team that will adopt a family from World Relief.

#### 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 March 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.

**Ash Wednesday** Ash Wednesday is a day of reflection and repentance to begins the season of Lent. Our service of Ash Wednesday will once again be at Church of Peace UCC in Rock Island. There will be a pot-luck dinner served at 5:30 in their fellowship hall. People are encouraged to bring food to share, but all are welcome to eat, even if they cannot bring something. The service will begin at 7:00 in the sanctuary.

**3D Nights** Starting March 11 we will gather on Tuesdays at 6:00 for dinner, then begin a documentary to watch together, with discussion afterwards. The full schedule of 3D Night documentaries will be released shortly. The first will be an LGBTQ+ Allyship training on March 11. We will watch the livestream of the event that will take place at Hope Church in Bloomington, IL.

#### Online Giving



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March 2, 2025 – Transfiguration Sunday

Luke 9:18-36

Once when Jesus was praying by himself, the disciples joined him, and he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”

They answered, “John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others that one of the ancient prophets has come back to life.”

He asked them, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Christ sent from God.”

Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell this to anyone. He said, “The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected—by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts—and be killed and be raised on the third day.”

Jesus said to everyone, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will save them. What advantage do people have if they gain the whole world for themselves yet perish or lose their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. I assure you that some standing here won’t die before they see God’s kingdom.”

About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus’ departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it’s good that we’re here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—but he didn’t know what he was saying. Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

Then a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!” Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

## GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE “Rejoice and Be Glad” - William Barnett

### GREETING

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from 1 Tim 1:15-17) Liturgist: Ellie McCoy**

One: This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,”

**All: And I am the biggest sinner of all. But this is why I was shown mercy, to reveal Christ’s endless patience. Let me be an example for those who believe in him and gain eternal life.**

One: Now to the king of the ages, to the immortal, invisible, and only God

**All: May honor and glory be given to God forever and always. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #103 UMH “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of Transfiguration, on the mountain your disciples first fought off sleep and then wanted to linger. Forgive us for missing your glory and for sleeping through the suffering of others. Forgive us for failing to understand your mission, and for avoiding the tasks you gave us. Transform us through your grace, that we may come down from the mountaintop ready for the Kingdom at hand.**

*<Pause for silent confession and reflection>*

One: Hear the good news: Jesus came to preach the good news of the Kingdom of God and forgives us so that we join him on this mission.

**All: We are forgiven by - and for - compassion and love. Glory to God. Amen**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER HYMN #393 UMH “Spirit of the Living God”

### PASTORAL PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the SKies” - Wesley

## 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 9:18-36(CEB)

SERMON “Jesus on the Mountain” - Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

### HOLY COMMUNION 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

### MUSICAL OFFERING “ I am Thankful” - Killian

*Esther Shy*

### 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 “Fanfare” *(from “Water Music”)* - Handel

*\*=please rise if you are able*

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## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF

**3/2/2025**

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 publish this prayer.

Prayers for the community/world:

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Prayers for myself:

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