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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer opportunities:

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

Outreach opportunities:

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

Worship volunteers:

- Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- 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 April 20, 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

No Sunday School today. There will be an Easter egg hunt in Fellowship Hall after worship for all the kids.

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.

World Relief Next Sunday, April 27, we are honored to welcome a guest speaker during our worship service. They will share the inspiring work that World Relief Quad Cities is doing to support and welcome refugees in our community. Additionally, they will provide information on how our church can contribute to these efforts. After the service, join us in Asbury Parlor during the Sunday School hour for a more in-depth discussion.

Adult Sunday School Study Starting Sunday, May 4th, the Adult Sunday School class will commence a five-week study of Max Lucado's *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*. All are welcome to join this enriching program.

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April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday

Luke 24:1-12

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words.

When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Because He Lives" - arr. Fred Bock

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:17, 21-24) Liturgist: Judy Smiley**

One: I will not die. No, I will live and declare what the Lord has done.

All: I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help.

One: The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!

All: This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***HYMN #302 UMH "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" vs. 1, 2, 3, 5**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<Pause for silent confession and reflection>

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; this proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

*PASSING THE PEACE

Prayer Song #318 "Christ is Alive" vs. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM "Christ is Risen, Indeed" -Hannibal

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy Spirit, bless the reading and hearing of this sacred text. Speak through these words and reveal to us the living Word of Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:1-12 (CEB)

SERMON "Risen" - 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

RESPONSE HYMN #327 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN #312 UMH "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" vs. 1-3**

(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)

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY #94 UMH**

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" - arr. Gail Smith



**=please rise if you are able*

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/20/2025

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:
