

Name _____

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

New Contact Information

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Ways to Serve

OUTREACH

- Donate monetary funds to our Hygiene Bag ministry. Write "Hygiene" on the memo line of your check or on your envelope.
- Donate food and/or funds to Two Rivers Meal Site, Operation Safety Net and Little Free Pantry ministries.
- Volunteer on Saturdays at Meal Site, set up, serving, cleanup, or all of the above.

WORSHIP

- Liturgist** – Assist Pastor with readings and communion during worship.
- Video** – Work the camera in balcony to improve YouTube video
- 4th Sunday Ushers** —Open the church for Sunday worship and make coffee. Take offerings in bank bag to bank depository.



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 history of 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 1, 2026

Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in the Swahili Classroom
Advent Multi-generational Sunday School - 10:45 am in Fellowship Hall
Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am in Asbury Parlor

Discipleship Schedule

(No Monday Bible Study on Feb. 2) Monday Bible Study meets at noon in Epworth Hall. 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 Dinner Volunteers Ash Wednesday is coming up on February 18. We will be gathering here at Two Rivers with the congregation from Church of Peace UCC for a meal and our Ash Wednesday worship service. For the meal at 5:30, we would like to host a pancake dinner. To make this happen we will need a few volunteers to flip some jacks and grill some sausage links. Please let us know if you would like volunteer.

Atlas Examen Book Club The Examen book club at Atlas Collective has been rescheduled to February 10 at 5:30 pm. so you still have time to get and read Jacqui Lewis's book, *Fierce Love*. This is a powerful book by a revered pastor and public theologian. There is also a Pulpit Fiction interview with her from November, 2021. If you go to PulpitFiction.com and click the INTERVIEWS tab, scroll down to find it. Register for the book club at Atlas by scanning the QR code. On most phones, simply point your camera at it, and tap on the link that shows up.



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February 1, 2026 - The fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Matthew 6: 19-34

"Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don't eat them and where thieves don't break in and steal them. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. Therefore, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how terrible that darkness will be! No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

"Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, won't God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? Therefore, don't worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?'

Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "The Lord's Prayer"

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 112:1-5

One: Those who honor the LORD, who adore God's commandments, are truly happy.

All: Their descendants will be strong throughout the land.

One: The offspring of those who do right will be blessed; wealth and riches will be in their houses. Their righteousness stands forever.

All: They shine in the dark for others who do right. They are merciful, compassionate, and righteous.

One: Those who lend generously are good people

All: As are those who conduct their affairs with justice.

*HYMN #2146 TFWS "His Eye is on the Sparrow" vs. 1, 3

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, you call us to a way of life that is honest, humble, and rooted in love, yet we confess how often we fall short. You call us to quiet kindness, but we often crave attention for our good deeds. You tell us not to worry, yet we let anxiety shape our days more than trust in you. You command us to love our enemies, but we struggle to love even our neighbors. You invite us to build our lives on the firm foundation of your words, yet we build on the sinking sand of self-gratification. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts. Teach us again the way of Christ, that we may live with integrity, compassion, and joy in your kingdom.

Pause for silent confession and reflection

One: You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Shine with the grace of God.

All: We are forgiven through the grace of Christ. We will not be hidden. We will shine like a city on a hill. Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #394 UMH "Something Beautiful"

PASTORAL PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

CHORAL ANTHEM "We Gather at Your Table, Lord" - arr. Ehret

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and our redeemer. Amen

SCRIPTURE – Matthew 6:19-34 (Common English Bible)

SERMON "Treasures" - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER #17 UMH

CHILDRENS CHOIR "Imani Moja" - Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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

All are invited to place your offering and the detached part of the bulletin in the offering basin at the front as we sing

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I will not put my trust in the things of this world that fade, rot, or can be stolen by a thief in the night.

I will not serve wealth as my master, and will not let a darkened eye poison my spirit.

I will not worry about things I cannot control nor fret about things I already have.

I will not long for acclaim or the adoration of men and women.

Instead I will collect treasures of Heaven and put value in the things that matter in life like friendship, generosity, joy, and community.

I will focus on the good in the world, and do my best to keep my light pure.

I will trust in the provision of God, who cares for the birds and clothes the fields of wildflowers, and holds me in an even higher regard.

I will seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and right relationships with God and God's people.

I will focus on today for tomorrow has enough trouble on its own. Amen.

DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Allegretto" - William Boyce

**please rise if you are able*

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).
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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

February 1, 2026

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:
