

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

### New Contact Information

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Ways to Serve

#### OUTREACH

- Donate coats, gloves, hats and boots or monetary funds to our Winter Wear Ministry. Write "Coat Drive" on the memo line of your check or on your envelope.
- 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.
- Donate snacks for kids Sunday school class (goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, pretzels, etc.)

#### 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.



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 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 April 12, 2026

**Swahili Sunday School—10:45 am in Asbury Parlor**

**Kids & Youth Sunday School - 10:45 am in the Sanctuary**

**Adult Sunday School - 10:45 am**

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

**Discipleship Schedule** (Note: No Bible Study April 13 & 20)

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.

**Advocacy Day Letter Writing** On April 15 a group of United Methodists from the Illinois Great Rivers and Northern Illinois Conferences will gather in Springfield for a day of prayer and advocacy. A series of meetings between people of faith and state leaders will provide an opportunity for us to bring the Social Principles of the UMC to the State House. While registration for the event is closed, we are planning on having a letter-writing meeting after worship **today**. At this meeting we will present the issues on the table and participants will be guided in writing letters and note cards to their elected officials that will be hand delivered.

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**April 12, 2026**

**1 Samuel 3:1-15**

Now the boy Samuel was serving the Lord under Eli. The Lord's word was rare at that time, and visions weren't widely known. One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the Lord's temple, where God's chest was.

The Lord called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said.

Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

"I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So he did.

Again the Lord called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

"I didn't call, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down."

(Now Samuel didn't yet know the Lord, and the Lord's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.)

A third time the Lord called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

Then Eli realized that it was the Lord who was calling the boy. So Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down where he'd been.

Then the Lord came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening."

The Lord said to Samuel, "I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle! On that day, I will bring to pass against Eli everything I said about his household—every last bit of it! I told him that I would punish his family forever because of the wrongdoing he knew about—how his sons were cursing God, but he wouldn't stop them. Because of that I swore about Eli's household that his family's wrongdoing will never be reconciled by sacrifice or by offering."

Samuel lay there until morning, then opened the doors of the Lord's house. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.

## GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - Martin Luther / arr. Bryce Inman

### GREETING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, people of God, and listen for God's voice!

All: **We are here, ready to hear the LORD speak.**

One: God calls each of us, young and old, to be God's messengers

All: **We are here, ready to follow where the LORD leads.**

One: Then we will worship the LORD as we open our hearts, work to open doors, and love kindness enough to open minds.

All: **Speak to us LORD, your servants are listening. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN #326 "The Head the Once was Crowned" (vs. 1-3)

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, at Creation you gave us light and life,

All: **But we choose death and separate ourselves from you.**

One: You called Abraham to be the Father of a great nation

All: **Even while we obey the call, we cannot trust fully.**

One: You delivered the people out of slavery in Egypt

All: **But we lose hope in times of Wilderness, and turn to idols made of gold**

One: You gave the people a King that they required

All: **But we abuse our power and exploit the weak.**

One: You called the prophets to bring the people back to justice

All: **But we ignore the prophets and pursue unjust paths.**

One: You so loved the world that you gave us your only Son, so that we may be saved by grace.

All: **But he is rejected and despised.**

One: Christ revealed your love by feeding the hungry, healing the sick, welcoming the stranger, and speaking truth to religious and empire power.

All: **And he was crucified by fear and the wickedness of humanity.**

#### *Pause for silent confession and reflection*

One: Fear not. I know that you expected Jesus crucified, but he is risen. Go and tell.

All: **So we have been raised with Christ. We seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Amen.** (Colossians 3:1)

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG #2056 "God is So Good" (v. 1 & 3 in English; v. 2 & 4 in Swahili)

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

## PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Speak, O Lord" - arr. Lloyd Larson  
Jon Hansen

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Risen Christ open our hearts to your living Word that we encounter in this reading. By your Spirit, let resurrection light guide our understanding. Amen**

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:1-15 (Common English Bible)

SERMON *Called: We Are Called, yes even you!* - Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE SONG #413 "A Charge to Keep I Have"

#### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*OFFERTORY #593 UMH "Here I Am, Lord" (v. 1-2))

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

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy and Gracious God, we thank you for calling us, just as you called Samuel in the quiet of the night. Even if we struggle right now to hear your call upon our lives, we ask you to open our ears to hear your still, small voice. Open our hearts to receive your word. Speak to us, and strengthen us to respond, "Here I am, LORD."

Give us the courage to listen, even when your message is challenging. Help us to trust in your plans and walk in obedience to your will. Empower us with the community to support us and the tools to equip us for your Kingdom work. We thank you for your call. May we be faithful in our response. Speak LORD, for your servants are listening. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

#### \*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Proclaim the Glory of the Lord" - arr. Ellen Banks Elwell

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

April 12, 2026

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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*\*=please rise if you are able*

*UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book) FWS = Faith We Sing (black book).  
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