

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 5, 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 6, 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 on **Sunday, April 12**. 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 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday**

**Matthew 28:1-20**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

Now as the women were on their way, some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. They met with the elders and decided to give a large sum of money to the soldiers. They told them, "Say that Jesus' disciples came at night and stole his body while you were sleeping. And if the governor hears about this, we will take care of it with him so you will have nothing to worry about." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were told. And this report has spread throughout all Judea to this very day.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

## GATHERING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

PRELUDE "Processional Alleluia" - C. Harry Causey  
Sanctuary Choir & Bell Choir

### GREETING

MUSICAL OFFERING "Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed" - arr. Scholes  
Bell Choir

### \*LIGHTING THE PASCAL CANDLE

One: During Lent, the light was diminished. Doubt, betrayal, shame, and cruelty helped spread the darkness.

All: **But the light of Christ prevailed. The darkness will not overcome it.**

One: The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

All: **Christ is our light. Amen**

### \*HYMN #302 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (all)

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: **But we choose death and alienate ourselves from your love.**

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

All: **While we obeyed the call, we could not trust fully, and took matters into our own hands.**

One: You delivered the people out of slavery in Egypt

All: **But we complain in the Wilderness, and form idols of gold**

One: You gave the people a King that they required

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

One: You spoke through the prophets to call the people back to justice

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

One: You gave us your only Son, so that we may be saved through love.

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"

PASTORAL PRAYER

## PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

CHORAL ANTHEM "He is Risen" - Steven Rudolph  
Two Rivers Sanctuary Choir

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Risen Christ open our hearts to your living Word; by your Spirit, let resurrection light guide our understanding.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:1-20 (Common English Bible)

SERMON *Called: We Are Called Into New Life* - Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

### HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD'S PRAYER

SWAHILI CHOIR "Chakutumaini Sina"

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*OFFERTORY #593 UMH "Here I Am, Lord"

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

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED (ECUMENICAL VERSION, UMH #882)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to 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 "Allegro Maestoso" - G.F. Handel



*\*=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

April 5, 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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