

**November 17, 2024
Communication Series**

Welcome to our worship service! Please silence your cell phone; covered beverages are allowed in the Sanctuary. Congregational responses on the screen are in bold print. *Please stand if you are able.

8:45 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

PRELUDE *Rock of Ages* Thomas Hastings

*OPENING HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (127)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Darlene Topp

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: North Kent Connect

MUSIC: Gentle Praises Hand Bells, acc. by John Dibble

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (361)

SCRIPTURE Darlene Topp

Psalm 19:14, Matthew 22:37-39 (pgs. 489, 900)

MESSAGE Pastor Anna Moon

"Communication 2 – Meditation of My Heart"

*CLOSING HYMN *My Hope is Built* (368)

*BLEST BE THE TIE / SEND US INTO THE WORLD / AMEN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in D* William Boyce

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Barb Crowder

Children ages 4 yrs to 5th grade leave for JAMS (Jesus and Me Sunday)†

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: North Kent Connect

SCRIPTURE Jake Lindemer

Psalm 19:14, Matthew 22:37-39 (pgs. 489, 900)

MESSAGE Pastor Anna Moon

"Communication 2 – Meditation of My Heart"

CLOSING SONG / SENDING RESPONSE

*BENEDICTION

†**JAMS** geared toward children 4 yrs to 5th grade and is a time for them to learn about Jesus through activities, games, and crafts.

A Nursery for those birth - 3 years old, is staffed with trained volunteers during our 11 am service. It is not staffed at the 8:45 service but feel free to use the space and the TV to watch the service with your child(ren).

THIS WEEK AT RUMC

TODAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Stained Glass Group, Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

TUESDAY

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

9:30 am Prayer Ministry Meeting, Room 205

1 pm Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Trustee Meeting, Rm 205

6:45 pm Garden Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Rm 205

5:30 pm Wednesday Dinner, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Advent Study, Center Entrance

6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

1:00 pm Friends2Friends, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm SPRC Meeting, Rm 205

7 pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting, Fellowship Hall

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Stained Glass Group, Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

12:15 pm Hanging of the Greens

Wednesday Dinner this week will be hosted by the Care Ministry Team. They will be serving soup, salad and dessert at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be collected.

RUMC Hooded Sweatshirts or Long Sleeve T-shirt We are offering long sleeve t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts with a new logo for winter. Both are available in black or gray. The sale runs Nov 17-24, you can place your orders between the worship services both week-ends. Sample sizes will be available. Hooded sweatshirt: \$22 (\$24 - 2XL, 3XL, 4XL); Long sleeve t-shirt: \$16 (\$18 - 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sunday, November 24 after the 11:00 worship service. Come join us to help decorate our church for the Christmas season.

Today's Bread Pan: North Kent Connect - North Kent Connect (NKC) is a food and clothing bank which covers the whole northern part of Kent County. NKC is a resource to receive food, housing assistance, job services and much more. We make their work possible! Please give generously.

Sermon Notes

Where to find

Church Information rockfordumc.org

Get church news, service times, fellowship, missions and more

Monthly Schedule rockfordumc.org/calendar

See what's going on at RUMC this month

Live Worship/Virtual Bulletin/Attendance rockfordumc.org/live

View live worship; download the bulletin to your mobile device or home computer; or register your in-person or virtual attendance

Ministries for You rockfordumc.org/christian-education

Find a ministry right for you and your family

Newsletter rockfordumc.org/newsletter

Sign up for prayer requests, weekly updates or the monthly newsletter

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Warm Winter Clothes Needed If you have some gently used flannel shirts, sweatshirts or sweaters in a size men's Large or XL you are no longer using, please contact the church office or Dave Fox.

Rockford UMC Cookbook We are in the process of putting together a church cookbook. We are asking for your favorite recipes to be submitted. You can fill out the recipe form (found in the worship entrance) or submit your recipes to rockfordumcrecipes@gmail.com.

Hand2Hand Giving Tree Beginning on Sunday, November 24, the Giving Tree benefitting the Hand2Hand families at Parkside Elementary School will be up. Please take a tag (or two) from the tree and then bring the gifts wrapped with the tags attached to them back to the church. Please have your gifts back to the church by Sunday, December 8. If you are interested in delivering the gifts to the families, please contact Cindy Caywood.

Prayer Leaders Needed for 11 am Service We are in need of folks to lead the congregation in the prayer time at the 11 am service. Those interested would create their own prayer and lead the congregation in reciting the Lord's Prayer or Apostles' Creed, depending on which Sunday they are scheduled. Please contact the church office if you feel led to help in this area.

Cookie Baking and Exchange Join in for a Cookie Baking and Exchange on Sunday, December 1, from 1:30-4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. Bring your favorite cookie recipe and ingredients to make and exchange with others. We will sample the results (milk provided) and make a plate to share with the rest of the RUMC family. Questions, contact Pam Lindemer.

Senior Connections Open House Senior Connections is a fellowship group for those who are 60 and above. They will be meeting at Jim and Linda Larson's home (11733 Megan Way Drive, Rockford) on Friday, December 6, for a Christmas Open House beginning at 3pm. Please bring an appetizer to share. If you need help with transportation, contact Linda Larson.

Finance Update through November 10, 2024

You are encouraged to give either through US mail or via the website rockfordumc.org/online-giving. Thank you for your continued support!

Gifts & Offerings	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Building Needs</u>
Year to Date Needed:	\$387,675.00	\$64,035.00
Year to Date Received:	\$360,139.96	\$67,035.63
Bread Pan: North Kent Connect		
Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
November 3	9:30 service—169/15	
November 10	85/11	56/7

PRAYER CONCERNS – November 17, 2024

At RUMC, we know prayer works. Please contact the church office with prayer concerns. Thank you for your commitment to prayer.

Prayer Updates

Cathy Koyanagi: doctors are trying to take her off the ventilator without success, and are trying to decide how to proceed with treatment. Friend of Mary Knapp.

Bonnie Velazquez has moved to her brother's place to finish her physical therapy.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Lynne Harms, Nancy Jensen and Kinsey Tekiele.

Serving Next Week, November 24

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Kathy Gillette-Johnston - Prayer, Tom Johnston - Scripture

11:00: Jim Larson - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45: Mark Self & Lee Aldrich

11:00: Aaron Northcutt Family

Ushers:

8:45: Steve/Jackie Decker

11:00: Jim & Mary Penrod

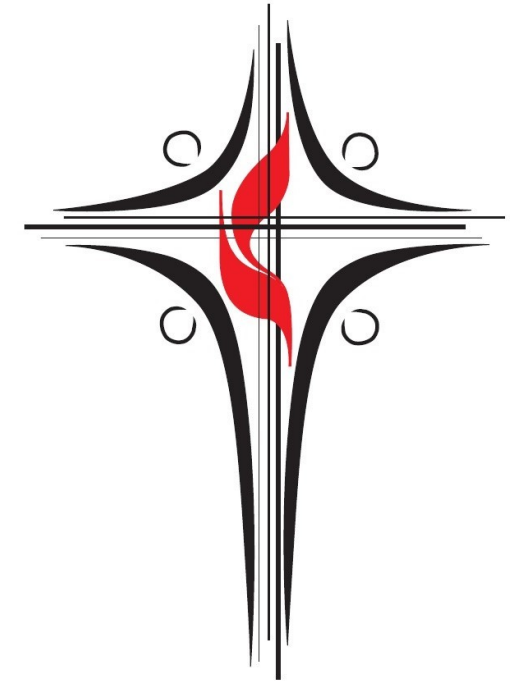
Education Opportunities:

Advent Studies The book we are studying is *The Christmas Letters* by Magrey deVega; cost is \$10. The Education Team is taking signups in the worship entrance today. There are three options this year:

- Wednesday Nights** beginning at 6:30 pm. This class will meet beginning Nov 20 and runs each Wednesday thru Dec 18; no meeting Nov 27 due to Thanksgiving. The first class will meet in the center entrance due to the Wednesday Dinner and then in the Fellowship Hall thereafter.
- Monday Nights** beginning at 6:30 pm. This class will meet at Val Northcutt's home (152 Homestead Acres Rd, Sparta) beginning Nov 25 and runs thru Dec 16.
- Sunday Mornings** between the worship services. This class will meet in the front half of the Fellowship Hall beginning Dec 1 and runs each Sunday thru Dec 22.

Stained Glass Group: meets on Sundays at 10 am in the back half of the Fellowship Hall to study the book of *Job*.

Men's Group: meets on the first Saturday of the month in Room 205 at 8:30 am. Their study is, *The Way to Heaven: The Gospel According to John Wesley*.



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