

**November 24, 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.

Altar Flowers are placed by Motu Johnston in honor of her grandson, Jace Johnston's, fourth birthday.

8:45 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

PRELUDE *We Gather Together* John Ferguson

*OPENING HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (327)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Kathy Gillette-Johnston

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: United Methodist Student Sunday

MUSIC: Mary Knapp, Saxophone

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (694)

SCRIPTURE Tom Johnston
Psalm 19:14; Luke 17:11-19 (Pew Bible pgs. 489, 955)

MESSAGE "Communication 3—Give Thanks" Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* (102)

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Johann Crüger

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Anna
Children ages 4 yrs to 5th grade leave for JAMS (Jesus and Me Sunday)†

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: United Methodist Student Sunday

SCRIPTURE Jim Larson
Psalm 19:14; Luke 17:11-19 (pg. 489, 955)

MESSAGE "Communication 3—Give Thanks" Pastor Anna Moon

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

12:15 pm Hanging of the Greens

MONDAY

6:30 pm Advent Study - Val Northcutt's House

TUESDAY

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

1 pm Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

No Worship Design Meeting

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

HAPPY THANKSGIVING - Office Closed

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY Office Closed

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8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Advent Study, Fellowship Hall

10 am Stained Glass Group, Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

1:30 pm Cookie Baking & Exchange (see below)

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.

RUMC Hooded Sweatshirts or Long Sleeve T-shirts 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 thru today; you can place your orders between the worship services. Sample sizes will be available. Hooded sweatshirt: \$22 (\$24 - 2XL, 3XL, 4XL); Long sleeve t-shirt: \$16 (\$18 - 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

Today's Bread Pan: United Methodist Student Day - Your gifts support the Gift of Hope Scholarship program, awarded to United Methodist students annually, as they prepare for life in uniting their faith with knowledge. Thank you for your generosity. Without your gifts, we could not continue this ministry.

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

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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

Hand2Hand Giving Tree Beginning this Sunday, 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.

50+ Potluck will be on Thursday, December 5, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Darlene Topp will present a musical program titled "Sharing the Spirit of Christmas." Bring a dish for the buffet and your own place setting, coffee and water will be provided. This will be our last potluck until April.

Senior Connections Open House Senior Connections is a fellowship group for those who are 60 and above, and all are invited!. 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 3 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share. If you need help with transportation, contact Linda Larson.

Christmas Caroling! You are invited to join us at Story Point to sing Christmas carols to the residents on Dec. 15th at 3:30 pm. Everyone is invited, the more the merrier! The address is 2885 10 Mile Rd, east of the Meijer store. Please RSVP to the office by Dec. 12 so we will know how many singers to expect!

Warm Winter Clothes Needed If you have any 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 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.

Finance Update through November 17, 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	Operating Fund	Building Needs
Year to Date Needed:	\$396,240.00	\$65,458.00
Year to Date Received:	\$369,716.31	\$68,417.63
Bread Pan: North Kent Connect - \$386.05		
Weekly Attendance	8:45 am/online	11 am/online
November 10	85/11	56/7
November 17	113/11	51/2

PRAYER CONCERNS – November 24, 2024

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

New Prayer Concerns

Dan Lomonaco (late 30's): in ICU on a ventilator in a medical coma for acute respiratory distress. He has many blood clots in his body and has suffered multiple strokes. Prayers for his wife, Evelyn (a cancer survivor), his 2 little boys and his mother, Barb. Barb is a friend of Cindy Beel-Bates.

Nancy Jensen was hospitalized this past week and move into rehab this weekend. Prayers also for Dave, Nancy's husband.

Prayer Updates

Cathy Koyanagi: now off the ventilator and breathing on her own with the help of a CPAP. Her next goal is to sit up on her own. Friend of Mary Knapp.

Kinsey Tekiele: her right ankle has healed enough to walk on it, but her left ankle will need physical therapy as it continues to heal. Granddaughter of Dorris Tekiele.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Bonnie Velazquez and Lynne Harms.

Serving Next Week, December 1

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45:

11:00: Brandon Teunissen - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45: Mark Self & Lee Aldrich

11:00: Pat Tefft, Linda Duncan

Ushers:

8:45: Lynn & Suzanne Zimmerman

11:00: Julie Roach, Michelle Palma

Communion Servers:

8:45: Bill & Ann MacDhubhain, Pam Wolven, Resa Szokowski

11:00: Jake Lindemer, Katie Bird, Jim & Linda Larson

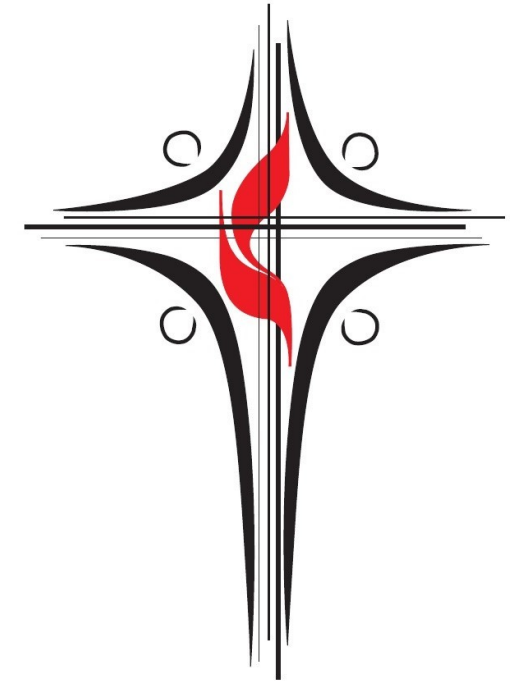
Education Opportunities:

Advent Studies The book we are studying is *The Christmas Letters* by Magrey deVega; cost is \$10. There are three options this year:

- Wednesday Nights** at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall thru Dec 18; no meeting Nov 27 due to Thanksgiving.
- Monday Nights** at 6:30 pm at Val Northcutt's home (152 Homestead Acres Rd, Sparta) beginning Nov 25 and runs thru Dec 16.
- Sunday Mornings** at 10 am in the front half of the Fellowship Hall beginning Dec 1 and runs each Sunday thru Dec 22.

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

Men's Group: meets 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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