

**December 1, 2024**  
**First Sunday in Advent**

**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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Mark and Betty Zeilinger

PRELUDE *Little Partita for Advent, Parts I, II & III* James Woodman

\*OPENING HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (211, vs. 1-4)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostles' Creed (881) Motu Johnston

\*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Grand Rapids UM Community House

MUSIC: *Hallelujah Amen* Choir

\*DOXOLOGY (95)

\*HYMN *He Is Born* (228)

SCRIPTURE Motu Johnston

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, John 1:1-5 (pg 624-625, 966)

MESSAGE "Hidden Christmas 1 – The Light" Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Music: *Noel* Alexandre Guilmant

\*CLOSING HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (196)

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

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Little Partita for Advent, Part IV* James Woodman

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**11:00 Service**

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE Kaliegh and Kloeigh Chatel

\*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostles' Creed (881)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Barb Crowder

*Children ages 4 yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade leave for JAMS (Jesus and Me Sunday)†*

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SCRIPTURE Brandon Teunissen

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MESSAGE "Hidden Christmas 1 – The Light" Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG / SENDING RESPONSE

\*BENEDICTION

**THIS WEEK AT RUMC**

**TODAY**

8:45 am Traditional worship service  
10 am Advent Study, front half of Fellowship Hall  
10 am Stained Glass Group, back half of Fellowship Hall  
11 am Contemporary worship service  
1:30 pm Cookie Exchange, Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC  
1 pm Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office  
6:00 pm Santa Parade Safety Meeting, Sanctuary  
6:30 pm Leadership Meeting, Room 205

**WEDNESDAY**

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205  
6:30 pm Advent Study, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir rehearsal  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

12:00 pm 50+ Potluck, Fellowship Hall  
1 pm Safety Committee Meeting, Room 205  
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC  
6:30 pm Trustee Meeting, Room 205  
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

**FRIDAY**

10 am One Day Niche Activity, Room 200  
3 pm Senior Connections Open House, Larson's home

**SATURDAY**

8 am Habitat for Humanity Work Bee, Offsite  
8:30 am Men's Group, Room 205  
Tba Tefft Family Gathering, Fellowship Hall

**NEXT SUNDAY**

8:45 am Traditional worship service  
10 am Advent Study, front half of Fellowship Hall  
10 am Stained Glass Group, back half of Fellowship Hall  
11 am Contemporary worship service  
7 pm Piano Recital, Sanctuary

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†**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).

**Today's Bread Pan: Grand Rapids United Methodist Community House**  
Since 1902, GRUMCH has been meeting the needs of children, youth, adults, seniors, and families in the heart of Grand Rapids, and helping them increase their opportunities to succeed. Your giving will help build a stronger, healthier, more resilient community for everyone.

**Sermon Notes**

**Where to find**

*Church Information* [rockfordumc.org](http://rockfordumc.org)  
Get church news, service times, fellowship, missions and more

*Monthly Schedule* [rockfordumc.org/calendar](http://rockfordumc.org/calendar)  
See what's going on at RUMC this month

*Live Worship/Virtual Bulletin/Attendance* [rockfordumc.org/live](http://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](http://rockfordumc.org/christian-education)  
Find a ministry right for you and your family

*Newsletter* [rockfordumc.org/newsletter](http://rockfordumc.org/newsletter)  
Sign up for prayer requests, weekly updates or the monthly newsletter

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Offering Envelopes** If you have not already picked up your offering envelopes for 2025, they are available in the worship entrance. If you can help someone out by delivering their envelopes, please feel free to do so.

**Cookie Baking and Exchange** Join in for a Cookie Baking and Exchange **today** from 1:30-4:30 pm in the 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.

**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 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.

**The Giving Tree** benefitting the Hand2Hand families at Parkside Elementary School is up. Please bring the gifts wrapped with the tags attached to them back to the church by Sunday, December 8. If you are interested in delivering the gifts to the families, please contact Cindy Caywood.

**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 to [rockfordumcrecipes@gmail.com](mailto:rockfordumcrecipes@gmail.com).

### Finance Update through November 24, 2024

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

Gifts & Offerings	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Building Needs</u>
Year to Date Needed:	\$404,905.00	\$66,881.00
Year to Date Received:	\$373,919.01	\$69,547.45
Bread Pan: UM Student Sunday:	340.55	
Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
November 17	113/11	51/2
November 24	104/16	54/2

## PRAYER CONCERNS – December 1, 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

**Nephew and wife** are expecting twins in the next few weeks, prayers all goes well. Nephew of Susan Groover.

**Janis Parker** underwent surgery this week, everything went well and she was to be discharged this weekend.

**Cindy Breen**, recent death of her daughter, Jacalyn Royston. If you would like to send Cindy a card or note, her address is: 137 Blue Violet Lane NE, Comstock Park MI 49321

### Prayer Updates

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

### Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Dan Lomonaco, Cathy Kyanagi, Kinsey Tekiele, Nancy Jensen, Bonnie Velazquez and Lynne Harms.

### Serving Next Week, December 8

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Judy Mayhak - Prayer, Darlene Topp - Scripture

11:00: Michelle Palma - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45: Chip & Diana Stevers

11:00: Jim & Mary Penrod

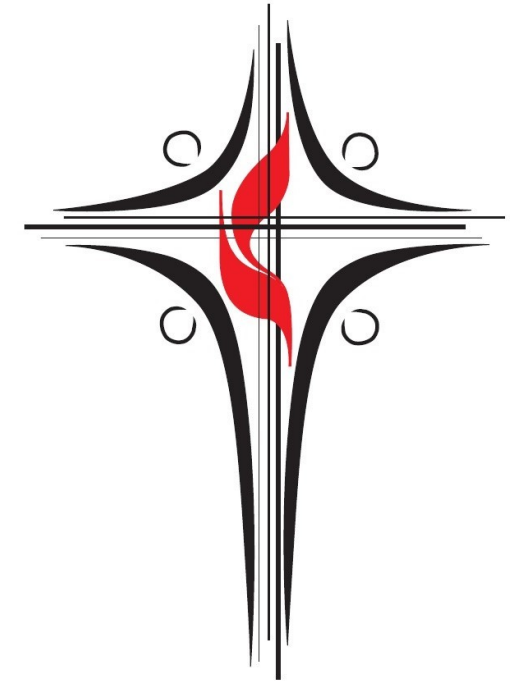
Ushers:

8:45: Jack & Carol VanderZanden

11:00: Jason & Julie Wendtland

**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!

**Habitat for Humanity Work Bee** Anyone interested in helping on Saturday, December 7, from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm for Habitat for Humanity, contact Ruth Reickard. We are not sure what kind of work will be done, but most likely it will be inside work.



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