

December 8, 2024
Second 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 Pastor & Nancy Leguizamón

PRELUDE *Comfort, Comfort These My People* Michael Burkhardt

*OPENING HYMN *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (216)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Judy Mayhark

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Next Generation Ministries

MUSIC: *Prepare the Royal Highway* Wilbur Held

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Hail to The Lord's Anointed* (203)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:1, 16 (pg 877) Darlene Topp

MESSAGE Pastor Anna Moon
"Hidden Christmas 2 – The Genealogy"

*CLOSING HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* (213)

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* Paul Manz

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE Jim & Linda Larson & Family

*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: Next Generation Ministries

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:1, 16 (pg 877) Michelle Palma

MESSAGE Pastor Anna Moon
"Hidden Christmas 2 – The Genealogy"

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.

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
7 pm Piano Recital, Sanctuary

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

9:30 am Prayer Ministry Meeting, Rm 205
10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
1 pm Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205
12:30 pm Early Release, TWC
6:30 pm Advent Study, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

1 pm Amity Circle, FH
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
6:30 pm Education Meeting, Room 205
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

10 am One Day Niche, Room 200
7 pm Hasenpfeffer Night, Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY

10 am Berry Family Gathering, TWC
12:30 pm Garden Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY - Newsletter Articles Due

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
3:30 pm Caroling at Story Point

Pastor Anna will be at the Michigan Annual Conference Planning Meeting on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 12 & 13. If you have any pastoral needs during this time, please call the church office.

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: Next Generation Ministries - Haiti Children Project provides tuition and stipends along with personal support from our teams and mentors. The students are being guided to look beyond themselves and to use their education to help develop Haiti into a country which could one day be self-sustaining.

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

From the Safety Committee Beginning today, the doors by the office will no longer be open on Sunday mornings. This is to ensure the safety of the Nursery and building.

TODAY is the deadline to return the Hand2Hand gifts for the Parkside Elementary families. Gifts should be wrapped with the tags attached to them, and placed under the Giving Tree in the worship entrance. THANK YOU!

Hasenpfeffer Night will meet this Friday, Dec. 13 in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Bring a treat to share, and beverages will be provided. If you know how to play Euchre, we can teach you Hass.

Staff Appreciation Gift Pastor Anna and the church staff works hard all year to make sure the church has weekly worship services, programs and events for children and youth, and daily oversight of the church business. This is the time of year to show them how much they are appreciated. If you would like to contribute to a staff appreciation gift, please place it in the offering plate, add it to your online giving or mail it to the church office by December 20.

Rockford's Live Nativity will be held on Friday, December 20 in downtown Rockford at 7pm. Our Fellowship Hall will be open to the public as a warming station, serving cookies and our famous hot chocolate. We will also be singing Christmas carols. Come and join us! We will need several dozen homemade/decorated cookies for this event. If you would like to donate a couple dozen cookies or help with serving and cleanup, please contact the church office.

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.

The Church Office will be closed Dec. 24 — Jan. 1 to observe the holidays. Bulletins will be printed by Dec. 20. If you have any announcements, please have your information to the office before then.

Finance Update through December 1, 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:	\$413,520.00	\$68,304.00
Year to Date Received:	\$380,014.46	\$70,887.41
Bread Pan: Grand Rapids Methodist Community House: \$289.65		
Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
November 24	104/16	54/2
December 1	110/7	52/3

PRAYER CONCERNS – December 8, 2024

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

Praises and Celebrations

Cathy Kyanagi is going home from the hospital.

Nephew and wife of Susan Groover are proud parents of healthy twins born Wednesday. Thank you for the prayers.

New Prayer Concerns

Rey Robinson, was hit by a car in July and is still in recovery in a nursing facility. Son of Gordy Robinson and the late Nilda Caceres, former members of RUMC and friends of Motu Johnston.

Dan Kusenda, undergoing intensive rehab after the rupture of a congenital brain aneurysm; life-long friend of Dave Bates.

Josiah (15 mos) is in pediatric ICU with acute respiratory failure, grandson of a friend of Cindy Beel-Bates.

Mckenna Rinehart underwent an appendectomy on Wednesday and is home and doing well; granddaughter of Don/Deb Rinehart.

Prayer Updates

Bonnie Velazquez is undergoing rehab at Oaks of Belmont.

Nancy Jensen is at Oaks of Belmont.

Dan Lomonaco is doing better and has been responding to commands, but is still in ICU. Son of a friend of Dave and Cindy Bates.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Janis Parker and Lynne Harms.

Serving Next Week, December 15

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Cindy Beel-Bates - Prayer/Scripture

11:00: Val Northcutt - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45: Bill & Ann MacDhubhain

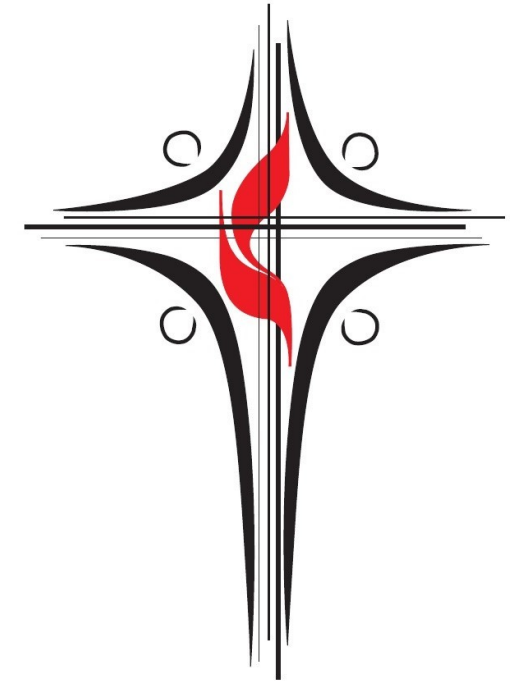
11:00: Chuck & Cathy Schroeder

Ushers:

8:45: Mark Self & Lee Aldrich

11:00: Scott & Carol Murphy

Christmas Caroling! You are invited to join us at Story Point (2885 10 Mile Rd) to sing Christmas carols to the residents on Sunday, December 15, at 3:30 pm. Everyone is invited, the more the merrier! Please RSVP to the church office by December 12.



Rockford

United Methodist Church

A welcoming family of worship growing in our faith, reaching out to serve others and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ

159 Maple Street / Rockford, MI 49341

616.866.9515 / office@rockfordumc.org

www.rockfordumc.org

Wi-Fi password
welcomefriends



Find us on

