

December 22, 2024
Fourth 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 Motu, Robb Johnston

PRELUDE *Little Partita for Christmas, Parts I-III* James Woodman

*OPENING HYMN *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (218)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Motu Johnston

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Advent Conspiracy Project - Worldwide Mobility

MUSIC: *Christus Victor* Choir acc. by John Dibble

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (229)

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-15 (pg. 933) Pete Darling

MESSAGE "Hidden Christmas 4 - Witnesses" Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (234)

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

*BENEDICTION

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

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE Gina and Madison Copeland

*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: Advent Conspiracy Project - Worldwide Mobility

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-15 (pg. 933) Abby Teunissen

MESSAGE "Hidden Christmas 4 - Witnesses" 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.

THIS WEEK AT RUMC

Altar Flowers are given in memory of Helen Platt by Glenn and Mary Veltman.

TODAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Advent Study, front half of Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

TUESDAY

Office closed today through Wednesday, Jan 1, returning Jan 2. The church building will also be closed except for worship services.

7 pm Family friendly Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

11 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

WEDNESDAY - Merry Christmas!

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

11 am Contemporary worship service

End of Year Donations If you would like to have your year-end financial donation(s) reflected on your 2024 tax statement, be sure to place your donation in TODAY'S offering plate.

Covered beverages only are allowed in the Sanctuary. Please be sure to have a lid on your coffee cup in case of spills. In the event you do have a spill, please do your best to clean it up and contact an usher so they can notify the office for proper cleaning.

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: (In Honor of Pastor Ken) **Worldwide Mobility** – The Holland Plant makes special Mobility Carts for children in third world countries who have lost their feet or legs due to birth defects, disease, accidents, and land mine explosions. With a Mobility Cart a child has the opportunity to attend school; a family provider can find employment; they can go to church, the marketplace, and social gatherings; they can travel to local health centers; and their pride and dignity is restored as they are better able to interact with others. Each child Mobility Cart costs \$300 to make and ship.

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

ASP Informational Meeting There will be an Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Informational Meeting on Sunday, January 5, after the second service. If you would like to be a part of the Mission trip this year, or would like to learn more about it, plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall. Trip dates are June 14-21, 2025.

Unhanging of the Greens You are invited to stay after the second service, or come back to help on Sunday, January 5. We will be taking the Christmas decorations down around the church. Many hands make light work, so plan to come out and help if you can.

A Note from the Finance Team If you take advantage of the online giving and your pledge amounts for 2025 have changed from 2024, please make sure you log into the system and update these changes. If you are interested in online giving, you can sign up by going to the church website, rockfordumc.org, and click on Give. Then on the Give page, you simply click on the red Online-Giving button. Click on Sign Up if you are new to online giving, or log in if you are not.

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.

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.

Parking Reminder We are asking for able-bodied folks to please save parking spaces close to the worship entrance for those who need to park closer and have trouble walking. Parking is available on the street, in front of City Hall, and by the Library. Thank you.

Finance Update through December 15, 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:	\$430,750.00	\$71,150.00
Year to Date Received:	\$407,133.91	\$73,575.28
Bread Pan: Advent Conspiracy Project/Worldwide Mobility: \$3,198.03		
Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
December 8	107/19	49/2
December 15	112/27	54/4

PRAYER CONCERNS – December 22, 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

Violet Elizabeth Clawson (7lbs, 11oz-19 1/2 inch) was born on December 15 to parents, Autumn and Paul Clawson, grandparents, Kelli and Timothy Hinton, and great grandma, Nancy Hinton.

New Prayer Concerns

Don Woodhouse was in the hospital and now at the Oaks of Belmont for rehab. Please pray for Don for continual healing and full recovery. Don and his wife, Lauren, are new attendees and residents at StoryPoint.

Recent college grad encountering difficult challenges landing a job in the business field. Please pray for intercession from God, friends and family in addition to guidance, patience and provision.

Robin Ellison, has been admitted to ICU with heart problems; friend of Kim Vitacco.

Prayer Updates

Rob Schaap, sent home with oxygen until his lungs get strong enough for heart bypass surgery. Friend of Alan & Val Northcutt and grandfather of Dylan Northcutt.

Krissy, has been sent to Arizona for cancer treatment not done in Michigan; friend of Kim Vitacco.

Nancy Jensen moved to the Cortland Northview Assisted Living; prayers for continual strength and health.

Bonnie Velazquez is back at her brother's house from the Oaks of Belmont; prayers for continual healing and strength.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Rob Schaap and Rey Robinson.

Serving Next Week, December 29

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Jacque Melin - Prayer/Scripture

11:00: Lorraine deBaptiste - Scripture

Greeters:

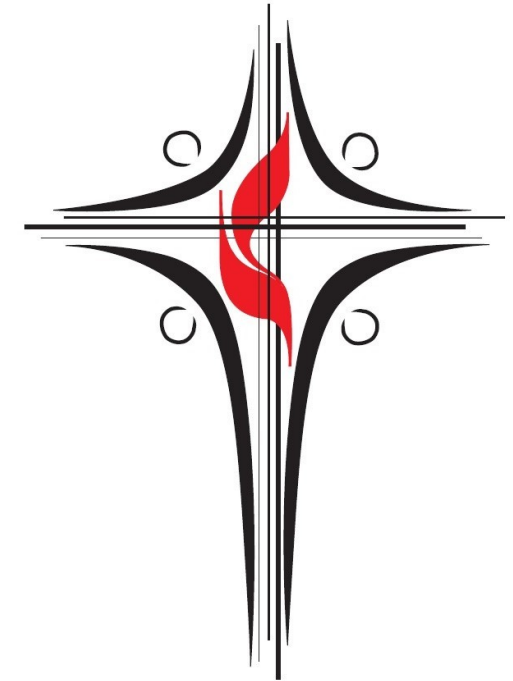
8:45: Mark & Betty Zeilinger

11:00: Julie Roach

Ushers:

8:45: Jack & Carol VanderZanden

11:00: Jim & Pam Bird



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