

December 29, 2024

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 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Michael Burkhardt

*OPENING HYMN *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (251)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Jacque Melin

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Limb Kind Foundation

MUSIC: *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Wilbur Held

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* (238)

SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:13-14 (pg. 1070) Jacque Melin

MESSAGE "End of Year Inventory" Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World* (246)

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sing We Now of Christmas* Wilbur Held

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: Limb Kind Foundation

OFFERING SONG:

SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:13-14 (pg. 1070) Lorraine deBaptiste

MESSAGE "End of Year Inventory" 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

11 am Contemporary worship service

WEDNESDAY - Happy New Year!

THURSDAY

8:30 am Church office opens

9:30 am Prayer Ministry Meeting, Fellowship Hall

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

10 am One Day Niche, Room 200

SATURDAY

8:30 am RUMC Men's Group, Room 205

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

11 am Contemporary worship service

12:15 pm Unhanging of the Green

12:15 pm ASP Informational Meeting, Fellowship Hall

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.

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 have any questions, please contact the church office or Judy Ludlow.

Today's Bread Pan: Limb Kind Foundation (In Honor of Nathan Wolford) - The Limb Kind Foundation currently works in the countries of Haiti, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Philippines. In these impoverished countries, people with limb loss are already fighting to survive and be productive members of their society, so being without a limb or limbs can be devastating. A child in these situations has very little chance at living a normal life of a young child so the Foundation helps children with limb loss regain their motivation and determination by providing prostheses free of charge.

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

Listening Session with Bishop Bard Bishop David Bard is on a listening tour to meet with United Methodists as he begins his final term as resident bishop of the Michigan Conference. His tour will conclude on Saturday, January 11, in Grandville at the Grandville UMC (3140 Wilson Ave, Grandville 49418) from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. The session will not be live-streamed or recorded.

Leadership Retreat Attention committee chairs and members, you are invited to join our Leadership Retreat. It will be held on Saturday, January 18, beginning at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a time to brainstorm and think about the life of the church for 2025.

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 29, 2024

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

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Don Woodhouse, Recent college grad, Robin Ellison, Rob Schaap, Krissy, Rey Robinson, Bonnie Velazquez and Nancy Jensen.

Serving Next Week, January 5

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Jackie Decker - Prayer/Scripture

11:00: Brandon Teunissen - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45: Chip & Diana Stevers

11:00: Pat Tefft, Linda Duncan

Ushers:

8:45: Jack & Carol VanderZanden

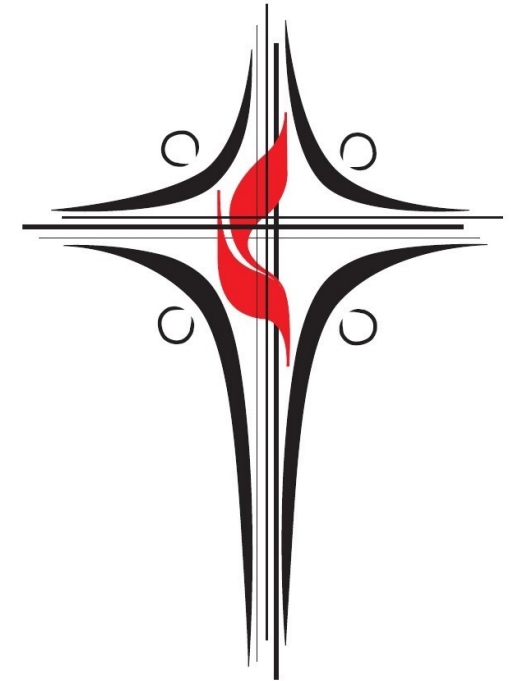
11:00: Jason & Julie Wendtland

Winter Weather Policy and Closings

When Rockford Public Schools close for a snow day, then all activities / meetings are canceled for the day and evening. On other days, cancellation of activities is based on the weather conditions and how they progress. Notification of closings and cancellations will be announced on WZZM and WOOD, the Family Facebook page and possibly emails and/or texts. On snow days, the church staff will have a 2 hour delay in arriving to the church for safety.

May you and your family have a blessed, happy and healthy new year! From the Church Staff

Happy
new year



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