

**January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday**

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 *Little Partita for Epiphany Parts I - III* James Woodman

*OPENING HYMN *The First Noel* (245)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostle's Creed (881) Jackie Decker

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Habitat for Humanity

MUSIC: *What Is This Lovely Fragrance?* Samuel Walter

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *We Three Kings* (254)

SCRIPTURE Jackie Decker

Isaiah 60:1-3, Matthew 2: 1-12 (pgs 676, 877)

MESSAGE "Aha!" Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Music: *In Dulci Jubilo* Marcel Dupre

*CLOSING HYMN *What Child is This* No. 219

*SEND US INTO THE WORLD

Blest Be the Tie that Binds No. 557 (vs. 1, followed by "Send Us")

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN No. 898

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Little Partita for Epiphany Part IV* James Woodman

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostle's Creed (881)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Barb Crowder

Children ages 4 yrs to 5th grade leave for JAMS (Jesus and Me Sunday)†

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Habitat for Humanity

SCRIPTURE Jim Larson

Isaiah 60:1-3, Matthew 2: 1-12 (pgs 676, 877)

MESSAGE: "Aha!" Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG / SENDING RESPONSE

*BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT RUMC

TODAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

11 am Contemporary worship service

12:15 pm ASP Informational Mtg, Fellowship Hall

12:15 pm Unhanging of the Greens

TUESDAY

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

1 pm Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office

6:30 pm Education Meeting

7 pm Lifewave Meeting, Sanctuary

7 pm Hand2Hand Packing Day

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205

6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir rehearsal

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

1 pm Amity Circle, FH

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

10 am One Day Niche, Room 200

SATURDAY

10:30 am Bishop Bard's Listening Session (see next page)

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Stained Glass Group, back half of Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

†**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: Habitat for Humanity - These monies will help fund the houses being built/renovated in Kent County in 2025. The families who buy Habitat homes are people who are trying to take care of their needs without the help of others, but cannot afford simple, decent housing for their families. Habitat offers low interest rates and requires the head of the households to put in 150 hours of work on their own home and 150 hours of work on other Habitat homes. RUMC will be participating in Habitat for Humanity again this year, so look for those dates if you are interested.

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

The Stained Glass Group will start an 8 week study on Colossians and Philemon beginning Sunday, January 19, at 10 am in the back half of the Fellowship Hall.

Hand2Hand Packing Date We will be packing backpacks on Tuesday, January 7, from 7-8 pm at Bella Vista Church (5100 Belding Rd, Rockford). For more information, contact Cindy Caywood.

Listening Session with Bishop Bard Bishop David Bard is on a tour to meet with and listen to 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 Planning Session Attention committee chairs and members, you are invited to join our Leadership Planning session. 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.

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.

Finance Update through December 31, 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:	\$456,595.00	\$75,419.00
Year to Date Received:	\$419,199.01	\$75,073.59
12/22 Bread Pan: Worldwide Mobility:	\$1,452.95	
12/24 Bread Pan: North Kent Connect:	\$1,186.43	
12/29 Bread Pan: Limb Kind Foundation:	\$446.24	
Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
December 22	118/20	42/3
December 24	7 pm 146/4	11 pm 94/3
December 29	73/22	44/5

PRAYER CONCERNS – January 5, 2025

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

New Prayer Concerns

Rick Stafford & family, Rick is undergoing chemo treatment; prayers for healing and peace. Friend of Dave Johnston.

Cindy Petersen, was hospitalized with a stroke and came home Christmas Eve; daughter-in-law of Lee Petersen. Lee and the family thank you for your prayers.

Barbie Dibble was hospitalized last week for tests, she is home now and doing better; diagnosis is cardiomyopathy.

Phyllis Muston, fell and broke her hip last week, she is at the Oaks at Belmont for physical therapy. Neighbor of Val Northcutt.

Prayer Updates

Bonnie Velazquez, has been hospitalized for testing and more procedures.

Robin Ellison, is home under hospice care. Friend of Kim Vitacco.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Rob Schaap, Bonnie Velazquez and Nancy Jensen.

Serving Next Week, January 12

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Cindy Beel-Bates - Prayer, Tom Johnston - Scripture

11:00: Pam Lindemer - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45: Jill Mackie, Marilyn Palmer

11:00: Chuck & Cathy Schroeder

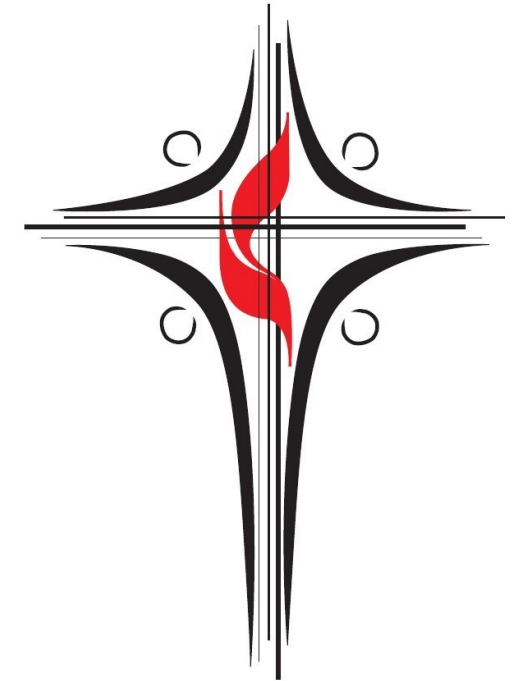
Ushers:

8:45: Dave & Becky Fox

11:00: Jim & Mary Penrod

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, cancelation of activities is based on the weather conditions and how they progress. Notification of closings and cancelations 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.



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