

January 26, 2025

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 Lynn Zimmerman

PRELUDE *Children of the Heavenly Father* Don Hustad

*OPENING HYMN *O Worship the King* (73 v. 1,3, 5)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Barb Crowder

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Vietnam Mission Initiative

MUSIC: *God is So Good/Jesus Loves Me* Hand Bell Choir

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* (64 v. 1,3,4)

SCRIPTURE Jonah 1:1 - 2:1, 10 (NLT) Barb Crowder

MESSAGE "The Rest of the Big Fish Story" Pastor Dick Riley

*CLOSING HYMN *Open My Eyes* (454)

*SENDING RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie that Binds (557, vs. 1) followed by "Send Us"

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *March of the Pilgrims* William Stickles

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS Jim Bird

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Jim Bird

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Barb Crowder

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

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CLOSING SONG / SENDING RESPONSE

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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).

THIS WEEK AT RUMC

TODAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Stained Glass Group, back half of Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

TUESDAY

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

6:45 pm Garden Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir rehearsal

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

10 am One Day Niche, Room 200

6 pm Fellowship Tables, various homes

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Stained Glass Group, back half of Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds During the cold & flu season and until further notice, we will be lifting our hands up as we sing "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" and "Send Us Into the World." Let's share God's love and not germs!

Pastor Anna is on Vacation until Feb. 2. Please contact the church office for any pastoral support.

February Communion Due to Pastor Anna being on vacation the first Sunday of February, we will have Communion on Sunday, February 9, instead.

Letter to God If you have not already turned yours in, seal your letter in a self-addressed envelope and put it in the offering plate. Pastor Anna will keep our letters safe and mail them out to us later in the year.

Today's Bread Pan: Vietnam Mission Initiative – Rev. J. Park and his wife T. Park, serving in Southeast Asia as County Director and the Christian Education Coordinator (and friends of Pastor Anna), ask us to support them. Please pray for their safety, fruitful ministry, strong friendships and relationships with people they serve. The Vietnam Mission Initiative distributed 746 food packets to people in the church and community last spring, showing concrete love and compassion in service to vulnerable neighbors.

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

New Bible Studies to Begin

- The Stained Glass Group has started a study on Colossians and Philemon at 10 am in the back half of the Fellowship Hall. We have a few extra books available if you would like to join the group.
- The Women's Bible Study will begin a 4 week study on the book, "Grateful-Giving thanks to God in all things" by Life-way Women. Starting Wednesday, February 12-March 12 (we will not meet Ash Wednesday, March 5) 6:30-7:30/7:45pm. You can purchase your books online. Please come prepared to discuss chapter one on February 12. Questions and RSVP to Teri Sweeney or Carol Murphy.

California Fires (UMCOR U.S. Disaster Relief) The Missions Team has designated the March 23 Bread Pan Offering for UMCOR U.S. Disaster Relief, where 100% of UMCOR donations go directly to the fund. If you want to donate now, go to <https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx> where in the first box you can click the arrow to bring up the California Fires. [UMCMMISSION.ORG](https://www.umcmmission.org), will give you information about UMCOR and an opportunity to make a donation.

UMCOR continues to pray for the people and communities affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles. UMCOR has awarded two solidarity grants so far to the Cal-Pac Conference to undergrid their immediate relief efforts. This includes evacuee support like food and essential supplies as well as support for volunteer efforts and other relief activities. Thank you!

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 January 19, 2025

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

Gifts & Offerings	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Building Needs</u>
Year to Date Needed:	\$26,688.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$23,322.70	\$4,154.42 so far.

Bread Pan: Human Relations Day: \$321.47

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
January 12, 2025	91/10	62/2
January 19, 2025	95/20	56/3

PRAYER CONCERNS – January 26, 2025

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

Praises and Celebrations

Watson August Hilgendorf born January 15 to parents, Melissa & Jonathan Hilgendorf and grandparents, Brooke & Maureen Kaule

New Prayer Concerns

Dylan Northcutt & family, death of his grandpa, Rob Schaap.

Terry Johnston, is in much pain and has health issues; brother of Tom Johnston

Jake Foco (37) diagnosed with Stage 3 & 4 cancer, liver and pancreas; father of 2 small children and nephew of Bud & Mina Pierson

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Deb Rinehart, Ruth Brod, Anonymous, Cindy Petersen, Robin Ellison, Bonnie Velazquez and Nancy Jensen.

Serving Next Week, February 2

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Motu Johnston - Prayer/Scripture

11:00: Jake Lindemer - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45: Jim & Ruth Denison

11:00: Chuck & Cathy Schroeder

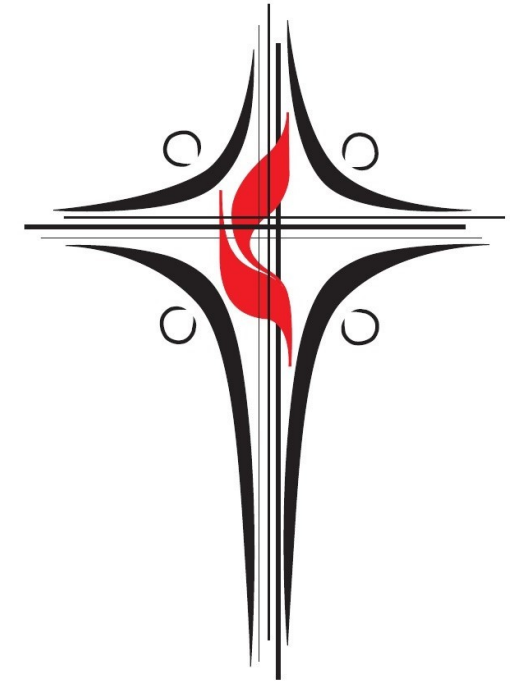
Ushers:

8:45: Jack & Carol VanderZanden

11:00: Jim & Linda Larson

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.

Only Covered Beverages in the Sanctuary Please We are reminding folks to be sure to have only covered beverages in the Sanctuary. We are also asking folks to not bring in food to the Sanctuary. This helps to keep the area free from spills, crumbs and mice. If an accident does happen, please try to clean it up the best you can and notify the ushers so it can be passed on to the office.



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