

February 2, 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 Diane Lautenbach

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* Clay Christiansen

*OPENING HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* (92)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Motu Johnston

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Michigan Disaster Response

MUSIC: *Morning Has Broken* John S. Dixon

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *This is My Father's World* (144)

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:31 (Pew Bible pg. 2) Motu Johnston

MESSAGE: Lynn Zimmerman, Lay Leader
"C³ – Christian, Creation, Care"

*CLOSING HYMN *Morning Has Broken* (145)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *March* G. Rossini

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS Val Northcutt

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Val Northcutt

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Barb Crowder

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

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Michigan Disaster Response

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:31 (Pew Bible pg. 2) Jake Lindemer

MESSAGE: Lynn Zimmerman, Lay Leader
"C³ – Christian, Creation, Care"

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 Stained Glass Group, back half of Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

TUESDAY

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

1 pm Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205

12:30 pm Early Release, TWC

6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir rehearsal

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm Finance Meeting, Room 205

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

10 am One Day Niche, Room 200

SATURDAY

11 am Lifewave Meeting, Sanctuary

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 Vacation and February Communion Pastor Anna is on vacation through today and will return to the office on Tuesday. Because she is away, we will have Communion next Sunday instead. If you have any pastoral needs during her absence, please contact 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: UMCOR - Michigan Disaster Response - Tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, famine; anything which disrupts people's lives and places life at risk, calls us to be the compassionate hands and feet of Jesus Christ. There is no more flexible, reliable, and effective response than a financial gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, where **100% goes directly to aid**. Thank you for your support.

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

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Find a ministry right for you and your family

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Sign up for prayer requests, weekly updates or the monthly newsletter

Announcements & Upcoming Events

The Women's Bible Study will begin a 4 week study on the book, "Grateful-Giving thanks to God in all things" by Lifeway 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.

The Choir Needs You! Have you ever wondered whether singing in a choir is for you? Have you ever thought a whole season, September—May is a huge commitment? Are you interesting in getting to know a few more people to sing and laugh with together? We have a proposition for you. Several of our snowbirds have gone south, and we could use some substitutes for just 8 weeks. It would give you the opportunity to try us out with no long term commitment. Practice is at 7:30 on Wednesdays for an hour. We would love to welcome you.

Used Printer Ink Cartridges From time to time the church office has been getting anonymous packages of used printer ink cartridges. While we appreciate the interest in having them recycled, we can no longer accept them. Thank you for understanding.

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 January 26, 2025

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	Operating Fund	Building Needs
Year to Date Needed:	\$35,584.00	has received
Year to Date Received	\$41,603.75	\$6,134.47 so far.

Bread Pan: Vietnam Mission Initiative: \$332.20

Weekly Attendance	8:45 am/online	11 am/online
January 19, 2025	95/20	56/3
January 26, 2025	98/16	52/1

PRAYER CONCERNS – February 2, 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

Bob Self, hospitalized with gastroenterology issues and low iron levels. Father of Mark Self.

Matt Kroll is hospitalized with a spinal injury after a fall; prayers for him and his family, who are former members.

Garrett is having serious mental health issues. Prayers for also for his parents. Garrett is the grandson of Jim and Ruth Denison and Garrett's mother is Jim and Ruth's daughter.

Prayers for the two children (10 and 7) involved in the house fire this past weekend. Their 12 year old sister died from her injuries sustained in the fire. The mother is charged with setting the fire.

An eighth grade student at Alger Middle School overdosed on Monday at school. He was issued Narcan and taken to the hospital. He is ok, but the blessing in disguise is the doctors discovered he has an enlarged heart, which may not have been discovered had he not gone to the hospital.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Dylan Northcutt & family, Terry Johnston, Jake Foco, Deb Rinehart, Ruth Brod, Bonnie Velazquez and Nancy Jensen.

Serving Next Week, February 9

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Jacque Melin - Prayer/Scripture

11:00: Abby Teunissen - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45: Jim & Ruth Denison

11:00: Chuck & Cathy Schroeder

Ushers:

8:45: Jack & Carol VanderZanden

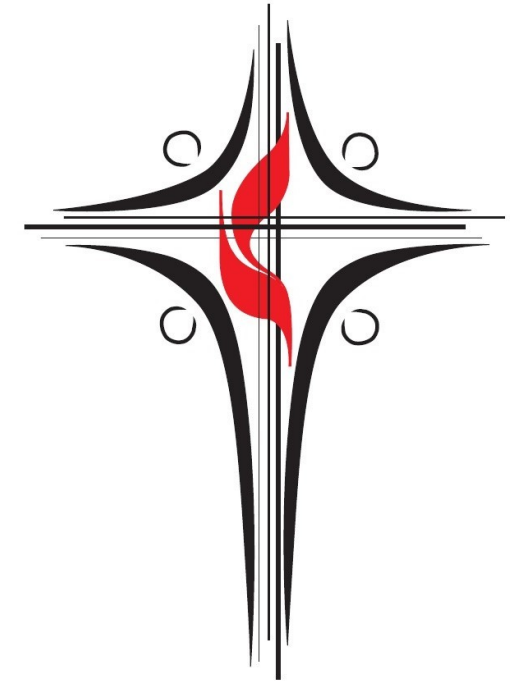
11:00: Jim & Linda Larson

Communion Servers:

8:45: Jim & Ruth Denison, Dave Groner, Brenda Black

11:00: Jason & Julie Wendtland, Rose Kempf, Linda Duncan

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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