

March 9, 2025
“The Letters” Series

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

PRELUDE *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley* Dale Wood

*OPENING HYMN *The Church’s One Foundation* (545, vs 1,2,4,5)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Jackie Decker

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Pastor Dexter F. Ceballus, Missionary

MUSIC: Fairest Lord Jesus Choir, acc by John Dibble

*DOXOLOGY

*HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (298)

SCRIPTURE Revelation 2:1-7 (Pew bible p. 1117) Pete Darling

MESSAGE “The Letters -1 Ephesus” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (361)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* J. S. Bach

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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: Pastor Dexter F. Ceballus, Missionary

SCRIPTURE Revelation 2:1-7 (Pew bible p. 1117) Pam Lindemer

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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—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGAN

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Stained Glass Group, back half of Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

TUESDAY

9:30 am Prayer Ministry Meeting, Room 205

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

1 pm Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Trustee Meeting, Room 205

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205

12:30 pm Early Release, TWC

6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

1 pm Amity Circle, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm Education Meeting, Room 205

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

10 am One Day Niche, Room 200

NEXT SUNDAY-NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

8:45 am Traditional worship service

11 am Contemporary worship service

Easter Candy Needed The Education Team will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt and they are in need of candy to fill the Easter Eggs. Beginning this Sunday, they will have a labeled container in the worship entrance for donations of individually wrapped candy. Please be sure the candy will fit in the eggs and doesn't contain nuts or peanut butter.

Please No Cookies and Only Covered Beverages in the Sanctuary. We are asking folks to be sure to have only covered beverages and to finish their cookies before entering 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.

Today’s Bread Pan: Pastor Dexter F. Ceballus, serves as the country director of the UM Mission in Mongolia. Dexter and his spouse, Laraine Abobon-Ceballus, are the parents of three children. The Mongolia Mission Initiative serves in the areas of congregational and leadership development, Christian education, and social ministries. Dexter also teaches Wesleyan studies at Mongolia Trinity Bible College, where future UMC pastors are trained.

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

Scholarship Announcement Graduating high school students and college students returning for the 2025-2026 school year, it is scholarship application time! Rockford United Methodist Church has several scholarships available for active, qualified applicants.

Applications are available on the church website, rockfordumc.org, under Education, or in the church office. Completed applications must be returned to the church office by Tuesday, April 1. If you have questions about scholarships, or the application process, please contact Jim Larson or Ruth Reickard.

Lenten Study to Begin based on Max Lucado's book, *In the Footsteps of the Savior-Following Jesus through the Holy Land*. It is not necessary to purchase the book, but is available on Amazon for \$14. You will have your choice to sign up for:

1. Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, March 19 - April 9.
2. Sunday mornings at 10 am, March 23 - April 13.

JAMS Volunteers Needed Volunteers to help out in the JAMS Program are needed. JAMS is offered during the 11 am service. Right now, the volunteers we have are often helping more than one Sunday a month. We have a great group of kids attending consistently who need people to teach them the stories of the Bible.

Ideally, volunteers would help out once a month. All lessons and materials to teach the lessons are provided. Volunteers must take the Safe Gatherings course before they can work with children. This course is paid for by the church and trains people on how to safely work with children and youth. If you are interested in helping, or for more information, contact Pam Lindemer.

Finance Update through March 2, 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	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Building Needs</u>
Year to Date Needed:	\$80,064.00	has received
Year to Date Received	\$82,270.22	\$14,754.72 so far.

Bread Pan: Nomads: \$247.56

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
February 23, 2025	82/20	39/4
March 2, 2025	78/15	59/4
March 5 Ash Wednesday	89 in person	

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – March 2, 2025

New Prayer Concerns

Jeff Seagle, hospitalized last week with an electrolyte imbalance.

Dick Riley and family, death of his sister. If you would like to send a note or card, the address is: Dick & Jan Riley, 4307 Rezen Court, Rockford MI 49341.

Elia Bettinger (5 months old) hospitalized with RSV, great granddaughter of Pat Tefft.

Shane Hall, diagnosed with RSV; nephew of Kim Vitacco.

Dave lost his job after working there over 30 years.

The Reyher family, their 8th grade daughter is in ICU.

Prayer Updates

Don deBaptiste is recovering at home.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Carolyn Green, Ashley Graham, Nancy Mills, church attendee, family of Jim Schultz, Carolyn Wills, Robin Fox, Deb Rinehart, Scott Pitcher, Bonnie Velazquez and Nancy Jensen.

Serving Next Week, March 16

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Valerie Northcutt - Prayer/Scripture

11:00: Jake Lindemer - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45: Jill Mackie

11:00: Julie Roach

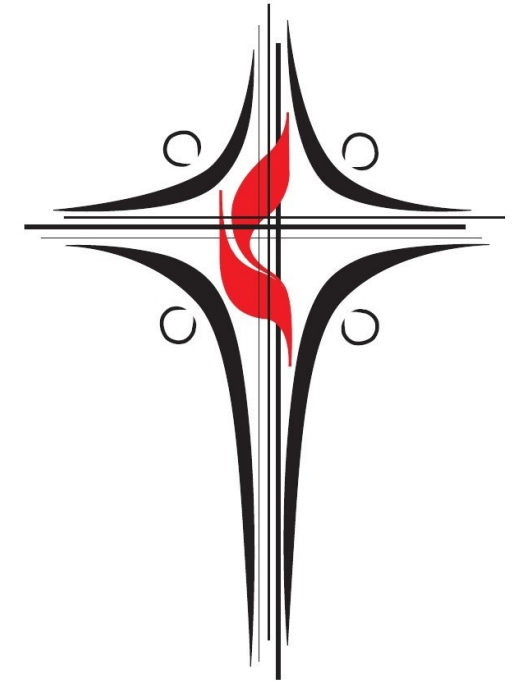
Ushers:

8:45: LeAnn Hart, Margie Brown

11:00: Jim & Pam Bird

Praises and Prayers - 2025 Women's Retreat

The Prayer Ministry Team will be holding their annual retreat on Saturday, May 17. This event will begin at 8:45 am (doors open at 8:30 am) and includes a Continental Breakfast, Keynote Speaker, craft activities, music and concludes with lunch. The cost is \$30 per person and preregistration is required. Sign up at rockfordumc.org by clicking on Women's Retreat, or by using the registration sheet.



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