

March 16, 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 *Faith of Our Fathers* Michael Burkhardt

*OPENING HYMN *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* (514)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Valerie Northcutt

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: UMCOR Kits

MUSIC: *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring* Handbell Choir,
acc by John Dibble

*DOXOLOGY

*HYMN *Faith of Our Fathers* (710)

SCRIPTURE Revelation 2:8-11 (Pew bible p. 1118) Valerie Northcutt

MESSAGE “The Letters –2 Smyrna” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed* (294)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Finale in d* Eric H. Thiman

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: UMCOR Kits

SCRIPTURE Revelation 2:8-11 (Pew bible p. 1118) Jake Lindemer

MESSAGE “The Letters –2 Smyrna” 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 - NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

8:45 am Traditional worship service

11 am Contemporary worship service

MONDAY—Happy St. Patrick’s Day

TUESDAY

9:00 am Lifeline Screening, Fellowship Hall

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

1 pm Staff Meeting

6:00 pm DAR Meeting, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

6:30 pm Lenten Study, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

1 pm Friends2Friends, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm SPRC Meeting, Room 205

7 pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting, Fellowship Hall

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

10 am One Day Niche, Room 200

7 pm Hasenpfeffer Night, Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Lenten Study, Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

Sue Kerbyson will be out of the office this week. Val Northcutt and volunteers will be able to assist you.

Hasenpfeffer Night Join us on Friday, March 21, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a fun night of cards and good fun. Bring a snack to share, beverages will be provided. If you do not know how to play, we can teach you.

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. There will be 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.

Today’s Bread Pan: UMCOR Kits This bread pan will go to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center for UMCOR to purchase their most needed items. Help includes disaster relief kits and medical supplies for those in need both locally and internationally. The much-needed school kits cost \$12 each, and personal dignity kits cost \$14.

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

Wednesday Dinner Join us for a delicious meal on Wednesday, March 26, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Choir and Hand Bell Choir will be serving pizza, salad and dessert. Baskets will be available for a freewill offering.

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.

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.

Bottle/can deposits for Pastor's Discretionary Fund If you would like to turn in your **rinsed** bottles and cans to the barrel in the Community Room (closet across from the Fellowship Hall), we will turn them in and the deposit money will go in the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This fund is used to help individuals in need of financial assistance for utility payments, food or gas money.

Finance Update through March 9, 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:	\$88,960.00	has received
Year to Date Received	\$92,247.07	\$16,279.17 so far.

Bread Pan: Missionary Dexter Ceballus: \$574.55+\$671.33=\$1245.88

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
March 2, 2025	78/15	59/4
March 5 Ash Wednesday		89 in person
March 9, 2025	80/15	44/7

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – March 16, 2025

New Prayer Concerns

Tom Rekeny (95), has dementia and is currently in Florida with his wife, Beverly. When they return home in mid April, she will need to find a place for Tom as it is getting to be too hard for her to care for him.

Staff & Students at Parkside Elementary prayers are needed for a smooth transition as the building will be re-purposed as a pre-school this fall. The students will be transferred to Valley View Elementary, and the staff will be sent to other locations in the RPS district.

Deb Rinehart, underwent two MRIs to diagnose the source of her eye complications.

Loralee Lillibridge was hospitalized last week with congestive heart failure. She is recovering at home.

Sharon Campbell will have surgery on March 19 to remove a mass located near the colon.

Prayer Updates

Jeff Seagle, home from the hospital

Elia Bettinger (5 months old) made a speedy recovery and has been released from the hospital; great granddaughter of Pat Tefft.

Robin Fox, the pet scan confirmed the cancer has not spread and is confined to her blood. More testing will be done to diagnose and treat the type of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma she has. Sister-in-law of Val Northcutt.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Dick Riley & family, Shane Hall, Dave, the Ryher family, Don deBaptiste, Nancy Mills, Carolyn Wills, Scott Pitcher, Bonnie Velazquez and Nancy Jensen.

Serving Next Week, March 23

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Motu Johnston - Prayer/Scripture

11:00: Jim Larson - Scripture

Greeters:

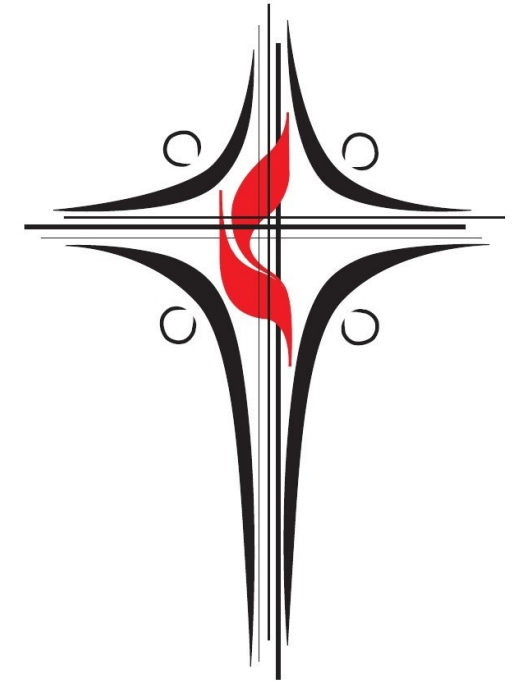
8:45: Jim & Ruth Denison

11:00: Chuck & Cathy Schroeder

Ushers:

8:45: Ruth Brod, Scott Brod

11:00: Larry Lindemer, Julie Roach, Brandon Roach



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