

March 23, 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 *The Old Rugged Cross* Don Hustad

\*OPENING HYMN *Soldiers of Christ, Arise* (513)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Motu Johnston

\*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: UMCOR National Disaster Response

MUSIC: *Go to Dark Gethsemane* David Cherwien

\*DOXOLOGY

\*HYMN *The Old Rugged Cross* (504)

SCRIPTURE Revelation 2:12-17 (pew bible p. 1118) Motu Johnston

MESSAGE “The Letters – 3 Pergamum” Pastor Anna Moon

\*CLOSING HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (290, v 1-3)

\*SENDING RESPONSE

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fantasia in g* Johann Pachelbel

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**11:00 Service**

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Barb Crowder

*Children ages 4 yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade leave for JAMS (Jesus and Me Sunday)†*

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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 Lenten Study, back half of Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

**TUESDAY**

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

1 pm Staff Meeting

6:45 pm Garden Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY**

10 am Worship Design, Room 205

12:30 pm Early Release, TWC

5:30 pm Wednesday Dinner, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Lenten Study, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Hand Bell No Rehearsal

7:30 pm Choir No Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

**FRIDAY**

10 am One Day Niche, Room 200

**NEXT SUNDAY**

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Lenten Study, Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

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**On Vacation** Val Northcutt and Mary Knapp will be on vacation. Val will be out of the office March 27 - April 6; Mary will be gone March 29 - April 7.

**Wednesday Dinner** Join us for a delicious meal this Wednesday 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.

**Today’s Bread Pan: UMCOR – National Disaster Response**

Through local United Methodist churches and trained disaster response workers, the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) provides immediate relief, assistance with cleanup and rebuilding, pastoral counseling, and support for children and youth who have been through trauma.

**Sermon Notes**

**Where to find**

*Church Information* [rockfordumc.org](http://rockfordumc.org)

Get church news, service times, fellowship, missions and more

*Monthly Schedule* [rockfordumc.org/calendar](http://rockfordumc.org/calendar)

See what’s going on at RUMC this month

*Live Worship/Virtual Bulletin/Attendance* [rockfordumc.org/live](http://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](http://rockfordumc.org/christian-education)

Find a ministry right for you and your family

*Newsletter* [rockfordumc.org/newsletter](http://rockfordumc.org/newsletter)

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

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**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.

**Scholarship Announcement** Graduating high school students and college students returning for the 2025-2026 school year, it is scholarship application time! RUMC has several scholarships available for active, qualified applicants. Applications are available on the church website, 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.

**50+ Potluck** The potlucks are back! On Thursday, April 3, at noon join us in the Fellowship Hall for great food and conversation. Micah Herrboldt, Waste Reduction Educator for Kent County will be our speaker. Please feel free to attend, even if you are not yet 50! Bring a dish for the buffet and your own table setting; ice water and coffee will be provided. Try to arrive by 11:45 so you have time to set your place, put on your nametag and greet others. For more information please contact Barbie Dibble.

**Easter Candy Needed** Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 12** and we 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. See our website for more information and to register!

**Praises and Prayers - 2025 Women's Retreat** The Prayer Ministry Team will be holding their annual retreat on Saturday, May 17. Sign up at [rockfordumc.org](http://rockfordumc.org) by clicking on Women's Retreat.

### Finance Update through March 16, 2025

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

Gifts & Offerings	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Building Needs</u>
Year to Date Needed:	\$97,856.00	has received
Year to Date Received	\$99,617.82	\$17,631.22 so far.

Bread Pan: UMCOR Kits - \$459.87

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
March 9, 2025	80/15	44/7
March 16, 2025	97/16	51/0

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS – March 23, 2025

### New Prayer Concerns

**Rob Miller**, stage four lung cancer. He and his wife, Becky, are long-time close friends of Al & Val Northcutt.

**Carolyn Green** will have colon cancer surgery on April 2, 81 year old sister of Barbie Dibble, who lives in Minneapolis.

**Ellie & family**, her adopted son has cancer, friend of Jackie Cook.

### Prayer Updates

**Sharon Campbell** thanks us for our prayers. Her surgery went well and she is asking for continued prayers for healing.

**Bonnie Velazquez** is moving to hospice care at Cedar Springs Mission Point. Prayers for her, for husband Jose' and for the family as they make end of life decisions for Bonnie.

### Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Tom Rekeny, staff & students at Parkside, Deb Rinehart, Lorelee Lillibridge, Sharon Campbell, Elia Bettinger, Robin Fox, Nancy Mills, Scott Pitcher, Bonnie Velazquez and Nancy Jensen.

### Serving Next Week, March 30

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Barb Crowder - Prayer/Scripture

11:00: Brandon Teunissen - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45: Mark Self & Lee Aldrich

11:00: Aaron Northcutt Family

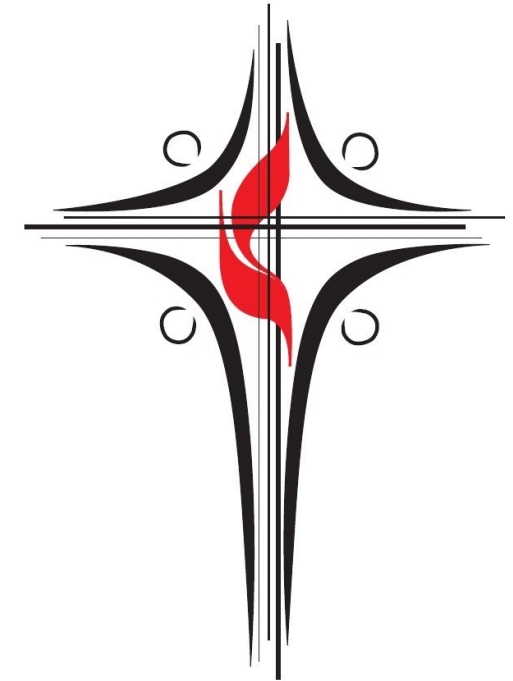
Ushers:

8:45: Steve & Jeanine Holen

11:00: Kevin & Teri Sweeney

**Please No Food and Only Covered Beverages in the Sanctuary.** Thank you!

**Be Alert!** Our office received a phishing email this week from someone posing as a staff member and asking for our directory information. A church member also received an email that appeared to be from Pastor Anna, but the email address was incorrect. If you receive an email like that, asking for a favor or for information, please don't be fooled. Verify to see if the email address is correct and report the email as a phishing message. Then delete the message from your trash or spam folder.



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