

**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 *Forty Days and Forty Nights* John S. Dixon

\*OPENING HYMN *Rise Up, O Men of God* (576)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostles’ Creed (881) Jeff Seagle

\*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: UMCOR International Disaster Response

MUSIC: *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* William H. Doane

\*DOXOLOGY

\*HYMN *Take up Thy Cross* (415)

SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:1-6 (pew bible p. 1119) Jeff Seagle

MESSAGE “The Letters – 5 Sardis” Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Music: *Where You There?* Charles Callahan

\*CLOSING HYMN *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (301)

\*SENDING RESPONSE

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain* Michael Burkhardt

**11:00 Service**

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostles’ Creed (881)

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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SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:1-6 (pew bible p. 1119) Michelle Palma

MESSAGE “The Letters – 5 Sardis” Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 Lenten Study, 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, Room 205  
5:45 pm Missions Meeting, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Lenten Study, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

1 pm Amity Circle, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Education Meeting, Rm 205  
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC  
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

**FRIDAY**

10 am One Day Niche, Room 200

**SATURDAY**

10 am Easter Egg Hunt

**NEXT SUNDAY - Palm/Passion Sunday**

8:45 am Traditional worship service  
10 am Lenten Study, Fellowship Hall  
11 am Contemporary worship service

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Saturday, April 12:** Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am

**Sunday, April 13:** Palm/Passion Sunday, 8:45 and 11 am

**Thursday, April 17:** Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm

**Friday, April 18:** Good Friday Services, 1 and 7 pm

**Sunday, April 20:** Easter Sunday, 8:45 and 11 am

**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 International Response** - When a natural or human-caused disaster strikes outside of the United States, UMCOR provides immediate funds to its partners to distribute food, hygiene supplies, and other basic necessities to ease human suffering. In the long-term, UMCOR works with partners towards recovery and reconstruction while maintaining focus on disaster preparedness and training to help reduce the damaging effects of future disasters.

**Sermon Notes**

**Where to find**

*Church Information* [rockfordumc.org](https://rockfordumc.org)  
Get church news, service times, fellowship, missions and more

*Monthly Schedule* [rockfordumc.org/calendar](https://rockfordumc.org/calendar)  
See what’s going on at RUMC this month

*Live Worship/Virtual Bulletin/Attendance* [rockfordumc.org/live](https://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](https://rockfordumc.org/christian-education)  
Find a ministry right for you and your family

*Newsletter* [rockfordumc.org/newsletter](https://rockfordumc.org/newsletter)  
Sign up for prayer requests, weekly updates or the monthly newsletter

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Covered Cake Pan** If you are missing one, you can find it in the coat room or contact Kathryn Ricker.

**Prayer Vigil** The Prayer Ministry Team will be holding a prayer vigil to coincide with National Day of Prayer on Thurs, May 1. The vigil will take place from 7 am - 7 pm at the church. Members of the team will be available today to sign up volunteers.

**Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed** Thanks to the generosity of so many, we have more than enough candy for the Easter Egg Hunt!

Instead, please consider volunteering to help out on Saturday, April 12, from 9am - 12:30pm You can sign up by contacting Pam Lindemer or the church office. Thanks so much! If you aren't able to participate, please help out by spreading the word by inviting friends, family and neighbors to the hunt.

**Easter Egg Hunt** The Education Team is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12. The hunt will take place beginning at 10 am with Pre-K - 2nd graders; and again at 11 am with 3rd - 5th grades. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration is encouraged, register at <https://bit.ly/RUMCEggHunt>

**All Church Cleanup** Grab your tools and gloves and plan to join us at 8 am on Saturday, April 26, to get the church building and grounds ready for spring/summer. It will be mostly outside work and we will go until everything is done. Many hands make light work, so plan to come out and help.

**Wednesday Dinner Volunteers Needed** We are looking for folks who are willing to help out with set up, serving and/or cleanup for the Wednesday Dinners. You don't need to be part of a team to help, just have a heart for service. Contact either Laura or Phil Schultz or the church office if interested.

**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 or filling out the registration form.

### Finance Update through March 30, 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:	\$115,648.00	has received
Year to Date Received	\$114,247.72	\$20,494.42 so far.

Bread Pan: UMCOR Sunday- \$323.51

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
March 23	87/12	56/4
March 30	80/12	60/6

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS – April 6, 2025

### New Prayer Concerns

Pat Tefft's daughter-in-law is in Spain for a 7 week, 500 mile, walk on the Camino de Santiago Trail. Her daughter and granddaughter are on a 10 day concert tour with the Rockford Traveling Choir to Croatia and Italy. Prayers for a safe, healthy and successful adventure for all three of my girls.

### Prayer Updates

**Loralee Lillibridge**, hospitalized for a heart catheter, all went well.

**Sharon Campbell** is recovering at home.

**Ann MacDhubhain's** procedure went well, prayers for continued healing.

### Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Anonymous, Ric Farmer, Rob Miller, Carolyn Green, Don deBaptiste, Scott Pitcher, Bonnie Velazquez and Nancy Jensen.

## Serving Next Week

### Sunday, April 13

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Cindy Beel-Bates

11:00: Val Northcutt - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45: Dave & Cindy Bates

11:00: Pat Tefft

Ushers:

8:45: Dave & Becky Fox

11:00: Kevin & Teri Sweeney

### Thursday, April 17

Greeters: Linda Duncan, Judy Mayhak

Ushers: Nancy Grossman

### Friday, April 18

Greeters:

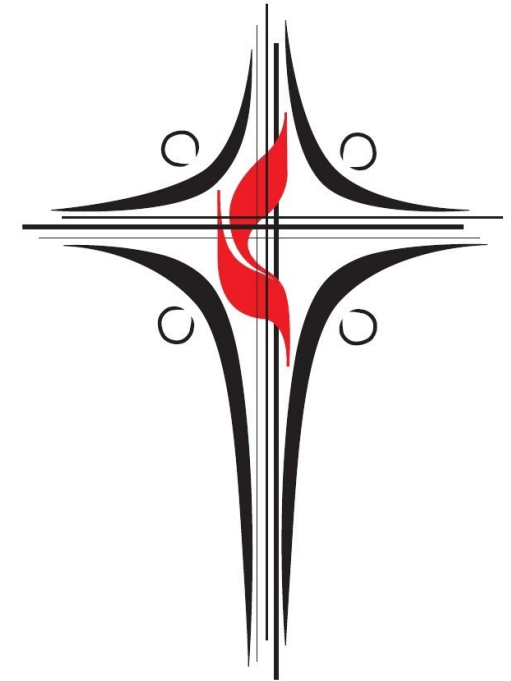
1:00: Denise Bradley, Mary Veltman

7:00: Pat Tefft, Linda Duncan

Ushers:

1:00: Jack & Carol VanderZanden

7:00: Jim & Mary Penrod



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