

April 27, 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 *Draw Us to You* Michael Burkhardt

*OPENING HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (327)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Jacque Melin

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: 2025 ASP Team
MUSIC: *I Need Thee Every Hour* Robert Lowry
*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *I Need Thee Every Hour* (397, v. 1-4)

SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:7-13 (Bible p. 1119) Jacque Melin

MESSAGE “The Letters – 6 Philadelphia ” Pastor Anna Moon

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

*SENDING RESPONSE
Blest Be the Tie that Binds (557, vs. 1) followed by “*Send Us*”
*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Easter Recessional* Cyrus S. Mallard

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Abby Teunissen
Children ages 4 yrs to 5th grade leave for JAMS (Jesus and Me Sunday)†

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: 2025 ASP Team

SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:7-13 (p. 1119) Lorraine deBaptiste

MESSAGE “The Letters – 6 Philadelphia ” 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

8:45 am Traditional worship service
10 am Engagement Team Meeting, Library
11 am Contemporary worship service
11:30 –1:00 ASP Lunch & Silent Auction

TUESDAY

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
1 pm Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design, Room 205
6:30 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

7am-7pm Prayer Vigil, Sanctuary
12 pm 50+ Potluck, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

10 am One Day Niche, Room 200
5 pm Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY

8:30 am RUMC Men's Group, Room 205
9:30 am Parsonage Cleanup
2 pm Bird/Lindemer Wedding

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service
11 am Contemporary worship service

Senior Connections Women's Golf Senior Connections women's golf will be delayed by a week or two. Our tee time is 9 am and we will do nine holes. We do not keep score. Please call Linda Larson if you are interested in joining us or if you have questions. We look forward to seeing all of you! Watch for the new date.

Today's Bread Pan: Appalachia Service Project 2025 Team - ASP is a Christian ministry rebuilding poverty level homes to make them safer, warmer, and drier. For eight weeks each summer, construction is done in many Appalachia communities in Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. While ASP is only able to assist 1 out of every 10 families who apply, home repairs performed by ASP volunteers take place from the ground up to the roof and everywhere in-between. This bread pan money will help send 24 volunteers (4 work crews) to a county in the Appalachia Hollers of Kentucky.

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

ASP Soup/Salad Lunch and Silent Auction Join the Appalachia Service Project Mission Team **TODAY**, 11:30 –1:00 in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious lunch of homemade soups, salad and dessert. While you eat, you can bid on various cakes and desserts prepared by members of the ASP Team and others. The highest bidder will be able to put a pie in Pastor Anna's face. Cost is \$7/adult, \$4/child 4-12 with a family max of \$20. Hot dogs will be available for the kids.

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. Volunteers can sign up in the Worship Entrance.

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 by clicking on Women's Retreat or filling out the registration form. Be sure to register before May 3!

Fellowship Tables is back! Fellowship Tables are for Everyone! Groups of couples and singles meet to share an evening meal six times over the upcoming months at a host home, with a final group potluck event in February 2026 at the church. Along with great food, groups enjoy activities and fellowship as the spirit moves them. The first event is Friday, May 30. To help us improve this ministry, please complete the survey available in the Worship Entrance or online at rockfordumc.org and return by the May 11 services. To sign up for the May 30 event, contact Bill MacDhubhain.

Finance Update through April 20, 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:	\$142,336.00		has received	
Year to Date Received	\$135,685.12		\$25,048.67 so far.	
Bread Pan: North Kent Connect - \$527.38				
Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>		<u>11 am/online</u>	
April 13	100/14		66/3	
April 17 Maundy Thursday		7:00	57/1	
April 18 Good Friday	1:00 44/2	7:00	43/1	
April 20 Easter Sunday	125/12		83/4	

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – April 27, 2025

New Prayer Concerns

- Linda Larson**, underwent surgery on Friday for a broken hip.
- Dave**, whose cancer has spread to his lung; friend of Linda Duncan
- Family of Bonnie Velazquez**, who passed away on Easter Sunday. Her funeral was held on Wednesday.
- Barbie Dibble**, the death of her sister, Carolyn Green.
- Jason and Julie Wendtland & family**, death of Jason's father.

Prayer Updates

Rob Miller, struggling with chemo treatments, unable to sleep due to pain. Friend of Al & Val Northcutt.

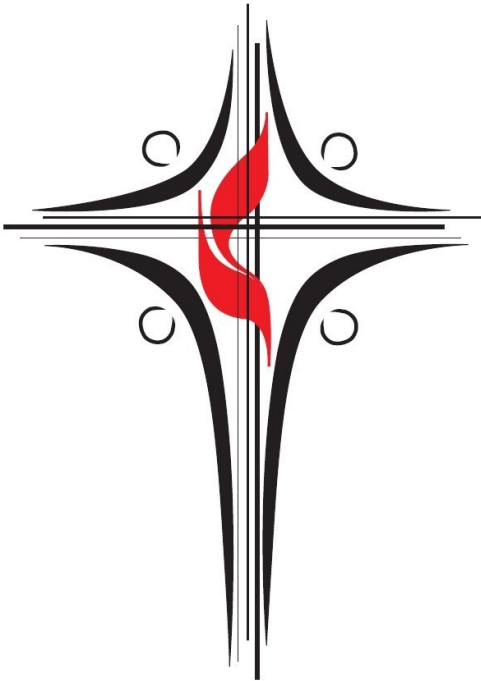
Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: George Mayhak, anonymous mother of 4 with a newborn, Ann Burgoon, Ann MacDhubhain, friend of Susan Groover, 13 year old boy, Scott Pitcher, Nancy Jensen, Linda Spinella, and the family of Lorelee Lil- libridge.

Serving Next Week, May 4

- Prayer /Scripture:
- 8:45: Jackie Decker - Prayer/Scripture
- 11:00: Jim Larson - Scripture
- Greeters:
- 8:45: Steve & Jeanine Holen
- 11:00: Kaleigh and Kloeigh Chatel
- Ushers:
- 8:45: Phil & Laura Schultz
- 11:00: Scott & Laura Pitcher

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.



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