

May 4, 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 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* Will Thompson

*OPENING HYMN *Christ is Alive* (318)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostles’ Creed (881) Jackie Decker

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: ASP 2025 Team
Music: *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Bobby Corno
*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* (348)

SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:14-22 (Bible p. 1119) Jackie Decker

MESSAGE “The Letters – 7 Laodicea ” Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Music:

*CLOSING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* (577)

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* John Hughes

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostles’ Creed (881)

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 3:14-22 (Bible p. 1119) Jim Larson

MESSAGE “The Letters – 7 Laodicea ” Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG / SENDING RESPONSE

*BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT RUMC

TODAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design, Room 205
12:30 pm Early Release, TWC
3:30 pm Walkers for Suicide Prevention, TWC
6:30 pm Hand Bells 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

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

†**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).

Senior Connections Women's Golf Due to Linda’s hip surgery, Senior Connections women's golf is delaying the start of summer golf. Please call Linda Larson if you are interested in joining or if you have questions. 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 Magoffin County, 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

Diamond Dinner What is the Diamond Dinner? It is a chance to honor those of the congregation who have reached the age of 70 and above. You and a guest (of any age) will be treated to a delicious meal followed by a time of entertainment. The event begins at 4:30 pm and will be held on Saturday, May 31, in the Fellowship Hall. If you are of age, but don't receive an invitation, it may be we don't have your birthday (or birth year) on file. Please contact the office for more information.

Fellowship Tables 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.

Volunteers Needed Rockford's Start of Summer Carnival is right around the corner! This year, RUMC has volunteered to work at the Children's Tent. This will be a great way for our church family to connect with and serve the families and youth in our community.

We are looking for two-four volunteers to cover one three-hour shift at a time. Ruth Reickard will be in the worship entrance between both services the next couple of weeks for anyone who wishes to sign up. You can also sign up by emailing Abby Teunissen at chil-drenandyouth@rockfordumc.org

Volunteer dates and times are:
Friday, June 6: 12:30pm-3:30pm and 3:00pm - 6:00pm;
Saturday, June 7: 12:30pm-3:30pm and 3:00pm - 6:00pm;
Sunday, June 8: 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

Thank you for supporting our church as we reach out and connect with our community!

Hasenpfeffer Night Join us for a fun night of cards, food and lots of fellowship on Friday, May 16, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share, beverages are provided. If you don't know how to play we will teach you. This is the last one until fall.

Finance Update through April 27, 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	Operating Fund	Building Needs
Year to Date Needed:	\$151,232.00	has received
Year to Date Received	\$140,484.37	\$25,800.22 so far.
Bread Pan: ASP 2025 Team - \$1,307.20		
Weekly Attendance	8:45 am/online	11 am/online
April 20 Easter Sunday	125/12	83/4
April 27	82/11	76/3

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – May 4, 2025

Praises and Celebrations

Cindy Presler had the cancer on corner of her eye removed and she is now 99% cancer free. She is recovering at home.

New Prayer Concerns

Carl Stamm, hospitalized last week and still undergoing tests.

Austin Waldron, has been battling pneumonia for the past few weeks. He is home and under hospice care.

Pam Lindemer, death of her mother, Lola Wilson.

Annie Myers, diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. She is "asking God for the healing He has already provided for complete recovery. I am declaring my body to be healed and ready for his touch." Let's pray with her with confidence in God's touch. Friend and neighbor of Mary Knapp & Kathy Myrkle.

Kelly Wynsma, battling cancer; she is a young woman with a 5 year old girl. Daughter-in-law of Judy Johnson's neighbor.

Kim Vitacco & family, death of her Uncle Larry, also prayers for her Aunt Mary.

Prayer Updates

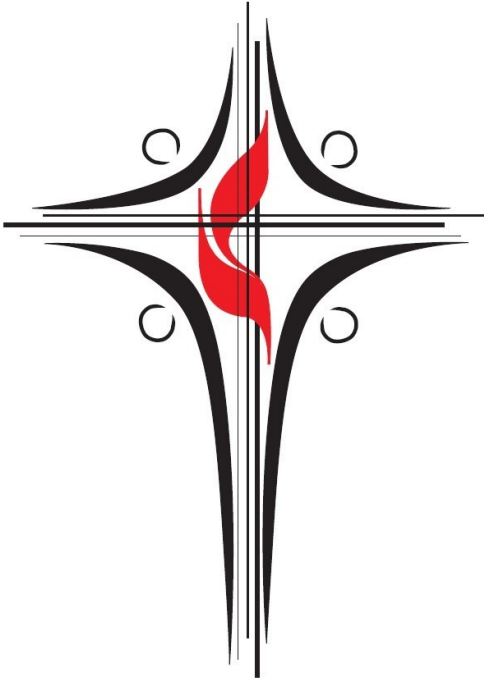
Linda Larson, is recovering at home from surgery for a broken hip.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Dave, Rob Miller, George Mayhak, anonymous mother of 4 with a newborn, Ann Burgoon, Ann MacDhubhain, Scott Pitcher, Nancy Jensen and Linda Spinella.

Serving Next Week, May 11

Prayer /Scripture:
8:45: Motu Johnston - Prayer/Scripture
11:00: Brandon Teunissen - Scripture
Greeters:
8:45: Steve & Jeanine Holen
11:00: Aaron Northcutt Family
Ushers:
8:45: Dave & Becky Fox
11:00: Michelle Palma, Julie Roach



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