

May 18, 2025
Scholarship Sunday

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 *I Love to Tell the Story* Gordon Young

*OPENING HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (694)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Jackie Decker

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Middle/Senior Youth Missions
Music: *This is My Story, This is My Song* Choir, acc. by John Dibble
*DOXOLOGY (95) and Linda Spinella, Flute

*HYMN *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* (312)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS Abby Teunissen

SCRIPTURE: John 20:24-29 (p. 989) Nancy Leguizamon

MESSAGE: “This is My Story - Thomas” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Thine Be the Glory* (308)

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *On Our Way Rejoicing* Gordon Young

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED Scholarship Team

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

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Middle/Senior Youth Missions

SCRIPTURE: John 20:24-29 (p. 989) Michelle Palma

MESSAGE: “This is My Story - Thomas” 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.

THIS WEEK AT RUMC

TODAY

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

TUESDAY - *John Dibble off in afternoon*

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

WEDNESDAY - *Sue Kerbyson & Kim Vitacco off*

10 am Worship Design, Room 205
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal

THURSDAY - *Kim Vitacco off*

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
6:30 pm Finance Meeting, Room 205
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

Office Closed to Observe Memorial Day

SATURDAY

7:30 am Habitat for Humanity Work Bee

NEXT SUNDAY- Memorial Day Weekend

John Dibble off after the service thru Monday

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

MONDAY- Memorial Day

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).

The church office will be closed on Friday, May 23 to observe Memorial Day.

Your Attendance Counts! Thank you for registering your names on the attendance pads each Sunday. This is important information for our records, and is reported annually to our church Conference. Printing clearly the first and last names of each attendee, makes our task easier and is very much appreciated!

Habitat for Humanity Work Bee will be held on Saturday, May 24, from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Contact Ruth Reickard if you have questions or would like to help.

Today’s Bread Pan: Middle School/High School Missions - The middle school youth and senior high youth do projects around the West Michigan area which benefit the less fortunate, and help them become Disciples of Jesus Christ. The bread pan collection will help defray the costs of them sharing their faith in our church and in our community.

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 Have you RSVPed for the Diamond Dinner yet? Let us know by May 22 if you are able to attend or not. We hope you (and a guest) can join us at 4:30 pm on Saturday, May 31, in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal followed by a time of entertainment. If you are age 70+, but didn't receive an invitation, it may be we don't have your birthday (or birth year) on file.

Start of Summer Volunteers Needed

Handing out water bottles The Engagement Team will be handing out bottles of water and church info from 9 am - 1 pm during Start of Summer on Saturday, June 7. They are looking for volunteers and donations of bottles of water for this initiative. There will be a table with a canopy located on Bridge Street.. If you are interested in helping out in one hour shifts, or donating a case or 2 of water, you can sign up in the worship entrance on Sunday.

Children's Tent volunteers This year, RUMC has volunteered to work at the Children's Tent. We are looking for 3 more volunteers to cover 2 shifts (6/6 3-6 pm and 6/7 12:30-3:30 pm). Ruth Reickard will be in the worship entrance between both services for anyone who wishes to sign up. You can also sign up by emailing childrenandyouth@rockfordumc.org.

Volunteers Needed

The church office is in need of volunteers to check and restock the First Aid Kits. This project can be done by individuals or maybe a group would like to give back to the church. Please contact the office if interested and for more details.

The Trustees are looking for people who are willing to learn how to use the church's floor cleaning machine. We have a few more floors to be refinished and are willing to set up a time so folks can learn. Please contact the church office if you are interested or to learn more.

The Engagement Team is looking for folks who can be more involved. Are you a good organizer? Can you drive folks to appointments or errands? Can you easily talk with people you don't know well? Do you like to work in the yard/garden? Can you do small construction projects? Are you able to fix things and/or do light plumbing or electrical work? Do you like to work on crafts? Can you do light house cleaning? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, please contact the church office.

Finance Update through May 04, 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:	\$160,128.00	has received
Year to Date Received	\$150,785.57	\$27,327.17 so far.

Bread Pan: ASP 2025 Team - \$577.45 (2 week total \$1,854.65)

Weekly Attendance	8:45 am/online	11 am/online
May 4	105/5	47/3
May 11	120/8	50/4

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – May 18, 2025

Praises and Celebrations

John Ebers is back from Mayo, the new treatment is shrinking tumors. Thanks for your prayers. Nephew of Jack & Carol VanderZanden.

Carter James Hinton was born healthy after birthing complications on May 9 to parents, Vauwn & Mark Hinton Jr, and great grandma, Nancy Hinton.

New Prayer Concerns

Mark Hinton, recovering from having a bone in his back removed to make room for a pain relief stimulator later; son of Nancy Hinton.

Family of Zach Curtis the motorcyclist involved in the accident on Northland and 13 Mile last weekend. Relative of Kim Vitacco.

SanDee Holland, recently diagnosed with cancer, undergoing radiation. Sister-in-law of Steve & Jackie Decker.

Marcy Mayle, cancer-related issues. Friend and colleague of Jackie Decker.

Ann MacDhubhain, recovering from gall bladder surgery; prayers for the pain to end and to return to work quickly.

Martha Ohnsman, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Dennis Robinson will undergo a biopsy on Tues, May 20, on a fast growing lung mass. There are also some brain issues and swelling, which is responding to medication. Prayer for no seizures and they can get a good sample. Son-in-law of Jim & Ruth Denison.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Cindy Presler, Laura Ceballos, Ed Szumowski. Family of Austin Waldron, Rob Miller, George Mayhak, Scott Pitcher, Nancy Jensen.

Serving Next Week, May 25

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45: Motu Johnston- Prayer, Pete Darling - Scripture

11:00: Pam Lindemer - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45: Al & Penny Dresselhouse

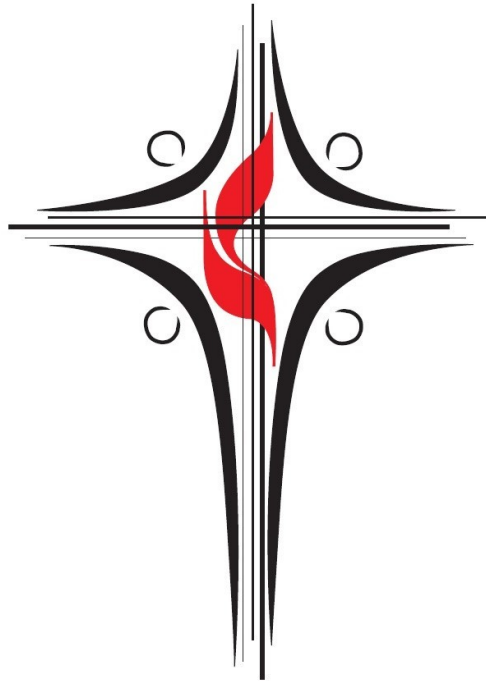
11:00: Jim & Mary Penrod

Ushers:

8:45: Steve & Jeanine Holen

11:00: Jim & Pam Bird

Bottle/can deposits for Pastor's Discretionary Fund Please turn in your rinsed bottles and cans with deposits to the barrel in the Community Room (closet across from the Fellowship Hall). The deposit money will go in the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which is used to help individuals, in the church and in the community, in need of financial assistance for utility payments, food or gas money.



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