

**“Choose to Be Grateful!” Series
November 30, 2025**

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 / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Michael Burkhardt

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Craig and Susan Witte

*OPENING HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* (213)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Jackie Decker

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: GR United Methodist Community House

Music: *Low! He Comes With Clouds Descending* Robert Hebble

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (211 v. 1-4)

SCRIPTURE Jackie Decker

Isaiah 9:6-7, Revelation 22:12-13 (pp. 625, 1133)

MESSAGE “Hope Coming Soon” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (196)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN No. 898

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Wilbur Held

11:00 Service

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SONGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Julie and Brandon Roach

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)†

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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.

THIS WEEK AT RUMC

TODAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Advent Study, Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC

1 pm Staff Meeting, Conference Room

5:45 pm Safety Comm Meeting, Room 205

6 pm Santa Parade Meeting, Sanctuary

6:30 pm Leadership Meeting, Room 205

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design, Room 205

6:30 pm Advent Study, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

12 pm 50+ Potluck, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

3 - 6ish pm Senior Connections Open House, Larson's Home

SATURDAY

8:30 am RUMC Men's Group

TBD Tefft Family Gathering, Fellowship Hall

10 am CPR Training, TWC

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Advent Study, Fellowship Hall (front half)

10 am Stained Glass Group, Fellowship Hall (back half)

11 am Contemporary worship service

Hand2Hand Giving Tree Please bring gift items back by **December 7** wrapped with the tag attached to be placed under the tree. The gifts will be delivered to the families in time for Christmas. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Reickard.

2026 Pledge Card If you have not yet turned your 2026 pledge card please turn it in as soon as possible.

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: Grand Rapids United Methodist Community House - GRUMCH is all about “community.” Since 1902, they have been meeting the needs of and offering opportunities to children, youth, adults, seniors, and families in neighborhoods in the heart of Grand Rapids to help them increase their opportunities to succeed. Donations create a ripple effect which builds a stronger, healthier, more resilient community for everyone, and that all starts with your giving.

Sermon Notes

Where to find

Church Information rockfordumc.org

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

Monthly Schedule rockfordumc.org/events

See what's going on at RUMC this month

Live Worship/Virtual Bulletin/Attendance rockfordumc.org/watch

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/ministries

Find a ministry right for you and your family

Newsletter rockfordumc.org/connect-with-us

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



Announcements & Upcoming Events

CPR Training The Education Team will be holding a CPR/First Aid class on Saturday, December 6 at 10 am. If you took the training last time, your certification is expiring soon. This class is highly encouraged for those who are working with our children/youth, and is open to those who want to keep up their certification. **Those interested in attending must RSVP.** Contact Abby at childrenand youth@rockfordumc.org to register or for more information.

Hasenpfeffer Night Your next evening of card playing and fun will be one week earlier this month. Due to the Warming Station being held on our usual night, we will meet on Friday, Dec 12, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share, beverages will be provided. If you are not familiar with the game, we can teach you how to play.

Warming Station for the Rockford Christmas Nativity Night

There will be a Live Nativity in downtown Rockford on Friday, December 19, beginning at 7pm hosted by the Rockford Chamber of Commerce. RUMC will be offering a place to warm up, enjoy hot chocolate/coffee and cookies and listen to Christmas Carols. We will need 12-14 dozen cookies, preferably homemade. We will also need volunteers to help with set-up, serving and clean-up. If you would like to donate cookies, volunteer and/or sing Carols, please contact the church office.

Cookie Exchange Do you like to have a variety of cookies for Christmas, but don't have the time to make several batches? Then we have a solution for you! There will be a Cookie Exchange on Saturday, December 20, beginning at 9 am. We will have use of the ovens, but it can be helpful to have your dough(s) made ahead of time. Plan to make 36-48 cookies/treats and bring a container to take your goodies home. Contact Pam Lindemer for information.

Zentangle Ornament Class Learn to make a Zentangle Christmas ornament from 9:30 am - noon in the center entrance on Monday, December 8 and/or 15. The class is free and all materials will be provided. If there is interest, another class will be offered on a weekend for those who cannot attend on Mondays. Please sign up with Jacque Melin.

Finance Update through Nov. 23

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:	\$418,112.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$391,389.24	\$76,266.52 so far.

Bread Pan: United Methodist Student Day: \$242.15

Weekly Attendance	8:45 am/online	11 am/online
Nov. 16	101 no livestream	35
Nov. 23	106/12	58/1

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – November 30, 2025

Praises and Celebrations

Baby Emerson Joy born November 25 two weeks early because of hydrocephalus is perfect with just a little fluid on the brain. She is in NICU and will have an MRI and a shunt to drain the fluid. Great niece of Cindy Beel-Bates.

Hudson & Graham were born November 26 to Phil & Erica Kaule a month before the due date. Erica and the twins are doing well, please keep them and Phil in your thoughts. Grandparents are Brooke & Maureen Kaule.

New Prayer Concerns

Mitchell Garrison will have surgery on December 1 to remove several masses found after a scan. Mitchell is also diabetic. Prayers for healing, strength and peace for him and his wife, Brianna, and two small children as they begin this long and challenging medical journey. Grandson of Nancy Hinton.

Doug DeVries has been diagnosed with bile duct cancer. Prayers for healing, strength and the care team in discerning the best treatment. Husband of Vicki DeVries, former member and Church Administrator. Doug is also a former Choir Director.

John Ebers has colorectal cancer and now has new tumors on his lungs. He will need surgery at Mayo Clinic. Nephew of Carol & Jack VanderZanden.

Prayer Updates

Meredith and Walter Winchel. Meredith being discharged to long term nursing care. Walter still on ventilator and sedated. Sister and brother-in-law of Barbie Dibble.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep these people in your prayers: Tom Tramper, Baby Elise Lamparter, Brian Bailey, Scott Pitcher, Kurt Ludlow, Cindy Presler, Jim Larson, Jace Johnston, George Mayhak and Nancy Jensen.

Serving Next Week, December 7

Prayer /Scripture:

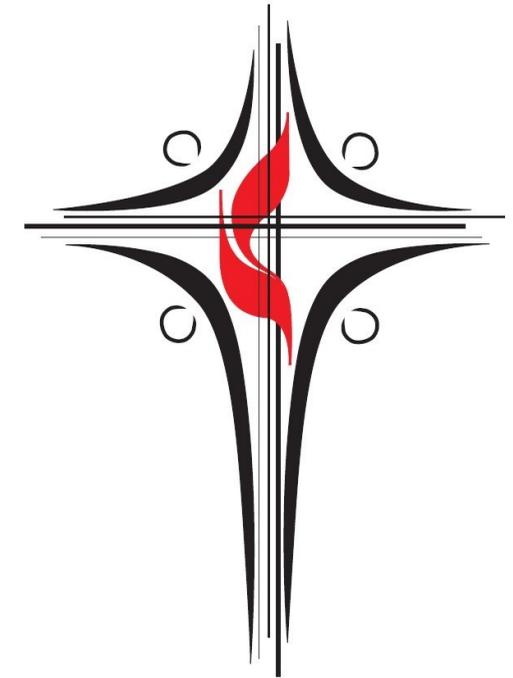
8:45 am: Jacque Melin - Prayer & Scripture
11:00 am: Brandon Teunissen - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Mark Self & Lee Aldrich
11:00 am: Julie Roach

Ushers:

8:45 am: Phil & Laura Schultz
10:00 am: Tschetter Family



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