

**“Coming Soon” Series**  
**December 7, 2025, Second Sunday in Advent**

**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 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* H. Alexander Matthews

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Dave & Maribeth Johnston

\*OPENING HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (220)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Jacque Melin

\*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Next Generation Ministries

Music: *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)* Choir, acc by John Dibble

\*DOXOLOGY (95)

\*HYMN *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* (218)

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:14 (p.625, 933) Jacque Melin

MEMBERSHIP Diana Stevers, Ryan & Sammi Kronemyer

BAPTISM Jayce David Johnston Kronemeyer

MESSAGE “Peace Coming Soon” Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Music: *The Coventry Carol* James Southbridge

*Lo How a Rose is Blooming* Michael Burkhardt

\*CLOSING HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* (238)

\*SENDING RESPONSE

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN No. 898

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* Larry Visser

**11:00 Service**

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING SONGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Kaitlyn Slate & Tim Goralski

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Abby Teunissen

*Children ages 4 yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> 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—Hand2Hand Gifts are due.**

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Advent Study, Fellowship Hall (front half)

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

10:15 am Youth Christmas Eve Meeting, TWC

11 am Contemporary worship service

**MONDAY**

9:30 am Zentangle Class, Center Entrance

**TUESDAY**

9:30 am Prayer Ministry Meeting

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

1 pm Staff Meeting, Conference Room

6:30 pm Trustee Meeting, Room 205

**WEDNESDAY**

10 am Worship Design, Room 205

12:30 pm Early Release, TWC

6:30 pm Advent Study, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir 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**

7 pm Hasenpfeffer Night, Fellowship Hall

**SATURDAY**

10 am Berry Family Gathering, TWC

10 am Young Adults Group

11 am Hinton Family Gathering, Fellowship Hall

**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)

10:15 am Youth Christmas Eve Meeting, TWC

11 am Contemporary worship service

2 pm Piano Recital, Sanctuary

**Hand2Hand Giving Tree Presents** should be brought in today. Make sure they are wrapped with the tag attached.

**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: Next Generation Ministries (Haiti)** - Haiti Children Project provides tuition and stipends along with personal support from our teams and mentors. The students are being guided to look beyond themselves and to use their education to help develop Haiti into a country who could one day be self-sustaining.

**Sermon Notes**

**Where to find**

*Church Information* [rockfordumc.org](http://rockfordumc.org)

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

*Monthly Schedule* [rockfordumc.org/events](http://rockfordumc.org/events)

See what’s going on at RUMC this month

*Live Worship/Virtual Bulletin/Attendance* [rockfordumc.org/watch](http://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](http://rockfordumc.org/ministries)

Find a ministry right for you and your family

*Newsletter* [rockfordumc.org/connect-with-us](http://rockfordumc.org/connect-with-us)

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



## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Youth/Child Involvement in 7 pm Christmas Eve Service** We would like as many of our youth/children as possible involved in our 7 pm Christmas Eve Service. If you know your family will be attending this service, we want both your kids and your grandkids to participate. Practices/informational meetings will be held in the TWC, from 10:15 am - 10:45 am on Sundays, December 7, 14, and 21. You can still be involved even if you can't make one of these times. Contact Abby at [childrenandyouth@rockfordumc.org](mailto:childrenandyouth@rockfordumc.org) to express your interest. All ages of youth are invited to get involved!

**The Care Ministry Team** is looking for a pool of drivers to rotate giving rides to someone from church who attends the 8:45 service. If you can help, please contact Kathryn Ricker.

**Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes** are available in the entrances if needed to turn in your donation. The Thanksgiving offering is a one-time financial gift to get caught up in our overall needed giving.

**Rockford Christmas Nativity Night** Rockford UMC will be offering a place to warm up, enjoy hot chocolate/coffee and cookies and listen to Christmas Carols on Friday, December 19, beginning at 7pm. We need 12-14 dozen cookies, preferably homemade., and 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.

**Staff Appreciation Gift** Show the church staff how much you appreciate them by making a contribution to a staff gift. The money collected will be distributed equally among the whole staff. Please have your donation to the church office by December 28.

**Zentangle Ornament Class** Learn to make a Zentangle Christmas ornament from 9:30 am - noon in the center/education entrance on Monday, December 8 and/or 15. The class is free and all materials will be provided. If there is interest, this class would be offered once a month. Please sign up with Jacque Melin.

### Finance Update through Nov. 30

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:	\$427,008.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$393,222.29	\$76,678.07 so far.

Bread Pan: GR United Community House: \$93.05

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Nov. 23	106/12	58/1
Nov. 30	46/29	23/10

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS – December 7, 2025

### New Prayer Concerns

**Sue Darby** is recovering at home from hip surgery. She is doing well and asks for prayers for continued healing.

**Brett Aukeman** passed away last Sunday from a massive heart attack. Fiancé of Mariah Northcutt, step-father of Dylan Northcutt. Mariah is former daughter-in-law of Allan and Val Northcutt.

**Young Couple** grieving the loss of their baby thru miscarriage. Friends of Kim Vitacco.

**Anonymous** is asking for prayer to deal with their depression during the holidays caused by family division and arguments.

**Brenton Winegar** (39) passed away Wednesday from multiple health issues. Celebration of Life will be held in the spring. Son of Mark Winegar and grandson of Bob & Geri Winegar.

### Prayer Updates

**Baby Kaius Jernigan** had brain surgery Dec. 2nd, where 75% of the tumor was removed. He will need more surgery when he is older, and may need chemo if the remaining non-malignant tumor cannot be removed. Great nephew of Val & Al Northcutt.

### Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep these people in your prayers: Meredith & Walter Winchel, John Ebers, Doug DeVries, Mitchell Garrison, Brian Bailey, Cindy Presler, Jim Larson, George Mayhak and Nancy Jensen.

### Serving Next Week, December 14

#### Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Cindy Beel-Bates - Prayer & Scripture

11:00 am: Michelle Palma - Scripture

#### Greeters:

8:45 am: Steve & Laura Matheis

11:00 am: Pat Tefft

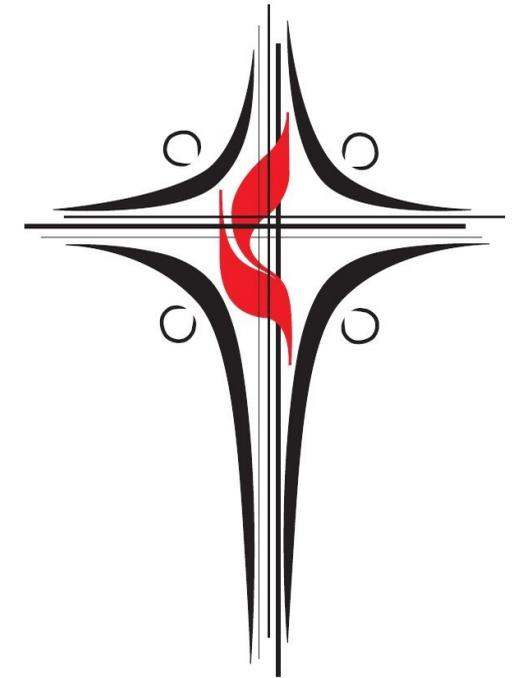
#### Ushers:

8:45 am: Steve & Jeanine Holen

10:00 am: Jim & Pam Bird

**End of Year Donations** Year-end financial donations to the church must be in the church office before December 28 to be included in your 2025 giving. Place your donation in the offering plate, add it to your online giving or mail it/drop off to the church office. Thank you.

**Staff/Parish Relations Committee News** Rockford UMC is looking for a contemporary service worship leader to lead and grow with our praise team. A more detailed job description will be posted on our church website. Please share this information with a worshiper with experience leading worship teams so they can apply. Please pray as we search for a worship leader for our contemporary service. Thank you all!



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