

“Coming Soon” Series
December 14, 2025, Third 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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Sue & Amado Arceo

PRELUDE *A Tapestry of Lullabies* Lani Smith
Rebecca Cruttenden and John Dibble

*OPENING HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (224)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Cindy Beel-Bates

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Advent Conspiracy Project: Solar Ovens
Music: *Angels We Have Heard on High* Hand Bell Choir

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* (198)

SCRIPTURE Cindy Beel-Bates
Psalm 96:11-13, Luke 1:46-49 (p.625, 933)

MESSAGE “Joy Coming Soon” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World* (246)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN No. 898

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

11:00 Service

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Kathy Jorgensen/Linda Duncan

*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)†

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*SENDING RESPONSE

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*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
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
7 pm Piano Recital, Sanctuary

MONDAY

9:30 am Zentangle Class, Center Entrance

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design, Room 205
6:30 pm Advent Study, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

1 pm Friends2Friends, Fellowship Hall
6 pm Girl Scout Leaders Meeting, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

7 pm Warming Station, Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY

9 am Cookie Exchange, Kitchen
12 pm Cusick 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 (last Sunday)
10:15 am Youth Christmas Eve Meeting, TWC
11 am Contemporary worship service

Thanksgiving Offering If you haven’t turned in your donation, envelopes are available in the entrances if needed. The Thanksgiving offering is a one-time financial gift to get our overall needed giving caught up.

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: Solar Oven Partners - Solar ovens cook healthy food and pasteurize water using the sun which is clean and free energy so families can direct their savings to pressing needs or even produce supplemental income. With our faith rooted in the story of Jesus, whose example of caring we follow, we deepen awareness of and relationships with Jesus. Solar Ovens cost approximately \$200 to manufacture, deliver, and train recipients.

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

2026 Offering Envelopes Available Your 2026 offering envelopes are available to pick up in the worship entrance. To save on postage costs, please consider delivering to those who cannot get out easily or are home bound. If you are missing yours, please contact the church office. If you will be giving online or making distributions from your investments and don't need envelopes, please let the church office know. Let's try to have all the envelopes picked up or turned in by mid-January!! Now, more than ever, is the time to support your church with your treasures, time and talents!

Youth/Child Involvement in 7 pm Christmas Eve Service If your family will be attending this service, we want your kids/grandkids to participate. Practices/informational meetings will be held on Sundays, December 14 and 21, in the TWC from 10:15 - 10:45 am. You can still be involved even if you can't make one of these times. Contact Abby at childrenandyouth@rockfordumc.org to express your interest.

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.

Cookies Needed for the Warming Station on Friday, December 19! We will need 24 dozen cookies, preferably homemade. **If you plan to donate, please let us know so we can track how many we have.** If you are willing to bake some cookies, please contact Becky Fox or the church office. The Live Nativity will take place downtown Rockford beginning at 7 pm. RUMC is offering a place to warm up, enjoy hot chocolate/coffee and cookies, and listen to Christmas Carols.

Cookie Exchange 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.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services Worship with us in person or online at either of our two services:

~ **7 pm Family Friendly Service.** Young adults will read lessons and children/youth will present a special lesson about Christmas. Music will be provided by the Choir, Linda Spinella, the Praise Team, and John Dibble.

~ **11 pm Traditional Service.** Special music by Dave Bates, Diana Stevers, Linda Spinella and John Dibble.

Finance Update through Nov. 30

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

Bread Pan: GR United Methodist Community House: \$93.05

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Nov. 30	46/29	23/10
Dec. 7	126/15	64/7

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – December 14, 2025

New Prayer Concerns

Steven (24) dealing with great depression and other issues. Grandson of Tuovi Cochrane.

Linus & Kay Schwartz, lost everything and their two dogs in a house fire last Sunday. Friends of Don & Deb Rinehart.

Prayer Updates

Diane Griffiths' hip surgery went well and undergoing PT. Thank you for the prayers, cards and flowers.

Brian Bailey is undergoing rehab at The Oaks at Belmont after being hospitalized two weeks ago.

Meredith & Walter Winchel, Walter died this week; and Meredith moved to long-term nursing care. Sister and brother-in-law of Barbie Dibble.

Baby Kaius Jernigan passed away last week. Great nephew of Val & Al Northcutt.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Please keep these people in your prayers: Anonymous, Young Couple, Winegar family, Sue Darby, Doug DeVries, Cindy Presler, Jim Larson, George Mayhak and Nancy Jensen.

Serving Next Week, December 21

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Darlene Topp - Prayer & Scripture

11:00 am: Val Northcutt - Prayer & Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Bill & Ann MacDhubhain

11:00 am: Kathy Jorgensen

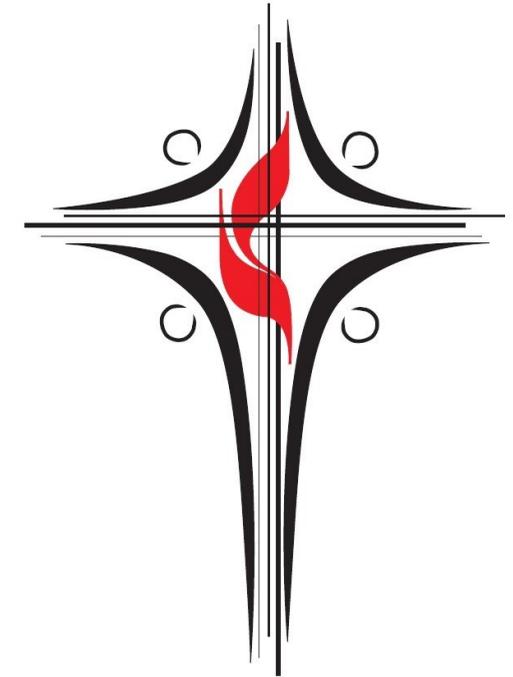
Ushers:

8:45 am: Dave & Becky Fox

11:00 am: Pam Lindemer, Michelle Palma

Staff Appreciation Gifts and End of Year Donations are due in the church office by December 28. 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. You can still make year-end financial donations to be included in your 2025 giving. Place your gifts in the offering plate, add it to your online giving or mail it/drop off.

Worship Leader Needed 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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