

**“Coming Soon” Series  
December 28, 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 *The Coventry Carol* Rob Roy Peery

\*OPENING HYMN *He Is Born* (228)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Motu Johnston

\*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Limb Kind Foundation

Music: *Away in a Manger* Robert Hebble

\*DOXOLOGY (95)

\*HYMN *Away in a Manger* (217)

SCRIPTURE Motu Johnston  
Revelation 21:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17 (p.1132, 1053)

MESSAGE “Christ Coming Soon” Pastor Anna Moon

\*CLOSING HYMN *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (251)

\*SENDING RESPONSE

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN No. 898

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Noel on He is Born the Divine Christ-Child* Larry Visser

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**11:00 Service**

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING SONGS

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)†*

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Limb Kind Foundation

SCRIPTURE Jake Lindemer  
Revelation 21:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17 (p.1132, 1053)

MESSAGE “Christ Coming Soon” Pastor Anna Moon

\*CLOSING SONG

\*SENDING RESPONSE

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds* (No. 557 vs. 1), *Send Us into the World*

\*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.

**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).

**THIS WEEK AT RUMC**

**TODAY, 12/28**

8:45 am Traditional worship service

11 am Contemporary worship service

**TUESDAY, 12/30**

9:30 am - 2:30 pm Office Open

**WEDNESDAY, 12/31**

9:30 am - 2:30 pm Office Open

**THURSDAY– New Year’s Day, Office Closed**

*Happy New Year!*

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

**FRIDAY, 1/2**

9:30 am - 2:30 pm Office Open

**NEXT SUNDAY, 1/4**

8:45 am Traditional worship service

11 am Contemporary worship service

12:15 pm ASP Informational Meeting, Fellowship Hall

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**Holiday Office Hours** The RUMC office will be open Dec. 30, 31 & Jan. 2 from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. The office will be closed as usual on Monday, and closed on Jan. 1 to observe the holidays. Pastor Anna will be out of the office that week to work on worship planning.

**2026 Offering Envelopes** are available to be picked up in the worship entrance. To save on postage costs, please consider delivering to those who cannot get out easily or are homebound. If you are missing yours, will be giving online or using distributions from your investment funds and don’t need an envelope, contact the church office. Let try to have all envelopes picked up by mid-January!!

**Today’s Bread Pan: Limb Kind Foundation (International)** - The Limb Kind Foundation currently works out of Metropolitan New York and in the countries of Haiti, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Philippines. In these impoverished countries, people with limb loss do not have the funds to pay for a prosthesis. In areas where there is conflict, or natural disaster has taken everything from the people, prosthetic care is not an option. These people are already fighting to survive and be productive members of their society, and being without a limb or limbs can be devastating. A child in these situations has very little chance at living the normal life of a young child who runs, plays, walks to school, and help around the home. The Limb Kind Foundation helps children with limb loss regain their motivation and determination by providing Prostheses free of charge. Providing a child a prosthesis does not just change that one life, but it alters the future of many lives. Help support the Limb Kind Foundation, so more children with limb loss all over the world receive prostheses. (In Honor of Nathan Wolford)

**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

**ASP Informational Meeting** If you are interested in the Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip, or ASP in general, plan to attend the informational meeting on Sunday, January 4, at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The trip will be June 13-20, 2026. Students must be at least 13 to participate.

**Unhanging of the Greens** will take place after second service on January 4. Please plan to stay after (or return) to help take down and put away Christmas decorations. Many hands will make light work!

**RUMC Leadership Planning Retreat** will be Saturday, Jan. 31 from 9 am—12:30 pm. All the committees'/teams' chairs and members are invited to join to learn, brainstorm, and plan together for 2026. We will also have a training session with Kevin Sweeney. All greeters and ushers are highly encouraged to come.

**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 is 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!

**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.

**Reminder for Online Givers**, or those planning to give online, beginning January 1, 2026 we will be using a new company to process our online giving. You will need to sign-up to give with the new company and stop your giving with the old company. The easiest way to do this is to visit [rockfordumc.org](http://rockfordumc.org) and click on the **Give** button. There, scroll down and you will find two red buttons. The **Giving 2** button is for current giving where you can cancel the old transaction(s). Click on **Online Giving** to sign up for the new company where you will need to create a username and password.

### Finance Update through Dec. 21

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:	\$453,696.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$445,773.54	\$81,264.12 so far.
Thanksgiving Received	\$17,375.00	

Bread Pan: Solar Ovens total from 12/14 & 12/21: \$2,750.36

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Dec. 14	105/23	49/5
Dec. 21	99/18	51/4

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS – December 28, 2025

### New Prayer Concerns

**Rosemary Bauer** went to be with the Lord on Christmas morning. Prayers for peace and comfort for her family.

**Rob Miller**, is in pain and is fatigued. He will see a different oncologist on Dec. 26, friend of Al & Val Northcutt.

**For those who have lost their pets**, prayers of comfort and peace.

### Prayer Update

**Diane VanHekken's** hip replacement surgery went well, she is recovering at home. Prayers for complete and speedy healing.

**Baby Emmy's** shunt surgery went well. Continue to pray for uncomplicated recovery and normal brain growth. Great-Niece of Cindy Beel-Bates.

### Continuing Concerns

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Alisha & Frankie Jernigan, Lori Burnette, Sandy, Jeff Seagle, Gerry Hockstra, Diane VanHekken, Joyce Cantlon, Cass Helfer, Diane Griffiths, Sue Darby, Doug DeVries, Brian Bailey, Cindy Presler, Jim Larson, George Mayhak and Nancy Jensen.

### Serving Next Week, January 4

#### Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Jacque Melin - Prayer & Scripture

11:00 am: Lorraine deBaptiste - Scripture

#### Greeters:

8:45 am: Lynne Harms & Nancy Grossman

11:00 am: Jim & Mary Penrod

#### Ushers:

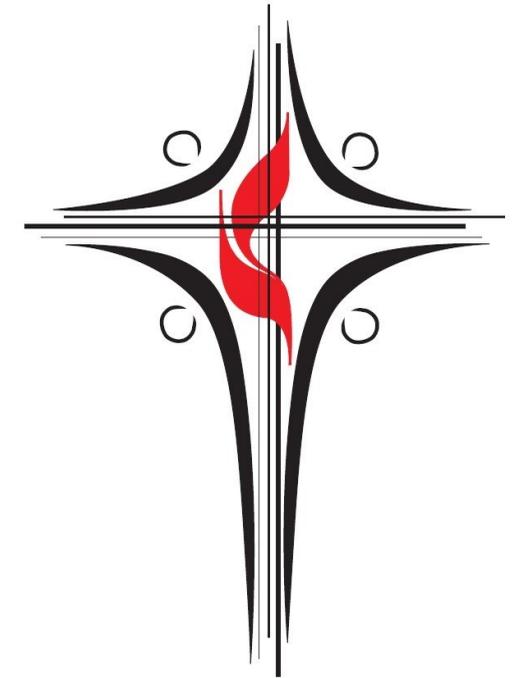
8:45 am: Lynn & Suzanne Zimmerman

11:00 am: Cindy Caywood & Julie Roach

**Blood Drives coming to RUMC.** The Krause Library will be taking over the Community Cabin beginning in January. Beginning with Wednesday, January 14, the blood drives formerly held at the cabin will now be held here at RUMC from noon - 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Starting with February, the drives will be held on the first Wednesday of the month.

**Bottle/can deposits for Pastor's Discretionary Fund** - If you would like to turn in your **rinsed** bottles and cans to the barrel in the Community Room (closet across from the Fellowship Hall), we will turn them in and the deposit money will go in the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This fund is used to help individuals in need of financial assistance for utility payments, food or gas money.

**Your Attendance Counts!** Please print clearly the first and last names of each attendee on the attendance pads. Thank you!!



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