

January 11, 2026

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 *Just As I Am* Raymond H. Haan

*OPENING HYMN *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* (357, v. 1,3,5,6)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Jackie Decker

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Pastor Dexter Ceballus, Mongolia Missionary
Music: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Wilbur Held

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (500, v. 1,3,4,5)

SCRIPTURE John 1: 29-34 (p. 966) Jackie Decker

MESSAGE "Jesus is..." Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *When Jesus Came to Jordan* (252, tune 514)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN No. 898

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *A Trumpet Fanfare* Gilbert M. Martin

11:00 Service

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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)†

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Pastor Dexter Ceballus, Mongolia Missionary

SCRIPTURE John 1: 29-34 (p. 966) Jim Larson

MESSAGE "Jesus is..." 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

8:45 am Traditional worship service
10 am Engagement Team Meeting, Library
10 am Stained Glass Group, back half Fellowship Hall
11 am Contemporary worship service

MONDAY

Pastor Anna on vacation Jan. 12—25

10 am Prayer Ministry Meeting, Room 207

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
6:30 pm Trustee Meeting, Room 205

WEDNESDAY

12 pm Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY—NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

1:00 pm Friends2Friends, Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Girl Scout Ldrs Meeting, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

7:00 pm Hasenpfeffer Night, Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service
10 am Stained Glass Group, back half Fellowship Hall
11 am Contemporary worship service

Pastor Anna will be on vacation January 12-25. We pray for her rest and refreshment. If any pastoral concerns arise, please contact the office.

Christmas card fronts are being collected in the worship entrance. They will be used to create cards for our veterans.

2026 Offering Envelopes are available to be picked up in the worship entrance. New/current members, giving of your treasures is part of membership, so be sure to pick up your envelopes. Let's try to have all envelopes picked up by mid-January!!

Today's Bread Pan: **Pastor Dexter F. Ceballus** serves as the country director of the United Methodist Mission in Mongolia. The Mongolia Mission Initiative, where Dexter is assigned, continues to progress steadily, especially in the areas of congregational and leadership development, Christian education and social ministries. One of Dexter's responsibilities is to teach Wesleyan studies at Mongolia Trinity Bible College, where most of the country's future UMC pastors are trained.

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

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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

Wednesday Dinner will be held on January 21 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Julie Johnson is cooking for the Mission Team. Baskets will be available for a freewill offering.

Hasenpfeffer Night is Friday, January 16, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share, beverages are provided. If you know how to play Euchre, you can quickly learn to play!

Zentangle Classes will be offered on the last Monday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the center/education entrance. Each session will introduce new Zentangle designs, making every class fresh and engaging. There is no charge for instruction, and participants are welcome to use the instructor's supplies while they are available. The only cost is for paper tiles, which will be sold at cost for 30¢ per tile. If you are interested in attending the first session on Monday, January 26, please contact Jacque Melin. RUMC attendees and guests are warmly welcome!

Fellowship Tables returns this month. Couples/singles get together for a meal and fellowship. It's a great way to meet other people in the church! The host provides the main dish and the guests bring an appetizer, side or dessert. Contact Bill MacDhubhain to sign up or for more information.

RUMC Leadership Planning Retreat on Saturday, January 31, from 9 am -12:30 pm. All committee/team 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.

Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 14, from noon - 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All attempting donors with a valid email will receive a \$25 e-gift card. Sign up: https://donate.blood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11629937

Reminder for Online Givers, or those planning to give online, now is the time to sign up with the new company (Stripe) to process your online giving. Don't forget to stop donations to the old company (Vanco) if you have been giving.

Finance Update through Jan. 4

You are encouraged to give either through US mail or via the website rockfordumc.org/give/. Thank you for your continued support!

Gifts & Offerings	Operating Fund	Building Needs
Year to Date Needed:	\$8,979.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$15,145.95	\$85,288.37 so far.
Thanksgiving Received	\$23,526.00	
Bread Pan: Pastor Dexter F. Ceballus: \$397.40		
Weekly Attendance	8:45 am/online	11 am/online
Dec. 28	81/12	41/2
Jan. 4	81/15	50/2

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – January 11, 2026

New Prayer Concerns

Cherie had surgery on Thursday to insert a stent in her femoral artery, prayers for healing. Friend of Joyce Brinks.

Maggie Berta and her new baby, Mariella. Mariella (mary-ella) is in the NICU at Helen Devos Children's hospital for a few more days and Maggie is trying to get her blood pressure under control. Daughter and granddaughter of Rick and Peggy Berta.

Dave Johnston has trigeminal neuralgia (pain in his jaw), and had a successful meeting with the Cleveland Clinic to help with the pain.

Those who are losing jobs, the working poor and others struggling to make ends meet.

Prayer Updates

Doug DeVries continues with chemo treatments. We are thankful side effects are minimal and for your prayers.

Rob Miller, is having weekly immunotherapy cancer treatments, friend of Al & Val Northcutt.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: those who have lost a loved one, Lori Burnette, Diane VanHekken, Diane Griffiths, Doug DeVries, Cindy Presler and George Mayhak.

Serving Next Week, January 18

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: _____ Prayer / Ruth Brod - Scripture
11:00 am: Val Northcutt - Prayer / _____ - Scripture

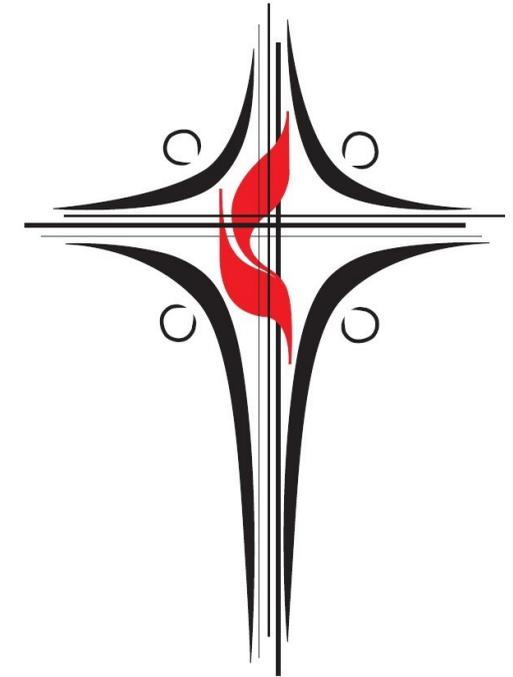
Greeters:

8:45 am: Bill & Ann MacDhubhain
11:00 am: Kathy Jorgensen

Ushers:

8:45 am: Phil & Laura Schultz
11:00 am: Mike & Lisa Freiburger

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.



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