

January 18, 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 Diane Lautenbach,  
Liturgist

PRELUDE *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* Dale Wood

\*OPENING HYMN *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (358)*

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Motu Johnston

\*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Human Relations Day  
Music: *Praise Him* Handbell Choir

\*DOXOLOGY (95)

\*HYMN *Jesus Calls Us (398)*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:12-22 NIV Ruth Brod

MESSAGE "Fishers" Lynn Zimmerman

\*CLOSING HYMN *Fishers of Men (lyrics on screen)*

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN No. 898

\*BENEDICTION Lynn Zimmerman

POSTLUDE *Fantasia in C* J.S. Bach

### 11:00 Service

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS Val Northcutt,  
Liturgist

\*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Val Northcutt

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: Human Relations Day

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:12-22 NIV Rose Kempf

MESSAGE "Fishers" Lynn Zimmerman

\*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 Stained Glass Group, back half Fellowship Hall  
11 am Contemporary worship service

### TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC  
6:00 pm DAR Meeting, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

### WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC  
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

### FRIDAY

6:00 pm Fellowship Tables, off-site

### NEXT SUNDAY

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

**Pastor Anna is on vacation thru January 25.** We pray for her rest and refreshment. If any pastoral concerns arise, please contact the office.

**Found before Christmas:** a pocketknife was found in the sofa in the center/education entrance. Call the office to give a description.

**Wednesday Dinner** will be held this week at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Missions Team will be serving breakfast for dinner consisting of egg dishes, bread dishes and fruit. Baskets will be available for a freewill offering.

**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 and attendees, giving of your treasures will come to bless you in many ways. Let's have them picked up to avoid postage fees!

**Today's Bread Pan: Human Relations Day** - Designated as a "Special Offering," we share this offering in mid-January because this marks the birthday of The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the work he did to transform our nation and the world in the area of healing relationships in the human community. The offering supports community development programs to improve living conditions, build relationships, Youth Offender Rehabilitation projects to give teens a chance to succeed, and testify to the love of God through the ministry of presence.

## 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

**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!

**The Women's Group** will be studying *She Delights* by Elle Cardel Wednesdays, February 4 - March 4, at 6:30 pm in the TWC. The class will explore how to find joy in Christ and understanding in God's delight in us with practical spiritual disciplines. Books can be purchased thru Amazon, Christianbook, and Baker Book House. RSVP to Teri Sweeney or Carol Murphy.

**Fellowship Tables** returns this month on the 23rd. 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.

**Online Givers** we still have folks who need to sign up with the new company. We understand switching over can be a bothersome process. In researching new membership programs, we discovered a program which is easy to use, automatically stores giving information, has cheaper processing fees and has other great benefits. Instruction sheets are available in the worship entrance and online at the Give page of the website, or contact the church office for information. Please try to switch over before the end of January.

### Finance Update through Jan. 11

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

Gifts & Offerings	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Building Needs</u>
Year to Date Needed:	\$17,958.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$18,329.45	\$85,396.92 so far.

Bread Pan: Pastor Dexter F. Ceballus: \$363.38 (+ 381.25 = \$744.63)  
*Numbers above have been corrected from last week*

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Jan. 4	81/15	50/2
Jan. 11	76/17	51/2

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS – January 18, 2026

### New Prayer Concerns

**Kristi Kulhanek** (early 30's) has been hospitalized in Georgia with a massive tumor in her abdomen. Biopsies were sent to Mayo Clinic. Granddaughter of Mary Eadie.

**Sam Wells** is waiting for a heart transplant, relative of Steve & Jackie Decker.

**Vicki** is on a ventilator at Butterworth Hospital, she is a Rockford school employee.

### Prayer Updates

**Wendy Helbling** is uncertain if she will be able to enter the US after her immigration interview in February due to the new immigration restrictions recently enacted. Prayers they will allow her in after trying for so long. Daughter-in-law of Kim Wysocki.

### Continuing Concerns

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Dave Johnston, Maggie and Mariella Berta, Cherie, Rob Miller, those who are losing jobs and struggling to make ends meet, those who have lost a loved one, Diane VanHekken, Diane Griffiths, Doug DeVries, Cindy Presler and George Mayhak.

### Serving Next Week, January 25

#### Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Jeanine Holen - Prayer / Scripture

11:00 am: Barb Crowder - Prayer / Julie Wendtland - Scripture

#### Greeters:

8:45 am: Jim & Ruth Denison

11:00 am: Chuck & Cathy Schroeder

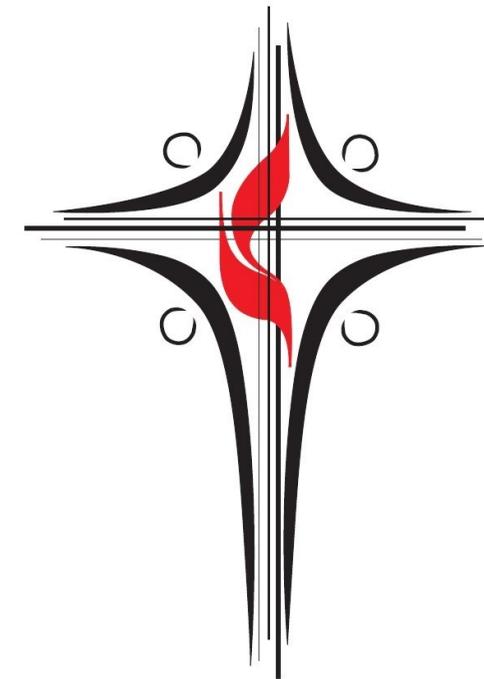
#### Ushers:

8:45 am: Jack & Carol VanderZanden

11:00 am: Jason & Julie Wendtland

**Community Blood Drive** Rockford UMC will be hosting monthly blood drives on the first Wednesday of each month from noon - 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All attempting donors will receive a \$25 e-gift card. Sign up at [rockfordumc.org/blood-drive](http://rockfordumc.org/blood-drive).

**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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