

January 25, 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 Lynn Zimmerman,
Liturgist

PRELUDE *Sonatina from 'God's Time is Best'* J. S. Bach

*OPENING HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (121)
to the tune of No. 398

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Jeanine Holen

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Vietnam Mission Initiative
Music: *Before the Throne of God Above* Choir, acc. by John Dibble

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *I Want a Principle Within* (410)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 119: 33-37, 112 (NIV) Jeanine Holen

MESSAGE "Rules of the Road" Diane Lautenbach

*CLOSING HYMN *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* (365)

*SENDING RESPONSE
Blest Be the Tie that Binds (557 (vs.1), followed by *Send Us into the World*
No. 898

*BENEDICTION Diane Lautenbach

POSTLUDE *Majestic March* Rob Roy Peery

11:00 Service

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS Barb Crowder,
Liturgist

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Barb Crowder

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Abby Teunissen
Children ages 4 yrs to 5th grade leave for JAMS (Jesus and Me Sunday)†

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Vietnam Mission Initiative

SCRIPTURE Psalm 119: 33-37, 112 (NIV) Julie Wendtland

MESSAGE "Rules of the Road " Diane Lautenbach

*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

MONDAY

9:30 am Zentangle Class, center/education entrance

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
6:30 pm Garden Club, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Worship Design Meeting, Rm 205
6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

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

SATURDAY

9:00 am Leadership Retreat, Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

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

Pastor Anna will return to the office on Tuesday, January 27. 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

Online Givers Thank you to those who have switched their online giving over to the new program. **We still have folks who need to sign up to the new giving program.** The new online giving is easier to navigate and has cheaper fees than the old company. 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!**

Today's Bread Pan: Vietnam Mission Initiative – Rev. J. Park and his wife T. Park, serve in Southeast Asia as County Director and the Christian Education Coordinator (and friends of Pastor Anna). This Initiative supports congregational development, pastors' salaries, economic development, and building projects. They also ask for prayers for their safety, fruitful ministry, strong friendships, and relationships with people they serve. They distributed approximately 1,000 food packets with rice, cooking oil, and instant noodles to people in the church and community last year, showing concrete love and compassion to serve vulnerable neighbors.

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

Women's Retreat 2026 Save the Date: The Praises and Prayers Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 8:45am-noon. Details coming next Sunday.

The Women's Group will be studying *She Delights* by Elle Cardel Wednesdays, February 4 - March 11 (skipping Ash Wednesday) 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.

Ash Wednesday Service We will be holding an Ash Wednesday Service on February 18 at 7pm. This service is still in the planning stage, details will be available soon.

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed Mark your calendars! We will be holding our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, at 10am. Abby is looking for volunteers to help with egg stuffing before the event and folks to hide the eggs, provide refreshments and hang out with the kiddos on the day of the event. If interested, please contact Abby at children-andyouth@rockfordumc.org.

Prayer Leaders Needed Prayer Leaders are needed for both services. Those interested would create their own prayer, lead the congregation in silent prayer and reciting the Lord's Prayer, (or the Apostles' Creed). Maybe you feel called to lead prayer, or you have done so in the past and are ready to try it again. If we get enough volunteers, we could put folks on a 4-6 week rotation. Please contact the church office 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.

Finance Update through Jan. 18

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

Gifts & Offerings	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Building Needs</u>
Year to Date Needed:	\$26,937.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$35,421.32	\$90,175.37 so far.
(Numbers corrected from last week)		

Bread Pan: Human Relations Day: \$349.74

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Jan. 11	76/17	51/2
Jan. 18	68/24	41/5

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – January 25, 2026

Praises and Celebrations

Maggie and Mariella Berta are home and doing well. Thank you for all the prayers.

New Prayer Concerns

Jack VanderZanden is home, doing well, after he was hospitalized this past week for testing after collapsing early Monday morning.

Lucas Ortego (39) passed away suddenly. Son of Amy and grandson of Bob and Geri Winegar.

Prayer Updates

Judy Mayhak and family, her husband, George, passed away last week. His memorial service was yesterday. Continue to pray for Judy and family.

Don deBaptiste will have back surgery on Tuesday, Jan. 27. They are hopeful it will be successful and give him long-awaited relief. They have to travel so are praying for good roads and weather.

Kristi Kulhanek is home, still waiting to hear from the Mayo Clinic regarding the biopsy on her tumor. Granddaughter of Mary Eadie.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Wendy Helbling, Kristi Kulhanek, Sam Wells, Vicki, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Week, February 1

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Motu Johnston - Prayer / Lionel Hurd - Scripture

11:00 am: Rose Kempf - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Steve & Jackie Decker

11:00 am: Julie Roach

Ushers:

8:45 am: Dave & Becky Fox

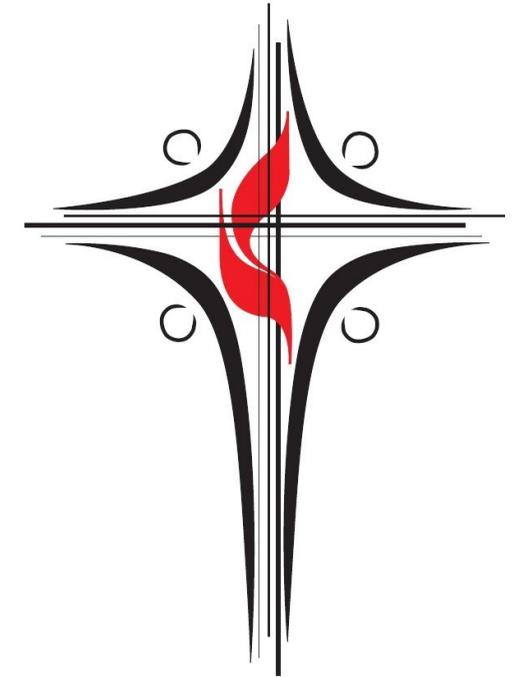
11:00 am: Kevin & Teri Sweeney

Communion:

8:45 am: Steve & Jackie Decker, Jim & Ruth Denison

11 am: Lorraine deBaptiste, Rose Kempf, Pat Tefft & Linda Duncan

Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 4, from noon - 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up at rockfordumc.org/blood-drive. Appointments preferred, walk-ins welcome as schedule allows.



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