

**“Encounter” Series
February 8, 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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Alfred V. Fedak

*OPENING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (384)*

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Jacque Melin

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Camp Sunday

Music: *That’s Why We Praise Him* Choir

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Blessed Assurance (369)*

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-8 (NIV) Bill MacDhubhain

MESSAGE “Encounter 2: Middle of the Night” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *The Church’s One Foundation (545)*

*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 Festive Trumpet Tune* Gilbert M. Martin

11:00 Service

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*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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SCRIPTURE John 3:1-8 (NIV) Linda Duncan

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*SENDING RESPONSE

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†**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

10 am Prayer Ministry Meeting

TUESDAY

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Trustee Meeting, Room 205

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Worship Design Meeting, Rm 205

6:30 pm Women’s Group, TWC

6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

1 pm Amity Circle

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm Education Meeting, Room 205

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Stained Glass Group, back half Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

Did You Know? The monthly newsletter and the Upper Room are located in a magazine rack on the wall (to your right) as you enter the hallway to the Fellowship Hall and bathrooms.

Hasenpfeffer Night is Friday, February 20, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share, beverages are provided.

Today’s Bread Pan: Camp Sunday - Every effort is being made to provide meaningful and exciting Christian camping experiences at three Michigan United Methodist camps. Camp registrations do not include funds needed for repairs. Bread pan money will go 100% this year for necessary repairs to Michigan summer camps. Their mission is to create transformative camp and retreat experiences that develop disciples of Jesus Christ.



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

Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 18 at 7 pm.

Please Pick Up Your Dishes in the Kitchen we have several which need to go home.

Women's Retreat 2026 *Praises and Prayers* Women's Retreat on Saturday, April 18, from 8:45 am-noon. The cost is \$30 per person, registration is required to attend. Register at rockfordumc.org/womens-retreat or pick up a paper registration form in the worship entrance.

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed Mark your calendars! We will be holding our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, at 10 am. 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 for both services. Those interested would create their own prayer, lead the congregation in silent prayer and reciting the Lord's Prayer. 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.

Winter Weather Closing and Inclement Weather Policy On days when Rockford Public Schools closes for a snow day, **all day and night activities are canceled.**

- The staff has a two-hour delay in getting to the office for safety.
- Closings/cancelations posted on WOODTV, WZZMTV, church Facebook page and the church website.
- If you feel uncomfortable driving, please stay home and join us online at rockfordumd.org/watch.

Finance Update through Feb. 1

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:	\$44,895.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$54,562.44	\$93,396.94 so far.

Bread Pan: UMCOR: \$384.74

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Jan. 25	66/17	42/4
Feb. 1	88/15	49/5

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – February 8, 2026

New Prayer Concerns

Betty Walters has 3 broken ribs and a broken pelvis after a fall. She is a former choir director and organist.

Wendy Martin has received a breast cancer diagnosis; she is waiting on biopsy results for treatment. Friend of Sue Kerbyson.

Michael & Michaela, Michaela miscarried this past week. Son and daughter-in-law to Cathy and Chuck Schroeder, and grandchildren to Linda Duncan.

Prayer Updates

Kristi Kulhanek received biopsy results from Mayo Clinic and has a very rare form of sarcoma, which has only one treatment. Doctors have found another tumor above her heart and are hoping to enroll Kristi into a clinical trial. Meanwhile, she will undergo further testing and chemo treatments, then doctors will evaluate what type of treatment is needed next. Granddaughter of Mary Eadie.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Jim Denison, Judy King, Aspen, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Week, February 15

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Jackie Decker - Prayer / Scripture
11 am: Julie Wendtland - Scripture

Greeters:

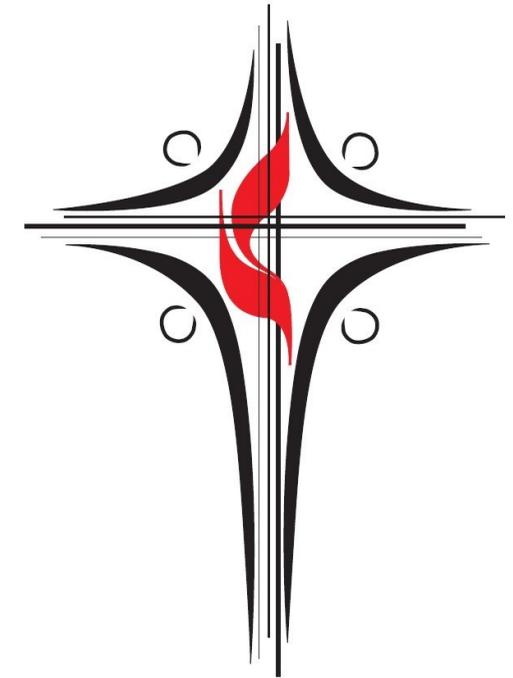
8:45 am: Ron & Diane Joppie
11 am: Aaron Northcutt & Allan Northcutt

Ushers:

8:45 am: Dave & Becky Fox
11 am: Tschetter Family

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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