

**“I AM” Series
Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* H. Alexander Matthews

*OPENING HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus* (189)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostle’s Creed (881) Motu Johnston

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Habitat for Humanity

Music: *Who Will Go for Me?* Choir

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* (480)

SCRIPTURE John 8:12-19 (p. 975) Jeanine Holen

MESSAGE “I AM the Light of the World” Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Music:

*CLOSING HYMN *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky* (173, Tune 361)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN No. 898

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in g* Johann. Sebastian Bach

11:00 Service

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostle’s Creed (881) Val Northcutt

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Abby Teunissen

Children ages 4 yrs to 5th grade leave for JAMS (Jesus and Me Sunday)†

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*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.

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

10am Prayer Ministry Meeting, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY

10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Rm 205

12 pm Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Women’s Group, TWC

6:30 pm Lenten Study, center/education entrance (this week only)

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

8:30 am RUMC Men’s Group

11:30 am Bird Family Gathering

NEXT SUNDAY- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Lenten Study, back half Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

Did You Know... *the church has a Teen Worship Center and where it is located?* The TWC is located across the hall from the Fellowship Hall. The room is set up for teens with couches, games, a pool table and space to move around. Some classes also meet there.

Don’t Forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday night so you won’t be late for Sunday services.

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).

Today’s Bread Pan: Habitat for Humanity - Money collected will fund the houses being built/renovated in Kent County in 2026. Families who buy Habitat homes are trying to take care of their needs without the help of others, but cannot afford simple, decent housing. RUMC will be helping Habitat again, so watch for the dates and plan to be part of this worthwhile ministry.

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

A Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, March 4, from noon to 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. To make an appointment, visit rockfordumc.org/blood-drive. Appointments preferred, but walk-ins welcome as the schedule allows.

LifeLine Screening will be here on Tuesday, March 10, offering health screenings typically not part of a routine physical. Three ways to register: call 1-800-324-9458 promo code HABC001; online at LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC; text **circle** to 216-279-1607.

Lenten Studies Join us for a meaningful study using the book *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by James Moore (same author from our Advent studies). This study will help us let go of habits and attitudes which hold us back, so we can grow closer to God during the Lenten season. The cost of the book is \$10. You may choose one of two options to participate:

- **Wednesday evenings** at 6:30 pm, March 4, 11, 18, and 25
- **Sunday mornings** at 10 am on March 8, 15, 22, and 29

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed, contact Abby if interested at childrenandyouth@rockfordumc.org.

- **Stuffing Easter Eggs** with candy on March 25 after the Wednesday Dinner.
- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 28, at 10 am. Help to hide the eggs, provide refreshments, and hang out with the kiddos on the day of the event.

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.

Finance Update through Feb. 22

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:	\$71,832.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$78,743.58	\$96,066.97 so far.

Bread Pan: NOMADS: \$280.61

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Feb. 15	92/18	51/2
Feb. 18 (Ash Wednesday)	80	
Feb. 22	69/11	34/2

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – March 1, 2026

New Prayer Concerns

Janette Konkle and Family, death of her sister, Judy Lee, last Sunday. A memorial service was held yesterday with Pastor Anna officiating.

Mark Hinton, collapsed in his home and was taken to the hospital. He is now home with many bruises on his face and body and in a lot of pain. Son of Nancy Hinton.

Maria and Jim Starkey live in Sayulita, Mexico in the winter. They are only 1 hour north of Puerto Vallarta, the location of the political unrest. Daughter of Barbie Dibble.

The family of Aspen Stanton (14), especially for Aspen's sister, Sage (4th grader). Aspen was a former Rockford Middle School student who passed away on February 13 (same girl we prayed for earlier who had MRSA and sepsis).

Prayer Updates

Sara underwent haital hernia surgery last week and is recuperating at home. Thank you for the prayers. Friend of Joyce Brinks

Kristi Kulhanek will have chemo treatments for 3 months. Then they will check to see if the tumors have shrunk and determine treatment from there. Granddaughter of Mary Eadie.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Jim Larson, Leona Murphy, Lori Burnette, Resa Szokowski, Don deBaptiste, Kristi Kulhanek, Judy King, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Week, March 8

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Jacque Melin - Prayer / Lionel Hurd - Scripture
11 am: Jake Lindemer - Scripture

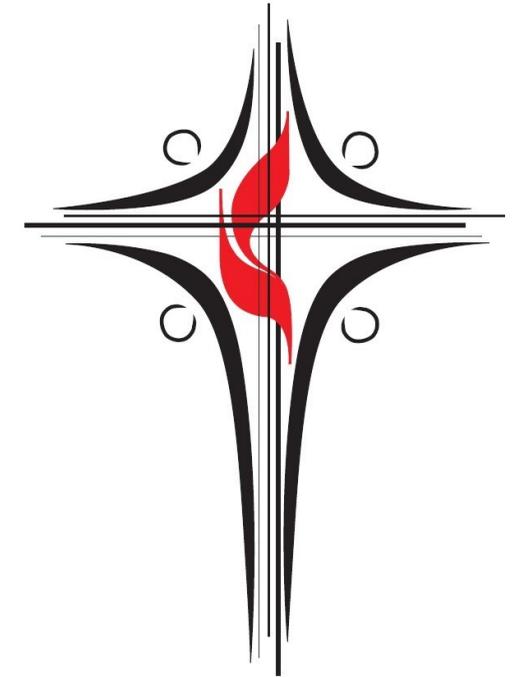
Greeters:

8:45 am: Steve & Jeanine Holen
11 am: Julie Roach

Ushers:

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

Bottle/can deposits for Pastor's Discretionary Fund Turn in your **rinsed** bottles/cans to the barrel in the Community Room (closet across from the Fellowship Hall). The deposit money will go in the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which is used to help individuals in need of financial assistance for utility payments, food or gas money.



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