

**“I AM” Series
Third Sunday of Lent
March 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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Dale Wood

*OPENING HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (298)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Jacque Melin

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: UMCOR Kits

Music: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Henry W. Baker

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (138 v 1,3,4,6)

SCRIPTURE John 10:7-10 (p. 977) Lionel Hurd

MESSAGE “I AM the Gate” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (381)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN No. 898

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in C* David Lasky

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: UMCOR Kits

SCRIPTURE John 10:7-10 (p. 977) Jake Lindemer

MESSAGE “I AM the Gate” 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 Lenten Study, back half Fellowship Hall
11 am Contemporary worship service

TUESDAY

9 am Lifeline Screening
10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Trustee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Rm 205
12:30 pm Early Release, TWC
6:30 pm Women’s Group, TWC
6:30 pm Lenten Study, Fellowship Hall
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, CANCELED
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

NEXT SUNDAY

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 4 heating units and 6 cooling units?*

There is a boiler under the sanctuary and another under the TWC. There are two HVAC units: one heats/cool the office and the other heats/cool the TWC. Four mini-splits in the sanctuary and 2 mini-splits in the church kitchen are used for air conditioning.

Holy Week Schedule

Saturday, March 28: Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am

Sunday, March 29: Palm/Passion Sunday, 8:45 am & 11 am

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm

Friday, April 3: Good Friday Services, 1 pm & 7 pm

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday, 8:45 am & 11 am

Today’s Bread Pan: UMCOR Kits - Money collected will go to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center for UMCOR. MMDC’s campus provides opportunities for individuals and groups of all walks of life, denominational backgrounds, abilities, and ages to help provide disaster relief kits and resources as well as educational and medical supplies to those in need both locally and internationally. Please donate generously.

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

Church Center is a new church app which is a public space online for church attendees to connect with the church. It allows people to manage their profile information, donations & registered events

Church Center is available on the web at churchcenter.com or as a mobile app which can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play. Or you can use the app setup link: <https://rockfordumc.churchcenter.com/setup>.

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 11, 18 and 25
- **Sunday mornings** at 10 am, March 8, 15, 22, and 29

Hasenpfeffer Night Friday, March 20, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you don't know how to play, we can teach you. Bring a snack to share, beverages will be provided.

Wednesday Dinner will be on March 25 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our hosts, the Men's Group, will be serving hamburgers, salad, chips, dessert and beverage. Baskets for a freewill offering will be available.

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 March 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:	\$80,811.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$89,383.91	\$97,146.55 so far.

Bread Pan: Habitat for Humanity: \$296.99

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Feb. 22	69/11	34/2
Mar. 1	82/17	56/4

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – March 8, 2026

New Prayer Concerns

Nathan, previously we prayed for healing of his brain cancer, now his MRI revealed a new tumor. Prayers the tumor is benign and for healing. Cousin of Jim Bird.

Anonymous job loss and others who are losing jobs due to the economy.

Rob & Sue Kerbyson, death of Rob's uncle, Jay Hamilton, after a long illness.

Prayer Updates

Wendy Martin, MRI shows cancer is also in the other breast. She is also the daughter of Jay Hamilton (see above). Cousin and friend of Rob & Sue Kerbyson.

Continuing Concerns

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

Serving Next Week, March 15

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Jackie Decker - Prayer / Scripture
11 am: Barb Crowder– Prayer/Scripture

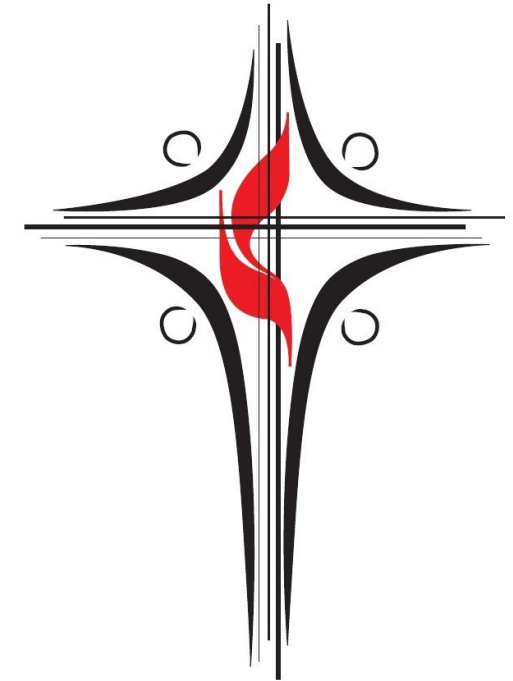
Greeters:

8:45 am: Bill & Ann MacDhubhain
11 am: Aaron Northcutt

Ushers:

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

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.



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