

**“I AM” Series
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 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 *Ah, Holy Jesus* Johannes Brahms

*OPENING HYMN *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross (301)*

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Jackie Decker

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: UMCOR Sunday

Music: *Jesus Loves Me* Hand Bell Choir

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Ah, Holy Jesus (289)*

SCRIPTURE John 10:11-18 (p. 978) Jackie Decker

MESSAGE “I AM the Good Shepherd” Pastor Anna Moon

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

*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 D* William Boyce

11:00 Service

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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)†

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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- Newsletter Items Due

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Lenten Study, kitchen end of Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

MONDAY

4 pm Kitchen Floor Cleaning

TUESDAY- St. Patrick’s Day

10 am Tai Chi, TWC

1 pm Staff Meeting, Conference Room

6 pm DAR Meeting, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Finance Meeting, Room 205

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Rm 205

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 Friends2Friends, Fellowship Hall

6 pm Girl Scout Leaders Meeting, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm SPRC Meeting, Room 205

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

6:30 pm Hasenpfeffer Night, Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Lenten Study, kitchen end of Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

12 pm Johnston Family, Fellowship Hall

Do You Know...how many bathrooms the church has? There are a total of twelve– 2 by the sanctuary, 2 behind the TWC, 2 in the basement under the TWC, 2 in the choir room area, 2 upstairs in the education wing, 1 by the nursery and 1 kid-sized in the nursery.

Today’s Bread Pan: UMCOR Sunday - UMCOR brings aid and relief when a catastrophe strikes all over the world. Along with food, clothing, shelter and medical help, they stay to assist survivors rebuild lives. UMCOR re-educates soldiers, feed schoolchildren and establish medical clinics in remote villages. They are hope for millions in nearly 100 of the poorest countries in the world.

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

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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, and register for 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.

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

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, hot dogs, salad, chips, cole slaw, baked beans, 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. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/EGGHUNTRUMC>

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 8

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:	\$89,790.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$97,710.93	\$98,039.52 so far.

Bread Pan: UMCOR Kits: \$557.25

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Mar. 1	82/17	56/4
Mar. 8	86/9	41/7

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

Michael & Justin traveled to Ohio to see their grandfather who is transitioning to his Eternal Home. Cathy Schroder's children.

Rockford student graduating in May and trying to manage school, homelessness, living in his car and no financial support.

Geri Berry & family, passing of her husband, Greg Berry last Sunday. The funeral service was held on Friday. Greg is the son of Gene & Sharon Berry and brother/brother-in-law of Laura & Phil Schultz.

Resa Szokowski has been transferred to Mary Free Bed for physical therapy after being involved in a car accident.

Jim Wilson, under hospice care; father of Pam Lindemer.

Prayer Updates

The family of Lori Burnette, who passed away. Friend of Mark Self.

Leona Murphy has returned to Michigan from Florida with a diagnosis of cancer; mother of Scott Murphy.

Wendy Martin, the surgeon said no cancer in the right breast and scheduled surgery on the left breast for March 24. Prayers she will pass a stress test (irregular heart beat) and her pneumonia will clear up so she can have the surgery. Friend of Sue Kerbyson.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: job loss, Nathan, Jim Larson, Don deBaptiste, Kristi Kulhanek, Judy King, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Week, March 22

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Jeff Seagle - Prayer / Bill MacDhubhain- Scripture

11 am: Rose Kempf - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Jim & Ruth Denison

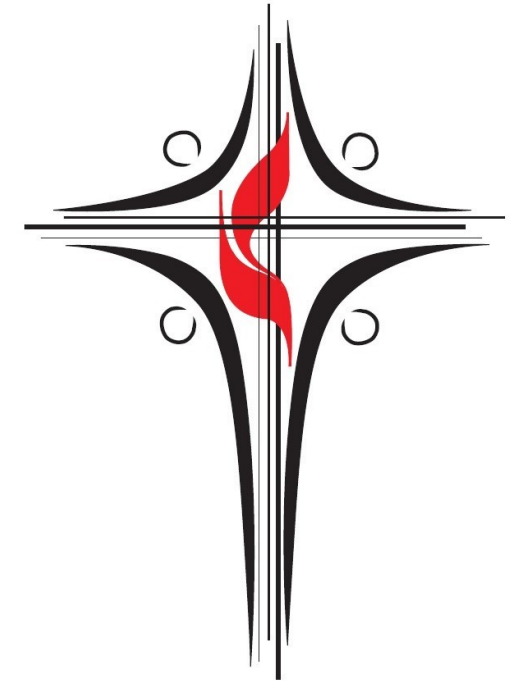
11 am: Mary & Jim Penrod

Ushers:

8:45 am: Sandy Radunzel & Nancy Grossman

11 am: Scott & Carol Murphy

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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