

**“I AM” Series  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
March 29, 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 *Rigaudon* Andre Campra

\*OPENING HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (278)*

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Judy Mayhak

\*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: UMCOR International Disaster Response  
Music *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Choir, ac by John Dibble

\*DOXOLOGY (95)

\*HYMN *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (277)*

SCRIPTURE John 14:1-7 (p. 982) Judy Mayhak

MESSAGE “I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life” Pastor Anna Moon

\*CLOSING HYMN *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (286)*

\*SENDING RESPONSE

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN No. 898

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Johannes Brahms

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**11:00 Service**

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Abby Teunissen  
*Children ages 4 yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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- PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

8:45 am Traditional worship service  
10 am Lenten Study, kitchen end of Fellowship Hall  
11 am Contemporary worship service

**MONDAY**

9:30 am Zentangle Class, Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY**

10 am Tai Chi, TWC  
1 pm Staff Meeting, Conference Room  
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**THURSDAY- MAUNDY THURSDAY**

12 pm 50+ Potluck, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC  
7 pm Maundy Thursday Service  
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

**FRIDAY- GOOD FRIDAY**

1 pm Good Friday Service  
7 pm Good Friday Service

**SATURDAY**

8:30 am RUMC Men’s Group, Room 205

**NEXT SUNDAY- EASTER**

8:45 am Traditional worship service  
11 am Contemporary worship service

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**Did You Know...***the church has 3 AEDs and where they are located?* One behind the coffee area in the worship entrance, one in the center/education entrance and one in Room 205.

**Holy Week Schedule**

**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 International Response** - The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds when a natural or human-caused disaster strikes outside of the United States. UMCOR provides immediate funds to its partners to distribute food, hygiene supplies, and other basic necessities to ease human suffering. In the long-term, UMCOR works with partners towards recovery and reconstruction while maintaining focus on disaster preparedness and training to help reduce the damaging effects of future disasters. In addition, UMCOR provides support for refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers in the U.S. and around the world.

## Sermon Notes

### Where to find

*Church Information* [rockfordumc.org](http://rockfordumc.org)

Get church news, service times, fellowship, missions and more

*Monthly Schedule* [rockfordumc.org/events](http://rockfordumc.org/events)

See what’s going on at RUMC this month

*Live Worship/Virtual Bulletin/Attendance* [rockfordumc.org/watch](http://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](http://rockfordumc.org/ministries)

Find a ministry right for you and your family

*Newsletter* [rockfordumc.org/connect-with-us](http://rockfordumc.org/connect-with-us)

Sign up for prayer requests, weekly updates or the monthly newsletter



## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Say Cheese!** Wise Photography will be here **TODAY** to take group shots of the congregation at both worship services. The pictures will be used for advertising in *Rockford Living*, so be sure to smile!

**The 50+ Potluck is back on Thursday, April 2**, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to arrive by 11:45 am to set the table and greet others. Bring a dish to pass, coffee and water provided, and your own tableware. After the meal, Dave and Becky Fox will present our program, *Serving Others by Raising Puppies*.

**Facilities Manager, Kim (Vitacco) Wysocki is Retiring** the end of May (yes, she also married and changed her name). If you would like to send her a note or card, contact the church office.

**Euchre Tournament** Saturday, April 11, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There is a \$5 entrance fee, bring 5-10 non-perishable food items in case you get Euchred and bring a snack to share (beverages provided). All money and food items collected are donated to North Kent Connect.

**Job Opening** Are you, or someone you know, interested in working part-time as a custodian for the church? Rockford UMC is looking for someone to work 20 hours per week, cleaning and setting up/breaking down for events. For more information, visit [rockfordumc.org](http://rockfordumc.org) under Job Opportunities.

**Have you tried the Church Center app?** The app allows people to manage their profile information, donations, and register for events. Church Center is available on the web at [churchcenter.com](http://churchcenter.com) or as a mobile app which can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play.

**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](http://rockfordumc.org/womens-retreat) or pick up a paper registration form in the worship entrance. Over a hundred have registered and the cap is set at 140, so register soon!

### Finance Update through March 22

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

Gifts & Offerings	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Building Needs</u>
Year to Date Needed:	\$107,748.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$110,256.45	\$103,087.28 so far.
Bread Pan: UMCOR National Disaster Response: \$369.55		

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Mar. 15	85/9	42/7
Mar. 22	90/7	35/4

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS – March 29, 2026

### New Prayer Concerns

**Jayla (4) and Justin (7) (Rothwell) Sutherlin**, continuing influenza. Great grandchildren of Jackie Cook.

**Katherine Young**, metasized melanoma. The meds didn't work so she's chosen to stop treatment and enter hospice at home. Step-mother of Lee Aldrich.

**Family of Mary Cubit**, who passed away on March 20. A celebration of life was held on Thursday.

**Dave Johnston**, the condition causing him jaw pain is in remission.

### Prayer Updates

**Scott Murphy & family**, his mother, Leona Murphy, passed away.

**Resa Szokowski**, home but cannot put any weight on her foot.

**Nathan**, his surgery did not go as planned. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. cousin of Jim Bird.

**Wendy Martin** had successful surgery. Friend of Sue Kerbyson

**Doug DeVries**, after recent testing, the surgeon wants to continue chemo for 3 more cycles.

### Continuing Concerns

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Betty Zeilinger, Pam Lindemer & family, Judy Sullivan, Bonnie Pistole, Michael & Justin, Rockford student, Resa Szokowski, Jim Larson, Don deBaptiste, Kristi Kulhanek, Judy King, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

## Serving Holy Week

### Maundy Thursday, April 2

7 pm: **Greeter/Usher:** Linda Duncan/Nancy Grossman

### Good Friday Services, April 3

#### **Greeters:**

1 pm: Chuck & Cathy Schroeder

7 pm: Jill Mackie

#### **Ushers:**

1 pm: Jeanine Holen, Jim & Mary Penrod

7 pm: Jason & Julie Wendtland

### Easter Sunday, April 5

#### **Prayer /Scripture:**

8:45 am: Jacque Melin - Prayer / Ruth Brod - Scripture

11 am: Val Northcutt - Prayer/Scripture

#### **Greeters:**

8:45 am: Al & Penny Dresselhouse

11 am: Linda Duncan, Pat Tefft

#### **Ushers:**

8:45 am: Jack & Carol VanderZanden

11 am: Jason & Julie Wendtland Family

#### **Communion Servers:**

8:45 am: Pam Wolven, Brenda Black, Steve & Jackie Decker

11:00 am: Linda Duncan, Pat Tefft



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