

**“I AM” Series
Easter Sunday
April 5, 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 *Trumpet Tune in D* Johann K. F. Fischer

*OPENING HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (302 v 1-4)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostle’s Creed (881) Jacque Melin

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: North Kent Connect

Music *Mercy Tree* Hand Bells & Choir, acc by John Dibble

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Thine Be the Glory* (308)

SCRIPTURE John 11:25-26 (p. 979) Ruth Brod

MESSAGE “I AM the Resurrection and the Life” Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Music: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Gordon Young

*CLOSING HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (327)

*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 & Fugue in F* Johann Sebastian Bach

11:00 Service

GREETING / PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SONGS

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

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: North Kent Connect

Music: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* Children’s Choir & Praise Team

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

Altar Flowers are from the family of Ron Joppie.

TODAY– EASTER SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

11 am Contemporary worship service

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

12 pm Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm No Bell Choir or Choir Practices

THURSDAY

1 pm Amity Circle, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm Education Committee Mtg, Rm 205

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

SATURDAY

6:30 pm Euchre Tournament, Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Engagement Team Mtg, Library

10 am Stained Glass Group, Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

Did You Know...*the original part of the sanctuary used to be a machine shop?* The building was purchased and moved on logs from its original location. In fact, there are still some of those logs underneath the building.

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).

Women’s Retreat 2026 If you haven’t registered for this year’s retreat on Saturday, April 18, be sure to do so soon. The cost to attend is \$30 per person, registration is required. Register at rockfordumc.org/womens-retreat or pick up a paper registration form in the worship entrance. Registration ends on April 15.

Today’s Bread Pan: North Kent Connect – North Kent Connect (NKC) is a food and clothing bank which covers the whole northern part of Kent County and is located in Rockford. NKC is a resource to receive food, housing assistance, job services, and much more. Each month, NKC serves 300 clients, 160 Senior Meals, and 150 Senior Pantry Food Boxes. We make their work possible! Please give 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

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, you can contact the office for her address.

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 under Job Opportunities.

Have you tried the Church Center app? This free app allows you to access and update your profile, register for the women's retreat, and to give online. 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.

ASP Lunch/Auction The 2026 Appalachia Service Project Team is hosting a Soup and Salad Lunch and Auction this year on Sunday, April 26. Cakes and desserts will be judged on various categories and auctioned off to raise money for the Team to work in Kentucky in June to make homes warmer, safer and drier. To learn more about the auction, categories and lunch, visit: rockfordumc.org and click on Ministries, then Missions.

A Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, April 8, from noon - 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up for an appointment, visit rockfordumc.org/blood-drive. Appointments preferred, walk-ins welcome as the schedule allows.

Finance Update through March 29

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:	\$116,727.00	has received
Year to Date Received:	\$116,002.21	\$103,608.27 so far.

Bread Pan: UMCOR - \$432.54

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Mar. 22	90/7	35/4
Mar. 29 - Palm Sunday	100/13	87/4

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – April 5, 2026

Praises and Celebrations

Dave Johnston, the condition which causes him jaw pain is in remission.

Jayla (4) and Justin (7) (Rothwell) Sutherlin, after a month with influenza, they are well again. Great grandchildren of Jackie Cook.

New Prayer Concerns

Diane Joppie & family, death of her husband, Ron, on March 27. His Celebration of Life service was on Wednesday.

Val Northcutt is wearing a heart monitor and will be seeing a cardiologist on April 8.

Laura, death of her mother; friend of Pam Bird.

Amanda, recovering from emergency for a twisted intestine; cousin of Pam Bird.

Prayer Updates

Nathan will be doing a week of radiation, followed by a round of chemo; cousin of Jim Bird.

Kristi Kulhanek, after the first round of chemo, the tumor has shrunk to nearly half. Her situation is so rare, doctors are using her as a case study and her care is being followed around the world. Granddaughter of Mary Eadie.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Katherine Young, family of Mary Cubit, Scott Murphy & family, Judy Sullivan, Bonnie Pistole, Rockford student, Resa Szokowski, Jim Larson, Don deBaptiste, Kristi Kulhanek, Judy King, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Sunday, April 12

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Jackie Decker - Prayer / Lionel Hurd - Scripture

11 am: Pam Lindemer - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Nancy & Tim Hinton, Lynne Harms

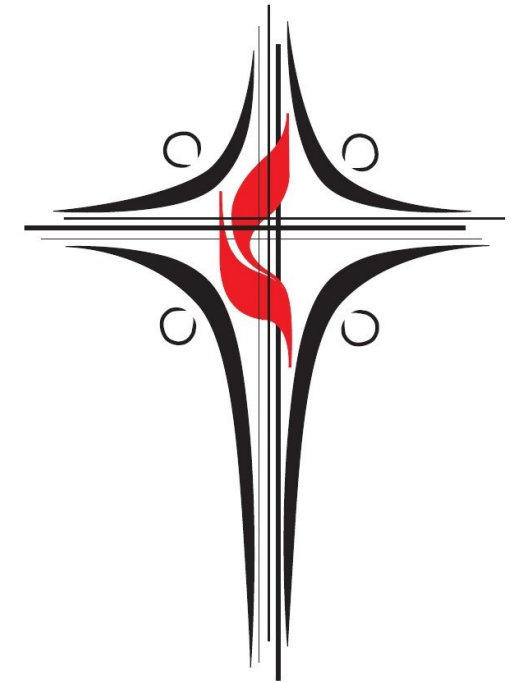
11 am: Jim & Mary Penrod

Ushers:

8:45 am: Lynn & Suzanne Zimmerman

11 am: Cindy Caywood

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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