

Graduation/Scholarship Sunday
Ascension Sunday

May 17, 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 *I Love to Tell the Story* Gordon Young

*OPENING HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (154 v 1,2,4,6)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Judy Mayhak

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Miracle Sunday (Endowment for Theological Education)

Music: *People Need the Lord* Choir, acc. by John Dibble

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story* (156)

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:6-11 (p. 991) Judy Mayhak

MESSAGE "Up, Up and Away" Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* (312)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *March of the Pilgrims* William Stickles

11:00 Service

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*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: Miracle Sunday (Endowment for Theological Education)

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:6-11 (p. 991) Michelle Palma

MESSAGE "Up, Up and Away" 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 Stained Glass Group, Fellowship Hall (last week)

11 am Contemporary worship service

MONDAY

9 am Women's Golf

10 am Zentangle Class, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Grief Share, Wesley Rm

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC

1 pm Staff Meeting, Conference Room

6 pm DAR Meeting, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Trustee Meeting, Rm 205

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall

6:15 pm Spring Concert, Sanctuary

THURSDAY

6 pm Girl Scout Leaders Mtg, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm SPRC Mtg, Room 205

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY— Office Closed to observe Memorial Day

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

11 am Contemporary worship service

Church office Closure The church office will be closed on Friday, May 22, in observance of Memorial Day.

Today's Bread Pan: Miracle Sunday - A Miracle Sunday offering has been established as an investment in the future of the church by helping to support 500 students each year as they prepare for pastoral ministry in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. Gifts given through Miracle Sunday are stewarded through the Endowment Fund for Theological Education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, ensuring long-term, sustainable support for theological education and pastoral formation across the global connection. When you give, you are not only meeting a present need — you are strengthening the church's capacity for faithful leadership well into the future.

Prayer Leaders and Scripture Readers Needed for both services. Prayer leaders create their own prayer, lead the congregation in silent prayer and reciting the Lord's Prayer or the Apostle's Creed. Scripture Readers are provided the reading in advance. Please contact the church office to sign up or for more information.

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

Congratulations to our graduating seniors, Devon and Savannah, and to our scholarship winners!

Dinner and a Spring Concert We are in for a treat on Wednesday, May 20, when we start the evening with Wednesday Dinner of sloppy joes, mac 'n cheese, dessert and beverage at 5:30 pm. Hosted by the Care Ministry Team, baskets will be available for a freewill offering.

After dinner, beginning at 6:15 pm, the Hand Bell Choir, the Choir and other special guests will present a free Spring Concert in the sanctuary. Invite your friends and family!

Pastor Anna to Annual Conference Beginning in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 27, Pastor Anna will be attending Annual Conference through Sunday, May 31. Lynn and Suzanne Zimmerman will also be there as our Lay Members to Annual Conference.

On her return, Pastor Anna will be out of the office June 1-6 as a planning week for the upcoming months.

RUMC Fellowship Tables Season Begins May 29! If you are new, or have been attending RUMC a long time, Fellowship Tables is for **everyone of all ages!** Groups of couples and singles meet and share a Friday evening meal six times over the next twelve months at a host home or place, with a final group potluck event next February at church. Along with great food, groups enjoy activities and fellowship as the spirit moves them. You can attend just one or as many as you like, and transportation assistance is available if needed! The first event is on Friday, May 29. To sign up, or just have questions, contact Bill MacDhubhain anytime.

Congratulations to Kim Wysocki and Jacob Oleneack! Kim's last day will be Friday, May 29. Good luck on your retirement, Kim!! Jacob has been learning the ropes and will be taking over the custodian duties after Kim's retirement. He has some big shoes to fill, so gently guide him as he learns to set up and tear down for the various groups using our church building.

Did you know the church has two fireplaces? There is one in the Wesley Room and one in the Prayer Room.

Finance Update through May 3

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:	\$163,416.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	\$158,815.14	\$27,567.82

HVAC Campaign Received - \$17,195.26

Bread Pan: ASP Team 4/26 & 5/3: \$1,951.27, Lunch/Auction: \$3,527

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
May 3	106/12	49/6
May 10	115/12	48/2

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – May 17, 2026

New Prayer Concerns

Rochelle Hinton, Prayers needed for bilateral pneumonia, bacterial infection, a staph infection, a cyst on a broken rib, and surgery for a port in her arm. Wife of Mark Hinton, daughter-in-law of Nancy Hinton.

Family of Bonnie Pistol, who passed away on May 11, mother of Julie Roach. Fourteen family members were able to see her on Mother's Day.

George Lautenbach's triple by-pass went well on Thursday. Thank you for your prayers! Please continue to pray for a speedy and full recovery.

Mary Bliss has been placed on Hospice care at Intersect Health Care (formerly Mission Point) in Belding. Mary is Jackie Cook's sister.

Family of Dr. Katherine Young, who passed away on May 12, step-mother of Lee Aldrich.

Family of Betty Walters, who passed away on May 12. Betty was our church organist and member for many years. A memorial luncheon is being planned for this summer.

Marilyn Palmer is in pain due to a recent fall and will be going into rehab.

Continuing Concerns

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

Serving Next Sunday, May 24

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Darlene Topp - Prayer & Scripture

11 am: Rose Kempf - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Lee Petersen & Lynne Harms

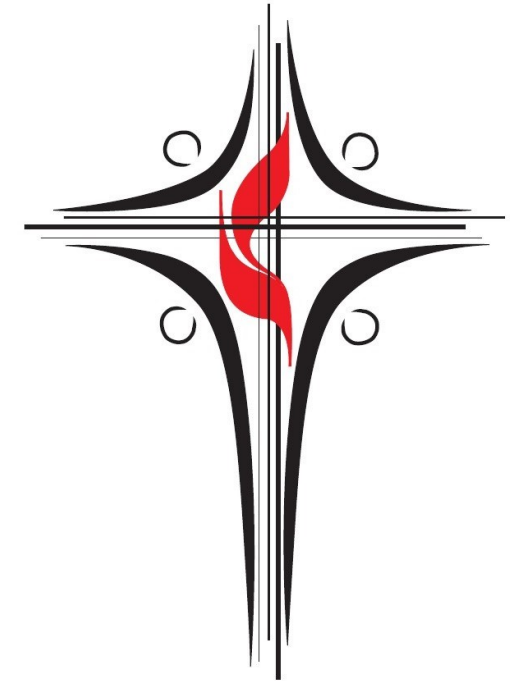
11 am: Kathy Jorgensen

Ushers:

8:45 am: LeAnn Hart & Nancy Grossman

11 am: Scott & Laura Pitcher

Sponsor a BTU Campaign Through June 2026 we are raising funds to support the replacement of a large HVAC unit, projected to cost \$130,000. More information is available in the entrances (or contact the office) including ways to contribute including our website. Thank you for your continued support!



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