

“Journey through Acts” Series

July 12, 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 / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

PRELUDE *Berceuse* David Lasky

*OPENING HYMN *Sing with All the Saints in Glory (702)*

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Motu Johnston

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Mujila Falls, Zambia Agricultural Project
Music *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* Beethoven/Colin Hand

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God (576)*

SCRIPTURE Acts 7:54-8:1 (p. 999) Motu Johnston

MESSAGE “Journey through Acts - Stephen” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Surely the Presence of the Lord (328, twice)*

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *March* Charles Gounod

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

*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: Mujila Falls, Zambia Agricultural Project

SCRIPTURE Acts 7:54-8:1 (p. 999) Pam Lindemer

MESSAGE: “Journey through Acts - Stephen” 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 Engagement Team Meeting
10 am VBS Volunteer Meeting, Fellowship Hall
11 am Contemporary worship service
6:30 pm Devotions on the Deck, Melin’s home

MONDAY–FRIDAY, July 13-17, Vacation Bible School, 9 am - 12pm

MONDAY

9 am Women’s Golf, North Kent Golf Course
10 am Prayer Ministry Meeting, Room 207
6:30 pm GriefShare, Wesley Room

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
6:30 pm SPRC Mtg, Room 205
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service
11 am Contemporary worship service
6:30 pm Devotions on the Deck, Melin’s home.

Do You Know... *how many volunteers it takes to run a VBS?* **A minimum of 20-25 people is needed each day** for four groups of kids, with two more leaders needed for every additional group. And because not everyone can be here for the entire week, additional volunteers are needed to fill in. We also need volunteers to help with set up, decorating and take down.

From the Office Apologies for getting the newsletter out late. Sue getting sick put a monkey wrench in the plan to get it out sooner.

Wednesday Dinner is this Wednesday, July 15, at 5:30 pm. The Men’s Group is hosting a meal of hamburgers, hot dogs and picnic sides. We are inviting the VBS families to join us, so be sure to come out and support this event.

Friends2Friends will not meet this week. Plan to meet up again in August.

Today’s Bread Pan: Mujila Falls, Zambia Agricultural Project - The goals and objectives of this project are to increase protein, minerals, and vitamins in the diet to reduce the very high infant mortality and low life expectancy of the Lunda People. It also helps the Lunda People to increase family incomes by becoming more effective and efficient farmers. The long-term impact is to help make the Lunda farmers, and their families, competitive in agricultural pursuits such as milk, fruit, meat production, gardening, field crop production, etc. favored by the high rainfall and abundant land available there.

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

Devotions on the Deck begins today and continues on July 19, 26 and August 2. They will meet from 6:30 - 8 pm on the deck at the home of John and Jacque Melin, with delicious refreshments being served. We will continue with the book we used last summer, entitled, "Worship-His Love Endures Forever," where we studied the first four chapters. This summer, we will do the last four. All chapters stand alone--no need to have read the previous chapters and you do not need to attend every session. If you need a book, please contact Jacque Melin.

Habitat for Humanity Work Bee RUMC is scheduled for a Habitat for Humanity work bee on Wednesday, August 5, from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. We will be working on a home in Grand Rapids and will need up to ten volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ron Radunzel by July 29.

VBS Mission Project In the month of July, we will be collecting cans/bottles for Worldwide Mobility (P.E.T. Vehicles for children). A P.E.T. Vehicle will be available during VBS for the children to experience using only their hands to get around. All are encouraged to bring in **rinsed** cans/bottles to the barrel in the worship entrance in order to donate a cart or two. The Worldwide Mobility (WWM) Plant in Holland, MI makes special carts for children in third world countries who have lost their feet or legs due to birth defects, accidents, and many from landmine explosions. Reliable surveys report over 20 million people are without mobility in poor countries, with no way to get help. WWM reflects the love of God by bringing the gift of mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk. With a Mobility Cart, children are able to receive an education; people are able to work and/or sell products to provide for their families; and they allow people to be social and travel to health centers.

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

Finance Update through July 5

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:	\$243,179.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	\$229,987.57	\$37,839.96

HVAC Campaign Received So Far - \$40,535.00

Bread Pan: Grand Rapids La Nueva Esperanza Church: \$288.09

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
June 28	92/9	35/5
July 5	95/6	40/1

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – July 12, 2026

Praises and Celebrations

John Kerbyson is getting around without crutches.

Sue Kerbyson is much better and was back at work this past week. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for both John and Sue.

New Prayer Concerns

Robbin Sheasley & family, death of her mother, Judy King. A service will be held on July 17 in Alma. For more information, visit luxfuneralhomes.com.

Jim Larson, hospitalized with heart issues. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Lauren Woodhouse Spaulding, death of her husband, Don Woodhouse, on July 1; a Celebration of Life service was held on July 8 in Dowagiac. Don and Lauren have been attending for about a year and live at Story Point.

Prayer Updates

Denny Muston is hospitalized and continues to struggle with recovery after heart surgery. He has an infection and is very weak. Neighbor of Al and Val Northcutt.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Glenn Veltman, Judy Mayhak, family of Dennis Robinson, Phyllis and Denny Muston, Doreen Timmers, Bruce Preston, Kristi Kulhanek, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Sunday, July 19

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Chip Stevers - Prayer, Bill MacDhubhain - Scripture

11:00 am: Jake Lindemer - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Chris & Ann Soltesz

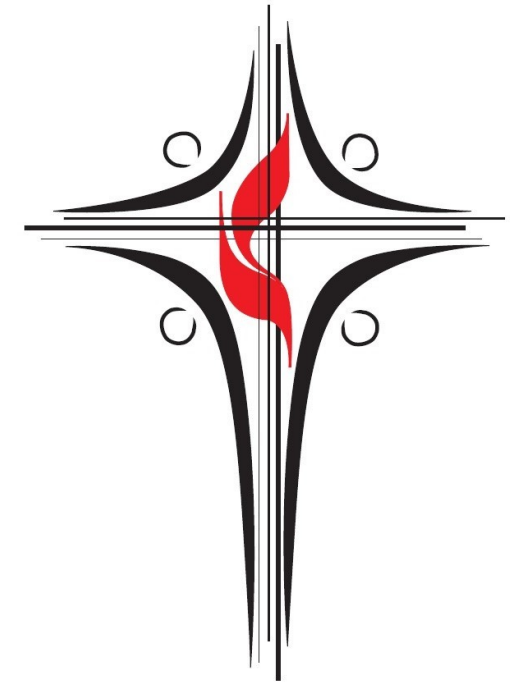
11:00 am: Mary & Jim Penrod

Ushers:

8:45 am: Lynn & Suzanne Zimmerman

11:00 am: Tschetter/Oleneack Family

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