

“Journey through Acts” Series

July 19, 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 *Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether* Charles Callahan

*OPENING HYMN *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (79, v1-4)*

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Chip Stevers

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Mongolia Initiative

VBS Video

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Spirit of the Living God (393, twice)*

SCRIPTURE Acts 8:14-25 (p. 999) Bill MacDhubhain

MESSAGE “Not for Sale” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *When Jesus Came to Jordan (252, tune 545)*

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in C* J S Bach

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: Mongolia Initiative

SCRIPTURE Acts 8:14-25 (p. 999) Jake Lindemer

MESSAGE: “Not for Sale” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING SONG The Solid Rock

*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 (rescheduled from last week)
11 am Contemporary worship service
6:30 pm Devotions on the Deck, **Holen’s home**

MONDAY

9 am Women’s Golf, North Kent Golf Course
6:30 pm GriefShare, Wesley Room

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC
2 pm KDL Library Event, Fellowship Hall
6 pm DAR Meeting, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205

THURSDAY

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
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... *you can be in middle school or older to volunteer for VBS?* Yep, no matter your age or your ability, we have something for you to do to help!

As you can see, it takes a lot of planning and a small army of people to hold a successful Vacation Bible School. Although we have been doing this for a long time, it doesn’t get easier as the years go by. Remember this when you hear the call for volunteers, for we can’t do it without your help!

John Dibble on Vacation from July 20-26. Abby Teunissen will be on vacation August 1-23.

The New HVAC Unit will be replaced during the week of July 27, and will take most of the week to be done. The church office will remain open during this time.

Today’s Bread Pan: Mongolia Initiative –This bread pan will help keep the Mongolia Initiative work going currently served by Dexter F. Ceballos and his family (who is our current covenant missionary). This bread pan will support evangelism, help plant new churches, leadership, and congregational development, and education and healthcare initiatives.

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 will meet from 6:30 - 8 pm on the deck at the home of **Steve and Jeanine Holen today**. We will continue with the book entitled, "Worship-His Love Endures Forever." All chapters stand alone--no need to have read the previous chapters and you do not need to attend every session.

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 Mobility Worldwide (P.E.T. Vehicles for children). All are encouraged to bring in **rinse** cans/bottles to the barrel in the worship entrance in order to donate as many as possible.

The Mobility Worldwide (MWW) 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. MWW 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.

An Open House for Betty Walters will be held on Saturday, August 1, from 1-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Per Betty's wishes, the open house will be in lieu of a funeral. Betty was an organist and Choir Director here several years ago.

Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, August 5, from noon—7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Register for an appointment at rockfordumc.org/blood-drive. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be accepted as the schedule allows.

Finance Update through July 12

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:	\$252,906.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	\$235,911.36	\$39,499.78

HVAC Campaign Received So Far - \$43,786.33

Bread Pan: Mujila Falls, Zambia Agricultural Project: \$307.37

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
July 5	95/6	40/1
July 12	92/10	36/7

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – July 19, 2026

New Prayer Concerns

Dr. Richard McCreedy, will be moved to long term care under hospice. Brother of Kathryn Ricker.

Linda Larson & family, death of her husband, Jim. The Celebration of Life service was yesterday.

Prayer Updates

Doug DeVries, the next step is radiation five times a week for the next six weeks. Husband of Vicki DeVries.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Robbin Sheasley & family, Lauren Woodhouse Spaulding & family, Phyllis & Denny Muston, Judy Mayhak, Doreen Timmers, Bruce Preston, Kristi Kulhanek, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Sunday, July 19

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Darlene Topp - Prayer, Sharon Campbell - Scripture

11:00 am: Rose Kempf - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Jack & Carol VanderZanden

11:00 am: Pat Tefft

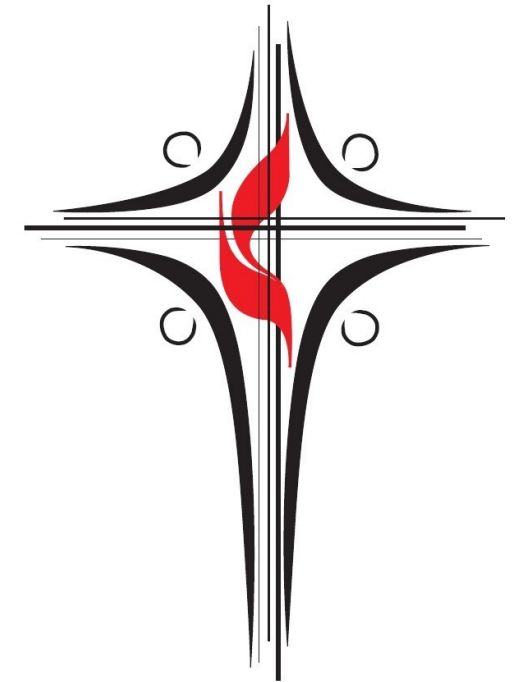
Ushers:

8:45 am: Steve & Jeanine Holen

11:00 am: Jim & Mary Penrod

Have you tried the Church Center app? This free app allows you to access and update your profile, 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.

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.



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