

“Journey through Acts” Series

July 26, 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 *Deep River* African American Spiritual
based on Joshua 3

*OPENING HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* (154)
PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Darlene Topp

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Salvation Army Homelessness
Music: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Arr. Victor Labenske

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (526)

SCRIPTURE Acts 8:26-31 (p. 1000) Sharon Campbell

MESSAGE “Right Place at the Right Time” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Victory in Jesus* (370)

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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: Salvation Army Homelessness

SCRIPTURE Acts 8:26-31 (p. 1000) Rose Kempf

MESSAGE “Right Place at the Right Time” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING SONG Christ is Enough

*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
11 am Contemporary worship service
6:30 pm Devotions on the Deck, Melin’s home

MONDAY-FRIDAY July 27-31

HVAC System Installation

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC
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

SATURDAY

8:30 am Men’s Group, Room 205
1-4 pm Betty Walters’ Open House, Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

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

John Dibble is on Vacation today. Abby (and Brandon) Teunissen will be on vacation August 1-23. The week of August 23 Abby will be back in the office with reduced hours as she is returning to teaching.

The New HVAC Unit will be replaced this week. The church office will remain open during this time.

Do you know how many years RUMC has held VBS? Although I can’t give you an exact amount, it has to be well over 30 years—based on my years of attendance and knowing they were held before our family arrived. Every year, there has been some form of a Vacation Bible School held in the morning, daytime or evening.

Today’s Bread Pan: Salvation Army Homelessness Project - The Salvation Army program helps prevent homelessness by connecting members of the faith community with individuals and families facing a housing crisis. Many families are left with nothing as they are forced to live on the streets. Dwelling Place assists the Salvation Army families once they have moved into affordable housing and we donate laundry baskets full of cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items. (See list on back page.)

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 today from 6:30 - 8 pm and returning to the Melin's home. If you need a book, or have a question, 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 are collecting cans/bottles for Mobility Worldwide (P.E.T. Vehicles for children). All are encouraged to bring in **rinsed** cans/bottles (deposit only) to the barrel in the Community Room (across from the Fellowship Hall) in order to donate as many carts as possible.

Salvation Army/Dwelling Place-Cleaning Supply Drive (July 19 – August 9) Items most needed are: all-purpose liquid cleaner, disinfectant sprays/wipes, liquid dish soap, liquid laundry detergent, floor cleaners for various surfaces, bathroom and toilet bowl cleaners, and glass cleaners. Microfiber cloths/cleaning rags, scrub sponges, toilet brushes, brooms and dustpans, mops and buckets, trash bags (standard and heavy duty), rubber gloves and laundry baskets. **Place your donations in the laundry baskets located in both entrances.**

District Leadership Opportunities At the June Annual Conference the vote was to divide Michigan into 4 Districts. We are in the Greater Southwest District, which is then divided into 12 branches. Below is an announcement from our District Office.

God calls us to work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Greater Southwest District is seeking representative leadership with different ages, backgrounds, and experiences from all twelve District Branches. Anyone who feels called to serve is invited to complete the District Leadership Application (found at michigan-reg.brtapp.com/GSWDDistrictLeadershipApp) by August 15.

Finance Update through July 19

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:	\$262,633.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	\$247,822.62	\$40,725.57

HVAC Campaign Received So Far - \$43,821.36

Bread Pan: Mongolia Initiative: \$310.15

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
July 12	92/10	36/7
July 19	87/9	50/3

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – July 26, 2026

Praises and Celebrations

Marilyn Palmer wishes to thank RUMC for your prayers, cards, visits and food! "I have made a good recovery, not there yet but hopefully soon! I miss going to church and hopefully I will be back soon! "

New Prayer Concerns

Nancy DeWitt, was recently hospitalized for vertigo and back pain. She is home now, but asking for prayers for relief.

Barry Fraser will start 8 weeks of radiation therapy for recurrent prostate cancer.

Prayer Updates

Doreen Timmers, shoulder surgery was July 21. It went well and now the healing begins.

Dr. Richard McCreedy, passed away on Tuesday evening. Brother of Kathryn Ricker.

Denny Muston is now recovering in rehab at Mary Free Bed from bypass surgery and sepsis. He and Phyllis want to thank RUMC for our prayers. Neighbors of Al & Val Northcutt.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Linda Larson & family, Judy Mayhak, Bruce Preston, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Sunday, August 2

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Jeanine Holen-Prayer, Steve Holen-Scripture

11:00 am: Val Northcutt-Prayer & Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Phil & Laura Schultz

11:00 am: Kathy Jorgensen

Ushers:

8:45 am: Jack & Carol VanderZanden

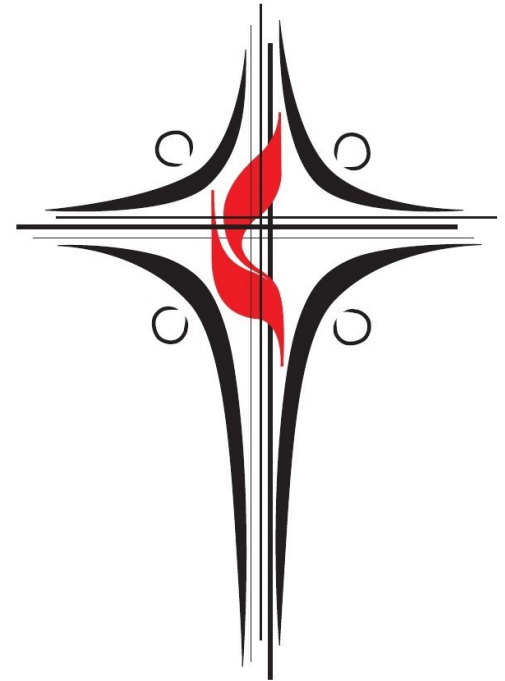
11:00 am: Kaitlyn Slate, Tim Goralski & Girls

Communion Servers:

8:45 am: Brenda Black, Denise Bradley, Jim & Ruth Denison

11:00 am: Kathy Jorgensen, Lorraine deBaptiste, Rose Kempf, Linda Duncan

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.



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