

“Journey through Acts” Series

August 16, 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 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* C. F. Witt

*OPENING HYMN *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* (611 Tune 398)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Cindy Beel-Bates

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN Equest Center

Music *Come, Gracious Spirit* John M. Rasley

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Filled with the Spirit's Power* (537 Tune 663)

SCRIPTURE Acts 11:21 - 26 (p. 1003) Darlene Topp

MESSAGE “Church at Antioch” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* (334, twice)

*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 F* J. Stainer

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Barb Crowder

Children ages 4 yrs to 5th grade leave for JAMS (Jesus and Me Sunday)†

OFFERING / BREAD PAN Equest Center

SCRIPTURE Acts 11:21 - 26 (p. 1003) Michelle Palma

MESSAGE “Church at Antioch” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING SONG *Living Hope*

*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, Library
11 am Contemporary worship service

MONDAY

9 am Women’s Golf
6:30 pm GriefShare, Wesley Room (last one)

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC
6 pm DAR Meeting, Fellowship Hall
6 pm Stewardship Meeting, Room 205
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

1 pm Friends2Friends, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm SPRC Meeting, Room 205
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

6:30 pm Hasenpfeffer Night, Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service
11 am Contemporary worship service

Did you know... where the stained glass windows in the Fellowship Hall came from? They are original stained glass windows and were moved there in 1986 when the sanctuary was remodeled/expanded. The worship entrance and Fellowship Hall were added to the building in 1986 as part of the sanctuary project.

Wednesday Dinner at 5:30 pm this week in the Fellowship Hall. The Prayer Ministry Team, will serve sloppy joes, coleslaw, chips, fruit and dessert. Baskets will be available for a freewill offering.

Out of the Office/On Vacation Sue Kerbyson will be out of the office on Friday, August 21. Val Northcutt will be filling in. Abby and Brandon Teunissen are on vacation thru August 23. The week of August 23 Abby will be back in the office with reduced hours as she is returning to her teaching job.

Today’s Bread Pan: Equest Center - Horseback riding transports individuals with special needs into a new unexplored world, providing a sense of independence and freedom that defies disabilities. When riding, individuals escape their braces, crutches, wheelchairs and disabilities, replacing them with the gentle gait of a well-trained horse. Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding, Inc. was established in June 1990, with 16 riders. Today 185+ riders, ranging in age from 2 to over 100, enjoy the benefits of Equest each week, with the help of an army of volunteers.

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

Hasenpfeffer Night is Back! Hasenpfeffer, also known as Super Euchre, is a card game. The third Friday of the month we get together to play cards, eat good food, and have lots of fun! We will meet at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall on August 21. Bring a snack to share, beverages are provided. If you don't know how to play, we would be glad to teach you.

Mark your Calendars! We will be having a combined service on Sunday, September 20, at 10 am. Join us for Sunday Funday with a potluck and fun fellowship. Sign up information will be available in September.

Would you like to be a part of our Hand Bells or Choir? Weekly Wednesday rehearsals begin on September 9. The Hand Bells rehearse at 6:30 pm and Choir at 7:30 pm. The Hand Bells play one Sunday a month and the Choir sings two Sundays a month. The ability to read music is preferred but not needed. Questions or interested? Contact Mary Knapp or the church office.

New Classes or Small Groups Do you have an idea for a class or a small group? Maybe you would like to hold a Bible study or you would like to meet with your craft group at the church? Men, would you like to combine a hobby or mutual interest with a Bible study? Contact the church office with your ideas and we can help you get started.

Community Blood Drive The next Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, September 2, from 12 - 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments can be made by visiting rockfordumc.org/blood-drive. Walk ins will be taken as the schedule allows.

Finance Update through August 9		
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:	\$287,924.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	\$271,359.78	\$43,485.76
HVAC Campaign Received - \$43,911.42		
Bread Pan: Clark Retirement Home - \$324.37		
Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
August 2	88/7	40/1
August 9	82/7	38/6

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – August 16, 2026

Praises and Celebrations

Jace Johnston, who many of have been praying for, had recent tests which showed no signs of disease. Thank you so much for your unceasing prayers and support. I am very grateful to all of you and I thank God for you. Love and blessings, Motu Johnston, Jace's grandma.

New Prayer Concerns

Larry Squires is home after being hospitalized last week; prayers for a full recovery.

Don deBaptiste has been hospitalized since last week. Prayers for relief from the pain and healing.

Lynne Harms and family, Lynne's younger sister, Lea Chambers, passed away on Monday in Alabama. Lynne, and the family, were with Lea. Please keep them in your prayers for the Lord's comfort and peace.

Eileen Straus has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is undergoing tests. She is Arlene Bitely's twin sister.

Kim Gildner had a stroke last week. She is able to walk, but her speech and vision has been affected. Kathy Green's younger sister.

A Friend has been diagnosed with cancer and started treatment on Wednesday. Prayers the treatment will attack the cancer and start to make the pain go away. Pam Bird.

Continuing Concerns

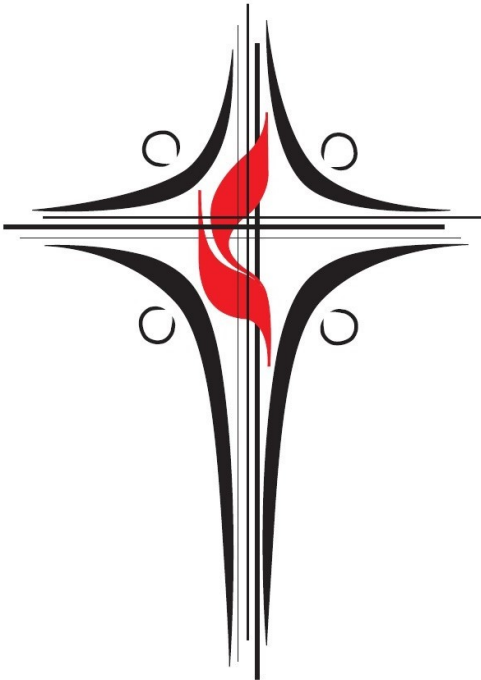
Please keep the following in your prayers: Sara, Marilyn Palmer, Bruce Preston, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Sunday, August 23

Prayer /Scripture:
8:45 am: Motu Johnston - Prayer/Scripture
11:00 am: Lorraine deBaptiste - Scripture

Greeters:
8:45 am: Bill & Ann MacDhubhain
11:00 am: Julie Roach

Ushers:
8:45 am: Phil & Laura Schultz
11:00 am: Cindy Caywood, Michelle Palma



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