

“Journey through Acts” Series

August 23, 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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Clay Christiansen

*OPENING HYMN *We Gather Together* (131)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Motu Johnston

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN Heifer Project International
Music *We Gather Together* Dale Wood

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (57 v. 1,2,3,5)

SCRIPTURE Acts 12:5-12 (p. 1004) Motu Johnston

MESSAGE “Pray with Expectation” Pastor Anna Moon

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

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fantasy in g* Johann Pachelbel

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pam Lindemer
Children ages 4 yrs to 5th grade leave for JAMS (Jesus and Me Sunday)†

OFFERING / BREAD PAN Heifer Project International

SCRIPTURE Acts 12:5-12 (p. 1004) Val Northcutt

MESSAGE “Pray with Expectation” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING SONG *Way Maker*

*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

MONDAY

9 am Women’s Golf
1:30 pm Education Team: Cleaning & Sorting

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC
1 pm Pasty Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205

THURSDAY

6:30 pm Leadership Meeting, Room 205
6:30 pm DAR Executive Board Meeting, Fellowship Hall
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

***Did you know...** The stained glass windows in the worship entrance are also from the sanctuary?* They are original stained glass windows and were moved there in 1986 when the sanctuary was remodeled/expanded.

John Dibble will be on vacation August 31 - September 6. Mary Knapp will be our guest pianist while he is away. John will also be out of the office August 28 & 29.

Mark Your Calendars! Our Annual Church Conference will be held on Saturday, September 26, at 3 pm at First United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids. Members will vote to approve various items during the conference.

Today’s Bread Pan: Heifer Project International - Heifer International works around the world to end hunger and poverty. They work alongside local farmers and business owners, and their communities, to provide training to improve the quantity and quality of the goods they produce, and connections to market to increase sales and incomes. Recipients must agree to "pass on the gift" by donating animal offspring, as well as sharing the skills and knowledge of animal husbandry and agricultural training with other impoverished families in the community.

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

Stained Glass Group Bible Study If you are interested in participating in the eight-week Bible study of *Philippians* by N.T. Wright, please let Ruth Reickard or the church office know by August 30. The class will start on September 27 and end on November 22. The book costs \$8 and will be passed out on September 13.

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.

50+ Potluck Returns on Thursday, September 3, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and plan to arrive by 11:45. Coffee and ice water will be provided. Our own Martha Broughton will present, "Learning about the Mountain Dulcimer." Martha will give us some history of the Mountain Dulcimer and a small concert.

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 Handbells or Choir? Weekly Wednesday rehearsals begin on September 9. The Handbells rehearse at 6:30 pm and Choir at 7:30 pm. The Handbells 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.

Finance Update through August 16

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:	\$295,706.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	\$277,793.78	\$44,935.55

HVAC Campaign Received - \$43,947.20

Bread Pan: Equest Center - \$394.21

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
August 9	82/7	38/6
August 16	100/8	47/2

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – August 23, 2026

Praises and Celebrations

Kim Gildner is doing much better after her stroke and is recovering at home. Sister of Kathy Green.

New Prayer Concerns

Betty is suffering from pancreatitis and has not been able to eat much for two months; she also has quite a lot of pain. Prayers for healing, patience and blessings. Friend of Pat Tefft and Linda Duncan.

Prayer Updates

Don deBaptiste has been discharged from the hospital and is recovering at home.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Lynne Harms & family, Eileen Straus, Friend with cancer, Sara, Bruce Preston, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Sunday, August 30

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Darlene Topp - Prayer, TBD - Scripture

11:00 am: Pam Lindemer - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Denise Bradley, Mary Veltman

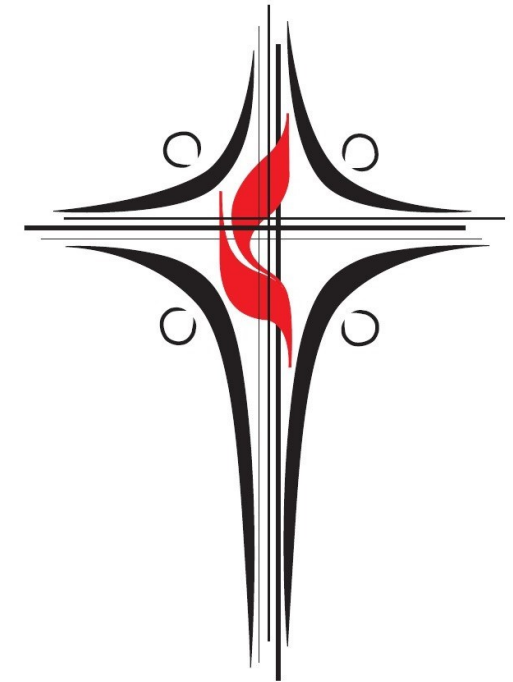
11:00 am: Pat Tefft

Ushers:

8:45 am: Sandy Radunzel, Nancy Grossman

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

Bottle/can deposits for Pastor's Discretionary Fund When turning in bottles/cans **please rinse them out and be sure you are leaving only bottles and cans which have a deposit** to the barrel in the Community Room (closet across from the Fellowship Hall). The deposit money goes to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which is used to help individuals in need of financial assistance for utility payments, food or gas money.



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