

“Journey through Acts” Series

August 30, 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: *Air* David Lasky

*OPENING HYMN *Forward Through the Ages (555)*

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Darlene Topp

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN Operation Classroom Liberia

Music: *Voluntary* J.K.F. Fischer

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *We Are the Church (558)*

SCRIPTURE Acts 13:1-4 (p. 1004) Darlene Topp

MESSAGE “Sent” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission (584*
v. 1,2,3,5 and sung to the Tune of No. 400)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Forward Through the Ages* Clay Christiansen

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 Operation Classroom Liberia

SCRIPTURE Acts 13:1-4 (p. 1004) Pam Lindemer

MESSAGE “Sent” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING SONG *Love Boldly*

*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

9:30 am Zentangle Class, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205

12 pm Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY

12 pm 50+ Potluck, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY - Office closed to observe Labor Day

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

11 am Contemporary worship service

***Did you know...** New stained glass windows, which repeated the pattern of the old windows, were installed when the sanctuary was remodeled/expanded? They were made with the same type of glass as the windows built in 1909.*

Vacation/Office Closure John Dibble will be on vacation August 31 - September 6. Mary Knapp will be our guest pianist while he is away. The church office will be closed on Friday, September 4, to observe Labor Day.

Coming Up on September 20, we will be having a combined service at 10 am. Join us for Sunday Funday with a potluck and fun fellowship. Sign up information for the potluck will be available in September. Read your newsletter and bulletins for more info.

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. Church members will vote to approve various items during the conference.

Today’s Bread Pan: Operation Classroom in Liberia - The mission of Operation Classroom is to partner with the United Methodist Churches of Liberia and Sierra Leone to help young people grow into educated and productive adults who can make a positive impact on our world and end the cycle of poverty. It’s not enough to just provide an education, we have to provide the RIGHT education.

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

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.

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 TODAY. 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.

Would you like to be a part of our Handbells or Choir? Weekly rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 9. The **Choir rehearses at 6:30 pm** (new time) and sings two Sundays a month; the **Handbells rehearse at 7:30 pm** (new time) and plays one Sunday a month. The ability to read music is preferred but not needed. Questions or interested? Contact Mary Knapp or the church office.

Middle School Early Release Program The Early Release Program for middle school students will begin on Wednesday, September 16, at 12:30 pm (and ends at 2:30 pm). This program is available on all of Rockford Public Schools Early Release days. Parents can sign their child(ren) up by visiting rockfordumc.org/youth-ministry. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for this program, please contact Abby at childrenandyouth@rockfordumc.org.

Finance Update through August 23		
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:	\$303,488.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	\$282,427.28	\$46,241.34
HVAC Campaign Received - \$43,947.20		
Bread Pan: Heifer Project International - \$338.09		
Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
August 16	100/8	47/2
August 23	92/10	35/5

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – August 30, 2026

New Prayer Concerns

Please pray for all the students, teachers, bus drivers and other staff as they start school and college. Prayers for their safety as they travel to and from school and attend their classes and workplaces.

The family of Eileen Torrey who died on August 9. She joins her husband, Rev. Bill Torrey, who was pastor here from 1989-1993 and died in April. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled with Plymouth Congregational Church UCC in Detroit.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Don deBaptiste, Betty, Eileen Straus, Friend with cancer, Sara, Bruce Preston, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Sunday, September 6, Labor Day Weekend

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Jacque Melin - Prayer & Scripture
11:00 am: Barb Crowder - Prayer, Julie Wendtland - Scripture

Greeters:

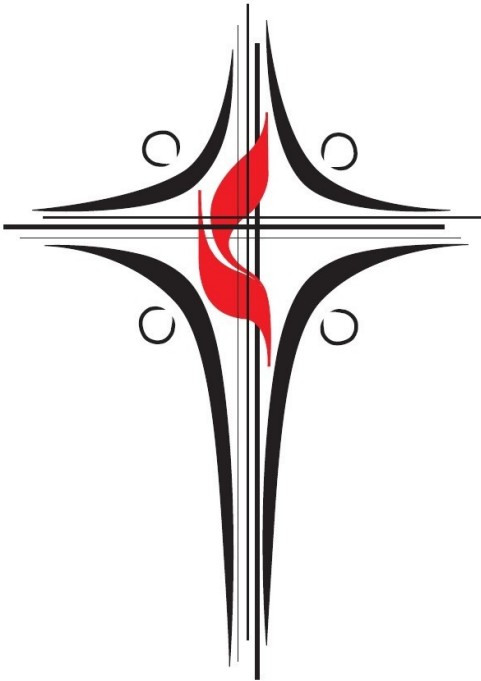
8:45 am: Nancy Grossman, Margie Brown
11:00 am: Kathy Jorgensen, Linda Duncan

Ushers:

8:45 am: Jack & Carol VanderZanden
11:00 am: Jim & Mary Penrod

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.

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.



Rockford
United Methodist Church

A welcoming family of worship growing in our faith, reaching out to serve others and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

159 Maple Street / Rockford, MI 49341
616.866.9515 / office@rockfordumc.org
www.rockfordumc.org



Wi-Fi password
welcomefriends



Find us on

