

“Journey through Acts” Series

September 6, 2026
Labor Day Sunday

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 *Our Great Savior* Roland H. Prichard

*OPENING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (64)*

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostle’s Creed (881) Jacque Melin

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Hand2Hand

Music *It is Well with My Soul* Phillip Bliss

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (103)*

SCRIPTURE Acts 14:8-18 (p. 1006) Jacque Melin

MESSAGE “Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone)” Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: *To God be the Glory (98)*

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rejoice the Lord is King* John Darwall

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

*OPENING SONGS

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Apostle’s Creed (881) Barb Crowder

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

OFFERING / BREAD PAN Hand2Hand

SCRIPTURE Acts 14:8-18 (p. 1006) Julie Wendtland

MESSAGE “Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone)” Pastor Anna Moon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING SONG *Jesus Messiah*

*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.

THIS WEEK AT RUMC

TODAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

11 am Contemporary worship service

MONDAY - Labor Day

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm Trustee Meeting, Room 205

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

THURSDAY

11 am Hymn Sing at Story Point

1 pm Amity Circle, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm Education Meeting, Room 205

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

SATURDAY

8:30 am RUMC Men’s Group, Room 205

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Bible Study Info Meeting, kitchen end Fellowship Hall

10 am Engagement Team Meeting, Library

10 am Stained Glass Sunday School, window end Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

Today’s Bread Pan: Hand2Hand - RUMC sponsors the Hand2Hand program for the Parkside Early Childhood Center, feeding hungry children and families on the weekends (they are provided lunch at school during the week). We believe prayer is as equally important as the food we distribute and are committed to praying for each and every student. In addition, the Missions Team will run a virtual food drive by asking instead of donating food, please donate extra money in the bread pans of today and September 13 in the amount you would have spent buying food for a food drive.

New Bible Study to Begin Those interested in being a part of a new 9 week Bible study (started by Cindy Beel-Bates) on the book, *A Praying Life*, by Paul E. Miller, should attend the informational meeting on Sunday, September 13, at 10 am in the kitchen end of the Fellowship Hall. The group will decide on when and where they would like to hold the study.

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).

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

The Men's Group will meet on Saturday, September 12, at 8:30 am in Room 205. They will begin discussing chapter 1 of the new study, *Romans 1-7 for You: For Reading, For Feeding, For Leading (God's Word for You)* by Timothy Keller. The book is available in various formats from Amazon.

Hasenpfeffer Night We'll be playing cards and munching on great snacks on Friday, September 18, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Also known as Super Euchre, it's easy to learn if you already play Euchre. Bring a snack to share, beverages will be provided. We will teach you to play if you would like to try it.

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 your dish for the potluck at rockfordumc.org/potluck-signup or contact the church office.

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.

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 30

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:	\$311,270.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	\$287,956.72	\$47,184.25

HVAC Campaign Received - \$44,012.29

Bread Pan: Operation Classroom in Liberia - \$392.41

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
August 23	92/10	35/5
August 30	84/9	45/5

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – September 6, 2026

Prayer Concerns Updates

Chris Soltesz and family, the death of Chris' sister, Sara. Prayers for the Lord's comfort and peace for him and his family.

Continuing Concerns

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

Prayer Vigil held by the Prayer Ministry Team will be on Wednesday, September 23, from 7 am - 7 pm. No need to sign up, just drop by the church or pray from home. This also coincides with See You at the Pole, a student led national day of prayer.

Serving Next Sunday, September 13

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Cindy Beel-Bates - Prayer & Scripture

11:00 am: Bradon Teunissen - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Phil & Laura Schultz

11:00 am: Julie Roach, Pat Tefft

Ushers:

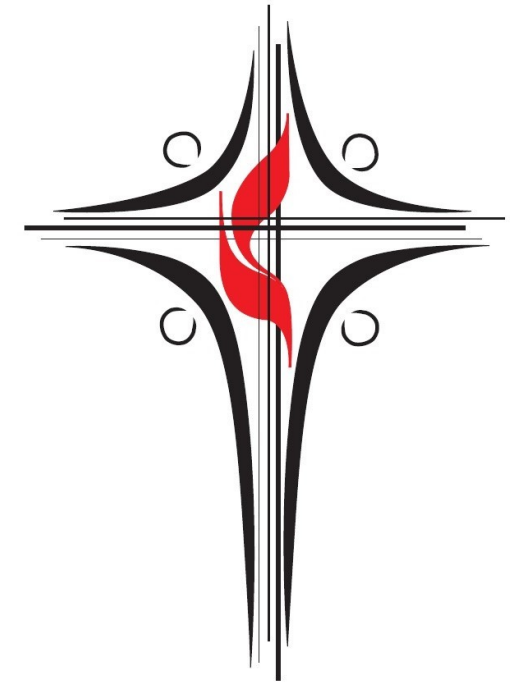
8:45 am: Lynn & Suzanne Zimmerman

11:00 am: Kathy Jorgensen, Carol Murphy

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.

Your Attendance Counts! Please print clearly the first and last names of each attendee on the attendance pads. Thank you!!



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