

“Journey through Acts” Series
September 13, 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: *Rock of Ages* Thomas Hastings

*OPENING HYMN *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (361)

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

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Hand2Hand

Music: *Amazing Grace* Don Hustad

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Amazing Grace* (378 v. 1,2,4,5)

SCRIPTURE Acts 15: 1-2, 6-11 (p. 1006) Cindy Beel-Bates

MESSAGE “The Key to Salvation” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN: *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* (154, v 1,2,4,6)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Prelude and Fugue in B flat* J.S. Bach

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 Hand2Hand

SCRIPTURE Acts 15: 1-2, 6-11 (p. 1006) Jacob Oleneack

MESSAGE “The Key to Salvation” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING SONG *Mighty to Save*

*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 *A Praying Life* Meeting, kitchen end of Fell. Hall
10 am Engagement Team Meeting, Library
10 am Stained Glass Group book dist., window end Fell. Hall
11 am Contemporary worship service

MONDAY

9 am Women’s Golf
10 am Prayer Ministry Meeting, Room 205
1:30 pm Education Team Cleaning & Sorting

TUESDAY - NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

10 am Tai Chi, TWC
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
6:00 pm DAR Meeting, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205
12:30 pm Early Release Program, TWC
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

6:30 pm Hasenpfeffer Night, Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY - SUNDAY FUN DAY

10 am Combined worship service, potluck meal to follow. Sign up what you are binging to the meal at rockfordumc.org/potluck-sign or contact the church office.

COMING UP THIS MONTH AT RUMC

Mon, Sept 21: Women’s Golf, 9 am.
Wed, Sept 23: Prayer Vigil, 7 am—7 pm.
Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm.
Choir reh, 6:30 pm; Handbells reh, 7:30 pm.
Fri, Sept 25: Fellowship Tables, 6 pm.
Sat, Sept 26: Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 - 10:30 am.
Church Charge Conference, 3 pm.
Mon, Sept 28: Women’s Golf, 9am.
Zentangle Class, 9:30 am
Wed, Sept 30: Early Release, 12:30 pm
Choir reh, 6:30 pm; Handbells reh, 7:30 pm.
Thurs, Oct 1: 50+ Potluck, 12 pm.
Sat, Oct 3: Men’s Group, 8:30 am

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

Potluck Sign-up for Sunday Fun Day We will be holding a potluck meal after the combined worship service (10 am) on Sunday, September 20. Signing up for what you are bringing is preferred. Please sign-up at rockfordumc.org/potluck-signup, or contact the church office.

Hasenpfeffer Night Friday, September 18, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share, beverages will be provided. We will teach you to play if you would like to try it.

Prayer Vigil 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.

Wednesday Dinner of spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert served by our hosts, the Schultz Family. Dinner will be served on Wednesday, September 23, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Baskets will be available for a freewill offering.

Community Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, September 26, from 8:30 - 10:30 am. All you can eat pancakes, plus sausage, fruit and drinks. Some takeout will be available. Cost is \$7/adult, \$4/children 3-12, family max of \$20.

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.

Middle School Early Release Program Volunteers are needed. The Early Release Program for middle school students is 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm on all of Rockford Public Schools Early Release days. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for this program, please contact Abby at childrenandyouth@rockfordumc.org.

Fellowship Tables will be held on Friday, September 25. The host will provide a place to meet and the main dish, others bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to go along with the meal. You can meet in host's home, at the church or some other suitable place Contact Bill MacDhubhain to sign up or for more information..

Finance Update through September 6

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:	\$320,997.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	\$295,586.89	\$48,965.50

HVAC Campaign Received - \$44,048.07

Bread Pan: Hand2Hand - \$411.17

	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
Weekly Attendance		
August 30	84/9	45/5
September 6	85/7	56/2

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – September 13, 2026

New Prayer Concerns

Nephew (54) of Harv and Joyce Brinks has suffered a stroke.

Continuing Concerns

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

Serving Next Sunday, September 20 Combined Service 10 am

Prayer /Scripture:

10:00 am: Motu Johnston - Prayer, Rose Kempf - Scripture

Greeters:

10:00 am: Dale & Marj Brinks

Ushers:

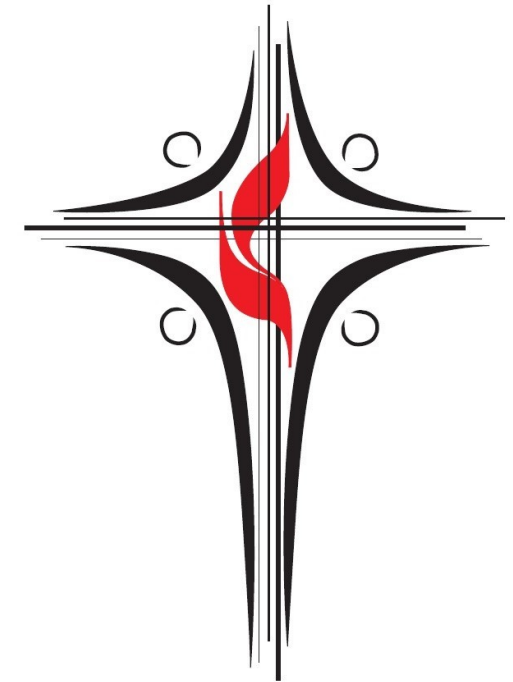
10:00 am: Steve & Jackie Decker

Trustee Open/Close: Mark Self

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 in the amount you would have spent buying food for a food drive.

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.



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