

“Journey through Acts” Series

September 20, 2026
10 AM Combined Service
SUNDAY FUN DAY

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.

10:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

*SONG *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord* Praise Team

*SONG *How Great is Our God/Then Sings My Soul* Praise Team

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Motu Johnston

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

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

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Church World Service - CROP Walk
Music: *Come People of the Risen King* Choir, acc by John Dibble

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* (128)

SCRIPTURE Rose Kempf
Acts 16: 9-10; Proverbs 16:9 (p.1009, 587)

MESSAGE “The Best Way” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Love Boldly* Praise Team/Organ

*SENDING RESPONSE
Blest Be the Tie that Binds No. 557 (v1), followed by Send Us into the World

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN No. 898

POSTLUDE *Toccata in C* Johann Pachelbel

†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).

Today’s Bread Pan: Church World Service-Crop Walk – The work of CWS and local hunger agencies continues. Malnutrition is an underlying cause of the death of 3.5 million children each year. For \$1.20, CWS provides micro-nutrient supplements which contain 14 important vitamins and nutrients for a child for a year. Because over 50% of the world walks over an hour for drink-able water and edible food, the Crop Walk began in 1969. We are holding a virtual Crop Walk and are asking you to donate extra money in the Sept 20 and 27 bread pans instead of pledging a walker.

THIS WEEK AT RUMC

TODAY Sunday Fun Day

10 am Combined worship service

11:15 am Potluck, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY

9 am Women’s Golf

4:30 pm *A Praying Life* Bible Study, Center Entrance

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

6:45 pm Garden Club Meeting, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

7 am - 7 pm Prayer Vigil, Sanctuary

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

THURSDAY

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

6 pm Fellowship Tables, Off-Site

SATURDAY

8:30 am Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

3:00 pm Church Charge Conference, First UMC Grand Rapids

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service

10 am Stained Glass Class, Window end Fellowship Hall

11 am Contemporary worship service

COMING UP AT RUMC

Mon, Sept 28: Women’s Golf, 9am
Zentangle Class, 9:30 am
A Praying Life Bible Study, 4:30 pm

Tues, Sept 29: Lifeline Screening,

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

Sun, Oct 4: Worship Services, 8:45 & 11 am
Stained Glass Group Bible Study, 10 am

Mon, Oct 5: Women’s Golf, 9am
A Praying Life Bible Study, 4:30 pm

Wed, Oct 7: Blood Drive, 12 pm
Choir Reh, 6:30 pm; Handbell Reh, 7:30 pm

Thurs, Oct 8: Hymn Sing at Story Point, 11 am
Amity Circle, 1 pm

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
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Ministries for You rockfordumc.org/ministries
Find a ministry right for you and your family

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Sign up for prayer requests, weekly updates or the monthly newsletter



Announcements & Upcoming Events

Prayer Vigil 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.

Nursery and JAMS Volunteers are Needed to help out during the 11 am service. JAMS provides a lesson and a craft activity; all materials are provided. Nursery provides child play and a short lesson with all materials provided. Contact Abby if you are interested in helping with either area.

Lifeline Screening will be here September 29 in the Fellowship Hall. Call to schedule an appointment at 800-324-9458 and use code HABC001.

2026 Fall Pasty Sale October 26-29th!! This year we will make our pasties on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and sell on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Volunteers are needed on Friday, October 23, for flour prep and Saturday, October 24, for veggie prep (bring your own peeler). If you are hesitant because you think you won't know how to do something, have no fear, we train on the spot. All we ask is you come with a willing and open heart to share in Pasty Days. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Grossman or Pam Wollen.

Finance Update through September 13

You are encouraged to give on Sunday, through US mail or via the web-site rockfordumc.org/give/. Thank you for your continued support!

Gifts & Offerings	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Building Needs</u>
Year to Date Needed:	\$330,724.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	\$301,213.18	\$49,853.31

HVAC Campaign Received - \$44,048.07

Bread Pan: Hand2Hand (2 weeks of donations) - \$982.02

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
September 6	85/7	56/2
September 13	86/8	43/1

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – September 20, 2026

Praises and Celebrations

Kaden Michael Griffin was born September 6 to parents, Avery & Mike Griffin and grand parents, Kevin & Teri Sweeney.

Emma Elizabeth Mills was born September 9 to parents, Laura & Jackson Mills and grand parents, Craig & Susan Witte.

New Prayer Concerns

Jeff Birkhold had hand surgery on Thursday. He is doing well and recovering at home.

Holly (Berkstresser) Carlson & family, death of her husband, Brian, in a motorcycle accident on September 14. Please keep Holly, her parents, Robert and Deb Berkstresser, and Brian's family in your prayers. Holly grew up in the church and went on ASP trips for many years, from eighth grade until after college.

Marj Brink, recovering from surgery. Prayers for quick healing.

Mike Boyer, has cancer of the blood and it's very serious. His wife, Deb, helps to care for him. Mike and Deb are former members and friends of Lee Petersen.

Prayer Updates

Doug DeVries, hospitalized and waiting for several procedures due to cancer diagnosis. Husband of Vicki DeVries.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Nephew of Harv and Joyce Brinks, Don deBaptiste, Eileen Straus, Bruce Preston, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Sunday, September 27

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Jackie Decker - Prayer, Bill MacDhubhain - Scripture

11:00 am: Jake Lindemer - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Jill Mackie, Marilyn Palmer

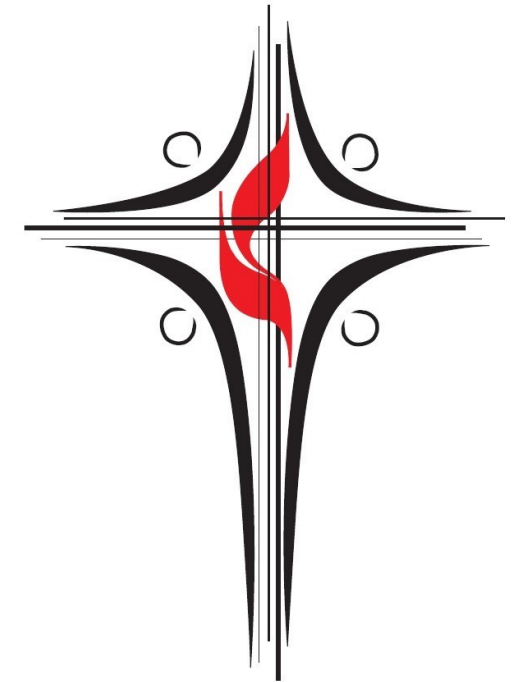
11:00 am: Jim & Mary Penrod

Ushers:

8:45 am: David & Becky Fox

11:00 am: Scott & Laura Pitcher

Trustee Open/Close:



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