

“Journey through Acts” Series
September 27, 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 *Sweet Hour of Prayer* William B. Bradbury

*OPENING HYMN *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (496)

PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord’s Prayer Jackie Decker

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN Church World Service—CROP Walk
Music: *Amazing Grace* HandBells

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *To God Be the Glory* (98)

SCRIPTURE Acts 16: 25-31 (p. 1009) Bill MacDhubhain

MESSAGE “True Joy” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *And Can It Be that I Should Gain* (363)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Kingsfold Trumpet* Alfred Fedak

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: Church World Service—CROP Walk

SCRIPTURE Acts 16: 25-31(p. 1009) Jake Lindemer

MESSAGE “True Joy” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING SONG *Living Hope* Praise Team

*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 Stained Glass Class., window end Fellowship Hall
11 am Contemporary worship service

MONDAY

9 am Women’s Golf
9:30 am Zentangle Class, Fellowship Hall
4:30 pm A Praying Life, Center Entrance

TUESDAY

10 am Lifeline Screening, Fellowship Hall
10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC

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 - OCTOBER 1 (Sue out of office Thurs & Fri)

12 pm 50+ Potluck, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

SATURDAY

8:30 AM RUMC Men’s Group

NEXT SUNDAY - WORLD COMMUNION 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, Oct 5: Women’s Golf, 9 am.
A Praying Life, 4:30 pm
Wed, Oct 7: Blood Drive, 12 pm
Choir reh, 6:30 pm; Handbells reh, 7:30 pm.
Thurs, Oct 8: Hymn Sing at Story Point, 11 am
Amity Circle, 1 pm
Sun, Oct 11: Worship Services, 8:45 & 11: am
Stained Glass Group, 10 am
A Praying Life, 4:30 pm
Tue, Oct 13: Hand2Hand Packing, 6:30 pm
Wed, Oct 14: Early Release, 12:30 pm
Choir reh, 6:30 pm; Handbells reh, 7:30 pm.
Thurs, Oct 15: NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
Friends2Friends, 1 pm
Fri, Oct 16; Hasenpfeffer Night, 6:30 pm

Sue Kerbyson will be out of the office Thursday and Friday to attend the MI-AIM Conference. The office will be open regular hours.

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

Church Membership or Baptism if you have interest in either of these, please contact Pastor Anna.

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.

Women’s Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, October 14, at 6:30 pm in the TWC. The book is *Heaven: An Unexpected Journey* by Jim Woodford.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays A two hour seminar with a 30 minute video and discussion will be held on Monday, October 19, from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Education Entrance. The seminar is free to attend, but the cost of the workbook is \$12.

Fall Pasty Sale October 26-29th!! Pasty making and baking will be Mon - Wed, and sales will be Tues - Thurs. Volunteers are needed on Fri, October 23, for flour prep and Sat, October 24, for veggie prep (bring your own peeler). If you have any questions, contact Nancy Grossman or Pam Wolven.

Volunteer(s) to Take Back the Returnable Cans/Bottles We are in need of someone, or a couple of people, to take the donated returnable cans/bottles to the store to get the deposits back on them. If interested, please contact the church office. **Make sure donated bottles/cans are rinsed and have a deposit.**

Kitchen Volunteer(s) Needed We are looking for someone, or a group of people, to be in charge of the church kitchen. This position would be in charge of making sure the kitchen is clean and orderly keep inventory of the various kitchen products and make sure the fridge and freezer are cleared of old food. If interested, please contact the church office.

Finance Update through September 20

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:	\$340,451.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	\$315,837.78	\$51,495.37
HVAC Campaign Received - \$44,078.13		
Bread Pan: Church World Service CROP Walk - \$404.15		

Weekly Attendance	<u>8:45 am/online</u>	<u>11 am/online</u>
September 13	86/8	43/1
September 20	10:00 Combined Service: 129/9	

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – September 27, 2026

Praises and Celebrations

Lee Wayne Brewer, was born on September 23 to parents, Donnaya and Matt Brewer and great grandma, Nancy Hinton.

New Prayer Concerns

Deanna DeGood has been moved into hospice care. Prayers for her and her family.

Porter Harms (age 16) had extensive upper jaw surgery Wednesday (9/23) at the surgical center in Byron Center. Grandson of Lynne Harms.

Lucille (Lucy) Rose Schultz was born on Friday, September 18, 2026. She was born at 34 weeks and is currently at DeVos Children’s hospital in the NICU. She is making improvements daily. Lucy’s 4 brothers are excited to meet her. Parents are Tom/Cailie Schultz, Grandparents are Phil/Laura Schultz, Great-grandparents are Gene/Sharon Berry.

A Volunteer In Service (VIS) friend, who is wheelchair-bound, prayers for strength to stand and take steps.

A family member, husband and 2 teenagers, going thru divorce.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Jeff Birkhold, Holly (Berkstresser) Carlson & family, Marj Brink, Mike Boyer, Nephew of Harv and Joyce Brinks, Don deBaptiste, Eileen Straus, Bruce Preston, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Sunday, October 4 World Communion Sunday

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Jacque Melin - Prayer, Sharon Campbell - Scripture
11:00 am: Barb Crowder - Prayer, Lorraine DeBaptiste - Scripture

Greeters:

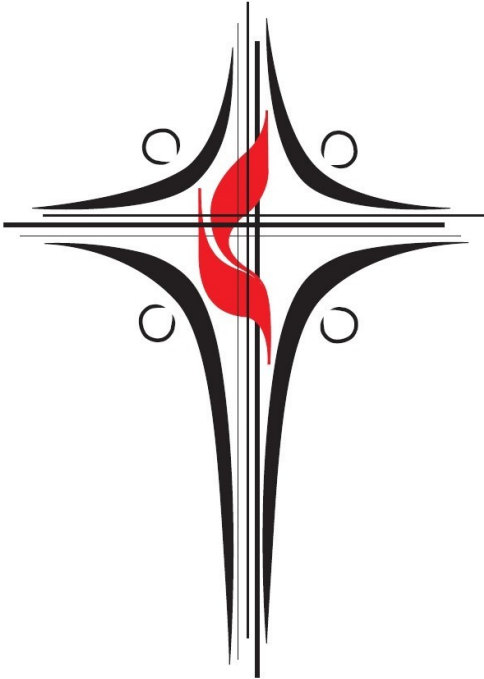
8:45 am: Steve & Jackie Decker
11:00 am: Chuck & Cathy Schroeder

Ushers:

8:45 am: Jack & Carol VanderZanden
11:00 am:

Trustee Open/Close: Bill MacDhubhain

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 micronutrient 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 drinkable 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.



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