

“Living Out the Way” Series
October 18, 2026
Stewardship Week 2

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 *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Wilbur Held

*OPENING HYMN *Christ for the World We Sing* (568)

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

*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)

OFFERING / BREAD PAN: Mel Trotter Ministries

Music *His Mercy is More* Choir, acc. by John Dibble

*DOXOLOGY (95)

*HYMN *Rescue the Perishing* (591)

SCRIPTURE Acts 20: 35 (p. 1014) Cindy Beel-Bates

TESTIMONY Jacob Oleneack

MESSAGE “Living Out the Way 2: Kingdom Logic” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING HYMN *Where He Leads Me* (338)

*SENDING RESPONSE

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

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in D*

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: Mel Trotter Ministries

SCRIPTURE Acts 20: 35 (p. 1014) Pam Lindemer

TESTIMONY Jacob Oleneack

MESSAGE “Living Out the Way 2: Kingdom Logic” Pastor Anna Moon

*CLOSING SONG *I Offer My Life*

*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 Engagement Team Meeting, Library
10 am Stained Glass Group, Fellowship Hall
11 am Contemporary worship service

MONDAY

4:30 pm A Praying Life, Central Entrance
6:30 pm GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays, Central Entrance

TUESDAY

10 am Tai Chi, TWC
6:00 pm DAR Meeting, Fellowship Hall
6:45 pm Garden Club, TWC

WEDNESDAY

10 am Worship Design Meeting, Room 205
5:30 pm Wed Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm Concert, Sanctuary

THURSDAY

6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
6:30 pm Leadership Meeting, Room 205
7 pm AA Meeting, Wesley Room

FRIDAY

9:00 am Pasty Flour Prep
6:00 pm Fellowship Tables, Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY

8:00 am Pasty Veggie Prep

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Traditional worship service
10 am Pasty Setup, Fellowship Hall
10 am Stained Glass Group, TWC
11 am Contemporary worship service

COMING UP AT RUMC

Oct. 26-29: Pasty making, baking, 8 am and selling, 10 am
Mon, Oct 26: A Praying Life, 4:30 pm
Wed, Oct 28: Women’s Bible Study, 6 pm
Sat, Oct. 31: Men’s Group, 8:30 am
Halloween Rest Stop, 5:30 pm
Sun, Nov 1: All Saints Sunday, 8:45 & 11 am
Mon, Nov 2: Zentangle Class, 9:30 am
Wed, Nov 4: Fellowship Tables Event, 5:30 pm
Sun, Nov 8: Combined Worship, 10 am, and Celebration Brunch

Stewardship Celebration Sunday will be on Sunday, November 8, at 10 am with a combined worship service. Join us for worship, Communion, the conclusion of the stewardship campaign and the church’s 173rd birthday. Then stay for a delicious brunch. We will have multiple tables of food set up to help folks get their food faster.

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

October is Pastor Appreciation Month so don't forget to show your appreciation to Pastor Anna with a card, note, hug or a hearty woo-hoo! Don't forget to pray for Pastor Anna too!

Sign Ups for Food Donations for Pasty Workers will be taken today and next Sunday in the entrance before each service. Any questions, please call Pam Wollen.

All Saints Sunday Names On Sunday, November 1, we will be remembering those who have passed on in the past year. If you would like the name(s) of a loved one(s) read, please notify the church office with the phonetic spelling for unusual name or spelling by October 28.

Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays will meet on Monday, October 19, from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Education Entrance. The seminar is free to attend, but the workbook cost is \$12.

Wednesday Dinner and a Concert on October 21 of pizza, salad, pop, and dessert served by the Stewardship Team. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a concert of music of our own people in the sanctuary at 6:15 pm.

Fall Pasty Sale October 26-29!! 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). **DEADLINE** to Pre-order pasties is 3 pm on Oct. 23.

Halloween Rest Stop is looking for volunteers to help with the rest stop on Saturday, October 31, from 5:30-8:30pm. We are also looking for donations of candy, apple cider, hot cocoa packets, and water to give to those who stop by. Please contact Abby at childrenandyouth@rockfordumc.org to donate or volunteer.

Fellowship Tables Event on Wednesday, November 4, in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm. All ages are invited! Each table will have a host and the main entrée will be fried chicken. The guests will bring side dishes to feed 6-8. Invitations are available in any church entrance; please RSVP to the church office by October 23.

Finance Update through October 11

You are encouraged to give either through US mail or via the website rockfordumc.org/give/. Thank you for your continued support!

Gifts & Offerings	Operating Fund	Building Needs
Year to Date Needed:	\$369,632.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	\$332,061.66	\$56,005.71
Bread Pan: Blanket Sunday - \$274.30		
Weekly Attendance	8:45 am/online	11 am/online
October 4	103/4	48/6
October 11	84/11	46/2

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – October 18, 2026

New Prayer Concerns

Baby Beckham, born at 24 weeks and in the NICU. Both mom and baby are stable but need prayer. Grandson of Scott & Laura Pitcher.

Family of Larry Squires, who passed away on October 9. His Celebration of Life service was yesterday. Also keep Jan Trapp in your prayers during this difficult time.

Prayer Updates

Mike Boyer was released from the hospital and will spend several days in a hotel close to the hospital before he and his wife, Deb, will return home to Traverse City. Mike and Deb attended RUMC several years ago and are friends with Lee Petersen.

Baby Lucy Schultz was experiencing more fluid on her lungs and received a drainage tube to hopefully bring relief to her and breathing won't be so labored. Thank you for all the prayers. God is good!!

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Family of Bill Shupe, Linda Larson, Holly (Berkstresser) Carlson, Eileen Straus, Bruce Preston, Rob Miller, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Sunday, October 25

Prayer /Scripture:

8:45 am: Chip Stevers - Prayer, Bill MacDhubhain - Scripture

11:00 am: Michelle Palma - Scripture

Greeters:

8:45 am: Sandy Radunzel

11:00 am: Jim & Mary Penrod

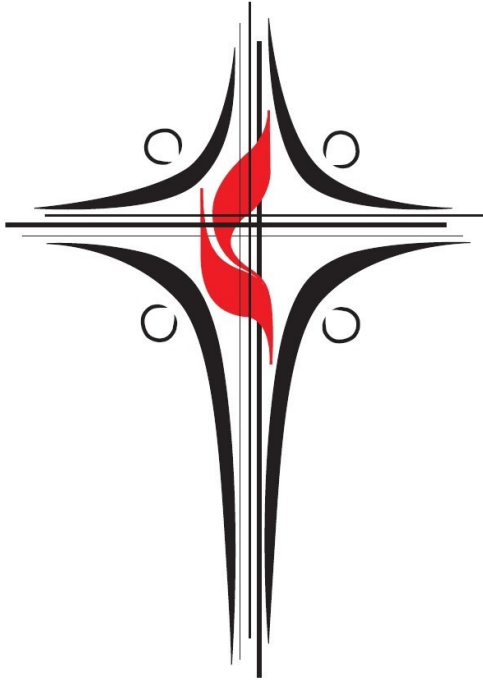
Ushers:

8:45 am: Chip & Diana Stevers

11:00 am: Kaitlyn Slate & Tim Goralski

Trustee Open/Close: Chip Stevers, open; Dave Bates, close

Today's Bread Pan: Mel Trotter Ministries – This agency believes everyone is made in the image of a God who loves and has a plan for them—and therefore—deserves value, dignity and respect. Your heart breaks when someone has to be on the streets, but the problem feels just too big for one person. Homelessness is on the rise in West Michigan and this problem is too big for one person or organization to solve. You are needed; your family, your church and your co-workers are needed. Together we can overcome homelessness in Grand Rapids. All you have to do is choose how you want to get involved. \$25 provides 12 hearty meals; \$50 month provides two hours of life-changing advocacy.



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