New Member and Baptism -

Membership: Alma Bing (8:45 am)

Baptism: Mariella Jewel Berta (11 am)

Membership Rite:

To Congregation
Members of the household of God, I commend **Alma Bing** to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

All: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

All: As members together with you
in the body of Christ and in this congregation
of the Rockford United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BAPTISM

for you have been born again



Baptism: Mariella Jewel Berta

Members of the household of faith: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include **Mariella Jewel Berta**, now before you in your care?

People: **With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Mariella with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Professing of the Christian Faith

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Pastor: Let us pray.
Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

People: **All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever.**

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Pastor: **Mariella Jewel Berta**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: AMEN.

Pastor: The Holy Spirit works within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

All: AMEN.

Pastor: Now, it is our joy to welcome our sister in Christ.

People: **Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.**
We are all one in Christ Jesus, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

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Testimony by Jacque Melin

Living Out the Way 3: Hospitality



15 After these days we got ready and started to go up to Jerusalem. 16 Some of the disciples from Caesarea also came along and brought us to the house of Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to stay.

Acts 21:15-16

Mnason:

1. From Cyprus
2. An early disciple
3. Respected and trusted
4. Hospitable

17 When we arrived in Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us warmly.

Acts 21:17

Hospitality is a part of Stewardship,
for we share what the Lord has given us.

Jesus on Hospitality

* Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)
* Invite those who cannot repay (Luke 14:12-14)
* Whoever welcomes you welcomes me… (Matthew 10:40-42)
* Just as you did it to one of the least of these .. you did it to me. (Matt 25:34-40)

37 Then the righteous will answer him,
‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and
gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something
to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a
stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave
you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you
sick or in prison and visited you?’

Matthew 25:37-39

40 And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

Matthew 25:40

Romans 12:13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Hebrews 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

1 Peter 4:9 Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

Stewardship-

Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Enjoy God’s gifts as we take care of them, develop them, and share with others.

I Offer My Life

By Don Moen

Lord, I offer my life to You
Everything I've been through
Use it for Your glory

Lord, I offer my days to You
Lifting my praise to You as a pleasing sacrifice
Lord, I offer You my life