"Journey Through Acts" Series
November 15, 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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Gordon Young
*OPENING HYMN *Be Still, My Soul (534)*
PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Diana Stevers
*GLORY TO THE FATHER (70)
OFFERING / BREAD PAN: North Kent Connect
Music *Theme from "Finlandia"* Jean Sibelius
*DOXOLOGY (95)
*HYMN *Take My Life, and Let It Be (399)*
SCRIPTURE Acts 27:21-25 (p. 1021) Chip Stevers
MESSAGE "Keep Up Your Courage" Pastor Anna Moon
*CLOSING HYMN *Standing on the Promises (374)*
*SENDING RESPONSE
Blest Be the Tie that Binds (557 (vs.1), followed by *Send Us into the World*
*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN (898)
*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE *He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him* J. S. Bach

11:00 Service

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER
*OPENING SONGS
PRAYER Morning / Silent / Lord's Prayer Val Northcutt
CHILDREN'S MOMENT Abby Teunissen
Children ages 4 yrs to 5th grade leave for JAMS (Jesus and Me Sunday)
OFFERING / BREAD PAN: North Kent Connect
SCRIPTURE Acts 27:21-25 (p. 1021) Val Northcutt
MESSAGE "Keep Up Your Courage" Pastor Anna Moon
*CLOSING SONG *Giants in the Land*
*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 - NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
8:45 am Traditional worship service
10 am Stained Glass Class, Fellowship Hall
11 am Contemporary worship service

MONDAY
4:30 pm A Praying Life, Central Entrance

TUESDAY
10 am & 6:30 pm Tai Chi, TWC
6 pm DAR Banquet, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY
10 am Worship Design, Room 205
5:30 pm Wednesday Dinner and a Movie, Fellowship Hall
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
8:45 am Traditional worship service
10 am Stained Glass Class, Fellowship Hall
11 am Contemporary worship service
12:15 pm Hanging of the Greens

COMING UP AT RUMC

Thu, Fri, Nov 26, 27: Office Closed
Sun, Nov 29: Traditional Worship, 8:45 am; Advent Study,10 am; Contemporary Worship, 11 am
Mon, Nov 30: Zentangle, 9:30 am; A Praying Life, 4:30 pm
Wed, Dec 2: Blood Drive, 12 pm; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm; Handbell rehearsal, 7:30 pm
Sat, Dec 5: Men's Group, 8:30 am
Sun, Dec 6: Traditional Worship, 8:45 am; Advent Study,10 am; Contemporary Worship, 11 am; Christmas Caroling at StoryPoint, 3 pm
Wed, Dec 9: Early Release, 12:30 pm; Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm; Handbell rehearsal, 7:30 pm
Thu, Dec 10: 50+ Potluck and Program, 12 pm; Amity Circle, 1 pm

Pledge Card Thank you to those of you who have turned in your pledge card! If you haven't, please turn your pledge card in today (you can drop it in the offering plate) so you can avoid the dreaded phone call. You can find pledge cards in any of the entrances.

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

Please make sure your dishes go home. We have several here from funerals and pasties, please pick them up on your way out.

Advent Study, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* by Cynthia Campbell, will start November 29 for four Sundays, 10 am in Fellowship Hall. Book cost is $10 and available in the education/ center entrance today and November 22. Chapters are short; print is large. The Women's Group will begin this study on November 18 in the TWC, contact Carolyn Murphy for more information.

Dinner and a Movie this Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You're invited to dinner of sub sandwiches, chips and dessert hosted by the Education Team. After dinner we will show the movie, *Joseph: King of Dreams* in Fellowship Hall.

Hasenpfeffer Night is this Friday at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share, beverages are provided. If you would like to learn, we can teach you to play.

Hand2Hand (H2H) Giving Tree will be up on Sunday, November 22, and have tags with Christmas present suggestions for the H2H families at Parkside. Please bring the wrapped presents, with the tags attached, back by Sunday, December 6.

Hanging of the Greens is Sunday, November 22, after the second service. This is when we decorate the church building for Advent/ Christmas. We don't have planned activities for children, but upper elementary and older can help out, too. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Cards for Veterans Packets with all you need to send Christmas greetings to our veterans are available in the worship entrance. Please return the completed cards by November 29 to the designated box in the worship entrance.

Christmas Caroling at Story Point will be on Sunday, December 6, at 3 pm. Please contact the church office or Pastor Anna if you are interested in joining in.

50+ Potluck and Program will be on Thursday, **December 10**, in the Fellowship Hall at noon (note date change). Mary Knapp and her group the "Satin Saxes" will perform a 30 minute program of swinging Christmas selections. Please join us and bring some friends for food, fun, and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service, coffee and ice water is provided.

Finance Update through Nov. 8
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:	$404,650.00	received in 2026
Year to Date Received:	$370,783.70	$67,230.45

Bread Pan: North Kent Connect: $291.12

Weekly Attendance	8:45 am/online	11 am/online
November 1	98/10	46/2

November 8 - Combined 10 am Worship: 100/13

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

PRAYER CONCERNS – November 15, 2026

Praises and Celebrations

The birth of Amado and Sue Arceo's fifth grandchild on Wednesday. The baby wasn't due until December, but mom and baby are both healthy and doing well. Their son and big sister are thankful.

New Prayer Concerns

Tom Burgoon is recovering from surgery at his home in Florida.

Prayer Updates

Nancy Hinton was discharged to her son's home last week, Friday, after her shoulder surgery. She will be there for a couple of weeks. Prayers for healing.

Continuing Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers: Steve Marsh, Barb Coleman, Diane Griffiths, Dorris Tekiele, baby Beckham, Linda Larson, baby Lucy Schultz, Eileen Straus, Bruce Preston, and Doug DeVries.

Serving Next Sunday, November 22

Prayer / Scripture:
8:45 am: Jacque Melin, Prayer & Scripture
11:00 am: Jacob Oleneack, Scripture

Greeters:
8:45 am: Jim & Ruth Denison
11:00 am: Cathy & Chuck Schroeder

Ushers:
8:45 am: Lynn & Suzanne Zimmerman
11:00 am: Cindy Caywood, Pam Lindemer

Trustee Open/Close: David Bates

Today's Bread Pan: North Kent Connect (NKC) is a food and clothing bank in Rockford covering the whole northern part of Kent County. We all need a little extra help at some point in our lives. NKC is a resource to receive food, housing assistance, job services, and much more. Each month, NKC serves over 300 clients, 160 Senior Meals, and 150 Senior Pantry Food Boxes. In the last 10 months, NKC has given out 400 holiday food baskets, 400 personal care baskets, 113 gas cards (to get to work, school, appointments), 58 rent/mortgage payment assistance, and 63 utilities assistance provided. We make their work possible! Please give generously.

Your Attendance Counts! Please print clearly the first and last names of each attendee on the attendance pads. Thank you!!

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