

SUGGESTIONS FOR BIBLICAL AND/OR CULTURAL TOPICS

Please share your Biblical and/or Cultural Topics to be address in 2020

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 2. (Please use a "Connect Card" to share
 3. your suggestions. Thanks in advance.)
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Santa Shop

Saturday, December 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m in the Social room. Gifts will again be FREE of charge to every child with a limit of 10 gifts per child, with all gifts over 10 being \$1.00 per gift. All children are invited to come and shop. Forms are available on the table near the mailboxes. The children will have their picture taken with Santa and receive one 4 x 6 print free of charge.



A sign-up sheet will be passed for volunteers. **This year we are also asking for volunteers to help set up on Friday evening.** Contact person: Nita Habegger at 419-495-2098 or 419-203-5424.

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CHRISTMAS PRAYER WALK

December 6th and 7th there will be a Christmas themed prayer walk in the sanctuary open to anyone in the community from 6-9pm. It will be put on by the youth of our church so come and be blessed and have a good start to your Christmas season. It will take approx. 10min. to walk through. Meet in the Café to begin.

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THANK YOU



Thanks to everyone for your cards and prayers. Special thanks to Pastor Chip for being with our family during surgery. You are all special to us. From: Tom and Barb Sidenbender

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS Kids' Sunday School Classes

December 22 the kids will be celebrating Jesus. We are asking anyone that would like to bring a gift of canned meat, canned fruit, tomato paste/juice/sauce, hearty soups,



When You Pray, Please Remember Those in Nursing Homes and Home Bound

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| Marcia Winscott | Bea Roebuck |
| Joe Fisher | Jerry Schaadt |
| Dick Figley | Barb Williams |
| | Jon Vickery |

Prayers of Concern

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| Barry Harner | RUMC Youth Ministry |
| Family of Traci Strete Guernsey | Billie Tullis |
| 'Tyke' Black | Mike and Linda Henkle |
| Our church | Anne Esselstein |
| Henderson Settlement | Denise Long |
| Missionary Bryan Schwartz | Our country |
| Pat Frysinger | Kersten Archer |
| Karen Sapp | Randy McDorman |
| Chuck Eberle | Kids' Club |
| Madison Joseph | Terrie Northcutt |
| Safety of grandchildren | Dudley Shrider |
| Debbie and Mike | Elle Long |
| Charles Stephens | Marvin & Darlene Shindeldecker |
| Kids who run away from home | Paula Linn |
| T.J. Figley | Grandchildren near and far |
| Washington DC folks | journey to becoming a teacher |
| Safe travels | recent mother, Paige |
| Marti Lentz | Paula Michael |
| Susann Gurley | Family of Joanne Bash |
| Tom Sidenbender | Betty Bollenbacher |
| The family of Mona Thompson | |
| The family of Pastor Mark Rutledge | |

Military Personnel with RUMC Connections

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| Michael Black, Jr. | Shaun Hunter |
| Casey Louth | Matt Billeter |
| Garth Louth | Sierra Williams |
| Kent Ransbottom, National Guard. | Kyle Zizelman |

RUMC College Students

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| Reghan Waltmire | Tessa Thatcher | Griffen Waltmire |
| Elizabeth Leighner | Bailey Strickler | Austin Habegger |

Praises To God For...

prayers, cards and visits, and getting to come home from the hospital, Bibles to share, our blessings...

BUILDING TEAM UPDATE

The next regular meeting of the Building Team will be December 17, 2019, at 6:00 pm. Updates on Building Team progress are also included in the Administrative Board minutes in the church monthly newsletter.

Building Team

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| Kathy Bransteter | Matt Fisher | Randy Linn |
| Matt Suzuki | Casey Nuttle | Kara Ransbottom |
| Machell Price | Chad Ransbottom | Nathan Rupp |
| Dick Sherrick | Pastor Chip | |
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Prayer Contact Team Members

Ann Hileman, Misty Bolenbaugh, Diane Sheets, Karen Nuttle, Tami Suzuki, Kara Fisher, Lucille Zizelman, Jean Henkle, Kristen McDorman, Kathy Fisher, Trena Browning, Kelly Twigg, Barb Pedroza, Kara Ransbottom, Jill Yoder, Machell Price.

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CRISIS CARE

Crisis Care is available to folks in need of emergency assistance. If you know of anyone in need, please contact Pastor Chip, Casey Nuttle, Dan Henkle, Ann Hileman, or Karen Sapp.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

*God of our hearts,
 May your Holy Spirit continue
 to awaken us to new possibilities,
 new opportunities,
 new courage and new hope.
 May all who gather here be empowered
 to proclaim the good news
 of Jesus' life-changing love.
 May your Spirit transform and use us boldly,
 without limits, to reach and make new disciples
 for Jesus Christ and bless people everywhere.
 Amen.*

December 2019 NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR

Will be available with online access via the church website: www.rumcoh.org

Welcoming our Guests

If you are a guest in our church, please pick up a guest's sack in Café 1031. These sacks contain lots of goodies and information about our church.

Hearing assistance is available. Please speak with an usher.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today: Bibles For Believers Hospitality
Wednesday: No Church activities to night
Thursday: Church Office is Closed
 Happy Thanksgiving
Next Sunday: Mission Hospitality

Ushers serving today:

8:30a—Dan Henkle, Doug Huffman, Jerry Frederick,
 Dean Ulrey
 10:30a—Steve Fisher, Matt Suzuki, Randy Habegger

Nursery volunteers: Toni Fisher and Amanda Peel.

November Mission Focus: House of Refuge

Flowers are given in honor of Thanksgiving by Richard and Susan Sherrick.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

“Huddle” - Matt Fisher and Ryan Twigg
Wednesday Bible Study in the Conference Room at 6:15pm.
Girls Night Out: 3rd Sunday of the month. (could vary)
Sisters In Grace: Bible Study

Girls Night Out

Sunday, Dec. 8 from 12-5pm at the parsonage with guest Bonnie Schimmoeller, potluck, fun and crafting. All kinds of activities include making fabric tree ornaments, decoupage trees, rustic triangle trees, and button tree ornaments. If you choose to paint with Bonnie bring \$20. Come join the fun.

Last Week November 17, 2019

General Offering received: **\$2530.55**
Attendance: **8:30 Service = 59**
10:30 Service = 67

BEING NEIGHBORLY

NO FIVE02 Community Dinner THIS WEEK

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Christmas Season Open House

Friday, December 27th at 3pm. Everyone is Welcome to the parsonage Open House.

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Women: Annual Christmas Party

St. John Lutheran Church Hopewell Women invite the women of RUMC church to a Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 6:30pm for special entertainment, optional \$15 grab bag Christmas gift exchange, and covered dish meal with dinner rolls and drink provided. Bring a favorite covered dish and table service. More information on our church bulletin board.

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Rockford Bicentennial Grand Celebration

HOWL 2GO by Howl at the Moon Dueling Pianos is Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 7:30pm with appetizers, 2 drink tickets, fireworks, dueling pianos + drummer from 8:30-11:30pm. Tickets available at Village Hall; Single \$40, Couple \$75 More info on the church bulletin board.

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No Kids' Club Wednesdays: Nov. 27, Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1

**No Community Dinner 5:02p Wednesdays:
 Nov. 27 Dec. 18, 25 Jan. 1**

No Choir Wednesdays: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 18, 25, Jan. 1

Upcoming Activities

Dec. 6 & 7	Christmas Prayer Walk	6-9p
Dec. 7	Santa Shop	10-11:30a
Dec. 8	Girls Night Out	12-5p
Dec. 27	Christmas Open House: Parsonage	3:00p

Ministers: The People of Rockford UMC
Pastor: Thurlow 'Chip' Steffy
November 24, 2019



ROCKFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

... building ministry with children, youth and families so that our community may flourish.

Welcome!
 We are glad to have you here today as we praise God together and celebrate the way God blesses us.

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Bulletin Cover Word Cloud: The words forming the cross was created from the Children's Church list of things for which they are thankful.