



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.

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.

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, and/or cereal. These will be donated to the Food Pantry.



THANK YOU

With the generosity of RUMC, the Parkway Local Food Pantry was able to distribute the foods needed for a complete Thanksgiving dinner to 14 local families. Please know that the smiles, the tear-filled eyes, the words of gratitude, and the hugs that the Food Pantry Crew received from recipients are meant for all who contributed to this ministry of local mission.



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

Marcia Winscott
Joe Fisher
Dick Figley

Bea Roebuck
Jerry Schaadt
Barb Williams
Jon Vickery

Prayers For Our Community

Barry Harner
'Tyke' Black
Tom Sidenbender
Family of Marvin & Darlene Shindeldecker
Randy McDorman
Pat Frysinger
Terrie Northcutt
families grieving loss of loved ones

Charles Stephens
Betty Bollenbacher
Anne Esselstein
Elle Long
Marti Lentz
Kersten Archer
Dudley Shrider

Military Personnel with RUMC Connections

Michael Black, Jr.
Casey Louth
Garth Louth
Kent Ransbottom, National Guard.

Shaun Hunter
Matt Billeter
Sierra Williams
Kyle Zizelman

RUMC College Students

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

Praises To God For...

getting to come home from the hospital, Bibles to share, our blessings, those who no longer need to be on our prayer list...

New updated Church Directory is available in the café.

United Methodist Women Cheer Boxes

The UMW will be filling the Cheer Boxes on Dec. 12 at 2:30pm in the conference room.

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

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

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.

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.

December 2019 NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR

Available online and in the café. Access the church website: www.rumcoh.org and under menu you will find Newsletter. The calendar is also accessed on our webpage. Click on calendar.

Advent Prayer

In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in unity,
that our praise and worship
might echo in these walls
and also through our lives.
In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in mission,
that the hope within
might be the song we sing,
and the melody of our lives.
In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in service,
that the path we follow
might lead us from a stable
to a glimpse of eternity.

www.faiithandworship.com

Our mission is—to build community by knowing Christ, growing in Christ and going out to share Christ.

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:	Mission Hospitality Communion	
Wednesday:	Kids Club	3:30p
	FIVE02 Free Community Dinner	5:02p
	Bible Study-Letters of Paul	6:15p
	Choir Rehearsal	7:30p
Friday:	Prayer Walk	6:00p
Saturday:	Santa's Workshop	10:00a
	Prayer Walk	6:00p
Next Sunday:	Youth Hospitality	

Ushers serving today:

8:30a—Dick Sapp, Karen Sapp, Terri Piper, Rex Piper

10:30a—Scott Ransbottom, Randy Habegger

Nursery volunteers: Sharla Brehm, Kathy Bransteter

Advent Candle Lighters:

8:30a -Diane Sheets and Elaine Geyer

10:30a—Trisha Bentz and family.

December Mission Focus: Helping Hands/Food Pantry

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 24, 2019

General Offering received: \$1803.61
Attendance: 8:30 Service = 55
 10:30 Service = 54

BEING NEIGHBORLY

FIVE02 Community Dinner THIS WEEK Dec. 4th

Menu: Smorgasbord and Brownies: Mac & Cheese, Sloppy Joes, Cheesy potatoes, veggie soup, Mexican Beans and rice, Mexican chicken, Mexican beef.

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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: Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1

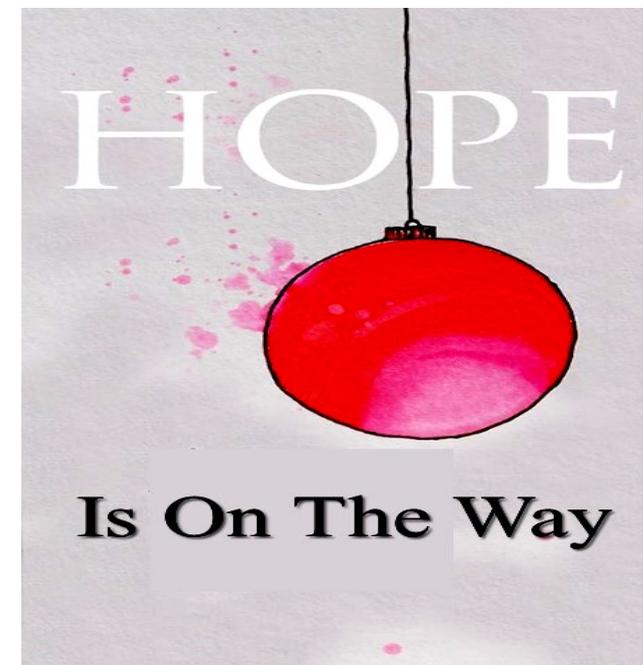
**No Community Dinner 5:02p Wednesdays:
Dec. 18, 25 Jan. 1**

No Choir Wednesdays: Dec. 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. 12	UMW fill Cheer Boxes	2:30p
Dec. 27	Christmas Open House: Parsonage	3:00p

Ministers: The People of Rockford UMC
Pastor: Thurlow 'Chip' Steffy
December 1, 2019



ROCKFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome!

We are glad to have you here today as we praise God

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

together and celebrate the way God blesses us.

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First Sunday in Advent