



## 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:	Youth Hospitality	
	Girls Night Out	12:00p
Monday:	Dartball Game-Here	7:00p
Wednesday:	Kids Club	3:30p
	Kids Club Christmas Program	5:00p
	FIVE02 Free Community Dinner	5:02p
	Bible Study-Letters of Paul	6:15p
	Choir Rehearsal	7:30p
Thursday:	Pastor Parish Relations meet	7:00p
Next Sunday:	Mission Hospitality	

#### Ushers serving today:

8:30a—Casey Nuttle, Jon Sidenbender, Jim McDonough, Norm VanTilburg

10:30a—Randy Habegger, Chris McDorman

**Nursery volunteers:** Jackie Fisher, Kelly Twigg

#### Advent Candle Lighters:

8:30a —Paula Michael and Susann Gurley

10:30a—Jenilee Bransteter and Family

**On the Altar:** The hand-painted Nativity mosaic tile was purchased in Turkey by the Frederick's while on "The Walk of Paul" cruise in 2004.

**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

**No Kids Club or Community Dinners Wednesdays:  
Dec. 18, 25, and Jan. 1**

### Last Week December 1, 2019

General Offering received: **\$5729.61**  
Attendance: **8:30 Service = 66**  
**10:30 Service = 59**

## BEING NEIGHBORLY

### FIVE02 Community Dinner THIS WEEK Dec. 11th

Menu: Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, and Pie.

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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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### 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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### Blessings of ONE MORE

#### Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Robyn Armstrong, Central Drop-off Leader shared that this year's challenge and prayer was for ONE MORE. If you did one last year, do two. Robyn stated that God's vision is always bigger than our own and He saw to it that we needed ONE MORE TRAILER! 5240 Shoeboxes were collected at the Celina drop-off location. That is a 25% increase! Total gifts from Celina, Van Wert, St. Marys, Cridersville, and Sidney were 12,327 shoeboxes. Three semi trailers with 787 cartons in each! Thank you for your faithfulness and continued prayers for the processing centers working now and the children receiving boxes.

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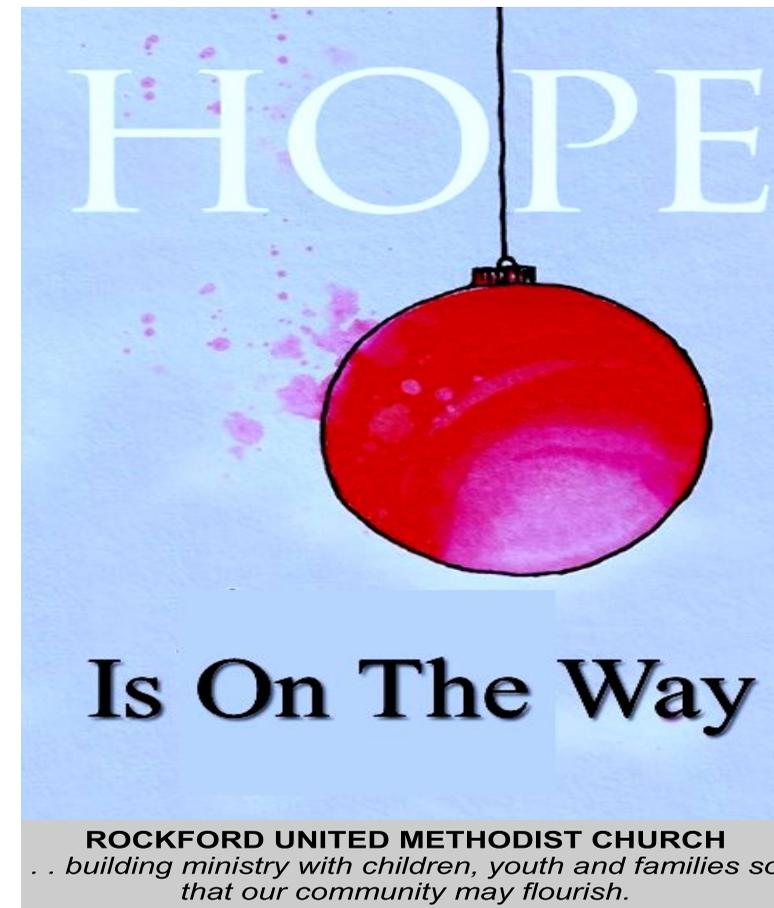
### Christmas Eve Services:

7:00pm Family Friendly  
10pm Candle lighting

### Upcoming Activities

Dec. 11	Kids Club Christmas Program	5p
Dec. 12	UMW fill Cheer Boxes	2:30p
Dec. 16	Dartball Game at Mt. Tabor	7:00p
Dec. 22	Birthday Party for Jesus	
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Dinner	10:30-1p
Dec. 27	Christmas Open House: Parsonage	3:00p

Ministers: The People of Rockford UMC  
Pastor: Thurlow 'Chip' Steffy  
December 8, 2019



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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Second Sunday in Advent