

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.

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS PROJECT

Cards with suggested gift items are now available from the basket at the front of the church. Please purchase items and return to the designated boxes in the conference room by Jan. 26 for a timely delivery to the Dayton VA Hospital. Thank You. If you have any questions please call Sandy

Ulrey 419.363.3217



**Parkway Local Food Pantry
Donation Guidelines**

Please contact Rockford United Methodist Church with questions. 419-363-3230

All donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Please keep in mind the following information:

- There is no refrigeration/freezer available.
- Patrons visit the food pantry the 4th Saturday of each month.
- The food pantry cannot accept items that have been opened.
- All packaged food items have an expiration date. Please check dates on all packages; expired items cannot be distributed from the food pantry.
- The food pantry does not have a trash service.
- No glass containers, please.
- Large, heavy boxes of donations are difficult for food pantry workers to lift and move. Small, lightweight boxes or bags are appreciated.
- To set up a time to drop off donations, please call Rockford United Methodist Church.

**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
Transitions for college students
Sam and Lucille Zizelman
The family of Dorothy Opdycke, Janet Steffy's mother
Charyl Luth
Alex Tisdale, son of Patsy Knight
Jon Sidenbender
Judy Stephenson

Charles Stephens
Betty Bollenbacher
Anne Esselstein
Elle Long
Marti Lentz
Kersten Archer
Dudley Shrider
Dick Wolford
Chuck Eberle
Don Campbell
Carol Berry
Peg Williams
Dick Figley

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
Bailey Strickler
Tessa Thatcher
Austin Habegger
Griffen Waltmire

Praises To God For...

the Christmas cheer boxes, food vouchers, Christmas cards and get well cards, the beautiful church decorations that added so much to our advent season, thoughtfulness of others giving an unexpected gift...

New updated Church Directory is available in the café.

BUILDING TEAM UPDATE

The next regular meeting of the Building Team will be January 21, 2020 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.

BULLETIN BOARD NEWS

You will want to see the Christmas Cards people have sent to our Rockford United Methodist Church Family. Check the bulletin board outside the conference room doors.

January 2020 NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR

are available with online access via the church website:

www.rumcoh.org

February newsletter deadline goal: Monday, January 20th.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome our newest baptized member, Brian Pankop. He is the son of Norm Pankop. Please extend a warm welcome to Brian by sending cards. We would also like to encourage everyone to send him cards throughout the year. Mail brightens his day more that we may know or understand.

Brian Pankop
2524 Beachwood Circle
Ft. Wayne, IN 46807

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	
Monday:	Lay Leadership Meeting	7p
	Dartball Game Here	7p
Tuesday:	Trustees Meeting	7p
Wednesday:	Kids Club	3:30p
	FIVE02 Free Community Dinner	5:02p
	Bible Study-Letters of Paul	6:15p
	Choir Rehearsal	7:30p
Next Sunday:	Mission Hospitality	

Ushers serving today:

8:30a—Dick Sapp, Karen Sapp, Terri Piper, Rex Piper
10:30a—Scott Ransbottom, Randy Habegger

Nursery volunteers: Kara Fisher and Amanda Peel

Flowers are given by Nancy Temple in memory of her parents.

January Mission Focus: Backpack Project



Thank You
for your kindness at Christmas.

~Pastor Chip, Nathan and Kim

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
Chancel Choir: every Wednesday at 7:30pm

Last Week December 29, 2019

General Offering received: **\$2018.85**
Attendance: **8:30 Service = 54**
10:30 Service = 45

BEING NEIGHBORLY

FIVE02 Community Dinner This Wednesday

Menu: brats/hotdogs, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, and refrigerator desserts.

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

Our January Book of the Month is Martin Luther's "Commentary on Romans" as translated by J. Frederick Mueller of the Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Published in 1954, it is perhaps the best of many translations of Luther's Work. Luther not only founded the Lutheran Church; he inspired many other reformers to follow his lead. Luther's commentary may be the second most important book in history, next to the Bible. He considered the Book of Romans to be the most important, especially Chapter 8 where his doctrine of justification by faith and through the grace of God are found. It is today the foundation of most Protestant denominations, including Methodism. John Wesley believed he was "not good enough" until he heard a sermon on Luther's commentary. A more detailed article will appear in the church's January newsletter so please read that as well.

What is epiphany?

Epiphany is commonly known as Three Kings' Day or the Feast of the Epiphany. It means “manifestation” or “showing forth”. It is also called Theophany (“manifestation of God”), especially by Eastern Christians.

What is an epiphany moment?

Epiphany is an “Aha!” moment. As a literary device, epiphany (pronounced ih-pif-uh-nee) is the moment when a character is suddenly struck with a life-changing realization which changes the rest of the story. Often, an epiphany begins with a small, everyday occurrence or experience.

Upcoming Activities

Jan. 27 Dartball Game At Mt. Carmel 7p
Jan. 30 Red Cross Blood Drive—Here 12-5p

Ministers: The People of Rockford UMC
Pastor: Thurlow ‘Chip’ Steffy
January 5, 2020



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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Communion Sunday
Youth Sunday