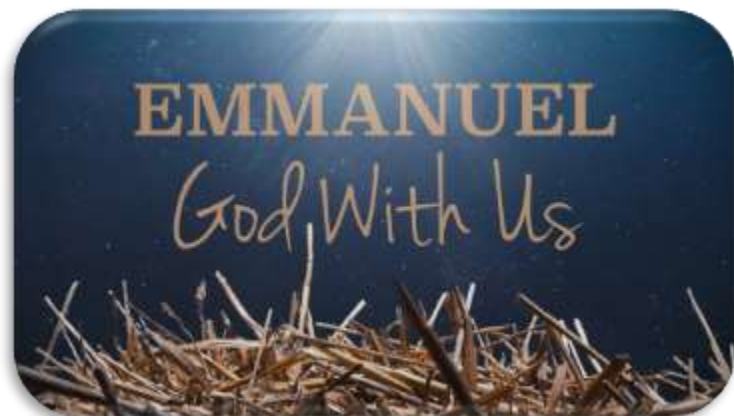


Ministers: The People of Rockford UMC  
Pastor: Thurlow 'Chip' Steffy  
Youth Leader: Nathan Rupp  
Worship Leaders: Nathan Rupp/Jenilee Bransteter

**December 18, 2022**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**  
visit [www.rumcoh.org](http://www.rumcoh.org)



**Message:**  
**“God WITH US: Emmanuel”**

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that our community may flourish.*

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**Scripture Reading**  
**Matthew 1:18-25**

**When You Pray, Please Remember**  
**Those in Nursing Homes and Home Bound**  
Marcia Winscott      Barb Williams      Jerry Schaadt  
Marcia Thompson      Janet 'Tyke' Black

**Prayers For Our Community**  
Barry Harner      Susann Gurley  
Dick Wolford      Mike and Linda Henkle  
Jennifer Miller      Charlene Lutz  
Alex Tisdale      Bob Bollenbacher  
John & Carol Havill      Thomas Snell  
Jolene Burke      Norm Pankop  
Kevin Browning      Renee Dull  
Dean & Sandy Ulrey      Betty Bollenbacher  
Linda Hart      Marcia & Steve Thompson  
Sam and Lucille Zizelman      Joy Gamble Koch  
Carol Berry      Vicki Shell  
Scout Troop 98      Henderson Settlement Finances  
Cub Pack 3098      Janet 'Tyke' Black  
Jenn & Tim Hollinger      Trenna Browning  
Mark Dailey  
Chandler, great grandson of Barb & Tom Sidenbender

**Military Personnel with RUMC Connection**  
Kyle Zizelman      Garth Louth      Casey Louth  
Christopher Bechtold      Isaiah Bretz      Mason Baxter



**RUMC College Students**  
Abi Bretz      Tayzia Jo Havill  
Tessa Thatcher      Bailey Strickler-Craig  
Dennis Leighner      Blake Strickler  
Emily Jackson

**Praises To God For...** the support and prayers of our neighbors, public servants that go beyond their call of duty to help in the time of need, our online services that reach those homebound, the blessings that an unexpected cheer box brought, Youth Prayer Path, for those who decorated the church for Advent/Christmas, baby Chandler getting to come home from the hospital, the unexpected monetary gifts given to Bibles for Believers...

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Countdown**  
**Welcome/Announcements**  
**8:30am Prelude**  
**8:30/10:30am Video**  
**Advent Candle Lighting**  
(8:30 Laura Garwood & Elaine Geyer  
10:30 Ryan, Tyson, Hayden, & Landry Twigg )  
**Songs**  
**Kids Corner with Nathan Rupp**  
**Special Music by Paula Linn/Chip Steffy**  
**Time of Prayer/The Lord's Prayer**  
**Video-Scripture**  
**Message**  
**Video**  
**Song**  
**Blessing**  
**Closing**

**Prayer Contact Team Members**  
Ann Hileman, Misty Bolenbaugh, Diane Sheets,  
Karen Nuttle, Tami Suzuki, Kara Fisher, Lucille Zizelman,  
Jean Henkle, Kristen McDorman, Kathy Fisher, Trenna  
Browning, Kelly Twigg, Barb Pedroza, Kara Ransbottom,  
Jill Yoder, Machell Price

**BUILDING TEAM**  
**NEXT MEETING FEB. 6 AT 7PM**  
Our motto:

**Celebrating the Past;**  
**Building the Future**  
Watch for more details.  
Things are moving right along.

**Building Team**  
Kathy Bransteter      Matt Fisher      Randy Linn  
Matt Suzuki      Casey Nuttle      Kara Ransbottom  
Machell Price      Chad Ransbottom      Nathan Rupp  
Dick Sherrick      John Butler      Tina Heitkamp      Pastor Chip.



## BEING NEIGHBORLY

**December Birthdays**  
 19 - Kevin Ross    26- Jacob Haver  
 20- Gavin          26- Amanda Peel  
 Westgerdes  
 25- Jesus

**December Anniversary**  
 18- John & Carol Havill

**New Members Class**  
 Mid-January Thru February  
 Use Connect card to inquire

**Building Team Meeting**  
 Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 7pm  
 in the Conference Room

### CRISIS CARE

If you know of anyone in need, please contact Ann Hileman, Karen Sapp, Pastor Chip, Casey Nuttle, or Dan Henkle.

**GIVE ONLINE**  
**Online Giving**  
 easy, fast, secure.  
[www.rumcoh.org](http://www.rumcoh.org)

**Helping Hands Thrift Store Closed**  
 Sat, Dec. 24  
 Wed, Dec. 28, Sat, Dec 31  
 Wed, Jan. 5

**December Mission**  
 502 Wednesday Community Dinners



# No Wednesday Activities until January 4<sup>th</sup>

**No Kids Club, No Meal, No Bible Study, No Youth Small Group**



### Chair Yoga:

- If you are interested in participating in chair yoga, please let the church office know. How can Chair Yoga help?
- Increase balance and flexibility. Maintaining balance and flexibility is critical for health and well-being. ...
  - Improve muscle tone and strength. ...
  - Boost your mood and mental well-being. ...
  - Help manage chronic conditions. ...
  - Reduce chronic pain. ...



### Sunday, December 11, 2022

Attendance 8:30am Service	58
10:30am Service	53

Online views:

Dec. 14 Number of Meals served:	123
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Sunday Morning and online offering	\$2805.00
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Money Counters: Dee VanTilburg & Peggy Williams

### Military Heroes 2023 Updates:

We want to support these military heroes and their families all year round. You may want to send a card, note of encouragement, gift card (if not deployed), or care boxes to thank them for all they do for us and the sacrifices they and their families make every day. Most importantly, keep them in your prayers.

#### Mason Baxter

332 ESFS Alpha FLT  
 Unit 61807  
 APO AE 09321-1807  
 Air Guard deployed to Jordan.  
 Grandson of Brenda Barker

#### Louth, Casey

Louth, Garth  
 12323 St. Rte. 707  
 Army Reserve:  
 Mendon, OH 45862  
 Army Reserve  
 Nephews of Sharla Brehm

#### Christopher Bechtold

2323 Botanical Dr. Apt. 6  
 Killeen, TX 76542  
 Army  
 Husband of Treya Conn-Bechtold

#### Zizelman, Kyle R

Navy: moving to Washington State.  
 Will serve aboard a ship in the future.  
 Grandson of Sam and Lucille Zizelman

#### Isaiah Bretz

P.O. Box 300  
 44 Greenfield St.  
 Tiffin, OH 44883  
 Army Reserve in college.  
 Husband of Abi Browning-Bretz

### Our Current Newsletter is posted online

[www.rumcoh.org](http://www.rumcoh.org)

Upper Room devotionals for Jan./Feb. are also available at door #2 in the outside mailbox.  
 January Newsletter deadline: Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Pecans/Halves \$13,  
 Pieces \$12.  
 Walnuts, Mixed Nuts,  
 Cashews \$11  
 Assorted nuts are available for You may them pick up at the church.

**Puzzle Shelf In the Café**  
 Check out a puzzle

## Activities For The Week

Today, Dec.18

- 4th Sunday in Advent
- Hospitality: Trustees
- Worship at Divine 2:30pm
- Youth Group 4pm

Mon.

- Dartball Game @ Celina First 7:30pm

Tues.

- Girls Night Out: Caroling 5:30pm
- Administrative Board Meets 7pm

Wed.

- No Activities
- Helping Hands Thrift Store Open 4-7pm

Thurs.

- No Sisters In Grace

Sat.

- Christmas Eve Services 7pm/10pm

Sun. Dec. 25

- One Service 8:30am
- Christmas Day: Jesus' Birthday
- Together On Christmas Day Dinner 10:30-1pm  
@ Rockford Community Building



## Together On Christmas

The Community Building will be decorated for the Together on Christmas meal **Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8 AM**. All are welcome to lend a hand. Contact Kara Fisher with questions.

## Upcoming Activities Planned

Jan. 1 -ONLINE Worship ONLY

[www.rumcoh.org](http://www.rumcoh.org)

Jan. 8 -Holy Communion Served

## Girls Night Out

We will be celebrating National Caroling Day on Tuesday December 20th. Let's do a cookie exchange with a potluck dinner, too. We will meet at 5:30pm at the parsonage. We will do a little caroling walking around the neighborhood (if you have a golf cart that might be fun too).

We will then end up back at the parsonage for more fellowship and celebrating of National Caroling day.

Doing a cookie exchange means you bring cookies to share and then take home that same number of cookies from other guests - that way you end up with a variety of cookies.

We're also going to have a potluck dinner and everyone needs to bring a food item to share that begins with their last name. For example: the Bingers could bring Baked Beans, the Rosendauls could bring Ravioli, and the Webbs could bring Watermelon.

Note the change of day from a Sunday to a Tuesday. Hope you can join us!



**RUMC will be hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 until 5:00 in the social room. If you are available to serve at the registration table, or to serve snacks and drinks to the donors, please contact Karla Butler. The time will be split into two shifts, so help is needed from 11:45 until 2:30 and 2:30 until 5:15. Also, two people are needed to provide some treats for the donors. If you are able to donate blood, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter rockumc to schedule an appointment.

