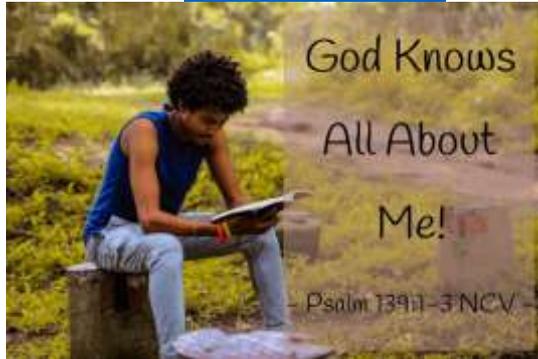


Ministers: The People of Rockford UMC
Pastor: Thurlow 'Chip' Steffy
Worship Leader: Nathan Rupp

January 10, 2021
Worship 8:30am and 10:30am
LIVE streaming 8:30am
visit www.rumcoh.org



Message:
'Better Than We Know Ourselves'

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

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Scripture Reading
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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

Marcia Winscott Barb Williams
Joe Fisher Jerry Schaadt
Dick Figley Sam Zizelman

Prayers For Our Community

Barry Harner Don Campbell
'Tyke' Black Alex Tisdale
Pat Frysinger Erin Gall
Kersten Archer Mike and Linda Henkle
Dudley Shrider Susann Gurley
Paula Michael Sam and Lucille Zizelman
Tracey Walters Norm Pankop
Don & Linda Hays Dick Wolford
unspoken prayers Tom Stephenson
Jackie Fisher Pam Meyer
Marti Lentz

those directly impacted by Covid 19 Marcia Thompson
Deb Bolenbaugh, sister-in-law of Doug Bolenbaugh
Mark Dailey, brother of Sandy Dailey Elle Long
Sam & Lucille Zizelman Vernon Kuhn
Bea & Dave Salway Carol Havill
Reitta Bransteter, Kathy's mother-in-law Connie Sapp
Grieving family of Bea Kriegel Marlene Roebuck
Sutter Family Nita Habegger
Hensley Berry, Carol Berry's great granddaughter

Military Personnel with RUMC Connections

Michael Black, Jr. Matt Billeter
Casey Louth Garth Louth
Sierra Williams Kyle Zizelman

Honorably Discharged

Shaun Hunter Kent Ransbottom

RUMC College Students

Abi Browning Tessa Thatcher Griffen Waltmire
Bailey Strickler Austin Habegger

Praises To God For... the Christmas Walk which allowed for holiday quietness and reflection, family and friends reaching out, neighbors who shoveled my sidewalks, warm meals on cold days, keeping neighbors safe during a house fire, providing for our needs...

Prayer List Updates:

When you hear of an update on those on our prayer list, please contact the church office, so that we can continue to reach out to those for whom we are praying.

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.

CRISIS CARE

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

NO BUILDING TEAM UPDATE

Building Team

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

Thank YOU!

The Lima Area Operation Christmas Child Team

would like to thank you for your incredible support during this unusual year. We are rejoicing that our area collected 18,649 shoebox gifts (61 from our church). Read more in February newsletter.

From Martha & Joe Fisher – Thank you very much for thinking of Joe this difficult Christmas Season. With God's help we have escaped the virus. Thank you for the box of goodies and useful things. We appreciate your kindness. God Bless each of you and have a Blessed & Happy New Year!

The Family of Dean Luginbill- Thank you so much for your thoughtful expression of sympathy.

Bibles For Believers -Thank you! We sent a record high 210 Bibles! Read more on next page and in the February Newsletter.

BEING NEIGHBORLY

January

Birthdays

- 10-Trisha Bentz
- 13- Jim Gibson
- 13- Jim Bransteter
- 14-Connie Hays
- 17-Karla Butler
- 18-Theo Shindeldecker

Anniversaries

- 15-Gino & Kathy Fisher
- 20-Dave & Diane Sheets



**January Mission Focus
 Backpack Program
 By Call Ministries**



CARD SHOWERS:

THINKING OF YOU

Eleesha Long
 115 West State St.
 North Baltimore, OH 45872

Sam Zizelman
 Laurals of Shane Hill
 10731 St. Rte. 118
 Rockford, OH 45882

Lucille Zizelman
 4202 St. Rte. 707
 Rockford, OH 45882



Bibles for Believers

The year of the virus....our fund raising and communications were severely crippled and we expected a record low 70 Bibles to be sent. Instead, we sent a record high 210 Bibles, thanks largely to the generosity of our friends at the Rockford Belle Community Church. It was the largest single donation we have ever received and words cannot express our gratitude. Our God is too big and powerful to be overcome by some puny little virus. We should never underestimate His power as we often do. He is still the God of miracles. What we can't do, God can. We should remember to let go and let God. **Thanks to all of you** who helped us in any way during this difficult year as we look forward to better things to come.
 ~Norm Pankop

Look for the January Newsletter online
www.rumcoh.org
 and in the outside mailbox at door #2

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER: DRIVE-THRU ONLY

Kids' Club Memory Verse This Week
 I will meditate on your works and consider all your mighty deeds. Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as your God?
 Psalm 77:12-13

Jan. 13th WE NEED: 2 Volunteers @ 3:30pm and @4:40pm



No food donations needed this week.

Ways to Serve in 2021

We are looking ahead as our worship and gatherings evolve. Serving God may not look the same, but God is HERE and God is doing a new thing all around us. Pray for an open heart to what God is showing you. Please consider how God will use your gifts and RUMC in 2021.

Right now consider:

- being a soloist or instrumentalist for worship.
- joining the kitchen crew for community dinners.
- making food for the community dinners.

As we evolve:

- sign up for the nursery volunteer list.
- serve as an usher.
- be a worship leader as liturgist.
- be a Sunday School teacher.
- help with Kids' Club.

2021 Annual Conference

The 52nd session of the West Ohio Conference will be held virtually on Sunday June 6, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Monday, June 7, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Last Week January 3, 2020

Mailed in offerings and Sunday Morning \$5282.50
Online giving up to 01/07/21 \$3513.00

Money Counters: Ann Hileman & Peg Williams

Upcoming Activities Planned

Tues.	Worship Team Meeting	7pm
Wed.	Free Community Dinner Drive-Thru ONLY	
	Kids' Club Packet Pick-up 4:30-6:30pm	
Fri.	Red Cross Blood Drive- New Horizons Church	
Sat.	Recycling Day at Parkway	
Jan. 19	Building Team Meeting	
	Administrative Board Meeting	
Jan. 25	Dartball game Here vs. Mt. Tabor	7:30pm

ROCKFORD FAMILY HOUSE FIRE

New Horizons has set up a donation link for the Sutter Family. Click on the link and choose

“Sutter Family Love Offering”
<https://nhccrockford.churchcenter.com/giving>