

**Ministers:**  
**People of Rockford UMC**  
**Pastor:** Bill Halter  
**Youth Leader:** Nathan Rupp  
**Worship Leader:**  
 Nathan Rupp/Jenilee Bransteter



## Sunday, December 3, 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

8:30am & 10:30am Services  
 visit [www.rumcoh.org](http://www.rumcoh.org)



**Message**  
 "What If I Missed It?"

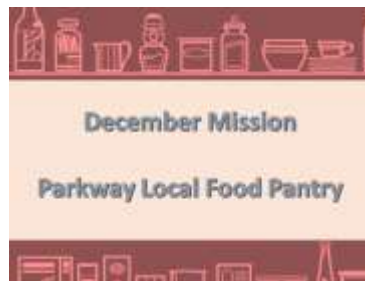
### ROCKFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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**Scripture Reading**  
**Luke 1:5-25**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Countdown**  
 Welcome/Announcements/Greeting  
 8:30am Prelude  
 Centering- Break Through Prayer  
 8:30am Song  
 Advent Candle Lighting  
 Song  
 Scripture Reading  
 Message  
 Holy Communion  
 Time of Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
 Song  
 Benediction



**BUILDING TEAM**  
 Next Meeting: TBD  
 In the Conference Room

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 Bill

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

Marcia Winscott  
 Lucille Zizelman  
 Marti Lentz

Barb Williams  
 Lois Powell

### Prayers For Our Community

Lori Waltz	Dave Sheets
Susann Gurley	Ryan, unspoken
Jennifer Miller	Charlene Lutz
Alex Tisdale	Bob Bollenbacher
John & Carol Havill	Thomas Snell
Mark Dailey	Sandy Courtney
Betty Bollenbacher	Jenn & Tim Hollinger
Linda Hart	Sam and Lucille Zizelman
Jolene Burke	Travis Anderson
Kevin Browning	Barb Sidenbender
Chad Pommert, brother of Karen Shinn	Vicki Shell
Doug Bolenbaugh	Marti Lentz
Dan Henkle	Karen Shinn
Pastor Bill & Sharon Halter	Dick Sherrick
Those with cancer: Christy, Larry, Louie	Bea Salway
Nancy Valentine	Kids' Club Ministry
Gloria Mueni, sponsored child	Denise Long
Parkway students and staff	Esther Zizelman
Barry Harner, Husband of Sheryl	RUMC Kitchen Crew
Mike and Linda Henkle	Dean & Sandy Ulrey
Dick McCullough	Jean Baltzell
Ami Mohr, daughter of Sheryl Harner	Nancy Clouse
Misty Bolenbaugh	Ron Bikacsan
Chip Steffy	Dick Wolford
Hallie Salway	Nancy Leighner
John Thomas, his daughter Diane and her husband Keith	
Grieving family of Janice Fisher Osterloh	Paula Linn
Erica Sheets	Phyllis Etsler

### Military Personnel with RUMC Connection

Kyle Zizelman	Garth Louth	Casey Louth
Carter Morse	Isaiah Bretz	Mason Baxter
Brandon Ullom		

## BEING NEIGHBORLY

**BIRTHDAYS**

**DECEMBER**

4 - Cody Barlage  
 4 - Kristin McDorman  
 5 - Braedn Conn  
 7 - John Havill  
 8 - Rylee Brehm  
 9 - Dan Henkle

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**DECEMBER**

16 - Andrew & Amanda Peel  
 12 - Scott & Angie Ransbottom

Our Current Newsletter is posted online

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

Upper Room devotionals for Nov/Dec. are also available at door #2 in the outside mailbox.

Next Newsletter deadline: Monday, Dec. 18

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Misty Bolenbaugh, Diane Sheets,  
 Kara Fisher, Lucille Zizelman,  
 Jean Henkle, Kelly Twigg, and  
 Kara Ransbottom.



### Thank You:

Thanks so very, very much for the card shower, the video of the Majesty Quartet, the visits, cookies, the lawn mowing, leaf pick-ups, etc. I'm in the Dayton area living with my son and daughter-in-law (She is an occupational therapist.) The plan is to stay here until after the holidays. Then check to see if I can resume my normal life at a little slower pace.

Love you all, Nancy Leighner  
 "Faith, Hope & Love and the greatest of these, is LOVE"

Drive-thru ONLY

**MENU**

Wednesday  
 4:30-6:00pm

Spaghetti with  
 Hamburger sauce  
 Tossed Salad  
 Bread Stick  
 Sugar Cookie

Wednesday  
 Dec. 6th

**Adult Advent Study Options:**  
 Nov. 27 & 29  
 4 Mondays  
 2:30pm  
 or  
 4 Wednesdays  
 6pm

**Youth Advent Study**  
 Sundays  
 4pm  
 with  
 Pastor Bill  
 Dec. 3rd

### Advent Study led by Pastor Bill

"An Unlikely Advent" book by Rachel Billups

Luke 1:11-18 "What if I Missed it?"

Matthew 2:1-7 "Playing the Villain"

Matthew 2:9-12 "A Curious People"

Luke 2:8-20 "When God Shows Up"

**Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24 @ 7pm**

Luke 2:8-20 "A Pondering Mother"

You Choose:

Mondays at 2:30pm: Dec. 4, 11, 18

Wednesdays at 6pm: Dec. 6, 13, 20

Youth Study- Sundays 4pm: Dec. 3, 10, 17 +Wed. Dec. 20

### Activities For The Week

**Sun. Dec. 3- Holy Communion Sunday**

-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

-Hospitality: Youth

-Youth Group 4pm -Advent Study #1

**Mon. -Chair Yoga 12:30pm in Nursery**

-Advent Study #2 @ 2:30pm conference room

-Dartball Game @ Mt. Tabor 7:30pm

**Wed. -Staff Meeting 11am**

-Kids' Club 3:30-5pm

-Helping Hands Thrift Store 4-7pm

-Drive-Thru FIVE02 Dinner 4:30-6pm

-Advent Study #2 @ 6pm

-Youth Small Group 6pm

**Thurs. -Sisters In Grace 10am**

**Fri. & Sat. -Prayer Walk 6-9pm**

**Sat. -Helping Hands Thrift Store 10-1pm**

**Sun. Dec. 10-**

-2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

-Hospitality: Hopi Indians

-Youth Group 4pm -Advent Study #2

Sunday, November 26, 2023

**Attendance:** 8:30am Service      49  
 10:30am Service      82

**Wednesday Meal Nov. 29**      175  
 Donations collected      \$209.00

**Sunday Morning offering & Online giving \$2073.05**

**Money Counters: Dee VanTilburg & Peg Williams**

*Together*  
 on Christmas

A Community Meal in Celebration of Christ's Birth

Free Christmas Day Dinner  
 Rockford Community Building  
 December 25, 2023  
 10:30am-1pm

**It's Dartball Season!**  
 All Games  
**Dec. 4 @ Mt. Tabor @ 7:30pm**

**Praises To God For...** Majesty Quartet sharing God's word through song, all those who prepared and served the wonderful Harvest Jubilee meal, donations given to the Food Pantry for the Thanksgiving Meal boxes, those who decorate our church so beautifully, ...

**Girls NIGHT OUT 2.0**

❖ In the Social Room  
 ❖ Packing Cheer Boxes  
**Sunday, Dec. 3 @ 3-5pm**

**Christmas Eve Service**  
 Rockford United Methodist Church  
 One Service  
**7:00pm**