

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS Kids' Sunday School Classes

December 22 the kids will be celebrating Jesus. We are asking anyone that would like to bring a gift of canned meat, canned fruit, tomato paste/juice/sauce, hearty soups, and/or cereal. These will be donated to the Food Pantry.



Girls Night Out



Sunday, Dec. 8 from 12-5pm at the parsonage with guest Bonnie Schimmoeller, potluck, fun and crafting. All kinds of activities include making fabric tree ornaments, decoupage trees, rustic triangle trees, and button tree ornaments. If you choose to paint with Bonnie bring \$20. Come join the fun.

United Methodist Women Cheer Boxes The UMW will be filling the Cheer Boxes on Dec. 12 at 2:30pm in the conference room.



A Special Thank You



We want to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during Tom's hospital visits. It is so great to have good Christian friends. Also a special thanks to Pastor Chip for his visits, and Darrell Sheppard video taping in our absence.

From: Tom and Neva Ransbottom (card is on the bulletin board outside the conference room.)

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	Charles Stephens
'Tyke' Black	Betty Bollenbacher
Tom Sidenbender	Anne Esselstein
Family of Marvin & Darlene Shindeldeck	ker Elle Long
Randy McDorman	Marti Lentz
Pat Frysinger	Kersten Archer
Terrie Northcutt	Dudley Shride
families grieving loss of loved ones	Dick Wolford
Transitions for college students	Karen
Sam and Lucille Zizelman	Church Eberle

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 WaltmireTessa ThatcherElizabeth LeighnerBailey Strickler

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Praises To God For...

getting to come home from the hospital, Bibles to share, our blessings, those who no longer need to be on our prayer list, seeing familiar faces in time of need, a special phone call...

New updated Church Directory is available in the café.

BUILDING TEAM UPDATE

The next regular meeting of the Building Team will be December 17, 2019, 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 Fisher	Randy Linn			
Matt Suzuki	Casey Nuttle	Kara Ransbottom			
Machell Price	Chad Ransbottom	Nathan Rupp			
Dick Sherrick	Pastor Chip				
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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.

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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.

December 2019 NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR

Available online and in the café. Access the church website: <u>www.rumcoh.org</u> and under menu you will find Newsletter. The calendar is also accessed on our webpage. Click on calendar.

Advent Prayer

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity. Www.faithandworship.com

Our mission is—to build community by knowing Christ, growing in Christ and going out to share Christ.

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 Decem	<u>ber 1, 2019</u>
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.

Christmas Season Open House Friday, December 27th at 3pm. Everyone is Welcome to the parsonage Open House.

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.

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.

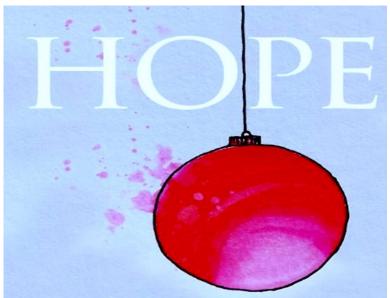


Christmas Eve Services: 7:00pm Family Friendly 10pm Candle lighting

Upcoming Activities Kide Club Christmas Program

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	e 3:00p

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



Is On The Way

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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Second Sunday in Advent