

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS TODAY

Today the kids are celebrating Jesus' birthday!



COLLEGE STUDENT PACKAGES READY TODAY!

College outreach packages are ready for pick-up.

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED

We are currently in need of individuals that would be willing to serve as money counters for the upcoming year. If you are interested in serving the church in this manor, please get in touch with Tammy McDonough for more details.



Christmas Eve Services:

7:00p Family Friendly
10:00p Candle lighting

Christmas Open House



Christmas Season Open House

Friday, December 27th at 3pm.

Everyone is Welcome to the parsonage Open House.

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.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our church family for all the get well cards and Christmas cards.

Sincerely, *Sam and Lucille Zizelman*



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
Jerry Pesek

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

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...

all the boxes given for operation Christmas Child, angel tree gifts shared, the Christmas Prayer Walk sponsored by the youth, the joyful Kids Club Christmas Program, the Christmas cheer boxes, food vouchers, Christmas cards and get well cards...

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, Tenna Browning, Kelly Twigg, Barb Pedroza, Kara Ransbottom, Jill Yoder, Machell Price.

If you look for Me at Christmas



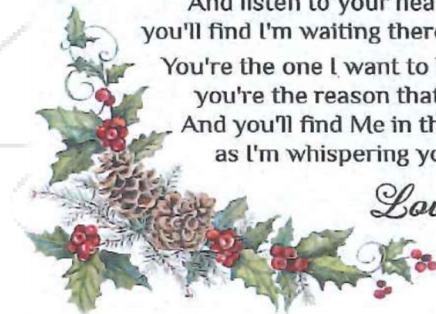
you won't need a special star –
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me
amid the celebrations –
You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.

But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do
And listen to your heart,
you'll find I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came,
And you'll find Me in the stillness
as I'm whispering your name.

Love, Jesus



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
Tuesday: Christmas Eve Services 7p and 10p
Wednesday: Christmas Day Dinner 10:30a-1p
Friday: Open House at Parsonage 3p
Next Sunday: Youth Hospitality

Ushers serving today:

8:30a—Dan Henkle, Doug Huffman, Jerry Frederick, Susan Sheppard

10:30a—Steve Fisher, Matt Suzuki, Randy Habegger

Nursery volunteers: Sharla Brehm and Amanda Peel

Advent Candle Lighters:

8:30a —Tom and Nancy Clouse

10:30a—Jill Yoder and grandchildren: Rowan Yoder, Meadow Hays, Merret Hays

Flowers given in memory of the parents of Jerry and Janice Frederick.

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

Chancel Choir: every Wednesday at 7:30pm

**Christmas Eve
Advent Candle Lighting**

7pm Nathan, Kara
and Matthew Rupp
10pm Dick and Karen Sapp

**Wednesdays:
Dec. 25, and Jan. 1**

**No Kids Club
No Community Dinners
No Choir rehearsals
Church Office Closed**

Last Week December 15, 2019

General Offering received: \$1939.73
Attendance: 8:30 Service = 61
 10:30 Service = 64

BEING NEIGHBORLY

NEXT FIVE02 Community Dinner JANUARY 8th

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

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Rockford Bicentennial Grand Celebration

Tuesday, December 31 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.

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Seeking Addresses

The church office is seeking the current addresses of the following people in order to update the church records: Keith Stalter and Andy Rogers.

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Together on Christmas Christmas Day Dinner Plans

Tuesday, December 24—Between 8 and 11:30 am, return turkey meat to Casey at Community Building. Desserts may be brought at this time or before 10 am on Christmas morning.

Wednesday, December 25—Serving begins at 10:30 and continues until 1:00. All servants should be at the Community Building no later than 10 am for instructions and prayer. Dessert Makers—use as many disposable containers as possible. CUT as many desserts as possible and in as small pieces as possible.

“Thank-You” to all who have signed up to help in any way. It takes each and every one of you to make this a success.

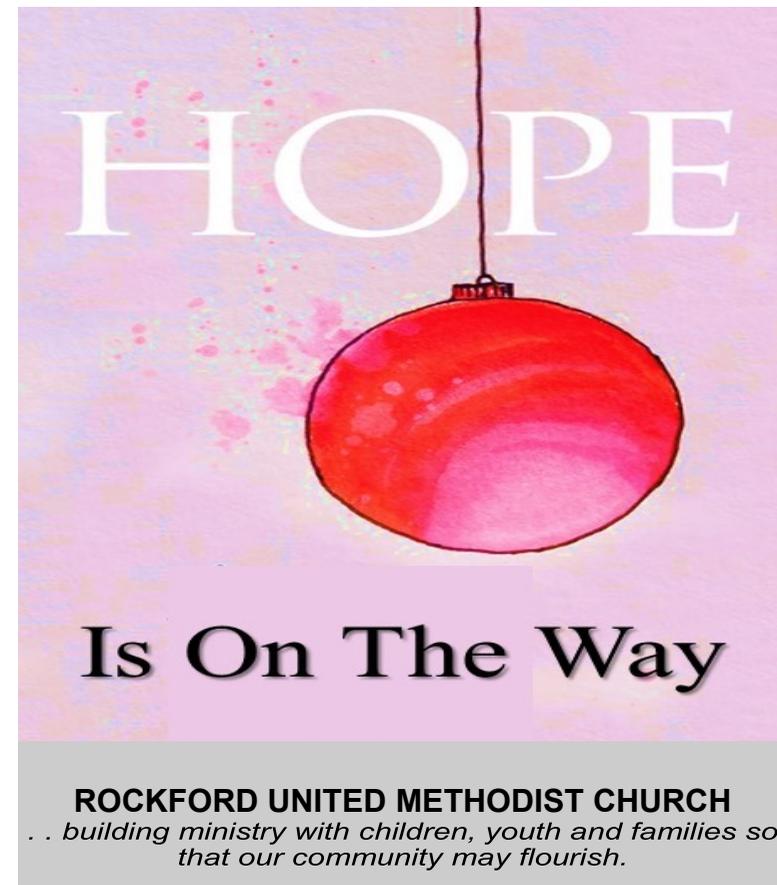
You are all very much appreciated.

Workers –Please park at Shane’s Park.

Upcoming Activities

Jan. 30 Red Cross Blood Drive—Here 12-5p

Ministers: The People of Rockford UMC
Pastor: Thurlow ‘Chip’ Steffy
December 22, 2019



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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Fourth Sunday in Advent