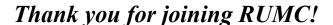


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Thank You's!



Jenn, Caitlin & Casey Steliga Barb & Jerry lervolino



Thank you Rockbrook UMC!

Your support for the "All People Pantry" donation of food was truly appreciated!

Once again you all exceeded our expectations! The pantry was overwhelmed with gratitude!





Thanks to everyone who helped with the un-decorating of the church!

Your help was very much appreciated!

A HUGE THANK YOU

to Michael Quigley who came and shoveled snow all around the church and the Day Care building on our last big snow on January 11th & 12th!

You are the best & a blessing to this church!





Rockbrook United Methodist Church

NEWS FROM THE ROCK...

Message from the Pastor

February 2024

January seems to be filled with a lot of hope. Hope for a better year than the year previous. Hope that the new year will lend itself to new opportunities, new love, new adventures, new jobs, new babies, etc. Hope that life slows down.

For me, the beginning of January feels like a chance to take a breather. Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Pastors spend the second week of January catching their breath. About the third week, pastors start to think about Lent, statistical reports, Easter, and end of year reports. The last week of January is for end of year reports. These reports are fun for me. It is usually fun to look to see how the year has finished; this is probably because I am a business major and I have my MBA and I like to look at financial reports, projections, trends, etc. So, let me recap 2023 for you- we ended the year with positive numbers in the bank account! We increased attendance both online and in person. Giving was up from 2022. Confirmation numbers were up from 2022. Baptisms were up from 2022. New members were up from 2022. More money was given for missions! 2023 was a good year for Rockbrook! The church has been recharged and the Holy Spirit continues to move at RUMC.

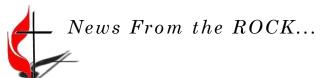
So, let's talk about 2024. The 2024 Stewardship Campaign pledged 15.3% more than 2023. We have had nine people join the church. We currently have five teenagers in Confirmation. Your Leadership Team is thinking about how to continue to move the needle forward with discipleship, small groups, missions, and community building. It is just awesome watching the church coming together, growing, dreaming, and making disciples. I am so proud of you! I also stand in amazement what God is doing and I know that God is not done yet with what we should be doing inside and outside the walls of RUMC.

Now, let's talk about this month. We will be finishing up the sermon series, Bless These Days: The Lives We Actually Have on February 11th. Ash Wednesday will be on February 14th. I will be imposing ashes all day and telling you how much you are loved by God. When you come into the church, you will be able to come into the chapel, pray and then I will impose ashes on you. There may even be chocolate! In the evening, we will have a hands on Ash Wednesday service with the imposing of ashes. Feb 18th will be the first Sunday of our Lenten Journey. I will be using the book, "Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects", by Jill J. Duffield. What I like about this book is that each week has a focused item such as a coin. My hope is that when you look at these common household items that you will think about your relationship with Christ and remember how much you are loved by God.

I am ever grateful to be in ministry with you all. It is such a joy being your pastor. Be well. If you need anything, need to talk, need to cry, need to eat tacos, reach out! I will try my hardest to be available. I am here for y'all!

Pastor Marcee







Teresa Holdcroft-Reese, Emily Quigley, Julie Vidlak, Paul Susemihl, Barb Reilly, Tatyana Boellstorff, Marc Welander, Andrew Seals, and Pastor Marcee - what do these fabulous folks have in common?

They are all Rockbrook's staff members who work diligently to ensure our church runs smoothly and provide a meaningful worship experience for all

It's Rockbrook's annual tradition to celebrate these wonderful people by presenting them with a love gift around Valentine's Day, and now is the time to start the collection.

Gifts can be dropped in the Offering Plate, mailed to the church or dropped off in the Church Office by February 11th. If gifting by check, please note "Staff Gifts" on the memo line.

The gifts will be presented on or around Valentine's Day.

We are fortunate to have such a strong and caring ministry team. Please help us recognize their dedication and efforts during this month of love!

Questions? Please contact Bev Donham at 402-490-5292 or Janice Samson at 402-660-1120.





News From the ROCK...

Church wide Pot-Luck

Sunday, February 25th

Drop off your favorite dish prior to the 10:45am Service to the kitchen downstairs. Join us after the service down in the Fellowship Hall for fun, great food & wonderful fellowship! We'll see you there!

Upcoming Events in March!

Palm Sunday Cantata March 24, 2024





000000000000000000 **Easter Egg Hunt!** March 24th Following Palm Sunday lunch For children up through 6th grade OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! Happy Easter

> March 31, 2024 8:30am & 10:45am Worship Services



Summer Fun at Camp Fontanelle!



CLASSIC CAMP

CAMPOLODEON \$475 1, 2, 3 **GRADES 3-6**

XP CAMP \$475 1, 2, 6 **GRADES 7-12**

MINI CAMP \$240 5 **GRADES 2-3**

7 - 8 BASE CAMP \$300 2 week **GRADES 10-12** program

June 2-3 \$120/person Sonshine - 2 nights

Oaks and Acorns - 1 night

Adult/Child Camps

June 29 - July 1 \$240/person

Week 1 - June 3rd - 7th Week 2 - June 10th - 14th Week 3 - June 16th - 20th

Week 4 - June 24th - 28th

Sports Camp \$475 (Grades 6-12)

Week 3

Week 4

Week 4

Week 6

Week 8

Night Owls \$500 Grades 6-12

Girls Only \$475

Zoobilee \$525

Grades 3-12

Grades 3-6

Splish Splash \$425 Grades 3-6

Week 8 Last Campers on Earth \$375 Grades 3-6

Fontanelle Finale \$500 Week 9 Grade 3-12

Week 5 - July 1st - 3rd Week 6 - July 8th - 12th Week 8 - July 22nd - 25th Week 9 - July 29th - Aug 2nd

BIBLE STUDY, CAMPFIRES, ROCK CLIMBING, ZIPLINE, SWIMMING, CRAFTS, ARCHERY, SLIME TIME, PETTING ZOO, HIKING, JUMPING PILLOW, NEW FRIENDS, AND SO MUCH MORE...

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LENTEN GIVING CALENDAR

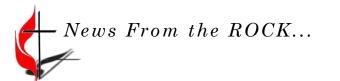
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2024 Lenten Giving Calendar!

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Rockbrook United Methodist Church	Sat	February 17 <i>Matt. 6:16-21</i>	Put in a 2 lb bag of Rice
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Rockbrook	Thu	February 14 February 15 ASH WEDNESDAY Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Give 10 cents for each phone in your home
2024	Wed	February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY	Isaiah 58:1-12 Put in 2 cans of Peaches
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						March 31
HOLY SATURDAY	GOOD FRIDAY John 18:1-19:42	MAUNDY THURSDAY John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (7:00pm Service) (S)				Psalm 31:14-15 Bring your Lenten sacks to Church!
March 30 John 19:38-42	March 29	March 28	March 27 John 13:21-32, 31b-35	March 26 John 12:20-36	March 25 John 12:1-11	March 24 PALM SUNDAY
March 23 Luke 19:28-40 Give 5 cents for each tooth- brush in your home	March 22 Psalm 118:14 Put in a plastic jar of Spaghetti Sauce	March 21 Philippians 2:5-11 Give 10 cents for each Bible in your home	March 20 Psalm 31:9-16 Put in 2 Bars of Soap	March 19 Isaiah 50:4-9a Put in 2 Cake/Brownie Mixes	March 18 Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 Put in 2 sm. cans of Pineapple	March 17 Isuiah 43:18-21 Psalm 126
Give 10 cents for each bed in your home	Give 5 cents for each pair of shoes in your home	Put in a bottle of Shampoo	Put in a Toothbrush	Put in a tube of Toothpaste	Give 5 cents for every mile you drive	
March 16 Philippians 3:13-14	March 15 Philippians 3:4b-12	March 14 Isaiah 43:16-21	March 13 John 12:1-8	March 12 Psalm 126:1-4	March 11 Psalm 126:4-6	March 10 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
March 9 Matt. 10:40-11:6 Put in 2 cans of Green Beans	March 8 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Put in 2 cans of Tuna	March 7 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Give 10 cents for every bedroom in your home	March 6 Psalm 32 Put in 2 cans of Pears	March 5 Psalm 32 Give 25 cents for each car	March 4 Joshua 5:9-12 Put in a package of Plain Macaroni	March 3 Isaiah 55:6-9
March 2 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Put in 2 packages of Spaghetti Noodles	March 1 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Put in 2 cans of Corn	February 29 I Corinthians 10:1-5 Give 5 cents for every chair in your home	February 28 Psalm 63:1-8 Put in 2 cans of Milk	February 27 Isaiah 55:1-5 Give 10 cents for every faucet	February 26 Psalm 63:1 Put in 2 cans of Soup	February 25 Psalm 27:1,5-7 Luke 13:31-35
February 24 Philippians 3:18-19 Put in a plastic jar of Jelly	February 23 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Give 25 cents for every television in your home	February 22 Psalm 27:5-14 Put in 2 boxes of Kleenex	February 21 Psalm 27:1-4 Give 25 cents for each healthy family member	February 20 Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Put in a jar of Peanut Butter	February 19 Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Give 10 cents for every box of Cereal in your pantry	February 18 Romans 10:8b-13 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10
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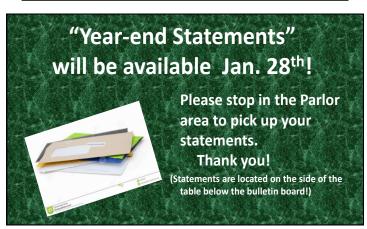
God. Many of you contribute to the Methodist Pearl Pantry regularly, but ceptable. Bring your offerings on or before Palm Sunday, March 28th. The be dropped off anytime. Thank you so much!





People Remembered In Prayer.....January

Family of Dave Diggs,
Family of Becky Fuller,
Family of Carl Johnson,
Family of Dana Bond,
Bev & Mike Donham's daughter, Kim,
Prayers for Ukraine, Israel, Palestine,
All Congregations & Staff,
All Hospital Staff,
Our First Responders, &
Our Military Personnel









UWF Meeting!

February 14th
Wednesday 1:30 pm

Friendship Room
All women invited! Join us!

February

BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Fran Boeck
- 2/2 Mary Jean Amick
- 2/8 Deann Sterner
- 2/11 Joy Goodman
- 2/12 Donald Engstrom
- 2/19 Amy Jackson
- 2/20 Mike Julian
- 2/20 Emmalyn Roy
- 2/21 Fran Dittmer
- 2/21 Mike Donham
- 2/23 Cameron Grace
- 2/24 Courtney Lezanic
- 2/25 Margaret Heinz
- 2/28 Janice Samson



News From the ROCK...

Summer Fun at Camp Fontanelle!

Overnight Residential Programs:

Campolodeon: Grades 3rd - 6th: June 3rd - 7th, June 10th - 14th, or June 16th - 20th Cost: \$475 This is our Classic Camp Session for kids in grades 3-6. They will experience all the best loved activities at camp throughout the week: swimming, campfires, zipline, rock wall, etc. Plus some fun surprises to keep things exciting! Check-in times may vary each week, details provided during online registration.

XP Camp: Grades 7th - 10th: June 3rd - 7th, June 10th - 14th, or July 8th - July 12th Cost: \$475

This is our Classic Camp Session for kids in grades 7-10. They will experience all the best loved activities at camp throughout the week: zipline, archery, tree climbing, swimming, campfires, etc.

Plus some fun surprises! Check-in and Check-out are at 4pm.

Sports Camp: Grades 6th - 12th: June 16th (2pm) - June 20th (2pm) Cost: \$475

Come join Team Fontanelle! Walk-ons welcome! Play a variety of sports throughout the week, some traditional, some with unexpected twists. Most importantly learn how to be a member of God's team. NOTE: This program runs Sunday through Thursday

Girls Only: Grades 3rd - 12th: June 24th (4pm) - June 28th (4pm) Cost: \$475

Hang out time just the girls! Spend the week making lasting friendships, deepening your faith, and lifting each other up. Enjoy extra time in the craft cabin, a spa night, a "dive in" movie, and lots of girl time with your besties!

Night Owls: Grades 7th - 12th: June 24th (4pm) - June 28th (4pm) Cost: \$500

Love to stay up late and sleep in? This camp is just for you! Play glow-in-the-dark versions of your favorite camp games, twilight swim, a glow dance party, and more! Note: This program will stay in the caves to aid in daytime sleeping.

Mini-Camp: Grades 2nd -3rd: July 1st (2pm) - July 3rd (2pm): Cost: \$240

This camp is designed for campers who have attended Guardian Angel, Oaks and Acorns, or Sonshine and are now ready to experience camp on their own, just not for a whole week yet. Swimming, crafts, jumping pillows, pedal carts, campfires, and more! NOTE: This program runs from Monday through Wednesday.

Zoobilee: Grades 3rd - 6th: July 8th (4pm) - July 12th (4pm) Cost: \$525

Sleep just a few feet away from sharks, sea turtles and jellyfish! This long-standing camper favorite program provides the opportunity to spend an overnight at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo. Experience guided tours from the zoo staff as well as fun learning activities. Campers will enjoy all the great activities that camp has to offer throughout the week; swimming, crafts, games, jumping pillows, growing in their faith, and more!

Base Camp: Grades 10th - 12th: July 15th (4pm) - July 25th (2pm) Cost: \$300

NEW!! This program is for older teens who want to grow in their leadership abilities and who may have a desire to some day be part of our amazing summer staff. This TEN DAY camp will provide 5 days of leadership training, opportunities for spiritual growth, guidance on discerning spiritual gifts, and of course all of the FUN activities camp has to offer in between. The last 5 days will be spent as Junior Staffers for our Splish Splash and Last Campers on Earth programs.

Splish Splash: Grades 3rd - 6th: July 22nd (2pm) - Jul 25th (2pm) Cost: \$425

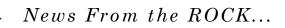
All the fun camp has to offer, just add water! Enjoy extra time at the pool, a water carnival, boat races, and more! Plus spend a day at Pawnee Plunge Water Park in Columbus. Bringing at least two bathing suits and beach towels is recommended. NOTE: This program runs Monday through Thursday

Last Campers on Earth: Grades 3rd - 6th: July 22nd (2pm) - Jul 25th (2pm) Cost: \$425

Based on a popular book series (minus any zombies of course!) you'll spend the week learning how to make your own tree house, learning basic survival skills, and cooking over the fire. Note: This camp will stay in the caves to add to the experience and theme. This program runs Monday through Thursday

Fontanelle Finale: Grades 3rd - 12th: July 29th (2pm) - Aug 2nd (2pm) Cost: \$500

All the best of the summer packed into one final week! Whether its your first stay or you've come back for more fun, this week will not disappoint. Slime time, glow dance party, ice cream for breakfast, a surprise holiday, inflatables carnival, "dive in" movie, and more favorites from throughout the summer.



Summer Fun at Camp Fontanelle!



Oaks and Acorns: Adult with Prek-1st grader: June 2nd (2pm) - 3rd (2pm) Cost: \$120/person Grow together with a young child in your life by spending a special 24 hours with them at camp. We will provide great memory making opportunities for you and your camper. Work together on a special craft project, swim in the pool, make friends with other oaks and acorns over shared meals and an evening campfire. Visit the animals at the petting zoo on a hayrack ride. Choose to take a hike, visit the jumping pillows, ride the pedal carts, or play on the playground during your free time.

Sonshine: Adult with 1st or 2nd grader: June 29th (10am) - July 1st (10am) Cost: \$240/person Bring a special kiddo in your life for 48 hours of fun and memory making! This is a great next step from Guardian Angel or Oaks and Acorns or a first-time experience for campers not quite ready to stay by themselves at camp. The schedule will include time to spend with your camper working on crafts, swimming, taking a hayrack ride, and more. There will also be staff led activities for campers while parents and guardians have a chance to enjoy a time of fellowship and encouragement together.





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25 Church Pot-luck!	26	27	28	29		(S) Sanctuary
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News From the ROCK...



KIDS on the ROCK - February 2024

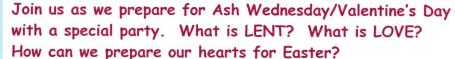
ROCKBROOK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Julie Vidlak, children's ministry director

.....FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL....

Feb 4 - The Gospel of Luke

Feb 11 - Va<u>LENT</u>ine Party: The Gospel of John and John 3:16

Join us as we prepare for Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Da



LENT FOR THE CHILDREN OF ROCKBROOK: "LEAP into LENT":

Children will learn how to take "Leaps of Faith" in their Christian journey!

Feb 18 - Leap into Lent week 1...Birth

Feb 25 - Leap into Lent week 2...Baptism

(Thursday FEBRUARY 29 IS LEAP DAY!)





Join us at VBS 2024! Sunday June 9 thru Thursday June 13 Evening hours TBD

ages 3 thru completed 6th grade – members and visitors welcome If your schedule does not allow attendance all 5 nights, it's ok! Come when you can!

VBS is a special only one week a year opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship!

If you would like to join the VBS volunteer team, Julie is taking names now!

There are opportunities to serve in many varied areas depending on your interests.

Thank you in advance for considering this chance to be part of the Rockbrook team, whether it's in bringing your children to VBS, inviting visitors to join us, volunteering as a leader or helper, or all the above!



Rockbrook children love Camp Fontanelle!

Check out www.campfontanelle.com to register now! You will receive information soon regarding scholarship opportunities available from Rockbrook UMC.

......Children's Update from Julie.....

In January, our children learned how the God kept the Old Testament promises of a Messiah. We also took a closer look at the first 2 Gospels, Matthew and Mark. This month we focus on the last 2 Gospels, Luke and John. Then we LEAP into Lent on the first Sunday of Lent February 18th and start our leaps of faith journey with birth and baptism. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Many Blessings to your family, Julie V.



News From the ROCK...



Hello everyone!

What a cold spell we have had, and it has impacted on some of our opportunities to come together. I see that the temps should come back up soon though and we should have more chances to gather. See below for upcoming events and activities. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events & Activities

We meet every Sunday morning in the Youth Room from 9:30am to 10:30am. Everyone is welcome and we encourage you to bring your friends also!

Saturday or Sunday (1/27 or 1/28) - Youth Fun Time out. I will leave if up to the youth to decide what we do. Lot's of options from bowling, indoor mini golf, trampoline parks and much more. We will work to find a time this weekend that works best for the schedules of most. Save the dates for now and look for more information to come!

Sunday 2/4 7pm - 8pm Youth Group Fellowship Hall - Please come out and join in some fun and fellowship. I encourage you to bring a friend. Let me know if you can attend for planning purposes.

Sunday 2/11 8am-Noon Super Bowl Sub Sunday - this is an annual tradition where we make subs for the church and all funds raised go towards our Mission Trip. I will have lots of donuts this day! I hope to see you all there.

Sunday 2/18 7pm - 8pm Youth Group Fellowship Hall - Please come out and join in some fun and fellowship. I encourage you to bring a friend. Let me know if you can attend for planning purposes.

Weekend of 2/24 on either Sat or Sun. Youth Fun Time out. I will leave if up to the youth to decide what we do. Lot's of options from bowling, indoor mini golf, trampoline parks and much more. We will work to find a time this weekend that works best for the schedules of most. Save the date for now and look for more information to come!

2024 Mission Trip

We will be going on our annual Mission Trip July 21-July 26 in 2024 to Loveland, CO. What I need from you now is to let me know if you will be attending. I am looking forward to hearing from youth and also adults who would be interested. This year each participant will be putting in a payment of \$100. This will secure your spot on the trip and help with any costs. If this payment is an issue, please contact me and we can discuss options.

Roster as of now: (We still have 6 more spots to fill, let me know if you can attend)

Youth Adult
Anna W Marc W
Cody Q Becca H

God's peace to you all,

Marc Welander - Youth Director Rockbrook United Methodist Church Cell 402.212.4585 youth@rockbrookumc.com

