

"To make disciples for Jesus Christ by proclaiming God's Good News and by providing a community for spiritual growth"

To my Rockbrook family,

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Thank you so much for the

February! I appreciate the

to be on staff at Rockbrook

thoughtfulness and am honored

Love, Julie Vidlak



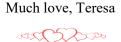
Rockbrook family,

Thank you very much for the "Love Gift" in February! It was very much appreciated. It's a true pleasure to fill this church with music! Love & thanks, Tatyana

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Thank you so very much for your generosity in donating to the "Love Gift" in February for the staff here at RUMC! Your response was overwhelming & truly appreciated once again.



Easter Flowers

Order form ~ due by March 17, 2024

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024



You may order a Lily, Tulips, Hyacinths, & or Daffodils for the altar on Easter Sunday in				
honor/remembrance of a friend or loved one. Please complete this form and submit your				
request, along with your check for \$11.00 per plant, (6 inch pot), noting "Easter Flowers" in				
the memo line. (Orders must be received no later than March 17th) Thank you!				
Lily Tulips Hyacinths Daffodils Doesn't matter				
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Rockbrook United Methodist Church

NEWS FROM THE ROCK...

Message from the Pastor

March 2024

March. How is it March already? It is 30 days till Easter. I hope you are finding your Lenten journey to be discerning, filled with hope, and securing your belief in the magnificence of a resurrected Christ.

Last month I wrote about how we finished 2023. I also told you how we have started out 2024. We are on a trajectory to be considered a healthy church, which I am thrilled about. According to the website, Grow A Healthy Church, there are twelves signs of a healthy church. Quantitative signs of a healthy church include membership, attendance, visitors, median age, small group involvement, serving, professions of faith, baptism, and finance. Qualitative signs include a clear mission/purpose, warmth of relationships, and clear communication.

Quantitatively, we check many of the boxes. We need more small groups. BTW: if you have an idea for a small group and you want to implement it, come talk to me. I love to brainstorm, and I am a great cheer-leader. We also need more groups out in the community serving. Again, if you have some ideas and want to lead the charge, come chat with me.

Qualitatively, we have work to be done. Who is Rockbrook UMC? Do you know our mission and purpose for RUMC? Do you know about the different committees of the church? Do you know our annual budget? Do you know the 2024 goals of the church? Do you know how many dollars it takes to fund a children's ministry? Do you know the building needs of the church? Do you know about all the missions RUMC has? How about Sunday school classes? Small groups? I ask you these questions not to point out challenges, but to inspire you that there is tremendous room for growth! And for me, growth means hope! Growth means more folks get to know Jesus and fall in love with God and see the work of the Holy Spirit. I don't know about you, but that makes me very excited!

And that excitedness continues as I talk about Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. We continue with our sermon series, Lent in Plain Sight, by Jill Duffield. Palm Sunday will be March 24h and we will have one service at 10:45 for the Palm Sunday Cantata. After the service there will be a ham dinner served by the youth. Maundy Thursday services will be at noon and at 7pm. Good Friday will have Stations of the Cross from 12-6 and the Good Friday service at 7pm. Easter we will have two services at 8:30 and 10:45, both with communion. I hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate Christ and eternal life.

As the seasons change from cold and dark to sun and light, I hope you pause to see all the beauty that happens in the Spring. Tulips, Daffodils, and Amaryllis Belladonnas poking through the dirt, baby bunnies hopping around the yard and baby birds chirping in their nests are all signs of new life and God's goodness. I pray that you take moments to pause and enjoy all the beauty of Spring as a gift from God and the promise of life ever after.

Pastor Marcee

News From the ROCK...



Palm Sunday March 24th

One Service only ~ 10:45am Cantata ~ RUMC Choir! Ham Lunch & Caster Egg Hunt!



Maundy Thursday March 28th Noon drop by 7pm Service



Good Friday
March 29th Noon-6pm drop by 7pm Service



PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24TH Traditional Ham Dinner

(Entire meal provided & served by the Youth!)

Join us after the 10:45am service in the Fellowship Hall. This is a Youth sponsored yent with proceeds from the Freewill Offering going toward the Youth Mission/activities

Easter Egg Hunt!

March 24th

Following Palm Sunday lunch

For children up through 6th grade

Palm Sunday Cantata March 24, 2024

This year's Easter Cantata is entitled "In My Place", Remembering Christ's Sacrifice of Love. The cantata is a dramatic presentation depicting the Passion Story during Holy Week. You will hear choral arrangements of both familiar and new pieces along with a narration and dramatic readings representing the characters in the Passion story. We hope you can attend the 10:45 service on Palm Sunday, March 24th to witness this touching piece of work by Craig Courtney presented by the Chancel Choir, accompanied by Tatyana Boellstorff, with narrations by other members of Rockbrook UMC. The cantata will represent a beginning to our Holy Week experience and is sure to transform you to the proper emotional and mental frame of mind as we remember our journey to the cross, culminating in the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! Happy Easter

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





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

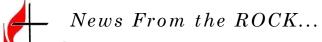
All the fun camp has to offer, just add water! Enjoy extra time at the pool, a water carnival, boat races, and more! Plus spend a day at Pawnee Plunge Water Park in Columbus. Bringing at least two bathing suits and beach towels is recommended. NOTE: This program runs Monday through Thursday

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!

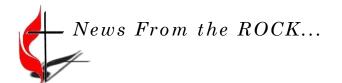
ARE YOU AS EXCITED ABOUT SUMMER CAMP AS WE ARE?!

It's time to find your perfect camp session.

Here is the session schedule for this year's summer camp. There are new sessions, renamed sessions and those sessions which are tradition. There is so much fun planned; all done while getting to understand how to live out the fruit of the spirit in your life.



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.



"Mission Share Stewardship"

This article is meant to give a brief look at Rockbrook's Mission Shares/ Apportionments for 2024 and beyond. Rockbrook, in connection with other member churches, is part of a larger missional purpose. It is more than just our Local Mission Projects, such as the Food Pantry, Stephen Center, etc.

Mission shares is part of our church budget. Our financial support, administered through the Great Plains Conference, goes out to United Methodist partner agencies such as schools of theology and seminaries, institutions of higher education, 70 hospitals, retirement centers, as well as missionaries in the field and countries around the world. Your Mission Share dollars reach far beyond the walls of Rockbrook.

We are called to be a Connectional Church in support of the church worldwide. Our Mission Share portion is 9.4% of the Church Budget for 2024 which amounts to \$3,106.34 per month. Please consider adding a portion over and above your general church giving to enable Rockbrook to do its part in fulfilling its Mission Shares portion.

Thank You for your consideration of support for the church worldwide through your contribution to Mission Shares.

Your Gracious Generosity/Finance Committee

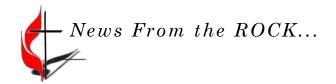




Resolve to "Give More Life" by donating blood!

Please consider donating blood, as 1 donation can help 3 persons.

Questions, contact Linda Stroud. Stroud.lindasue@gmail.com



People Remembered In Prayer....February



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

Sunday, March 10th Set your clocks one hour forward!



Lenten Giving Calendar Starts February 14th Don't forget!





UWF Meeting March 13th Wednesday 1:30 pm

All women invited! Join us!



3/1	Jaxson Soukup	3/17 Pat Sward	
3/2	Liz Humphus	3/20 Nana Tombi	
3/3	Ken Allard	3/21 Roger Wright	
3/3	Jo Ann Kruse	3/21 Steve Lezanic	
3/6	Dick Boeck	3/22 Jim Besore	
3/8	Jim Solheim	3/23 Nancy Phillips	
3/8	Kari Shullaw	3/25 Connie Sash	
3/10	AJ Schulze	3/26 Sandee Polsley	
3/11	Kristeen Shabram	3/27 Jim Jackson	
3/12	Kate Rist	3/30 Bonnie Baker	
3/14	Michael Quigley	3/31 William Hartley	
3/15	Nathan Richardson		

Please drop off food donations to the church by March 24th, Palm Sunday!

All \$monetary\$ donations may be dropped in the offering plate in a sealed envelope labeled "Pearl Pantry" or dropped by the Church Office.

Thanks for your continued Mission Support!!



News From the ROCK...

Summer Fun at Camp Fontanelle!



28TH

Activities

Tours Scavenger Hunt Hikes

Outdoor games Register for camp!

Craft Barrel Train Camp Store **Follow Us:**

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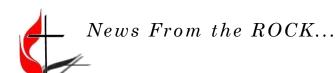
Attention Ladies! Fun at Camp Fontanelle!





2024

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KIDS on the ROCK - March 2024

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

....."LEAP" into LENT continues! ...

MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN:

<u>Children will learn how they take "Leaps of Faith"</u> in their Christian journey! <u>LEAPS OF FAITH LESSONS:</u>

March 3rd - "SALVATION"

We will also have LIBRARY DAY ON March 3rd. Bring back your old bags and books!

March 10th - "CONFIRMATION"

March 17th - "DISCIPLESHIP"

March 24th - "TAKE UP YOUR CROSS" (Palm Sunday)

March 31st - "ETERNAL LIFE" (Easter Sunday)





CHILDREN'S LENTEN CALENDAR:

Don't forget to leap through Lent with your sticky frog and your Lent Calendar.

Spend a little time each day thinking about God!

EXTRAS AVAILABLE AT CHURCH

Rockbrook children love Camp Fontanelle! Sign up now and get a discount!

Scholarships from Rockbrook are available to cover 1/3 the cost regardless of need! Families should receive camp information from Julie. Please return scholarship applications to Julie prior to attending camp. There is an additional discount if registered by April 1st as well as other discounts provided by Camp Fontanelle.



Find all their schedules and discounts at www.campfontanelle.com.
NOT SURE? ASK JULIE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS!

SAVE THE DATES for these upcoming children's activities:

PALM SUNDAY 2024 – March 24th

<u>PALM PROCESSIONAL</u> during 10:45 worship Praise God and be part of our annual <u>PALM</u> <u>PROCESSION</u> at the start of the 10:45 a.m. service. Children up to 6th grade meet in the parlor at 10:40 a.m. to line up and get palms.

EASTER EGG HUNT following church lunch Celebrate by filling your own basket at the annual EASTER EGG HUNT which will be held after the Palm Sunday Lunch. Rain or shine! (for all children through 6thgrade).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 -

"Camp Firelight"

June $9^{th} - 13^{th}$ 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.



For all children ages 3 to completed 6th grade

REGISTER NOW - invite a friend!

preregistration required by June 2nd!

(Forms online or at church)

Volunteers needed – contact Julie Vidlak!

News From the ROCK...





Hello everyone,

I hope this email finds you well and filled with joy! As we step into the warmer days heading towards spring, I wanted to share some exciting updates about our church youth group. Our youth program is not just a casual gathering; it's a vibrant community where faith grows, friendships flourish, and purpose ignites. The Bible reminds us that young individuals played significant roles in fulfilling God's work throughout history. From David facing Goliath to Mary saying "yes" to God's plan. Young hearts have shaped the course of faith! Our youth group is no different - we believe in your potential and we're committed to investing in your spiritual growth.

We want you to feel connected to the larger church family. You're not just the future; you're an essential part of our present. As we gather for events, youth group meetings and service work, we build lasting bonds. Your voice matters, your ideas count, and your journey of faith is celebrated. Let's grow together! "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22) This verse reminds us that seasons change, but God's faithfulness remains constant. Just as spring follows winter, your spiritual growth will bear fruit. Keep seeking Him, and watch your faith bloom!

Mark your calendars for these exciting events!

<u>Upcoming Events & Activities</u> (For events & activities to occur we need a minimum of 3 youth to attend)

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

Sunday 3/10 - Youth Group 7pm-8pm Fellowship Hall - Bring a friend and come together for a great time!

Sunday 3/10 - Need one youth volunteer to read scripture at the 10:45 service. Please let me know if you are interested so I can make sure we have someone to cover this.

Saturday 3/16 - 9am-12pm - We plan on doing some service work cleaning up leaves at a church member's house (weather permitting)

Sunday 3/24 - Palm Sunday Ham Dinner - We will be serving this meal after the 10:45am service down in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking for youth and adult volunteers to help out. Thank you in advance! This is going to be a great day at Rockbrook!

Fri & Sat 4/5-4/6 - Youth Retreat at Camp Fontenelle - Arrive 7pm on Friday night and depart at 3pm on Saturday. The weekend is filled with exciting activities that will build friendships and grow faith! Please respond if you are interested. I would like to register ASAP.

Camp Fontanelle Summer Camps

See more information at the link here https://www.campfontanelle.com/summer-camps/ We also have scholarships available, and I have attached the form to this email. Camp Fontanelle is a great place with lots to offer!

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 4 more spots to fill. I am looking to add 1 more adult female leader and 3 youth)

Youth	Adults
Anna W Cody Q Addison Z Ethan Z	Marc W Becca H

God's peace to you all,

Marc Welander - Cell 402.212.4585

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P.S. If you have any ideas or suggestions, feel free to share them! Together, we'll make our youth group thrive.