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SINGLE LADIES' (AND MEN'S) LUNCH SATURDAY

Recognizing that single men enjoy good food and fellowship as much as we do, the Single Ladies invite their male counterparts to our annual Christmas dinner and game time. It will be held on December 6, 2025 at 1pm in the new downstairs fellowship hall. Please RSVP to Wilma Nelson by November 30. (616-690-4479)

SAVE THE DATE

- Annual Congregational Meeting - December 7 following service (childcare provided)
- Christmas Eve Service - December 24 at 4pm (nursery for K and under)

NKC HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Christmas Tree with North Kent Connect tags is up and located in the Fellowship Lobby. Tags will have suggested items for each age group. Take some tags, purchase the items, and return them unwrapped to church by December 14. Thank you for helping NKC provide gifts for the children and teens of their clients this Christmas! If you prefer to shop online, look for the qr code by the tree, on our website, or in this morning's email.

DEVOTIONAL – ADVENT FOR EXILES

Copies of Caroline Cobb's book *Advent for Exiles* are available in the Fellowship Lobby with a suggested donation of \$10.

RRC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 14, 2025, 5-7pm (caroling at 3:45)

(instead of Focal Point/Youth Group/KidLife Club)

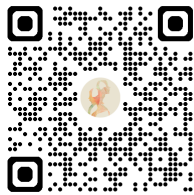
Families are invited to meet at church at 3:45 to walk to Bishop Hills Assisted Living where we will sing Christmas carols and mingle with residents from 4-4:45. Ham dinner at church is from 5-5:30, followed by a time of fellowship during a family-friendly escape room style activity from 5:30-6:30, and we will close the evening by singing Christmas carols in the sanctuary until 7pm. You are invited to participate in any part of the evening. If you have young children and prefer to cut out after supper to make bedtime, that's fine. We will enjoy your participation while we have you.

KOMBUCHA WORKSHOP

Join Kassidy VanderZwaag for a one-hour, hands-on kombucha workshop on Monday, December 15, from 7:00–8:00pm in the church kitchen (by the gym). Whether you’re brand-new or looking to refine your process, you’ll learn the essentials of brewing and caring for kombucha at home. Feel free to invite non-RRC friends as well! See this morning's email for RSVP link or email tim.v@rockfordrc.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 30	December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6
worship service	prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 7:30-8:30am women’s bible study 9:30-11:15am, old fellowship hall pickleball 6:30-8pm, gym	women’s bible study 6:15-7:15pm, room 250  YA bible study 7pm		REAL men 7-8am, fellowship lobby	single ladies lunch 1pm, old fellowship hall
December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13
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December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20
worship service communion NKC items due  caroling 3:45pm Christmas party 5-7pm	prayer partners 7pm via zoom  kombucha workshop 7-8pm, kitchen by gym	men’s devotional bkf 7:30-8:30am  pickleball 6:30-8pm	YA bible study 7pm		REAL men 7-8am, fellowship lobby	

More information on these activities can be found in our weekly eBeacon (sent out Sunday mornings). If you haven’t signed up to receive this weekly email, contact the front office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list.



THE MINDFUL MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

This Biblically-based marriage event for couples is scheduled for May 1 & 2, 2026. This conference, presented by Ron & Nan Deal, is designed to inspire, educate, and encourage couples in all seasons of life (pre-marriage, marriage, and blended family marriage) toward greater intimacy and stability. Based on the

Amazon #1 bestselling book, *The Mindful Marriage: Create Your Best Relationship Through Understanding and Managing Yourself* by Ron and Nan, and Dr. Terry & Sharon Hargrave. Early bird pricing through January 4 is \$64.99 per couple. Scan qr code for more details and a link to register.

RENOVATION / EXPANSION FUND MATCH

A generous benefactor has offered our church a dollar-for-dollar match gift up to the amount of \$100,000.00. At its meeting on November 12, our consistory accepted this gift and voted to use these monies, any new contributions, and the matching amounts to repay the outstanding loan from our recent renovation. We now have two great opportunities, first we have the opportunity to reduce our outstanding debt by \$200,000.00 and secondly, we have the opportunity to step out in faith to increase our giving over and above our normal amounts and see what God will do. All contributions made to the Renovation/Expansion Fund for November, December, January and February will be counted as contributions toward this match. Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute so that we can fully meet the matching amount in as short a period as possible.