

November 30, 2025



1st Sunday of Advent

Hope



Connect  Grow  Serve

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:30-31

Morning Worship

Prelude - *Love the Lord*, by Lincoln Brewster

Greeting & Announcements

***Opening Song** - *All Creatures of Our God and King*, by P27 Band

Call to Worship

The God of hope calls us to this season of anticipation.
The God of righteousness summons us to this time of worship.

Here we will seek the light God offers us.

Here we will prepare to walk in the path of the Lord.

Let all people and all nations bow together in praise and adoration.

Let us wake from our spiritual slumber to welcome our salvation.

We will equip ourselves as Jesus' disciples,

Always watching and waiting and serving in Christ's name.

Opening Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of hope, we confess that our own poor choices tear us up inside. Quarreling and jealousy poison our relationships with others. We polish our swords rather than beating them into plowshares - whether those spears are material or of the spoken word. We pursue our own agendas rather than the well-being of all your children. We seek your forgiveness, O God, and the strength to change our ways. Hear us now as we silently share with you our sins this day...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lighting of the First Advent Candle - Mahalo

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory - *There was Jesus*, by Demi Lee Moore

***Doxology #95**

***Offering Prayer**

***Song** - *Give Thanks*, by Maranatha Music

Dedication of sleeping bags made by Heart & Hand Sewing

Scriptures - Isaiah 2:1-5, p. 632; *Matthew 24:36-44, p. 915

Message

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Song - *Old Church Choir*, by Zach Williams

* Unison Benediction

We go into the days ahead

With strength in the Spirit

And confidence in Christ.

May peace be within and among us. Amen

Postlude – *Old Church Choir*, reprise

Sunday Volunteers	11/30/2025
Worship Facilitator	Star Norini
Reader 8:30	Jim Roberts
Ushers 8:30	Doug & Dee Johnson
Reader 10:00	Bill Null
Ushers 10:00	Darlynn Venne & Toni Murray
Music	Mahalo
AV Team	Carl Mohns, Tannis McLean, Robb Limke
Hospitality Baker	Laura Tolle
Hospitality Host	Laura Tolle

Prayer request cards are available in the pew pockets.
Please give completed cards to your usher. Prayer requests
are sent via email to the prayer chain on Mondays. If you
have an urgent request during the week please call or text
Sally at 815-988-6109.

PETER MAYER

STARS & PROMISES
2025

HARMONY



Join Peter Mayer and friends for a Christmas musical performance you and your family will love!

visit www.PeterMayer.com

Saturday, December 20, 2025 7:30 PM

HONONEGAH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, ROCKTON, IL

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

ADULTS \$35, AGES 13-21 \$15, 12 & UNDER FREE

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE
& OLD STONE FOOD PANTRY**



Roscoe United
Methodist Church
Bringing God's Love To Life

EVENTBRITE

Ticket Link



Needed:
Advent
acolytes,
Christmas Eve
volunteers &
2026 communion servers.
Sign up in the Narthex to help!



UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES:
Dec. 7 - Middle School 5:30, High School 7 PM
Dec. 14 - Christmas Party @ Parsonage - 5:30 p.m.

Sermon Notes

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Stephen Ministry is a Christian, confidential, one-to-one caring ministry, women with women and men with men. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who are trained to listen, care, encourage, pray and walk alongside you during difficult times. To learn more about Stephen Ministry please contact any of our

Stephen Ministers. Their photos are on the ramp. If you would like a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Ryan or the church office.

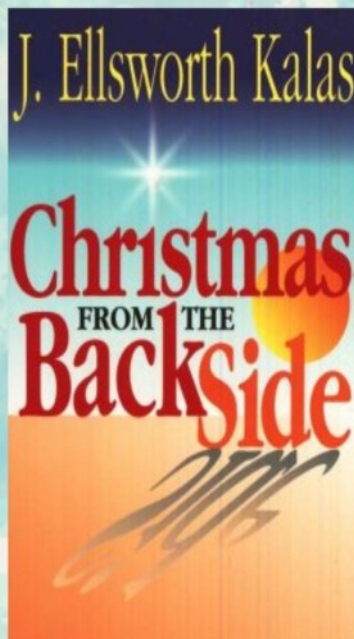


With the positive changing of lives being the theme of this year's stewardship campaign we ask that you pray about what you can give your church in 2026. Please turn in your pledge cards by Nov. 30th. Extra pledge cards are available in the pew pockets and the office.



**AN ADVENT
BIBLE STUDY
LED BY
PASTOR RYAN**

**SUNDAYS,
NOV. 30, DEC. 7,
14 & 21, 2025
3:00 PM**



**COST: \$5 FOR BOOK
SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX**

Pastor Ryan's favorite Advent Bible study, written by the author J. Ellsworth Kalas, presents new insight into the biblical story of Christmas.

Kalas approaches the season through the "back side"--through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens," or the eyes of a minor character.

Pick up and pay for your copy of
Christmas From the Back Side in the
church office. See Doris or Pastor Ryan.

Sunday Volunteers	12/7/2025
Worship Facilitator	Kristin Frank
Reader 8:30	Leigh Foster
Ushers 8:30	Jill Foster, Joy Morgan
Reader 10:00	Toni Murray
Ushers 10:00	Confirmation Class
Music	Enlighten
AV Team	Carl Mohns, Tannis McLean, Ryan Carlson, Robb Limke
Stephen Minister	Sally Burie
Communion Setup	Vicki Sims
Communion 8:30	Joy Morgan, Carol Harman, Diana Seitz, Roberta Allen
Communion 10:00	Toni Murray, Nancy VanZuiden, Confirmation Students

RUMC Annual Member Conference **Wednesday, December 10** **7:00 PM**

The congregation of RUMC is encouraged to attend our annual church business meeting. We will celebrate our accomplishments of this year, hear about events in the United Methodist Church/Northern Illinois Conference, and elect our committee members for 2026. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Hwa-Young Chong, will lead this meeting in our sanctuary. Members have voice and vote at this meeting.

Roscoe United Methodist Church

Cookies & Fellowship

A Christmas Cookie Exchange

Sunday, December 14th
9:30am - 11:30am
Harman Hall

**ALL ARE
WELCOME TO
PARTICIPATE**

Participant info:

- Bring 3 - 4 dozen homemade cookies to Harman Hall by Friday, Dec. 12 at 4:30 pm
- Bring a cookie tin Sunday, Dec. 14 between 9:30 & 11:30 to take home your new goodies!
- Bring your recipes and be included in a cookbook!

Contact Jenn Grant for questions or more info at jennlgrant2@hotmail.com.

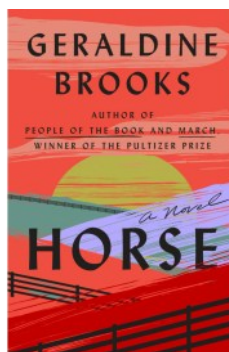


CHANGE OF DATE

Join the Book Sisters on December 2nd at 6:00 PM to discuss Horse, by Geraldine Brooks.

A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history.

Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.





Join the Roscoe Methodist Men for

Breakfast

**ALL ARE
INVITED!**

**Sunday, December 14th
Harman Hall
7:00 AM**

**Annual Recap and 2026
Elections**



RUMC UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun., December 7: Angel Tree Gifts due

Wed., December 10: RUMC All-Church Conference, 7 PM

Sat., December 13: Hometown Holidays 3:00 - 5:00 PM

At RUMC - Local School Choirs & "Snowball" fights

Sat., Dec. 20: Peter Mayer Stars & Promises Concert, 7:30 PM

Sun., Dec. 21: Chancel Choir mini-cantata at morning Worship

Wed., Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services - 5, 7, 9 & 11 PM

Sun. Dec. 28: Blessing of the Toys in Worship

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
ARE INVITED TO AN...



UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER Party

Pull out your ugliest, most over-the-top
holiday sweater and bring your friends
for a great time!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2025

5:30-7:30PM

THE PARSONAGE 5583 HAZEL CLOSE, ROSCOE.

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

Bring a wrapped \$5 or less gift to exchange.

**Pizza & Salad
Cookies and Ice Cream
FUN GAMES!**



MATURE METHODISTS

2ND TUES.
EACH MONTH



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT
12:00 PM MEET FOR LUNCH
AT
ROSCOE BEEF-A-ROO.
CALL PEGGY FRANKLIN
FOR INFO AT 815-494-9088**

Roscoe UMC will again be hosting a concert of local school choirs in our sanctuary and the indoor “snowball fight” venue in the lower level for this year’s Hometown Holidays and Merry Market Christmas celebration event.



RUMC Angel Tree

2025

The Mission Committee invites you to participate in the 2025 Angel Tree Mission beginning **November 23, 2025**.

Angel Tree donations are due on or before **December 7th**. We will be collecting gifts for the following organizations this year:



Youth Services Network- serves youth and families in Winnebago and Boone counties. The mission of YSN is to develop, provide, and coordinate services to improve the physical, psychological, and social well-being of youth and families.

Brightpoint (fka, Children's Home and Aid)- child and family service agency in Illinois. They help children recover their health, hope and their faith in people around them.

Wimpy's Christmas Fund- organized by Rockton Lions Club. The club collects gifts and food to distribute to needy families in the Rockton area.

Project 1649- is a local non-profit organization serving Rock County's unaccompanied homeless teenagers. Project 16:49 ensures access to the services and support these students need to remain in school, graduate and become self-sufficient adults.

Kinnikinnick School District- supply gifts to children in need that are in the Kinnikinnick School District.

Angel Tree tags can be found on the Christmas trees located in the Narthex and outside the church office.

The Knit Wits have generously donated homemade hats and Sunny & Share have generously donated homemade pillowcases for the Angel Tree Mission Project. When you take a tag for a child please take a hat & a pillowcase to include with your gift.

If you have any questions, please contact Patti Mapes @ 815-721-3022 or at Patti@trekk.com.



November loose change collection will be donated to support Heifer International.



Loose Coins Add Up!

Heifer International programs support entrepreneurs around the world, creating lasting change from the ground up. It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets. Families are able to earn a living income and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation of leaders.

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For RUMC information - www.roscoeumc.org - 815-623-2292

For United Methodist Church information - www.umnews.org

If you would like UMC Northern Illinois Conference information or articles, visit umcnic.org or Scan code



This week at Roscoe Methodist!

Sunday, 30 November 2025

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM Sunday Morning Fellowship Harman Hall
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM Worship Together Sanctuary
9:45 AM to 10:45 AM Faith Adult Bible Class North Room
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Worship Together Sanctuary
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM *Christmas From The Backside* Bible Study Harman Hall

Monday, 01 December 2025

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM RUMC Staff meeting North Room
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Mission Meeting Parlor
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Mahalo rehearsal Sanctuary

Tuesday, 02 December 2025

7:00 AM to 8:00 AM RUMM Walk and Talk from Sophia's
8:00 AM to 9:00 AM Ladies Morning Exercise R-Kids Room
8:00 AM to 9:00 AM RUMM Breakfast at Sophia's
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Book Sisters Parlor
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Enlighten Rehearsal Sanctuary
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Wesley Ringers Rehearsal Narthex
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Wednesday, 03 December 2025

8:30 AM to 11:00 AM VNS Preschool 4s 203N
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM RUMM Coffee Group @ Bagels & More, Beloit
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM Share & Prayer Parlor
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM Garage Guys Gray Garage

Thursday, 04 December 2025

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM Ladies Morning Exercise R-Kids Room
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM RUMM Coffee Group @ Panera on 173
12:30 PM to 2:00 PM Knit Wits Parlor
5:00 PM to 5:30 PM Preschool Christmas Program Tue/Thur Sanctuary
5:45 PM to 6:15 PM Preschool Christmas Program Sanctuary Mon/Wed/Fri
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM Stephen Minister Training 116
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Steps of Faith Rehearsal Sanctuary

Friday, 05 December 2025

Saturday, 06 December 2025

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Roscoe Recovery (AA) North Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Saturday Morning Hope - Al-Anon 102/103

Christ the Savior
is born

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

- **5:00 p.m. Children & Family Fun
Worship Event**
- **7:00 p.m. Worship with *Mahalo*
praise band**
- **9:00 p.m. Worship with
*Chancel Choir***
- **11:00 p.m. Half-hour Acoustic
Worship**



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