

December 21, 2025



4th Sunday of Advent **PEACE**



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 - *Once In Royal David's City, O How Joyfully*, arr. Mizzy McCaskill/Dona Gilliam; Piano - Cathy Anderson, Flute - Julie Shippee

Greeting & Announcements

***Opening Song** - *For Unto Us a Child Is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Call to Worship

Church, prepare to worship! Emmanuel is with us!

A child is coming; a child of wisdom and strength and love.

The authority of God will rest upon his shoulders.

He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.

He will be called the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

He is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Jesus, Jesus is his name!

His is the name before whom every knee will bow.

Christ the Savior is the love of our God, sent from heaven to us.

Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us. Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Slow us down, ever-patient God, so we may see your truth in these bustling days. Help us face the ways we cover up our emptiness with fancy gifts. Allow us to feel your presence when this holiday season isn't all we want it to be. And grant us moments to praise you like the shepherds, ponder you like Mary, and listen to your messages like Joseph. Let us begin now with the admission that we are less than perfect. Hear us as we confess silently to you...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle - 8:30 - the Schwuchow family; 10:00 - the Cross family

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***Doxology #95**

***Offering Prayer**

***Hymn** - #221 *In the Bleak Midwinter*, vs. 1, 2, 4

Scriptures - Isaiah 7:10-16, p. 637; *Matthew 1:18-25, p. 889

Message Selections from *The Mystery and the Majesty* (p. 4)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Song** - *Joy To the World/Unspeakable Joy*

***Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude - *Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly*, arr. Wilbur Held;

Piano - Cathy Anderson, Flute - Julie Shippee

Sunday Volunteers	12/21/2025
Worship Facilitator	Greg McMaster
Reader 8:30	Sally Burie
Ushers 8:30	Dennis & Leola Mowry
Reader 10:00	Bill Null
Ushers 10:00	Adam & Elliot Cross
Music	Steps of Faith & Chancel Choir
AV Team	Carl Mohns, Tannis McLean, Robb Limke
Stephen Minister	Bill Null
Hospitality Baker	Julie Shippee
Hospitality Host	Bill & Julie Shippee

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.

Selections from 'The Mystery and the Majesty'
by Joseph M. Martin

'Christmas Flourish'
'Advent Jubilation'
'The Coming Joy'
'Upon a Midnight Clear'
'The Beautiful Impossible'

Director: Sam Lynas

Accompanist: Cathy Anderson

Readers: Lynn Washburn-Livingston,
Ryan Sutton
Sam Lynas
Kari Bukowski

Sopranos:

Phyllis Beneditz
Kari Bukowski
Penny Cardino
Lynn Hansel
Roxanne Vanderheyden
Lynn Washburn-Livingston

Altos:

Diane Abbas
Carla Jorgenson
Pat Kocher
Joy Morgan
Tammy Shoevelin
Stacie Vanderheyden

Tenors:

Bev Hailey
Julie Shippee
Ryan Sutton
Wayne Wenger

Basses:

Brad Burie
Tom Frasca
Todd Hansel
Loren Heinzeroth
John Vanderheyden

**If interested in joining the Choir, come practice with us in
January - Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary!**

Hello R-Kids Families,

We are so thankful for your family and for the joy your children bring to our Sunday School program each week. As we look ahead, we want to be intentional about growing R-Kids Experience and making it the very best it can be for our kids and families.



We'd love to hear from YOU!

Your feedback will help us understand:

- What's working well
- Why families choose R-Kids Experience
- How we can improve and reach more families in our community

Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey (about 5 minutes): Scan the QR code below.

Your honest input is incredibly valuable, and we truly appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts. Thank you for being part of R-Kids Experience and for helping us grow together in faith.

Blessings,
Jaime Cross
Director of Christian Education



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.

**This Week's Stephen Minister:
Bill Null**



The 2026 Chancel Flower Calendar is now posted!

Sign up now to sponsor flowers to decorate the chancel in honor of your special event or in memory of your loved one. The flower calendar is located in the south foyer next to the lift outside of the church office. Contact Doris in the church office if you have questions.



Donations to RUMC must be received by December 28th to be included on 2025 statements of giving.

NEW
11-Week Session
BEGINNING



Tuesday Evenings
January 6 - March 17, 2026
6:30 p.m.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 11-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Contact Sally Burie at
caring@roscoeumc.org
with questions or to sign up.



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IN CASE OF CANCELATION DUE TO WEATHER, RUMC WILL EMAIL TO OUR FRIDAY BULLETIN LIST, AND POST INFORMATION TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. If you do not receive our Friday emails please contact the office to be added to this list.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!**



Thank you to everyone who generously donated gifts and their time to make the Angel Tree Mission a **HUGE** success this year! The people of RUMC are truly **AWESOME**. We collected & distributed gifts to 136 local children from the following organizations:

Brightpoint (fka, Children's Home & Aid)
Kinnikinnick School District
Project 1649
Wimpy's
Youth Services Network.

A special thank you to the following organizations for their generous donations to include with the gifts:

RUMC Knit Wits for their donation of homemade hats
Sunny & Share for their donation of homemade pillowcases.

Your generosity is truly amazing!

Thanks to you, Christmas will be a little bit brighter and one to remember for many children in the area.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOD BLESS!!!



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TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

JANUARY 27 - APRIL 7

(NO SESSION MARCH 3)

9:30 AM

NORTH ROOM

Contact Susan Phillips for
more information at
phillips.crew@icloud.com

Intimidated by the book of Revelation? You don't have to be. Learn tools to understand Revelation through this 10-session Bible study led by Jen Wilkin. Discover its timeless truth and assurance meant for us today.

The homework in the workbook will start you in the process of comprehension, interpretation, and application. However, it was designed to dovetail with small-group discussion time and the video teaching sessions. The workbook is not intended to be used apart from the video teaching. The video teaching sessions are intended to resolve most, if not all, of your unanswered questions from the homework and discussion time. You'll find detailed information for how to access the video teaching sessions that accompany this study in the back of your workbook.

Pick up your workbook wherever Lifeway study books are sold.

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RUMC UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Tuesdays, January 6 - March 17: GriefShare

Sunday, January 12: Remember Your Baptism in Worship

Tuesdays, January 27 - April 7: Revelation Bible Study

Sunday Volunteers	12/28/2025
Reader 8:30	Sue Null
Ushers 8:30	Bill & Sue Null
Reader 10:00	
Ushers 10:00	Kathi & Mark Anderson
Music	Cathy Anderson, Caitlin Pusateri
AV Team	Mary Weeks-Baxter

2026 Worship Volunteers Needed!

Communion servers - Sign up in the Narthex to help!

10:00 AM Ushers - Contact Toni Murray at
murtonko@gmail.com

10:00 AM Readers – Sign up at volunteersignup.org/YYK3Q

Hospitality Hosts & Bakers - Sign up at
volunteersignup.org/KADWT

The AV Tech Team is looking for a few more people to learn the ropes back at the Tech Desk for Sunday mornings and special services. We are more than willing to help train you, and you sign up for the services and times you want / are available. See Pastor Ryan for more information.

RUMC Holiday Office Hours

Wednesday, December 24	9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Thursday, December 25	Closed
Friday, December 26, 2025	10 AM to 12 PM
Monday, December 29, 2025	9 AM to 4:30 PM
Tuesday, December 30, 2025	9 AM to 4:30 PM
Wednesday, December 31, 2025	Closed
Thursday, January 1, 2026	Closed
Friday, January 2, 2026	Closed



2026 Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

Before and after Sunday services is a great time to connect with each other!

Join us in Harman Hall for conversation, coffee and snacks.

You can help too! Volunteer as a Host or Baker online at volunteersignup.org/KATWD

Thank you for helping make Roscoe UMC a great place to worship!

Christmas Poinsettias



Donors	In Memory/Honor of
Cathy & Logan Anderson	Bob & Alice Davidson
Kathi & Mark Anderson	Our Parents
Lynn Baez	Parents & Brother
Brent & Mary Baxter	Bruce & Doris Baxter
Brent & Mary Baxter	Tom & Elizabeth Weaks
Kerwood & Pat Watts	Our Parents & Brothers
Hayley, Elsie & Molly Beard	Joey Beard & Bud Dunn
Carol Bergstrom	Ralph Bergstrom
Reyle & Penny Cardino	Our Parents
Ryan & Katherine Carlson	
Jeff & Carrie Colvin	Rhea & Bill Kennedy (Carrie's Parents)
Adam & Jaime Cross	Family We Are Missing This Christmas
Phil & Carolyn Fulkerson	Our Families
The Gray Family	Michael O'Connell
The Gray Family	Lucille Gray
Bev & Ray Hailey	Our Parents
Loren & Julia Heinzeroth	
Doug & Dee Johnson	Our Mothers
Brad & Terri Kemp	Bob Kemp
Dan & Karolyn Kentner	Connie Tisovec & Cathy Schmidt
Jim Leix	Kris Leix & Family
Randy & Nancy Loomis	Son, Michael O'Connell

Jane & Bill Malone	Parents, Grace & Keith Clayton and Mary & Bill Malone
Russ & Patti Mapes	Jim & Joan Kammerer & Jim Mapes
Kelly McKillips	Mike & Linda Naus, My Parents
Mark & Tammy Melaas	Mike Melaas, Cheri Hilgeman, Todd Hilgeman, Butch Conard
Star Norini	Parents, Siblings & Husband Who Have Passed Away
Bill & Sue Null	Dick Bernardi, Jan Null
Pusateri Family	Marty Lotz
Jim & Jan Scherbinski	In Honor of Great Grandsons
Kathy Schrader	Jim Schrader
John & Diana Seitz	Rita Mitchell
Debbie Smith	Estelle McGulgan, Gerald Krogman, Thomas Krogman
Gail Stobart	Jim & Matt Stobart
Darlynn Venne	Vince Venne
Darlynn Venne	Parents, Arlyn & Arlene Bestor
Lynda Vickery	Jim Vickery

Assistive Hearing devices and large-print hymnals and Bibles are available at the sanctuary tech booth.

We need your picture!

Thank you very much to those who have sent in pictures for our next photo directory!

We are still missing photos of many congregation members. Please email a photo to office@roscoeumc.org or bring one into the church office to be scanned. Contact Doris at 815-623-2292 for more info!

**December loose change
collection will be donated to
support the
Jaimie Cox Foundation.**



Loose Coins Add Up!

The mission of the Jaimie Cox Foundation is to harness the power of community to better the lives of first responders, veterans, underprivileged youth, and those pursuing higher education.

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visit umcnic.org or Scan code



This week at Roscoe Methodist!

Sunday, 21 December 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 R-Kids Sunday School R-Kids Space

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, 22 December 2025

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Heart and Hand Sewing, 116

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Mahalo rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Stephen Ministry 111

7:15 PM to 9:00 PM Stephen Ministry 115

Tuesday, 23 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 Space

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM RUMM Breakfast at Sophia's

Wednesday, 24 December 2025

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM RUMM Coffee Group @ Bagels & More, Beloit

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Children's Service Sanctuary

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service Sanctuary

9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service Sanctuary

11:00 PM to 11:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship Sanctuary

Thursday, 25 December 2025 – Christmas Day, Office Closed

Friday, 26 December 2025

Saturday, 27 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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