

August 23, 2026



A Work In Progress



**Roscoe United
Methodist Church**
Bringing God's Love To Life

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 - *Bridge Over Troubled Waters*, Simon & Garfunkel

Greeting & Announcements

***Opening Hymn** – *In the Garden*, 314

Call to Worship

Leader: The world is so loud. Our lives demand our attention every minute of everyday, or so it seems.

People: We are so focused on our own lives each day, we miss the challenges that others around us are experiencing.

Leader: God seeks us always. He has given us abilities and talents to help us and those around us throughout life.

People: When we run into problems that overwhelm us we often blame God.

Leader: God calls us from the quiet moments. He has surrounded us with His Love and People to help us through those hard times.

People: Help us God, to find You and Your People in worship and life when we need you the most.

Opening Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Dear Heavenly Father, we too often cry “why me” and focus inward, and when we do, we miss the world you created for us. It is too easy to miss our connections to community and the world outside of our tiny bubble. Help us to turn our focus to the outside world and the bonds we share through You. Hear us in the silence, and help guide our actions toward kindness for others and ourselves...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children’s Message

Special Music – How Great Thou Art, arr. Lloyd Larson
Invitation to the Offering

Offertory – Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons),
arr. John Bell and Gary Daigle

***Doxology #95**

***Offering Prayer**

Hymn – Spirit of the Living God, 393

Scripture – Exodus 1:8 – 2:10, p. 512

Message – A Work in Progress: the ARK Method!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn – Lord of the Dance, 261**

***Benediction**

Postlude – Lord of the Dance

*** stand if able**

**Chancel flowers are provided today by
Tom & Carol Harman in honor of their 57th
wedding anniversary.**



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.

**Today's Stephen Minister is
Russ Mapes**



Sunday Volunteers	8/23/2026
Reader 8:30	Leigh Foster
Ushers 8:30	Doug & Dee Johnson
Reader 10:00	Pat Watts
Ushers 10:00	Cross Family
Message	Chip Tolle
Special Music	Caitlyn Pusateri
AV Team	Carl Mohns, Jonathan Tolle, Mary Weeks-Baxter
Stephen Minister	Russ Mapes

Sunday Volunteers	8/30/2026
Reader 8:30	Penny Cardino
Ushers 8:30	Jill Foster, Joy Morgan
Reader 10:00	Terry Peterson
Ushers 10:00	Carrie, Landon & Mya McKinney
Special Music	Mahalo
AV Team	Carl Mohns, Robb Limke
Stephen Minister	

RUMC will be sponsoring an entry in the upcoming Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade. Donations of candy for the parade would be very appreciated! (Donation bin in Narthex)



Assistive hearing devices and large-print hymnals and Bibles are available at the sanctuary tech booth. Please join us after worship for fellowship and beverages in Harman Hall!



FALL 2026

HELP WITH MOVING FORWARD

NEW 11-WEEK SESSION

Saturdays, Sept. 12 - Nov. 21
9:00 - 11:00 AM

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.

TWO NEW ONE-DAY CLASSES

LOSS OF SPOUSE

Sunday, Sept. 20
1:00 - 3:00 PM

**SURVIVING
THE HOLIDAYS**

Sunday, Nov. 15
1:00 - 3:00 PM

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



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**Book Sisters' August Book is Wild, Dark Shore
by Charlotte McConaghy. Join us Thursday,
August 27 at 5 PM for the discussion.**



Dominic Salt and his three children are caretakers of Shearwater, a tiny island not far from Antarctica. Home to the world's largest seed bank, Shearwater was once full of researchers, but with sea levels rising, the Salts are now the final inhabitants. Until, during the worst storm the island has ever seen, a woman mysteriously washes ashore.

Opt-In to the New RUMC Realm Directory and App!

This new app has more features than our previous ChurchLife directory app, so opt-in and take a look!



RUMC Upcoming Events

Monday, 7 Sept - Labor Day, RUMC Office Closed
Sunday, 13 Sept – ONE Worship Service at 8:30 only
- RUMM Pancake Breakfast
Tuesday, 22 Sept – Flu Vaccine Clinic
Saturday, 26 Sept – John Edie Celebration of Life
Thurs 1 – 4 Oct – RUMM Retreat
Sunday 11 Oct – RUMM Breakfast
Saturday, 21 Nov – Roscoe Hometown Holidays
Monday, 30 Nov – Service of Comfort and Hope
Sunday, 6 Dec – RUMC Sunday Supper Club
Sunday, 12 Dec – Alleluia Quartet

KIDS

**YOU'RE
GOD'S**

EPHESIANS 2:10
"For we are God's
masterpiece. He has
created us anew in
Christ Jesus..."

masterpiece!

R-KIDS KICKOFF

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER**

20

11:00 AM
MEET AT THE
CIRCLE DRIVE

Join us for a fun morning of **creativity**,
faith, and **family** as we kick off a new
year of Sunday School together!

**FUN STATIONS FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY!**



**FINGERPRINT
MASTERPIECE**



Discover how God
made each of us
one of a kind!



**CLAY
CREATION**



Create something
amazing and learn
that God is
our Creator!



**ANIMAL LEGO
KITS**



Build an animal friend
and remember we
are all part of
God's family!



**SIDEWALK
CHALK ART**



Draw something
beautiful to show
God's amazing
creativity!



**COOKIE
DECORATING**



Decorate a sweet
treat and celebrate
that YOU are
God's masterpiece!



Don't forget to stop by
the photo spot to capture
the memories!



ROScoe UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10816 MAIN ST. ROSCOE

We can't wait
to see you
there!



Join RUMC Youth Group on Slack!

To help us stay connected, we'll be using **Slack** for youth group communication. We'll use it to share announcements, reminders, event information, photos, devotionals, and encouragement.



Getting Started

1. Download the Slack App
2. Scan the QR Code
3. Create Your Account or sign into your account
4. Join Our Youth Group Workspace
5. Turn On Notifications



RUMC YOUTH GROUP

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE



REGULAR YOUTH GROUP
6:00 P.M - 7:30 P.M

NO YOUTH GROUP!!!!
LABOR DAY WEEKEND



REGULAR YOUTH GROUP
6:00 P.M - 7:30 P.M

GAME NIGHT!
HAVE FUN PLAYING VIDEO AND BOARD
GAMES!! 6:00 P.M - 7:30 P.M



REGULAR YOUTH GROUP
6:00 P.M - 7:30 P.M

QUESTIONS? EMAIL COLBY CROSS:
RUMCYOUTH@ROSCOEUMC.ORG

BECAUSE FLU SEASON IS COMING

Flu Shot Clinic

Tue, September 22

4:00 - 6:00 PM
at Roscoe UMC

Administered by Susan Phillips, PharmD
CVS Pharmacist

VACCINATION CLINIC PROVIDED BY
CVS/PHARMACY

**UNITED HEALTH AND BCBS OF IL PLANS DO NOT
COVER CVS VACCINATIONS**

Cost:

*Free for many Medicare Part B and Medicaid, and many insurance plans. If you have questions about your plan's coverage text Susan at 815-289-8112.

Please bring your insurance cards and dress in short sleeves or layers so that your upper arm may be exposed.



Scan the QR Code to register for your
flu shot appointment
or visit www.roscoeumc.org.



FRESH EXPRESSIONS TRAINING EVENT

GREENHOUSE DAY

Join us for a day-long training and learning about Fresh Expressions, led by Rev. Dr. Michael Beck, the director of Fresh Expressions for The United Methodist Church. The event is designed to spark imagination and innovation for churches seeking to connect with people in new ways. Through interactive activities, creative thinking, dialogue, and hands-on prototyping, participants will explore how to cultivate new Christian communities alongside existing congregations.

Grounded in biblical frameworks, inspiring real-life stories, and practical Fresh Expressions methodologies, this workshop equips church leaders and teams to reach new people, in new places, and in new ways. Participants will leave with fresh ideas and practical tools to begin cultivating inclusive, accessible, transformative, and connectional forms of church that meet the needs of today's communities.

After the training, there will be an option for churches to participate in a Fresh Expression Pathway with the conference.

A Fresh Expressions Event for Prairie North District Clergy and Laity, open to all in the Northern Illinois Conference. Sign up at: <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/pn-fresh-expressions-greenhouse-day>

Sat., Sept. 19

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Rockford: Grace UMC

3555 McFarland Road

Cost: (includes lunch) \$10 per person / \$25 total per church

Scan the QR
code to register!





Roscoe Lions

Fall Festival

IT'S ALMOST TIME
FOR A PARADE!



ONE RUMC MORNING
WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM - MAIN ST. CLOSSES

11:00 AM - PARADE BEGINS



Lift your voice, fill His house: The choir season is back! The chancel choir is open to all (high school age and above) who love to sing. The choir sings once a

month during Sunday services and for special events throughout the year. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. No auditions are required—just a passion for singing. The first rehearsal is on Tuesday, September 8th. Any questions, please contact Sam Lynas at music@roscoeumc.org.

As an added security precaution, the Ad Board has authorized locking the Broad Street door on Sunday mornings after the 8:30am worship service has started. You can still enter the building by both Narthex entrances - Main Street and parking lot - throughout the morning. And you can exit the building through any of the doors at any time. This will lessen the chance of people entering the building without those of us in the Narthex and Sanctuary knowing. Please contact Lynn Washburn-Livingston or Pastor Ryan with questions.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sunday, August 9th Pastor Ryan encouraged everyone in the congregation to complete a Time and Talent interest survey during worship. If you did not have the opportunity to complete one, please pick one up from the table in the narthex. We would love to know more about you and how we can connect you with other members of the congregation.

Soup Kitchen

Seeking donations and volunteers for Sept 12th
Sign up in the NARTHEX

Donations:

Please drop off at **Harman Hall** by 3pm Fri, 09/11.

Volunteers:

Meet 11:30a-1:30p, Sat 09/12, 413 N. Court St. Rockford

Questions:

Robb Limke 815-790-5910

last one of the year!

ROSCOE UNITED METHODIST

WORKCAMP

2027

YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026 @ 11:15AM

HARMAN HALL **LOTS OF INFO!**

ENTERING 9TH GRADE - GRADUATING 12TH GRADE 2027

More info contact youth@roscoeumc.org

10816 MAIN STREET, ROSCOE

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**Loose change collection from
August will be donated to**



UMCOR. The UMCOR assists the most vulnerable people around the world affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion or status. UMCOR's work is carried out by providing relief and assistance in response to natural and human-made disasters and supporting programs in the areas of migration, health, food security and environmental sustainability. 100% of your donations to UMCOR go directly to relief efforts. Administration costs of UMCOR are financed through UMC apportionments and other income sources.

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

For United Methodist Church information - www.umnews.org

Roscoe United Methodist Church Activities This Week!

Sunday, 23 August 2026

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

Monday, 24 August 2026

1:00 PM to 3:30 PM Bunco Harman Hall

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

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Stephen Ministry 111, 110

Tuesday, 25 August 2026

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 Worship Space

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

Wednesday, 26 August 2026

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

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM Share & Prayer Parlor

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM VNS Parent Night Harman Hall

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM Garage Guys 102/103

Thursday, 27 August 2026

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM Ladies Morning Exercise R-Kids Worship Space

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM RUMM Coffee Group @ Mary's Market - Roscoe

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Book Sisters Parlor

Saturday, 29 August 2026

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

5:00 PM to 8:30 PM Hand and Foot Card Club Harman Hall

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Conference information or articles,
visit umcnic.org or Scan the code*





SUNDAY, SEPT 13

**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

7:00 - 9:45 AM
Leland Park
Shelter

\$9.00
5 & Under
FREE!

**Join us for pancakes, sausage,
coffee, milk, & juice.**
**Proceeds are donated to local
charities.**