



The Rocktonian

Newsletter of
Rockton United Methodist Church

September 2018



Worship With Us

Sunday Worship 9:00 am

Children's Sunday School 9:15 am

Enjoy fellowship downstairs following the service
with coffee and treats!

Rev. Howie Snyder, Pastor

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Mission Statement

Grow FAITH in Jesus Christ.
Share LOVE with others.
Give SERVICE to our neighbors.

We Have a New Pastor!



As you already know through an all church email, this Sunday, September 2, we will welcome into our church family our new pastor, Rev. Howie Snyder. He is coming to us from Downers Grove, Illinois, where he has been serving as a Youth Pastor for the Downers Grove United Methodist Church. His wife, Nicole, also a pastor, has been appointed to serve the United Methodist Church in the nearby community of Durand.

Since both congregations provide homes for our pastors, Pastor Howie and his family have chosen to live in the parsonage in Durand. They feel it better serves the needs of their family at this time. He will be available by appointment, email, and phone.

Church phone: 815-624-7591

Parsonage phone: 1-779-537-2606

Email: At this time, we are in the process of setting up a church email address that is separate from the office email. Until that is done, please use the office email for that correspondence.

CHURCH NEWS

Rock River Sweep

- What:** Rock River Sweep—a community effort to clean our river.
- Date:** **Saturday, September 8, 2018**
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m.
- Where:** The shelter house in Settlers Park, near the parking lot behind First National Bank and Trust, East Main Street, Rockton, IL
- Needed:** Community - minded volunteers to help collect trash along the river. Participants can work from boats, canoes, kayaks or walk along the banks.
- Attire:** Long sleeves and pants, old shoes, dress for the weather.
- Provided:** Trash bags, gloves, refreshments, insect repellent and door prizes

For more information, contact me at: floto@floto.com

Thank you and hope to see you at the sweep!

Loren Floto

Sisters in Christ

It is time to gather the women of the church for a new season of Christian fellowship! Please plan to join us as Sisters in Christ meets on September 11th, at 6:30 at the church. Jill Huett will be showing us how to make felt flowers. Come and join us for this creative class and for sister fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Phyllis DeGraff

CHURCH NEWS



**Special Music Scheduled
For the Month of
September**

- 2 **Christine Gustafson, Jim and Gail Johnson**
- 9 **Wayne Wenger** (vocalist from Roscoe UMC)
- 16 Our **Chancel Choir** is back!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the love offering of \$201 for "Then and Now, Forever Friends" on August 26th.

There are many things that get done for our church and congregation by members that expect nothing in return for their good deeds. Let us express our thanks to:



- ◆ Bill Campbell, Dan Davis, Nancy Bielema, Donna Granath, and Ron Zoeller for helping set up tables and chairs after the carpet cleaning in the dining room.
- ◆ The Memorial Committee for purchasing the new table covers for the tables in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Roberta Hoover and Phyllis DeGraff for helping Margo and Gail clean out the pastor's office and church office.
- ◆ Peg Hayelan for seeking out and acquiring special music for our worship services each week during the summer months.

A Special Thanks

A wonderful meal was prepared and served by the Missions Committee on August 19th to Veterans at the Veterans Drop-in Center in Rockford. A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped to serve and prepare the meal. It is such a delight to serve those who served our country, to see all the smiles, to receive all the thank-yous that you get from each veteran as you visit and enjoy a meal with them. We will be serving them a meal again on **Friday, October 26th**. If you are interested in helping with that meal please contact Judy Schellenberger.



The Highway Construction Project is Nearing Completion!

It is good to see the new sidewalks on the north side of the church as well as the east side near the highway. Highway 75/Blackhawk Blvd. is now open to traffic, but at the time of this printing, the only access to the parking lot is still from the Chapel Street entrance. They have some areas to complete by back filling and blacktopping but we are close to removing all the barricades! Yea!!

Mark Your Calendar

Church/Charge Conference
Sunday, December 2
2:00 p.m.

Staff Parish Meets at 1:30 p.m.



Congregational Care Team

care

The Congregational Care Team enjoys the time they spend with those they call on. Please call the church office and leave a message if you know of a member who needs one of us to come and visit. It would be our pleasure to spend time with them.

A Thank you From Kelsey Wulf



I just wanted to thank you all again for your prayers and support when I was in Jacksonville, Florida, for the Summer Training Program. I had a wonderful experience growing closer to God through quiet times in His word, Bible studies, and beach evangelism. Not only was I able to strengthen my relationship with Christ, but I was also able to develop lifelong friends from all over the Midwest! This experience was such a blessing, and I am looking forward to applying what I have learned back at UNI this fall. I am already back at school continuing my studies in Early Childhood Education and participating in the ministry on campus with The Navigators. If you have a chance, you can check out my blog posts to learn more about my experiences this summer at <https://kelseyjaxstp.wordpress.com/>. I just wanted to show my appreciation for your support!

SEPTEMBER 29 IS A BUSY DAY!



Our next soup kitchen is scheduled for September 29th. There will be a sign-up sheet available during the church services to provide food items/money as well as to volunteer to work to support this important ministry.

Empty Bowl

(All proceeds benefit CARITAS)

Saturday, September 29
11:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Beloit Memorial High School Cafeteria
1225 4th Street, Beloit, Wisconsin

\$10.00 for Adults
\$5.00 for children under 12

Price includes soup, bread, and beverages.

Tickets are available from
Judy Schellenberger



Come and join the choir!

Rehearsals begin on
Monday, Sept. 10th
at 6:00 p.m.
in the choir room.

(The Bell Choir will begin at a
future date yet to be
determined.)



A Fall Woman's Retreat

"Minding the Gap"

September 21-23 (Friday is optional)

The retreat is at Bishop Lane
(7708 East McGregor Road, Rockford 61102).

In our time together we will be looking at the book of Job, the life of Job, the experience of God that we find in Job. We will explore how we mind the gap with ourself (can we be honest with ourselves and care for ourselves), with our friends (what does it mean to be a good friend), and with God (God's sovereignty... and more.)

The cost varies, depending on Single/Double, Friday included or Sat.- Sun. only. Please call the church office for more details or to pick up a brochure. Registration deadline is September 7th.

We will eat food we haven't prepared. Laugh with each other and enjoy the fellowship of new and long time friendships. And learn...about ourselves, our God, and each other. Optional activities will include a bible study, spiritual direction, and directed prayer techniques. Need time away, to recharge and open yourself to God in a fresh way?... then this is for you. We are excited about what God is going to do!

With hope and in peace,
Pastors Megan, Libby, and Pam

September 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		The Boy Scouts will be meeting in the Dining room every Tuesday at 6:30 pm				1
2 Worship 9:00 am	3 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	4	5	6	7	8 Rock River Sweep 9:00 am
9 Worship 9:00 am	10 Choir Practice 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Prayer Team 10:00 Sisters in Christ 6:30	12	13 Fellowship Committee 10:00 Dining room	14	15
16 Worship 9:00 am	17 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	18 Finance Meeting 7:00 pm Library	19	20	21	22
23 Worship 9:00 am	24 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	25	26	27 Ad Board 7:00 Library	28	29 Soup Kitchen
30 Worship 9:00 am						

BIRTHDAYS

2 Paul Chambers	10 Theresa Fogarty
4 Erin Tamar	Greg Leden
5 Hannah Bridgeland	15 Daryl Bloom
Ryan Kerch	16 Scott Hellinga
7 Harold Wulf	24 Mary Louise Muench
8 Alan Bridgeland	
9 Rachel Cooper	
Brian Zimmer	

ANNIVERSARIES

6 Bill and Cheryl Campbell
7 Jason and Theresa Fogarty
23 Richard and Jean Cooper
25 Loren and Jan Floto