



The Rocktonian

Newsletter of
Rockton United Methodist Church

October 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!

Fusion Service 10:45 am
(An informal service with small group discussion.)

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Mission Statement

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



**WELCOME RECEPTION FOR
PASTOR HOWIE AND HIS FAMILY**

Sunday, October 7
Church Service 10:00 am
(Note change of time.)

Potluck Reception to follow

Bar-B-Ques, chips, beverages, and table service will be provided. Side dishes and desserts will be potluck.

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:

- ◆ Laura and Jared Janes for the designing and planting of a new garden space near the entrance to the education wing.
- ◆ Donna Granath for manicuring the roses by the flagpole and trimming the grass.
- ◆ Darlene Matlock for decorating the Fellowship Hall and our exterior doors for the autumn season.
- ◆ Jennifer Vail for changing our bulletin boards with each season.
- ◆ Ron Zoeller and Jerry Hubble for fixing the phone in Pastor Howie's office.



CHURCH NEWS



Rock River Sweep Cancelled



Conditions on the Rock River at Rockton have made it unsafe (not to mention unpleasant) to attempt a river cleanup this fall. As of today, October 1st, the water level is at 9.2 feet and projected to rise to 10 feet by Saturday. That is considered flood stage. Therefore, Tricia Nelson and I, as co-coordinators of the Sweep in Rockton, have decided to cancel, and try again in 2019. This is the first time in 9 years that we've had to do this.

We still encourage individual efforts to collect garbage wherever and whenever you see it. Every bit that's removed or recycled, helps our environment. Thank you to all who have planned your schedules to participate. We hope you'll return to Sweep with us next year!

Loren Floto and Tricia Nelson



We Have a New Administrative Assistant!

We are excited to announce that we have hired Pamela True for our new office secretary. Her office hours will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm. If you happen to be at church when she is in the office, please stop in and introduce yourself. She is eager to meet the people of our congregation!



Serving a Meal to our Veterans

On **Friday, October 26th**, we will once again go to the Veterans Drop in Center in Rockford to prepare and serve a great meal to our veterans. We leave the church at 2:30 and prepare the meal at the Center, serving at 5:00. If you would like to participate in this activity, please call the church office.

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SPEND YOUR HALLOWEEN NIGHT IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT!

On October 31 bring your Halloween treats and hand them out from the trunk of your car in our church parking lot. Dress in Halloween garb if you'd like, or come in your "daily costume". We start gathering and setting up around 4:30 and will hand out candy from 5-7pm. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the clip board that circulates during the church service.

Volunteer Counter Needed

We are in need of someone to count the offering on the 4th Sunday of the month. If you are interested in taking on this task, please contact Karen Fysh, our Financial Secretary, or call the church office.



We celebrate the appointment of Aimee Floto as the new executive director of the Rockford Art Museum. Some of us had the privilege of watching Aimee grow up in this church and we are proud of her accomplishment. She is the daughter of Loren and Jan Floto.



New Meeting Location for our Prayer Team

Our Prayer Team meets the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 10:00 am. They are now meeting in the home of Bruce and Mary Louise Muench at

6918 Saladino Drive
Roscoe, IL

Please plan to join us on October 9th and 23rd.



The Highway Construction Project IS DONE!!

The blacktop is laid, the barricades are gone, and the landscaping is complete! We are able to access our parking lot from both entrances and are back to business as usual—
Something to celebrate in our joys and concerns!

Mark Your Calendar

The date for our Annual Church Conference (Charge Conference, to many) has been changed from what was printed in last month's Rocktonian. It will be:

Wednesday, December 5

7:00 pm

SPRC to meet at 6:30 pm

The FUSION service is Alive and Well!

Pastor Howie has decided to add the FUSION service back into the Sunday morning schedule. This second service option will begin at 10:45 am on October 14th in the FUSION room on the lower level. FUSION is an alternative option to the traditional worship format, offering small group discussion about that Sunday's message.



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Congregational Care Team

Our Congregational Care Team was busy during the month of September. Five of our team members made ten visits to members of our congregation that cannot make it to worship services. Thank you team members! It is nice to know that we can depend on you. We appreciate your dedication!

We still have places for others who would like to join this ministry team and visit the shut in members of our church. If you would like to have more information about what we do, or if you know someone that needs to be visited, please call the church office.

Mary Louise Shakespeare Muench



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Choir Practice 6:00 Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm	2 Boy Scouts every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 10:00 am Potluck Reception to Follow service	8 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	9 Prayer Team At Muench's home 10:00 am	10	11 Joint Finance and Memorial Com- mittees meeting 7:00 pm	12	13
14 Worship 9:00 am Fusion 10:45 am	15 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	16	17	18	19	20
21 Worship 9:00 am Fusion 10:45 am	22 Choir Practice 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	23 Prayer Team At Muench's home 10:00 am	24	25	26 Vet's Dinner Leave church at 2:30 pm	27
28 Worship 9:00 am Fusion 10:45 am Food on the 4th	29 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	30	31 Trunk or Treat 5-7:00 pm 			

BIRTHDAYS

4 Ed Miller	18 Laurie MacMartin
Jillian Stevens	25 Janet Turner
6 Jenna Cooper	
8 Paula Noesen	
Melissa Schellenberger	
10 Pauline Lawhorn	
Merle Sprague	

ANNIVERSARIES

4 Dave and Pam Noel
14 Alan and Janet Bridgeland
13 Robert and Donna Hayenga
24 Keith and Jill Knoespel