



# THE ROCKTONIAN

Welcoming all in Jesus' name  
as we Grow Together in Faith, Service, and Love  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.



## Roadside Clean Up

This year's road clean up will take place on **Saturday, May 2nd** at **9:00am**. Please sign up so enough sandwiches can be made. We pick up litter on both sides of the road, between Walgreens in Roscoe and the Hononegah Forest Preserve. You can park at Walgreens and work toward the forest preserve, or vice versa. We will have a picnic lunch together at the park once the work is completed. If you have any questions, please see Judy or Dan Davis.



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## Clearing the Path

March gave me a distinctly Midwest welcome.

On a Monday in the middle of the month, just when it felt like spring was finally arriving, a snowfall reminded me I'm no longer in North Carolina. Not the light, powdery kind that settles softly and looks pretty from a distance. This snow stuck. It weighed everything down, and every scoop and step felt like a fight. Wet, heavy, stubborn.

I grabbed the snow blower at the parsonage, fully expecting it to make quick work of things. It did not. As John Carleton from our church put it, it was less snow blower, more snow cone machine — just churning away without making much of a dent. I had to laugh. Midwestern snow is apparently its own thing, and I'm still learning.

By Tuesday, the Lane family had already cleared the parking lot, as they've done for years. Clean and ready. What was left were the sidewalks.

Honestly, my plan was to do the minimum. Clear around the two entrances, enough for people coming in and out, and call it done. The snow was heavy, partly frozen in spots, and I figured — it'll melt soon anyway. Why go further?

But then I saw footprints.

People had been walking along the sidewalk right in front of the church. That stopped me. Our church isn't only a place people come into — it's a place people walk by every day. So I kept shoveling.

While I was at it, a high school student came down the walk and stepped onto the path I'd just cleared. It was over in a second — no time for a photo, no words exchanged, no big moment. Just a kid walking on a clear sidewalk. But I haven't stopped thinking about it. I've included a photo of the finished sidewalks, for what it's worth.

It's Lent. A season for paying attention, for walking more slowly and noticing what's actually in front of us. Those footprints did that for me. May we all keep our eyes open to the needs around us — and choose to do something about them, even when it would be easier not to.

I'm grateful to be learning this, one snowfall at a time. Still working on the snow blower, though.

Peace,

Pastor Seong



## What's Up with the Building?

by John Carleton, Trustee Chair

### April 2026-

There's not a lot to report for this month because, as mentioned in last month's article, the Trustees are coming off a winter that found many of the Trustees with family health problems making it hard to meet. We hope to have a delayed meeting on March 30th and then resume our regularly scheduled meeting date three weeks later on April 20th.

In the meantime, our painter, Dave Atterbury, has been working on getting the trap door in the North (Bell) Room off the Sanctuary so it doesn't let the insulation "snow" on the carpet and remodeling the South West Door to make it look a little better. He also fixed a couple of warped boards in the ceiling of the SW entrance.



It's a little early to set a date for a Grounds Clean-up Day but keep an eye on the announcements as Brenda Wulf will be looking for volunteers once spring weather is firmly here (it's hard lately to think if that ever really happens anymore....). Also, it will be fun to see if the new bird houses installed last Fall will have any tenants. And finally, we all need to see what spring and summer will bring to our church gardens we have with the Roscoe Garden Club. Are you ready for Spring....?



Coming Soon!

### Walking and Praying Together

On April 12, right after the service, we'll head out for a simple Prayer Walk in our community.

We'll walk at an easy pace, praying as we go—lifting up the people, homes, and places we pass. Sometimes it's just noticing what's around us and turning that into a prayer.

We'll go in small groups, sharing the experience together. If we meet someone, a friendly conversation might even open a moment for care or prayer—but there's no pressure.

This is simply a time to slow down, pay attention, and trust that God is already at work around us.

Afterward, we'll gather briefly to share what stood out.

Just wear comfortable shoes, bring some water, and come as you are. I'd love for you to join us.



Please join us April 14, 2026, at 6:30 for a panel discussion on the foster care system and adoption



system. Several members in our church have been foster parents or adoptive parents. Tales from the front lines are always interesting and the challenges are real. Bring your questions and experiences to our meeting. Everyone from the church is invited to attend.

### From The Fellowship Committee...

The palm Sunday Potluck saw 43 people in attendance, and enough food for an army! Thank you to everyone who helped with preparation, serving, and clean up.

Attention! To all graduating members, we would like to celebrate your achievements. Please let the pastor or church office know if you are graduating. We will celebrate you on a Sunday in May.



Thank you!  
Andrea & Gail



## Thank you for reading!


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# APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  Lenten Book Club 4:30pm	2	3  Good Friday Service 4:30pm	4
5 EASTER  9:30am Worship  10:30am  	6	7  Sisters in Christ 6:30pm	8  Lenten Book Club 4:30pm	9	10	11
12 9:30am Worship  Prayer Walk  Girl Scouts 1:30-3:00pm	13	14  Adoption & Foster Panel 6:30pm	15  Lenten Book Club 4:30pm	16	17	18
19 9:30am Worship	20  Newsletter articles due 4pm Trustees 5pm Finance	21  4:30 pm Ad Council	22	23	24	25
26  Food on the 4th  Girl Scouts 1:30-3pm	27	28	29	30		

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