

# The Rocktonian

## Newsletter

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## Our Mission

Welcoming all as we  
Grow Together  
in Faith, Service, and Love



**Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.**





The 185th Northern Illinois Annual Conference will take place in Schaumburg, IL between Sunday, June 16 and Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

The NIC Annual Conference is like a much larger version of the Charge Conference each congregation holds annually. This is the occasion where the annual budget of the conference is discussed and approved. At Annual Conference, new clergy are commissioned and ordained, retiring clergy are celebrated, legislation is debated, and we hear various reports from ministries throughout our region.

Our denominational structure is similar to the U.S. government. We have a separate judicial branch which settles disputes and clarifies rules set by the General Conference, where worldwide representatives set official policies and statements for our denomination.

At (regional) Annual Conference, every congregation has at least one lay person designated to attend and vote on behalf of their congregation. Clergy also vote, but they vote their conscience; they do not represent their congregations. The system ensures that there are equal numbers of laypeople and clergy. The Bishop presides over Annual Conference, but does not have a vote. Bishops also attend and take turns presiding at (worldwide) General Conference, having voice but no vote.

If you are interested in learning more about how our denomination works and meets (Methodists call it Holy Conferencing), please ask me!

June is also Pride Month, and your Leadership Team unanimously agreed that our church should show our support for a community which is often marginalized by placing a small rainbow heart in our front yard. This is not a political statement; it is a declaration of inclusivity and affirmation that all children of God have value and are beloved. It is also an indication for our larger community that *all* people are welcome at Rockton UMC.

As the Leadership Team discussed the issue, one member shared the following quote from John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who wrote, "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may."

The team was impressed at the timelessness of this quote. We realize not everyone is of the same mind on the subject of human sexuality. Where we are in agreement is regarding our doors being open to all who want to encounter our loving God.

If you have concerns or questions regarding these issues or any other, please reach out to me or anyone on our Leadership Team.

Blessings,

## "Tell Me A Story..."

Please be sure to watch your U. S. Postal mailbox for your personal invitation to your "...Tell Me a Story..." gathering, arriving in June!

Included will be the date and time we will meet at our parsonage (the pastor's home provided by the church).

Note also the RSVP is for regrets only. Light refreshments will be served, and we are looking forward to hosting you!

In the event your invitation does not arrive, please call any member of the planning team so we can include you in this special time of remembering and fellowship.



Christine Gustafson, Dave Wellen, and Dan Enderle

## Highway Cleanup May 19

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Roadside Cleanup! We enjoyed lovely weather and gathered for a picnic prepared by Judy after our work was completed.

Special thanks to Judy and Dan Davis who cleaned a portion of the road before our designated day.



## Fellowship Committee

by Gail Terry, Chairperson



On June 2<sup>nd</sup> we will celebrate Abby Deborah Enderle's high school graduation from Hononegah High School during the church service.

Please join Abby and her family and her church lady friends in Fellowship Hall after the service to celebrate with a treat of her choice, coffee/juice.

*We are very proud of you  
Abby! Good work!*

# What's Up with the Building?

June 2024

We were joined by Girl Scouts on Saturday, May 4 for a cleanup day at the church. Not pictured are the volunteers who cleaned indoors, especially the choir practice room and the back stairwell of the Education wing. Many hands made light work!



# Photos from Sisters in Christ Wildflower Walk in early May





# JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am Worship honoring our graduate  	3	4 Office Hours 9am-noon	5 Pastor attending NIC Clergy Session in Arlington Heights (all day)	6 No Office Hours Pastor out of town	7	8
9 9:30am Worship	10	11 Office Hours 10am Small Group Prayer Team 4:30 pm Ad Council 6pm Leadership	12	13 Office Hours 9am-noon	14 	15 Celebration of Life for Roy Croissant 1pm Visitation 2pm Service
16 9:30am Worship	17 3:30 pm Trustees 4:30 pm Finance	18 No Office Hours	19	20 No Office Hours Pastor out of town	21	22
NIC Annual Conference						
23 9:30am Worship Food on the 4th	24	25 Office Hours 10am Small Group Prayer Team 1pm Tell Me a Story 6pm Leadership	26 Newsletter articles due	27 Office Hours 9am-10am 10am Tell Me a Story	28	29 10am Tell Me a Story
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