

The Saturday Bulletin for June 27th

We will continue to live stream our Sunday morning service for the first two weeks in July. By July 19th, we more than likely will be taking the next step in moving toward a gathering together for worship. Be sure to check out the church website for any updates during this time of reopening Illinois. www.rocktonumc.org



This Week's Calendar June 28, 2020

Pastor Howie on Vacation this Week

Sun. 6/28 8:30am **Adult Sunday School Study Group** for *Gospel Discipleship: 4 Pathways for Christian Disciples* using Zoom. (watch for email with the link)

10:00am **Sunday Worship Service** Streaming online (watch for email with the link)

11:15am **Building Committee Meeting** on Zoom - with Trustees to meet immediately afterward on same Zoom

Thurs. 7/2 **NO Gospel Study Group Today**



Please email your prayer requests to Howie by Saturday if possible. We will be able to include those names on the prayer list for Sunday's service.

LET US PRAY FOR...

Charlie Cunningham
David Dach
Jeanne Fordham
Randy Campbell

Derek Polzin
Darin Davis
Rolland Hayag
Janice Snyder

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Howie will be on vacation starting Tuesday, June 30, returning to the office on Tuesday, July 7. During his absence, Don Dexheimer will be filling in as the emergency clergy contact. Don can be reached at: 815-218-0055.

Building Committee and Trustees to Meet on Zoom This Sunday

After our worship service is done live streaming on Sunday morning, the Building Committee will meet on Zoom at 11:15am. Contractors that bid on the sanctuary repairs have been narrowed down to 2 finalists and the full committee will discuss the candidates and hopefully make a recommendation to the Trustees. Immediately following the Building Meeting, the Trustees will remain on Zoom to discuss the choice and make a recommendation to the Ad Council. We are moving forward!



Join Us Next Week for Sunday Worship

Howie will be enjoying a Sunday away from us while he takes a week of vacation. In his absence, we will be having a service at 10:00am brought by the Rockford District Clergy (of which Howie and Nicole took part!) and the message brought by District Superintendent, Fabiola Grandon-Mayer. As a prelude to the service there will be a Fourth of July sing-a-long provided by Christine Gustafson and Jim and Gail Johnson. Please plan to be with us!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we walk the pathways of destruction ...

We are met by the God of peace and reconciliation

When we sit and wonder if there is any way we can be of help ...

We encounter the Holy One who invites us to faithful service.

When we least expect it ...

The Holy One through the Spirit offers us life-giving water!

Come, O Holy Spirit

Come, open us to the wonder, beauty, and dignity of the diversity found in each culture, in each face, and in each experience we have of the other among us.

Come fill us with generosity as we are challenged to let go and allow others to share with us the goods and beauty of earth.

Come heal the divisions that keep us from seeing the face of Christ in all peoples.

Come free us to stand with and for those who must leave their own lands in order to find work, security, and welcome in a new land, one that has enough to share.

Come bring us understanding, inspiration, wisdom, and the courage needed to embrace change and stay on the journey.

Come, O Holy Spirit, show us the way.

OPENING SONG *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* UMH 569 vs. 1, 3

PRAYER SONG *Hungry (Falling on My Knees)* WSM 3099

PRAYER / PRAYER RESPONSE *The Kingdom of God* (Taizé)

SCRIPTURE (NRSV)

Matthew 10:40-42

John 21:19b-22

SERMON Taking Root: Johannine Discipleship

OFFERING/OFFERING SONG *I Will Offer Up My Life* (Matt Redman)

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, your hospitality has surrounded us and welcomed us, even when we only grudgingly extended hospitality to sisters and brothers who are also your children. May we grow each day in our willingness to be welcoming disciples, not just to those who look like us, talk like us, or think like us. May our offering this morning be received not just in gratitude for your hospitality, but as our way to extend comfort and welcome to those for whom your love is a mystery. We pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

CLOSING SONG *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

BENEDICTION

Let us pray this song, let us hope this hope, let us march, continue to march, in the light of God.

Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',
Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh,
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'.
Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh,
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'.

We are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)" The Faith We Sing, #2235

We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, ooh,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, ooh,
We are marching in the light of God.