

**Rockton United  
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### Newsletter of Rockton United Methodist Church September 2019

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## Rock River Sweep Saturday, September 7



Loren Floto is organizing a cleanup of the local stretch of the Rock River, and is looking for volunteers to work from 9 a.m. until about 1 p.m. Saturday, September 7th. We will meet at the shelter house in Settlers Park behind First National Bank & Trust for area assignments. We will provide gloves, trash bags and insect repellent. Volunteers are encouraged to dress for the weather. Old shoes and long sleeves and pants work best. Long-sleeved t-shirts are available if you RSVP to Loren, stating number and sizes of shirts needed. Volunteers will bring their trash back to the shelter house around noon, where it will be sorted. You can walk the banks of the river or work from your canoe or kayak. We'll have refreshments and door prizes for all participants. RSVP to Loren at 815-289-1152 or email him at [flotowood@gmail.com](mailto:flotowood@gmail.com). Even if you're not able to come that day, remember to pick up trash wherever you see it. Thanks for your help. Loren



**Our 2019 Charge Conference is scheduled for  
Monday, September 23rd at 7:00 pm.  
in our Fellowship Hall.**

The SPRC will meet at 6:30 pm in the library  
before the conference begins.



## Congregational Care Team

September 2019



School has started. The summer heat has ended – we hope. Summer vacations are memories for some of us and exciting plans for others. The Congregational Care team are still visiting and greeting our members and non-members monthly with visits and good times for which we praise God. Some of our shut-ins have healed and are able to be out and about on their own for which we also praise God. We have 7 loyal members visiting 7 sweet elderly people. A great match. We are thankful for this match up. We are thankful for our chance to go out and do God's work as asked. Let us know if you know of someone who needs a cheerful visitor to come visit with them. Just call the church office. (815-624-7591)

Blessings to each one of you.  
Mary Louise Muench



There are many things that get done for our church and congregation by members that expect nothing in return for their good deeds. **If you know someone that we should acknowledge please let the church office know.** This month it was mentioned we should express our thanks to:



- Everyone who donated food to the Old Stone local food pantry.
- Dan Davis for opening the church when Jim Johnson was out of town.
- Peg Hayelan for arranging for the special music soloists and groups that join us during the summer months.



## SPECIAL MUSIC THANK YOU FOR AUGUST

We would like to thank the musicians that donated their talents to our summer church services:

Steve Carter

Our Ladies Vocal Quartet  
(Roberta Hoover, Darlene Matlock, Sharon Ruff, Melinda Croisant)

Jim and Gail Johnson

Then and Now, Forever Friends from Pecatonica. (A free will offering of \$96.00 was collected for this group.)



Then and Now  
Forever Friends  
(August 25)

## Congratulations to Matthew Alcorn On becoming an Eagle Scout!



On December 31, 2018, Matthew completed his Eagle Scout project, making and donating 20 bluebird houses to the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County. His Eagle Scout ceremony was held on August 31, 2019 in our sanctuary. Matthew would like to express his thanks to all of those that attended his ceremony and for the many cards and gifts he received. When you see Matthew, be sure to congratulate him on this great accomplishment!



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

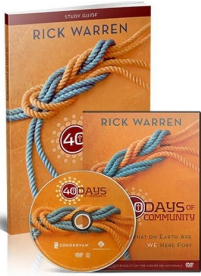
- 2 Paul Chambers
- 4 Erin Tamar
- 5 Hannah Bridgeland  
Ryan Kerch
- 7 Harold Wulf
- 8 Alan Bridgeland
- 9 Rachel Cooper  
Brian Zimmer
- 10 Theresa Fogarty  
Greg Leden
- 11 Georgia Lee Colby
- 15 Daryl Bloom
- 16 Scott Hellinga
- 24 Mary Louise Muench

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Bill and Cheryl Campbell
- 7 Jason and Theresa Fogarty
- 20 Steve and Susan Able
- 21 Dihn and Ruth Ann Wecker
- 23 Richard and Jean Cooper
- 25 Loren and Jan Floto



## Sept. 8 – New Series Kicks-off, 40 Days of Community!



We will be kicking off a new series called “40 Days of Community” on September 8th. I would like to invite everyone to be part of a six-week study for small groups. Many members of our congregation have volunteered to host a group, some in their homes, some at church. These small groups are scheduled on a variety of days and times. Please take time on Sunday morning, before or after church, to sign-up for a group and pay for and pick up the Study Guide and Devotional Guide for this series.

Pastor Howie Snyder

### Missions Committee Upcoming Events

On September 20th our church will once again serve a meal to the Veterans at the Drop in Center in Rockford. There will be a brief committee meeting to plan the menu for this dinner after church on Sunday, September 8th. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Schellenberger.

This month the Missions Committee will be preparing for our October 5th Soup Kitchen. Please watch during church for the sign-up sheet on the clip board to come around so you can volunteer to donate food items or work at the soup kitchen on October 5th. You would be working with our group from 9 am – 1 pm. If you have any questions, talk to Donna Chambers.



**OUR PRAYER TEAM WILL NOT BE MEETING DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

Come and be part of our church Prayer Team when it resumes in October.

#### Let Us Pray For:

##### Recovering from health issues:

Judy Cunningham  
Matthew Cooper  
Diana Cooper

##### Continued prayers for:

Charlie Cunningham  
Lee Schriener of RUM  
Family of Bradley Reich  
Family of Dick Roth

Prayer requests will appear for about 1 month after submission. Contact the church office to add or remove names. **For an urgent prayer request, call Sharon Ruff to start the prayer chain: 815-229-1932**

# September 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1</p> <p>Worship 9:00 am</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Worship Committee 9:00 am</p> <p>Sisters in Christ 6:30 pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Trustees 8:00 am</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Worship 9:00 am</p> <p>Missions Committee 10:00 am</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Trustees 11:00 am</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Worship 9:00 am</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Choir 6:00 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Finance meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ad Council 7:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Veterans Supper</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Worship 9:00 am</p>	<p>23</p> <p>SPRC 6:30 pm</p> <p>Charge Conference 7:00 pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Worship 9:00 am</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Choir 6:00 pm</p> <p>Bells 7:00 pm</p>					<p>Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>