

I am Committed to Christ's Community

- ❖ I will connect in community: I will pursue and enter into authentic relationships with others in the body of Christ.
- ❖ I will faithfully meet with others in my church family: I will faithfully attend Sunday Services as well as other small groups and events. These times together are vital because: (1) In community I receive– I will grow and be encouraged through fellowship, through the Word, through worship, through the sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper), and through ministry. (2) In community I give – I will encourage, bless, and strengthen others.

Understanding Membership is available online at <http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/documents/>

Sermon audio and notes are available online at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Gary Gingrich had knee replacement surgery on Sept 19.
- ~Scott Weir home recovering with a broken neck & leg after an accident.
- ~Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.
- ~Sharon Dulyea had an MRI on Aug 16 for sciatic nerve pain. Waiting for results.
- ~Carol Riegling is on oxygen & consulting with doctors.
- ~Elaine Pierson is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~Dave Mundwiler – MRI results show tumor is stable. Continues treatments.
- ~Bill Boyd continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Ray Dulyea continued prayer his kidney "numbers" will not change.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Emily Bowers, Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~Sarah Degen (Yurick's daughter) undergoing radiation.
- ~Kathy Lambers (friend of Bergman's) 6th battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~Barry Lambers (Kathy's husband) suffered spinal injury, paralyzed waist down.
- ~Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Jan Lapp (Tyler's mom) is undergoing chemo treatments for stomach cancer.

Sympathy is Expressed to:

- Pastor Ken & Ruth Westrate** at the death of Ruth's sister, **Myra Ratering**, 9/27. Friends & family of **Tom Smith** who passed away on 9/29 in New Jersey.
- Jim & Teresa Scholten** at the death of Jim's father, **Herm Scholten**, 10/5.

Welcome!

We are glad you're here! We want your experience to be a good one, so we have put together a bit of info to help you know what to expect while you are here.

Our worship service: Thanks for joining us today! We will begin the service with singing. Feel free to stand, sing, or just listen as we express our worship to God. If you don't know the songs, don't worry, just follow along with the words on the screen!

The message: This is a time of practical teaching from the Bible. Often, multi-media presentations are incorporated to supplement the message. There is space in the bulletin to take notes if you wish.

The offering: This is a time to share with the church how God has blessed us financially. If you are visiting, don't feel you have to contribute. The only thing we'd like from you is your connections card (bulletin insert).

Prayer time: We will pray together a couple of times throughout the service.

Refreshments: Join us for coffee in the lobby after service! Visitors may pick up a complementary gift mug and welcome packet. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

Childcare: Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service! We love that our church is a welcoming place for families. We do have a nursery for children ages 0-3 years if you would prefer to use that. We also have a parent-infant room near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers. Children ages 3-7 are invited to participate in Children's Worship, an age-appropriate worship and learning time. Children start service with their parents and will be dismissed part way through. If you are unfamiliar with this program, you are encouraged to accompany your kids the first time. They can be picked up after each service in Room 112 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. Children's bulletins are available.

Formality: We have no dress code. Whether you are in jeans or a tux, we're just glad you're here! You are also welcome to sip your coffee or read along with scripture passages on your mobile devices. We just ask that you silence your phones as a courtesy to others.

To learn more about our ministries and beliefs, be sure to pick up a welcome packet in the lobby or visit our website: rockfordreformedchurch.org.

Vision: To always be a living reflection of Christ's hands, feet, and voice in the community.

Mission: To connect people to Jesus Christ and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Him through worship and fellowship, so they will reach out to serve and disciple others for the glory of God.

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Sunday, October 9, 2016
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hallelujah To Saving Grace

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Fairest Lord Jesus, There is a Fountain, Arms Open Wide

Children (ages 3 years - 3rd grade) are invited to KidLife Worship downstairs

OFFERING

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:15-16 (p.892)

MESSAGE

"One Body, One Purpose: Experiencing Life In Community"

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

Forever Reign

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Karen Bazen, Madelyn McConnon (11:00am) Beth & Anna Triezenberg

Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Krista & Abby VandenHeuvel (11:00am) Rachel & Sami DeKuiper, Karissa Ellis

Next Sunday: "One Body, One Purpose: Giving to Bring Life"
Luke 6:38 (p.788), Romans 12:3-8 (p.865) • Pastor Paul Bradford

What's Going On?

Today:

8:15am: Prayer in Room #212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

Sun, Oct 2, 10:00am: Sunday School for all ages:

- **Ages 3 – DK** meet in Classroom #111
- **Grades K-5th grade** meet in Classroom #101
- **Middle School** (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153
- **Senior High** (grades 9-12) Classroom #246
- **Adults:** "Faith & Politics – Our Past, Present, & Future," led by Ryan DeKuiper in the Fireside Room #253

6:30pm: High School Youth Group. Meet in the Youth Room #153

This Week:

Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm: Weekly Prayer Meeting in the sanctuary

Tuesdays, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Breakfast. Join us any time.

Tuesdays, 9:30-11am: Women's Bible Study – "Discover Isaiah," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm #212.

Wednesday Night Activities:

6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **KidLife Club**

6:30pm **Middle School Youth Group**

6:45pm **Adult Classes**

- "Christianity, Cults, & World Religions" – Co-ed Class led by Pastor Paul. Fireside Rm #253
- "Keep It Shut" – Women's Study led by Polly Johnson. Rm #250

Wednesday, Oct 12, 5:00-6:30pm: Flu Shot Clinic in Rm #141 (Music Rm).

Sign-up at the desk in the back of the sanctuary. Walk-ins welcome also.

Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast. "A Man and His Traps." Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting – Oct 15.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes: Watch for information.

Church Office Closed & Limited Hours: Marcia is on vacation Oct 4-21. The office will be closed on Monday, Oct 10 & 17. *Limited hours Tuesday-Friday.*

Discovery Class, Sat, Oct 29 & Nov 5: This two session class is for those interested in membership or learning more about the church. We will meet from 9-11am at the home of Steve & Nancy Steenwyk. They have NO pets, so people with pet allergies can come. Childcare will be provided, if needed. Contact the church office (866-2308) if you are interested.

Usher Volunteers needed for the 8:45am service. Women or men welcome. Contact Wilma Nelson (866-3502) or the church office if you are interested.

On-line Giving: You can give directly from your phone or computer! There's a link to the form on the front page of our website www.RockfordReformedChurch.org



Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brian@rockfordrc.org

MS & HS Sunday School at 10:00am

MS – Youth Room #153, HS Rm #246

MS Youth Group (6-8th grades): Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Youth Rm #153.

HS Youth Group (9-12th grades): Sundays at 6:30pm in the Youth Rm #153.

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: beth@rockfordrc.org

KidLife Club – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: laura@rockfordrc.org

Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade at 10:00am

KidLife Club (formerly Pioneer Clubs)

Wednesdays: 6:00pm Simple Supper, 6:30pm Clubs

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 242

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$11,623.91

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$890.00

Experiencing Life in Community

5th Series: One Body, One Purpose

Text: Ephesians 4:15-16 and others

Sunday: 10/9/2016

Intro

God's Word

① The Bible expects and exhorts us to initiate _____
_____ – _____ relationships.

② The Bible expects and exhorts us to meet together to receive
_____ and _____.

③ The Bible expects and exhorts us to communicate the
_____ and _____ of Christ to one another.

Our Response

The Bible expects and exhorts me to be in _____ –
_____ relationships with others in Christ's body so
that we might _____
_____ in love.

Life Application Questions

❖ *Are you giving and receiving love and encouragement in Christian community, or are you being an island? Who might God be calling you to connect with this week?*

❖ *Are you making worship, small groups and prayer with your local church a priority in your life? Where might God be calling you to make changes in your life priorities?*

❖ *Do you seek to express the grace and love of Christ in every personal interaction with others?*