

**May Updates****Continuing the Ephesians Series**

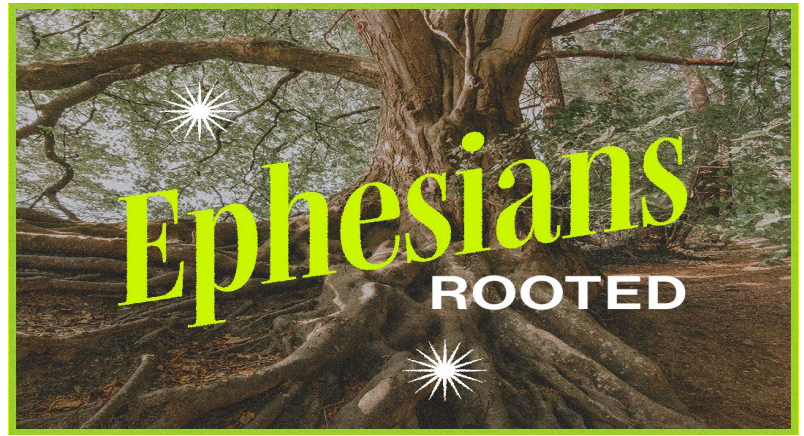
May 7: Ephesians 2:11-22

May 14: Ephesians 3:1-13

May 21: Ephesians 4:1-6

May 28: Ephesians 4:7-16

Special Service May 18: A Night Of Worship and Praise!



Sunday worship services will be live and in-person on our YouTube channel at 10am. We offer Kids on the Rock (kid's programming) for babies thru 5th grade, during this time.

**Herman's Boy:** Pastor Bill has returned to Monday mornings at Herman's Boy from 8:30am - 10am. Come chat, ask questions, hang out, eat a bagel with friends!

**Women's Book Club:** The meeting date for Women's Book Club will be June 3, 9:30am at Marlene's Carriage House. The book being discussed is "The Pink Suit" by Nicole Mary Kelby. For more information, contact Alyce VandeLune at [atvande@yahoo.com](mailto:atvande@yahoo.com).

**Women's Bible Study** - starting May 9 on Ephesians, dig deeper into the Sunday Series on Tuesday evenings for 12 weeks. Sign up at the Info Table and online.

**Hand2Hand Ministries:** River Rock is partnering with Hand2Hand Ministries to provide food to students over the weekends who are in need. Our partner schools are North Rockford Middle School and Meadow Ridge Elementary. If you are interested in serving once per month at one of these schools, contact Jen Denouden at [jen.denouden@gmail.com](mailto:jen.denouden@gmail.com).

**North Kent Connect Senior Pantry Volunteer Opportunity:** North Kent Connect has asked River Rock to help support their monthly Senior Pantry by supplying coffee and refreshments to those who attend. We are looking for volunteers who might have interest in serving in this way on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10am - noon. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, contact Mary Hulst at [mimijean1949@gmail.com](mailto:mimijean1949@gmail.com).

**River Rock Online Directory:** River Rock has an online directory available for anyone who is active in our church! To access the directory, simply go to this link: <https://engage.suran.com/riverrock>. You will need to set up a username and login if you do not currently use this link to give online. Once you have set up an account, you will find a link for "Groups" under the drop down. Here you will find the online directory. If you have any questions or issues, please contact [shelleyp@riverrockcommunity.com](mailto:shelleyp@riverrockcommunity.com).

**Real Life Goup (small group):** Adults, if you are interested in joining a Real Life Group, contact Brian at [briane@riverrockcommunity.com](mailto:briane@riverrockcommunity.com).

**Kids On The Rock:** We offer in-person Kids on the Rock during the service for babies - 5th grade. KOTR would love your help on Sunday mornings in our babies - preschool and K - 5 KOTR programs. To volunteer for either, contact Cory Stull at [kids@riverrockcommunity.com](mailto:kids@riverrockcommunity.com). We do ask that you fill out a background check on an annual basis.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Do you have an interest in knitting or crocheting? River Rock has a Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry that meets monthly to provide comfort to those going through a difficult time or other life issues. Our next get together is April 27, 1-3pm. You do not have to be a knitter or crocheter, you may want to learn or just enjoy coffee and conversation together. With any questions, or if this would bless you or someone you know, contact Mary Hulst at [mimijean1949@gmail.com](mailto:mimijean1949@gmail.com).

Upcoming **Communion and Benevolence Offering** Dates: The next dates will be May 7 and June 4, 2023.

**Benevolence:** If you or someone you know needs support, please notify the Deacons. We can assist in many ways.

**You can give your gifts** online through our website <https://riverrockcommunity.com/give/> or mail to River Rock Church, 6060 Belding Road, Rockford, MI 49341.

**Church Assistance Program with Pine Rest:** River Rock Church partners with Pine Rest to offer a Church Assistance Program (CAP). CAP offers free, confidential counseling with expert clinicians to you and your household members. There is no co-pay or out-of-pocket cost; just make sure to identify yourself as a CAP member. Call 616.455.6210 to get connected.

**Do you have a prayer request?** Email it to [Prayer@riverrockcommunity.com](mailto:Prayer@riverrockcommunity.com) and a prayer team member will receive it and pray.

**Prayer and Care Email:** Do you want to pray for our community more deeply? Sign up to receive the Prayer and Care Email by sending an email to [prayer@riverrockcommunity.com](mailto:prayer@riverrockcommunity.com).

**Next Steps at River Rock Church:** Have you checked out the Next Steps document that is available each week? Next Steps is a resource you can use in a small group, with a family, on your own, or with a friend. It includes an overall idea for the week, and some follow up questions from the Sunday message. Look for it to be emailed to you each week in our Sunday Morning Resources as well as available at the Info Table!

**Graduate Sunday:**

**Caring Communities:** The purpose of the caring communities is to encourage, to be known and feel cared for, and to share the Radical Love that God has lavished on us as we live Real Life. Hopes are that Council members will:

- Connect once/twice a year
- Care for each other in times of need
- Lift needs in prayer

Do you have any needs, prayer concerns, or praise to share? We'd love to hear from you! Contact your Caring Community Council member listed below.

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