

# Chimes

September 2018

## Romania

September is **Romania Month** and Cipri returns!

The start of a new school year will also usher in a return visit from Ciprian Tehei, Rockland's World Vision Romania liaison from Cluj, Romania. This year "Cipri" will be accompanied by two female students who are part of the Romanian scholarship program, Poliana Veronica Baran and Bernadette Rus. As in previous years, this group will offer first hand experiences on how this long-standing mission has impacted their lives as well as others in the program.

Please help us welcome them September 12-19. Cipri will meet with current sponsors and the group will have a busy week interacting with our church youth taking a day trip to the mountains and visiting a local high school.

Rockland members have offered financial support to close to 100 students, most of whom have gone on to further their education and contribute to a "new" Romania. Several opportunities exist for these scholarships in the coming year.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a Romanian student should contact:  
Sue Engle at [sueengle7@gmail.com](mailto:sueengle7@gmail.com) or (303) 526-0893.



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# RESCUED BY JESUS!

Imagine being SHIPWRECKED on an island with 165 kids, all whom are very excited to hear about Jesus Christ, the one who offers everything needed to rescue us. Well, that is exactly the experience that took place this year at Rockland during VBS. We, meaning 165 kids age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 80 or more adults, spent the week of June 18-22 learning that Jesus is ready and waiting to rescue us in all of life's situations. Whether we are lonely, worry, struggle, do wrong, or feel powerless...Jesus Rescues!



No matter whether they were in the midst of Worship, involved in the Bible story activities, enjoying snack or playing some crazy game, anyone who walked by could tell the kids were having a great time. It was hard to tell at times who was having more fun, the kids or our awesome volunteers!



During the picnic on Friday, following the close of VBS, one of the parents commented, *"I've sent my child to a number of VBS programs and I've never seen a group of volunteers, from the check-in crew to the crew guides, who look so engaged and really seem to love what they are doing!"* She could not have said it better. Every one of our volunteers radiated God's love towards every kid, and to their parents.

Every year to help our kids understand what it means to share God's love with others, we partner with one of Rockland's outreach ministries. This year we partnered with Mean Street Ministries to raise the money to purchase school supplies and backpacks for kids in need. Our kids raised over \$1500 and the Outreach Team contributed another \$1000. With this money, we filled 165 backpacks with the all of the school supplies needed for the kids who received them to start the school year off well.

A Mean Street staff member shared this note, *"We had a boy entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade come in to pick out his backpack for school. When he entered the building, his shoulders were slumped over and he looked so discouraged. After he saw the backpacks to choose from and all of the school supplies that came with it, his demeanor changed. He left with his head held high, skipping out the door."* What an incredible impact our VBS kids made in the life of this boy and so many others!





# A Walk on the Wild Side...Kids Zoo Adventure

Just for fun, the Kids' Ministry staff took a group of ten elementary kids to the Denver Zoo.

It was quite the day as we made our way through the exhibits. We had a great time enjoying the sun, making new friends, laughing at the crazy things some animals do, and taking in a small slice of God's incredible creation. Check out a some of the fun we had at the zoo...



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## Memorial Services

Planning a Memorial Service is often the last thing that is on one's mind. It is our human nature to not want to have to think about death, nor what to do in the event of death if and when it happens. Whether we avoid planning all together, or do our best to put plans into place, the truth of the matter is, no one can ever, truly be prepared.

As a person who has experienced both spectrums of not planning because it was just too difficult to bear, to planning as best as I could, I can tell you that whatever the case may be, there is a true ministry in helping others during the most difficult day they will ever face. The day that finalizes the reality that their loved one has gone on home to be with Jesus and there is nothing that they can do to change anything. Whether one knows Christ or not, a Memorial Service Ministry can reach to the greatest depths of the soul. My goal in writing this is to help you understand the extent of ministry and service that goes on in a memorial service day.

Day you say? Yes day. Regardless of the size, shape or design of a memorial service, it takes a commitment to be there for that family for an entire day. The families that come to Rockland in search of help and support are looking for someone to carry them from start to finish. This is truly an extension of God's Plan and Will of ministry for the family. The ministry aspect can really begin several weeks prior to the day of the service to a few short days in an urgent request. During this time, we are helping the family organize every detail of the service and we are also reaching to people within the church for help in volunteering for these families.

The day of the service, our volunteers arrive two hours prior to the service start time to prepare the sanctuary, narthex, fellowship hall and kitchen. Greeters are stationed to begin welcoming the memorial service attendees. As the service is taking place, the fellowship hall is prepared with memoir items from the family and the food is prepared for serving. As the reception starts, volunteers begin cleaning of the sanctuary, narthex, etc. The heaviest amount of service is at the time of clean-up in the Fellowship Hall. This is the most important time that our volunteers are desperately needed for tear-down, trash removal, etc.

All this to say that our Rockland Volunteers are literally a gift from God! At the end of the day is when we hear the many ways our memorial service family was touched. There is no doubt you will be emotionally and physically exhausted. However, you will be headed home thanking the Lord above that you were part of His perfect plan. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all those who have served in this capacity.

-Dawn Wanser



# ROCK HOUSE

Summer 2018 has been an excellent one for the Rock House. The school year was finished strong with our Mexican Fiesta on May 22, which brought in 70 people to the Rock House! Great Mexican food, piñatas, games, as well as cotton candy were all big hits, but most importantly this fiesta gave us an opportunity to have fun fellowship, thank our incredible volunteers, and meet new friends of the Rock House.



This summer we established weekly Wild Wednesdays at 6 pm hosted at the Rock House. We had such wonderful volunteers providing games and activities for our teens and a lot of dinners off the grill. Wild Wednesdays offered a safe, fun environment for these teens to come while school was out and gave adults a chance to volunteer and check out what the Rock House is all about. We had many volunteer Chaperones from Rockland join us this summer!



Our other weekly activity was Friday Boating. Towing the boat from the Rock House to Chatfield Reservoir every Friday allowed for great memories to be made. Whether it was tubing, paddle boarding, or kayaking, the smiles were from ear to ear. Cheryl Holmberg, the director of the Rock House, also took five girls camping for a week at Chatfield in the second week of June, which also included plenty of time on the water. Every morning they participated in a devotional and learned so much to apply to their lives.

We closed out the summer with a very successful Open House for community leaders. We opened the doors of the Rock House to our local politicians, educators, business owners, and supporters to explore our building and learn more about our organization and meet our incredible staff. It was a pleasure watching over 40 adults eat good food downstairs, have conversation, and play a competitive volleyball mini-tournament, enjoying the Rock House as so many teens have for almost two decades.



The Rock House also has a new mentor coordinator on board. Steve Zimmerer, an Ohio native and one of thirteen children, is a retired public school teacher and coach of 27 years and moved to Evergreen in 2014 with his wife Jennifer and their four children. Steve seized the opportunity to redirect his expertise and experience into serving our faith-based organization.

His enthusiasm for our cause is contagious with goals and visions for the mentoring program as well as a deep heart's desire to meet our teens where they're at and model the real relationship they can have with Jesus Christ through mentorship.

We have upcoming trainings in August for our mentors! The first training will be at Tommy Knockers with Mr. Mike McNeill, the West Regional Director of Fathers in the Field, a national Christian mentoring organization. Our next training will take place in downtown Denver followed by a fun, team-building night at a Rockies game! We are still looking for more mentors, so please contact Steve at [mentoring@clearcreekrockhouse.org](mailto:mentoring@clearcreekrockhouse.org) or (330) 564-7817 if you want to join this life-changing team!



The Rock House is always accepting volunteers, whether it is as a mentor or cooking a meal before our weekly Bible study, so if you are willing, contact [volunteering@clearcreekrockhouse.org](mailto:volunteering@clearcreekrockhouse.org). We cannot thank your generous hearts enough for your love for and participation with the Rock House. The work we do is a powerful one, impacting the future of these incredible teens in Clear Creek County. Rebecca Bernal (*CCRH Media Specialist & Volunteers Coordinator*)



# Loaves & Fishes

This summer has been a busy one for Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. We continue to serve 150 families (over 500 persons) in Clear Creek County. We had a big uptake in the amount of people who come through our doors this summer. We saw a lot of people who were traveling and a good amount of young people who were working for the raft companies. They all take advantage of our hot lunches on Thursdays and Fridays. We do need individuals or groups that could take the first or second week of the month to provide casseroles or a main course that would feed about 100 shoppers. The meals usually get dropped off on Wednesday and we warm them up on Thursday and Friday. If you are interested call Marty for more details.



Our big project this summer was the paving of our parking lot. This has been a goal of ours for years and it was completed in July! We thank all the people who contributed to make this dream come true. We also finished renovating a donated 23 foot, 1977 Dodge motorhome. It looks like a newly married couple, who are homeless are going to purchase it for a nominal fee. They are thrilled. The money collected will go toward housing other homeless.

We just got done handing out school supplies to some of the students in Clear Creek. We will be continuing our Totes for Hope program that supplies children with a backpack of food over the weekends. We also are supplying Senior Food Boxes to the elderly that are delivered to shut-ins by the Volunteers of America. We will also be supplying turkeys to our clients on both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Once again we would like to thank Rockland for your support. August was Loaves and Fishes Month; we appreciate your contribution of dollar bills in the collection plate each Sunday. Our mission is to feed stomachs and souls. We would love to hear from you if you have an urge to serve. Remember, "When you do for the least of these, you do for me."

Blessings to you & yours- Marty Hutt

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## MEAN STREET MINISTRY

Mean Street Ministry appreciates all of your wonderful support over the years, and we love to share stories with you about how we have seen God at work in the lives of those He sends to us!



Today we'd like to share about one of our guests who was dining at The Rising church. Mean Street feeds and ministers to our homeless friends in Arvada at The Rising Church two days per week. This particular guest is approximately 30 years old and the day that he came in he looked totally incapable of moving, eating or speaking. He had a blank stare and didn't seem to notice anyone. One of our volunteers sat next to him and asked him if he was having a bad day. He finally spoke and said it was the worst day of his life, but that he didn't want to talk about it. The volunteer said she'd check back with him, and about 45 minutes later she came back and told him that she didn't need to know what was bothering him, but she asked him if he would like God to be involved in the issue. He answered a strong "yes" and then shared that he was going to court the next day and was very scared about his future. The volunteer prayed that God would work and speak through the judge and that he would be full of mercy and forgiveness.

The next day the gentleman came back and was so happy because he had not been put in jail! He told the volunteer that he knew she was praying for him. He said "You saved my life! I have two children and you saved my life!" The volunteer shared that she just obeyed God and said a simple prayer, knowing that God is always listening and answering prayer. Her message to us is that we do not have to try to be spiritual giants. In simplicity, we can pray and trust the Lord and He will bring the miracles!

Mean Street Ministry volunteers experience God's hand in stories like these every day! If you would like to know how you can serve in one of our ministries, please visit our website at [www.meanstreetministry.org](http://www.meanstreetministry.org), or see our volunteer opportunities on [www.metrovolunteers.org](http://www.metrovolunteers.org), then click on Volunteers, Find an Opportunity, then type in Mean Street and Lakewood. Click on the opportunity you would like to know more about and we will get back with you.

Thank you!

- Diane Chapman

# OUR AFRICAN MISSION TRIP

Again, this year Rockland sponsored a trip to Arusha, Tanzania June 4-15, 2018 in which 20 members of our church met with our sister church and mission outreach partners. Varied and exciting activities included: visits to the Neo Natal unit at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center, to ALMC Hospice where they prayed for the success of the hospice program with the staff, to Plaster House, to more than 36 sponsored secondary and post graduate students, to Ilboru and Ngaramtoni Children's Centers, to Faraja Orphanage, and to Selian Hospital.

While there the mission crew also painted the dormitories at Ilboru Primary School, presented Milky Way cows to recipients and attended Ilboru church service. As a follow-up for the mission trip, Rocklanders were offered a safari trip to the Serengeti, Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater and Arusha National Park. With such an inspiring experience, several members of the Mission Team expressed their feelings as to this memorable trip.

**Louise Decker:** Each day was a new experience and different adventure. The smiles and joy from our Christian brothers and sisters were amazing. We have so much and they have far less but are filled with joy.

**Cindy Talbot:** This was my first trip to Tanzania and it was amazing. I had the joy of meeting the most beautiful, God loving, happy, genuine, generous and the poorest of people. The love of God was everywhere. I truly left Tanzania with more than I gave...so on my next trip I plan to do so much more.

**Kelly Selva:** Our trip to Tanzania blessed me in many ways, both expected and unexpected. I had felt called by God to go to Africa for quite some time and I sensed that I would be impacted by my time there just as I would hopefully be an ambassador of God's love to the people I met.

**Dr. Dunbar Ivy:** I was particularly touched by the Saturday Children's Program and the Sunday School songs they sang. In spite of the huge challenges faced by these children I felt God's love for them.

**Steve Hannah, trip leader:** We were constantly amazed at how fast and comfortably our Rockland youth bonded with the Tanzania children, especially the orphans and disadvantaged kids. There just seemed to be a mutual energy and attraction that only God could generate. Never was the love of Jesus seen so clearly.

Despite our different culture, language and living conditions, working together for God's kingdom made us feel so much like one in Christ. Only God can do that.

—Barb Gasper





# Evergreen Christian Outreach (Echo)



Ann has been a client of Evergreen Christian Outreach since 2011. When she first came to us, she was “couch surfing” at various friend’s and family homes. Ann knew that this was not sustainable and asked EChO for help. While providing weekly food assistance over the years, we have also used Salvation Army funds to help her with rent and car repairs, provided gifts for her two children at Christmas, and provided additional food for her children through our summer lunch program. On her part, Ann went back to school and became a Certified Nurse Assistant while working part-time. Fast forward to 2018, Ann is enrolled full-time in a Sterilization Processing certification program, working full-time night shifts at two jobs, and is a mother to two young children. When she finishes this certification in early 2019, she is considering moving to Wyoming or New Mexico where the pay is higher and the cost of living is lower.

Ann and her two children have been a blessing to the staff at EChO and we know that one day very soon she will be bidding us goodbye as she will be able to fully care for her young family on her own.

We are blessed at Evergreen Christian Outreach to have such wonderful clients who are working hard to improve their lives and the lives of their families. Soon the holidays will be upon us and we are expecting to once again provide holiday meals to over 200 families at both Thanksgiving and then again at Christmas. Donations of holiday items are always SO appreciated.

-Nancy Judge

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet September 10 from 1:00-3:00 in the conference room.

Everyone is welcome! If you would like to learn to knit or crochet we have all the supplies you need and many capable, compassionate teachers.

Our ministry provides shawls to those needing God’s comfort to help them during difficult times.

Come join us!

-Liz Hawkins



## Stone Soup Ministry

For years Rockland has been providing six gallons of soup for the fourth week of each month from September - May. Many devoted women have participated in this ministry.

Two women have stepped down from their role this coming year.

Please contact Liz Hawkins at [ephawk123@gmail.com](mailto:ephawk123@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out.

**We always appreciate the contributions that are placed in the soup pot in Fellowship Hall.**

The Stone Soup Ministry is supported by several area churches and offers a warm meal to the clients who visit Evergreen Christian Outreach.



# Rockland Volunteers Needed



So much is happening at Blue Spruce Habitat For Humanity!

## Two homes are in the pipeline...

Construction of our third home in downtown Empire is now complete! Soon a single mom and her three kids will be proud owners of this home.



We’ve just started a home on Grouse Lane off Brook Forest Road, then up Brook forest Drive. It’s a fun experience, and a great way to learn about the steps in home construction. Work days are Wednesday through Saturday.

## Volunteer!

If you’d like to help, it’s easy to sign up for any Build Days! Visit the Blue Spruce website for more information - [www.bluesprucehabitat.org](http://www.bluesprucehabitat.org), or go to <http://bluespruce.volunteerhub.com> to volunteer! Adults and youth 16 years and older are welcome. No experience is necessary...there are on-site experts to guide you! We hope you’ll join us.

## Rockland “Saturday Service” Events at “Hands Of The Carpenter”

We’ve had a great crew of Rockland folks to provide oil changes and vehicle inspections this year at their new facility in Golden! There are three bays that help 25 to 30 single mothers and widows in need... services that they often can’t afford. Men, women and teens are encouraged to join the team to work on vehicles, wash cars or to spend time with the families. Our next service day is September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 7:45 am until around noon.



Service days take place each year on the third Saturday in January, March, May, July, September and November. It’s only a 1/2 day commitment from 7:45 a.m. to around noon.

We are involved in a program called “Pit Crews” where we volunteer the first Wed. of every month from 5 to 8:30 p.m. to perform vehicle repairs that help to support these women, and this ministry.



“Hands Of The Carpenter” is a faith-based ministry at Hands Automotive in Golden. No experience is necessary...please consider joining us in this important ministry!

Contact Dusty Dodge at 303-909-7565 for more information and to volunteer!

## Masthead: The Chimes

Our goal is to inform, inspire and connect the people to the community of Rockland church

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# WHEN YOU NEED HELP . . . CALL A STEPHEN MINISTER

*Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.  
— Romans 12:15*

There are times in our lives when we are faced with seemingly insurmountable challenges. It's not a time to struggle alone. Here at Rockland we have a group of Stephen Ministers who have been trained for nearly a year with a minimum of 50 hours plus group sessions plus reading and digesting six books which are geared to helping you. The most recent graduates were commissioned in June and are ready to walk with you during your dark hour.

They are trained to listen and help you by hearing where you are at this point in your life. They are eager to help you thrive in the face of adversity, setbacks, and losses.

Losses are what knock us down: loss of a spouse, a family member, or a dear friend; loss of a job, loss of economic stability, loss of your good health, loss of a relationship, a loss when your kids move out...or your kids moving back in! When you think about it, isn't most of our distress in life caused by a loss. Your Stephen Minister can walk beside you and listen to your concerns, frustration, and depression over the way life is treating you right now. Your Stephen Minister will provide an outlet for you to voice your feelings. They will listen, they will focus on your feelings, they will be a supportive presence and they will share faith, hope and love.

*Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.  
— 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

And all of this will be totally confidential. The congregation will not know anything about your problems and the fact that you have a Stephens Minister for they are sworn to secrecy.

If you are in need of empathy, compassion and a caring companion contact Mike or Dianne Wittman who will endeavor to assign a care giver to you to help you through this dark time.

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*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.  
— 2 Corinthians 1: 3-5*

-smj



## ...overheard by the church mouse



*...the pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty.*

Dawn Wanser, who handles Congregational Care for Rockland, shared the following experience with Chimes: “Today, I had the opportunity to minister to a young man, bless his heart, who was traveling on foot all the way from Kearney, Nebraska roughly 350-400 miles from Denver. He was only 23 years old and stopped at Rockland for prayer. He stated that the Lord told him to come inside to find comfort and peace. I don’t believe that he had a place to lay his head but was so seeking the confirmation that God was with him.

Interestingly, he never asked for food or money only the gallon of water that was sitting in my office. His name is Daniel. He shared that he wasn’t sure what God was going to do with his life. He accepted Christ three years ago and it has been a difficult road for him. Daniel made a comment about the fact that he felt we might all know more than him being a church. I assured him that this wasn’t the case by any means and that it is all level ground for each of us at the foot of the cross.

What I found most remarkable is that though I have a roof over my head, a ministry and a glimpse of what God is doing in my life, the worries, questions, doubts and even praises that young Daniel shared were really no different than mine. It was like I was hearing my own stories and cries to God just by listening to him.

I had a vision after Daniel left today. A picture of all of us in a marathon with hundreds of people on the sideline cheering us on. This was no ordinary marathon this was a representation of our running the race for Christ. The people on the sideline are the body of Christ, the angels of the Lord, the Holy Spirit and our Lord and Savior Jesus at the finish line. Today Rockland took part in Daniel’s marathon, cheering him on, letting him know that Christ is right around the corner waiting for him and to keep going. Whose marathon are you part of today? Pay close attention, you’re running in the same shoes.” When I am employed in serving others, I do not look upon myself as conferring favors, but as paying debts. I have received much kindness from men to whom I shall never have an opportunity of making the least direct returns; and numberless mercies from God, who is infinitely above being benefited by our services. Those kindnesses from men I can, therefore, only return on their fellow-men, and I can only show my gratitude for those mercies from God by a readiness to help His other children.”

*... “I just told four-year old granddaughter, Avery, that God made the world in 7 days. And she said, “He never slept, that’s impressive. Good job God” – Nancy Klumb*

As you watch the members of our congregation go forward for communion on Sunday morning you can see we come in all shapes and sizes. We come forward to celebrate the sacraments with our fellow worshipers. As you watch us move down the aisle you take note of many who are in line, many who have serious problems with health, relationships, finances, work situations but they are all there to take communion and to praise God, to ask for help, to ask for forgiveness, to ask for smooth sailing for a while. There is camaraderie amongst us at that time that allows us to feel God in our lives, together as Christians have done throughout the ages. Allow that feeling to sweep over you and to know you are not alone: you have God and you have many others to share our faith.

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This edition focuses on our many missions, here and abroad. We certainly are a mission-oriented church but we are also something else. Our next edition focuses on a different facet of serving the Lord...within the walls of Rockland. You will be presented with a myriad of opportunities in which to serve our congregation: Care & Prayer Team, Student Ministry, Kids’s and Family Ministry, Operations, Congregational Fellowship, Worship Discipleship. There are so many groups you might join and find true satisfaction in serving the Lord right here at home. When the next edition comes to you, consider where you can best use your talents, energy and enthusiasm for both those you are serving and the satisfaction you will experience being a part of the group.

*...”A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”*



## Elders' Corner

The Elders met three times since our last update. We begin our meetings spending a significant amount of time in an elder-led devotional and prayer asking our Lord for wisdom and guidance as we seek to serve Him in His church.

Aside from the normal business matters such as approving minutes and financial reports, the larger issues we dealt with were:

- As you may remember, at the last congregational meeting the congregation approved setting up Historic Rockland Church as a separate entity from Rockland Community Church. We are making great progress and have appointed Dick Parks and Peter Miterko to the newly organized governing board of our Historic Rockland Church. They will do a fantastic job leading this ministry to our community!
- Each elder and their respective ministry teams are to be leading a game or activity at the Rockland State Fair. Many thanks to Elder Linda Smith and her team for getting this organized and helping create an event that is always a very big success!
- Wire instructions for funds to support our recent Tanzania team's trip were changed by, what the church believed was, our local representative on the ground. In fact, it was a clever scam to intercept the funds by computer hackers. The result was a loss of over \$20 thousand, leaving the trip in jeopardy. Elder Steve Hannah, working with the Tanzania team and Patrick, our local contact, was able to renegotiate the costs of the trip to a near breakeven for our partners there. The balance of the costs were covered by several generous donors and some funds from the Tanzania Action Committee and the Outreach Team. Though these types of issues are hard to prevent entirely, the elders have been working with the Operations Team and the Outreach team to implement stronger operational controls and clearer operational policies to ensure nothing like this happens in the future.  
We would like to thank those generous individuals willing to support this important ministry of Rockland.
- We have spent considerable time in discussion of ways to fund a more consistently good second service. Issues in this area surround the need for modest improvements in the sound system and the need for a strong musical team focused on the second service. Red Rocks Church has made the decision to close its Evergreen campus. We believe we can attract some of those members to Rockland if we can consistently deliver an excellent contemporary worship experience as we do with the traditional first service.
- We continue to work through Pastor Gribnitz's goals. This year, they are centered in three primary areas; Grow the Church (Worship); Grow the People (Discipleship Groups); Grow the Staff (The Team).

We finish each meeting with individual elders praying for specific Rockland members or friends who are struggling with health or other serious issues.

*August 20, 2018*

*Jed Burnham (Lead Elder), Bob Ehret (Operations), Rev. Jim Gribnitz, Steve Hannah (Worship),  
Jessica Kern (Children-youth & family), Rev. Ed Lange, Penny McDonald (Outreach),  
Linda Smith (Congregation), & Gordon Steere (Discipleship).*



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And raise up the next generation to do the same.*

**Current resident or**



## WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

**Rockland's Women's Ministry** is looking  
forward to our  
**Fall Retreat, Saturday. October 6,**  
**from 9:00am to 4:00pm**  
at the home of Linda and David Smith.

We are very excited to welcome our guest speaker, **Elisa Morgan**, named by Christianity Today as one of the top fifty women influencing today's church and culture!  
*(to learn more about her, visit her website at  
<http://www.elisamorgan.com/elisa>)*

**Registration is open!**

Please contact Tammy Roth for information - [coroth@comcast.net](mailto:coroth@comcast.net).

