



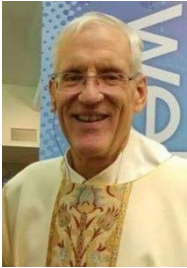
# His Faithful Followers

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## A Note from Pastor Todd

I thought I knew pain.  
I skinned my knee falling off my bike and had my wisdom teeth removed.



I have disappointed others and have made an embarrassment of myself, living with the regret.

I've splinted broken thighs of others and have undergone extensive GI surgery myself.

I've sat in jail and cried with a sorrowful inmate and stood with them as they confessed their sins before the judge and the world and received their sentence.

I held in my arms a sobbing grandmother who I had notified that her husband and five grandchildren were killed in a car accident on the State highway.

I've held the hand of a beloved, dying parishioner while all the life support equipment was turned off and the curtains were drawn.

I'm living through joint replacement.

White hot, throbbing, unrelenting, sleep depriving, mind numbing.

Pain management was a thing, complete with leading researchers from right here in Rochester. Grand rounds hosted a full house of clinicians hoping to learn about the Holy Grail of a pain free recovery. Then there was the opioid epidemic.

Yeah, I've been the pastor for the convicted drug company CEO and I've buried the victims of overdose. The pain from around those dining room tables is enough to topple even the strongest, most faithful.

Pain; physical, emotional, spiritual. Pain is woven into the human condition and is as common to us as is death and taxes, as is a walker or a cane.

Pain is the great equalizer.

When I think about Lent, I think about pain.

God so loved the world that he couldn't stand by and watch it go to hell.

Our rebellious words and behaviors so pained our loving Creator, that our beloved heavenly Father sent us his Son, Jesus.

Last ditch effort? Hail Mary final play?

I don't know.

What I do know is this:

Jesus. Sent to us to remove the pain of the world.

Jesus. Sent to remove your pain and mine.

Jesus. No side effects, no unintended consequences, completely legal.

Jesus. Simply healing pain by our loving God.

Lent begins with a recognition of our mortal pain as ashes are imposed on our forehead.

Jesus survives the spiritual pain of temptation 40 days and 40 nights with the devil himself.

Jesus enters Holy Week and is pained to bid farewell to his followers, to face Peter who denied him, to look Judas in the eye before being betrayed unto death.

39 lashes.

Spit in the face.

Stripped bare, nailed to a cross, and lift high so all could see.

The pain of Jesus becomes his healing love.

Just as one cannot get to resurrection without first dying, so too, one cannot be freed of the pain of the world without the loving, healing presence of Jesus Christ.

Over these 40 days of Lent, abide in Christ.

Drink in his love.

Find freedom from the pain of the world.

Give thanks to God, our Heavenly Father, and his great love for you.

Suffer no more.

With pastoral affection,

Todd R. Goddard

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## Fasting from Holy Communion during Lent

The Worship Team values and encourages the practice of fasting throughout the season of Lent. As such we are planning to fast from Holy Communion during the season, as has been our prior practice. The fast will be broken with the celebration of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023, at our 7:00PM worship service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Blessings,  
The Worship Team

## Choir Update

Cantata rehearsals begin on Sunday, February 26 at 9:50am! We will also rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. Please consider joining us for this ministry to our church. We would love to have you! Have questions, see Kellianne Williams or reach out at [klkw1212@gmail.com](mailto:klkw1212@gmail.com) or (585) 507-1996.



## Ladies' Lunch Bunch

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch is a time of fellowship for women in our church community who are single, widowed, divorced, or separated – or who just may need an opportunity for a good meal and conversation! They meet the first Monday of each month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. This month's luncheon is scheduled for Monday, March 6.

If you would like to join Pastor Todd for lunch this month, please let Barb Kingsley, or Cindy Gray know. Reservations are not required, but it's helpful to have a rough idea of how many are coming, in order to know how much food to prepare. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please contact Cindy Gray at [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com), or call her at 585-362-6206.



## Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 12, 2023 – remember to set your clocks ahead



## The Return of Second Sunday Brunch

Please join us for brunch after the second service on March 12. This time of fellowship features kid friendly, vegetarian, and gluten-free options. Welcome back MacKenzie and welcome aboard George! A donation of 1 or 2 dollars is appreciated but not necessary.



Second Sunday Brunch

## A Special Sunday March 19, 2023

When you give on UMCOR Sunday, March 19, 2023, you help cover the annual operational costs for UMCOR. Your gift allows UMCOR to apply 100% of other donations directly to relief efforts as well as long-term education and support. Will you consider giving as generously as you can on March 19? **Together, we do more.**

Eighty years ago, World War II was raging. Millions of people, displaced from their homes, sought refuge and hope. The church responded by creating the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (MOR) and supporting MOR through an annual offering called "One Great Hour of Sharing." The 2016 United Methodist General Conference changed the name to UMCOR Sunday to reflect the important work accomplished by the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

UMCOR provides compassion and relief services to people and nations in crisis. They have a presence in over 80 countries and have helped tens of thousands of people receive help after war, disaster, conflict, and other disruptive events that leave communities unable to recover on their own. Even now, we have relief workers on the ground all over the world helping people recover from past and recent hurricanes, civil wars, mudslides, floods. This is what we call love in action.

UMCOR Sunday calls the church to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. UMCOR Sunday reaches children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster.



## Special Music

If you are interested in providing special music during a service, please let Kellianne Williams know. We are happy to hear your gift to and from God. Contact her at: [klkw1212@gmail.com](mailto:klkw1212@gmail.com) or (585) 507-1996.



## Winter Wednesday Community Family Supper - Spaghetti Dinner and Mini Golf!

Mark your calendars, and plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall for Pasta Night! This month's event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, from 5:30 – 7:00. We're serving pasta and sauce with meatballs, tossed salad, and Italian bread and butter. Beverages and tableware are provided. Dessert will be birthday cake, as we celebrate the 27<sup>th</sup> birthday of this Rush Church building! This is a great way to connect with PromiseLand families and members of the church. Come for supper and stay to fellowship and fun if you choose.



In addition to the meal, there will be several mini golf holes set up and everyone will be welcome to practice their golf swings as a way to start preparing for PromiseLand's Annual Golf Tournament, scheduled for July 30!

## Easter Memorial Plants

To celebrate the Resurrection and remember/honor a loved one, why not order an Easter Plant?

Flowering plants will grace our Sanctuary with their beauty on Easter Sunday, April 9.

A form for ordering "Memorial/In Honor of" plants is on the shelf between the inner and outer doors and on the kiosk in the church lobby or you can call the church office at 533-2170. Orders must be placed on or before Friday, March 31. The prices are as follows:



Lilies – 5+ Blooms	\$9.50
Lilies – 8" pot Doubles	\$19.00
Hydrangeas - 4+ blooms	\$17.00
Hyacinths - 6" pots	\$7.00

The price includes foil pot covers. When you order, please print clearly the information you would like in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

An alternative to a plant is a donation to either the Landscaping Fund, the Roof Replacement Fund or the Capital Stewardship Fund. Your name and family member(s) being memorialized or honored will also be included in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday April 2

Services: In person and on YouTube and Facebook at 8:30AM and 10:45AM  
Rush UMC Choir Lenten Cantata at 8:30 service



### Maundy Thursday April 6

Service at 7:00PM: In person and on YouTube and Facebook  
Holy Communion will be served.



### Good Friday April 7

Service at 7:00PM: In person and on YouTube and Facebook  
The Gospel reading is the Passion of Jesus Christ. It will serve as the message, without comment



### Easter Sunday April 9

Services: In person and on YouTube and Facebook at 8:30AM and 10:45AM  
Resurrection of the Lord!



## Chili Cook off Success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Chili Cook Off! We had 10 wonderful crock pots of chili/stew (and some non-chili offerings as well) and a large gathering of people to eat them all. By vote, this year's top chili was made by Catherine Ottman. Congratulations! The proceeds from this event, \$150.00, were split between Youth Ministry and Musa weNkosi. Special thanks to Cindy Gray and the lunch bunch crew for all the set up and hard work supporting the event and to Leon Perkins for donating the Dutch Oven prize.

Thank you also to everyone who brought in food for RHAFT. The food donated will support those in need in our community.

Alethea Coulter  
Interim Youth Director



## Family Picture Wall

Check out the updated bulletin board in the church Fellowship Hall (thank you, Wendy and John). We are going to use this to create a "Family Picture Wall." Our current church directory was printed in 2017 and is in need of updating. In order to help people get to know each other better, we are asking each family (whether your family is 10 people or 1), to submit a picture of your family group so it can be posted on the bulletin board. Pictures can be dropped off at the church office, or given to Cindy Gray or Cindy Raymond.

The pictures do not have to be formal or professional. We welcome selfies and fun family pictures, as long as the people in them are identifiable! If you would like someone to take a snapshot of your family, contact Cindy Gray or Cindy Raymond and we can make that happen. We look forward to seeing everyone on our church wall.



## PromiseLand Update

Your prayers have been heard. PromiseLand has been able to add several wonderful people to our staff. Please continue to pray that God leads and directs us in this ministry that is so important to our community. Thank you for your continued support of PromiseLand childcare.



PromiseLand  
Child Care  
Rush United Methodist Church



## Board of Trustees: Capital Projects Update

Thanks to the generosity of the Rush Church congregation, more than \$90,587.51 has been received so far towards the Capital Stewardship Fund. This allows the Board of Trustees to move forward with several of the projects that were approved at the Church Charge Conference.

- 1) Project #1 is the issue of drainage on the West side of the building. We have received recommendations on how best to proceed, and with that information the trustees will determine the best course of action. Then work can begin!
- 2) The fabric and materials have been purchased for the sanctuary chairs. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with removing the old fabric and staples so the reupholstery work can begin. The newly recovered chairs will be placed in the sanctuary once enough of them have been completed. *If you are willing to help "deconstruct" the chairs, please contact Cindy Gray at 585-334-0110, or talk to her at church.*
- 3) The Board of Trustees reviewed the estimates and information provided from several area carpet installers. After meeting with individuals from the company and reviewing their proposals, the Trustees voted to hire Lima Carpet to replace the current carpet in the church lobby and café area with carpet tile. Work will begin as soon as the materials are available. Updates will be provided on Rush Tidings when we are able to set an actual date for the installation. Stay tuned!

If you are interested in learning more about what the Board of Trustees is doing, please contact Cindy Gray at [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com). Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March. 6, at 7:00pm at the church.



## It's Not Too Soon!

If you are a gardener, or just love seeing the beauty of growing things, you know it's time to start making plans for the growing season. Rush Church is fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful gardens, and we have had some wonderful volunteers to help design and maintain them. We are now in need of some new gardening blood! You don't have to be an expert. You just need to be willing to share some of your time and energy playing in the dirt. A little bit of effort, plus some of God's gifts of sun and rain, will result in flowers and vegetables that will provide joy for our church congregation and surrounding community.

Please consider being part of our gardening team. For more information, or to sign up(!), please contact Cindy Gray.



## VBS - Save the Date

We have tentatively scheduled the summer Vacation Bible School for July 10, 11, and 12, 6:00-8:15pm. In order to make this happen, we will need volunteers for a variety of tasks. More information will be coming out soon but put it on your calendars now!

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Children's Ministry Director  
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## Note and Update from Pastor Todd

Due to the many questions and concerns about my recent absence from the pulpit, it was decided a note and update as to my ventures was needed. After months of discomfort and pain in my left knee, I decided the time had come to have a total knee replacement. The surgery was on February 3 and was successful. I had expected to return to leading worship on Sunday, February 19, following rehabilitation at home. My recovery has been more painful and difficult than I anticipated. My physician and physical therapist have suggested that I'll be unable to drive and carry out normal activities for six weeks or more and to plan accordingly. Because of this, I have asked Pastor Lida Merrill to lead worship on February 19. I do plan to lead worship for Ash Wednesday and Sundays thereafter from a wheelchair until significant improvements are made. Please understand and accommodate these temporary limitations.

I will be working from home, holding meetings by appointment, phone or via Zoom video conferencing as able. Phone calls are appreciated, as I enjoy hearing your voice and having a human connection! I am finding rehabilitation is hard work and I'm often fatigued.

A pool of volunteers who can provide rides would be greatly appreciated. This is mostly for Sundays, but some other times rides may also be needed. Please contact George Gray at 585-334-0110 or see him at church if you are able to help.

Progress may be slow, but is continuing, thanks be to God.

Cynthia and I so appreciate your prayers, cards, kindness and understanding as I travel this difficult journey.

Blessings,  
Pastor Todd



## My Spiritual Journey

I grew up in a tiny town with three churches, Catholic (majority of population went there), a Community (evangelical) and a Presbyterian, which my brother and I attended. My parents would go on Christmas Eve and when we had our confirmation. Two ladies at the end of our road would give us a ride to church. Winter attendance was maybe 12, Summer maybe 45. I learned about community support during this time.

I would go occasionally during college when asked. Dave and I both knew it was important to be married in the church but didn't attend regularly wherever we had an apartment. When we moved to a small community, we attended an UCC for 10 years to get to know people our area.

When we moved to a different location in the area, I was asked to interview and got the job for the Methodist church office administrator. I became very involved with activities with this community. Also, here in Rush and Myrtle Beach we have found a community with the church. This was what I thought of church, as a community; made up with a lot of different personalities. I was just scratching the surface with my relationship with God.

I learned a lot about my relationship with God with and against these personalities. When I was in my thirties, God up until this point was an authority, the judge. When I started doing small studies with people, and able to have discussions, did I realize that God was supposed to be as a father figure, and I could have conversations with him not just learn about him and pray thanks and forgiveness.

I took Disciples 1 and 2, from different ministers, where I learned the Bible context can be interpreted slightly differently. As I continued my journey, my personal experience with God grew stronger and conversational prayers were more daily than the weekly forgiveness or thankfulness.

I very much enjoy small study groups where I can share, question and develop my understanding on my journey. My personal relationship with God and my faith grew as I learned, listened, questioned, struggled, and shared in discussions with others.

I enjoy sharing the weekly community gathering of Sunday service, the rituals, messages and music with the large family. I have grown in my faith with the small groups and studies. My faith journey is still ongoing, my personal relationship with God keeps me on my toes, mine is now interactive instead of surface asking for forgiveness and giving thanks.

Lately I have wanted to only have a relationship with God and not humankind, God has been talking with me. In a sermon this verse: 1 John 4:20 "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen." was discussed. Also, in our small group a relationship question was "what does love require of me?" Andy Stanley offers, this may require you to pick up phone and rebuild a bridge you burned. You were right! But being Right wasn't what love required of you. Jesus commanded that we are love our neighbor. So, God has been listening to my conversations and is giving me answers, teaching, and encouraging me to continue my journey on his terms.

Erin Bills

*Rush United Methodist  
Analysis of Revenues &  
Expenses Summary Actual*

*January 2023*

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	Budget To Date (This Year)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Other Income	\$1,108.77	\$1,108.77	\$325.00
Offerings	\$23,453.67	\$23,453.67	\$20,024.67
P/L/HCS Expense Reimbursement	\$1,360.12	\$1,360.12	\$1,426.08
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$25,922.56</b>	<b>\$25,922.56</b>	<b>\$21,775.75</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Building & Grounds	\$4,824.75	\$4,824.75	\$3,139.17
Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$99.99
Insurance	\$683.50	\$683.50	\$683.50
(1) Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Expenses	\$749.50	\$,749.50	\$770.00
Clergy Salaries	\$4,838.06	\$4,838.06	\$4,838.06
Lay Salaries	\$5,724.85	\$5,724.85	\$5,866.40
Clergy Benefits	\$4,519.81	\$4,519.81	\$4,599.00
Ministry Team Expenses	\$567.25	\$567.25	\$479.16
Other Program Expenses	\$97.12	\$97.12	\$58.33
Utilities	\$2,280.51	\$2,280.51	\$2,078.67
PromiseLand	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$24,285.35</b>	<b>\$24,285.35</b>	<b>\$22,632.28</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$1,637.21</b>	<b>\$1,637.21</b>	<b>(\$856.53)</b>

1. Shared Ministries 0% paid to end of January



*Roof Replacement Loan  
Repayment*

	Date Paid	Amount Paid	Balance
Opening Balance			\$37,685.36
Interest at 3.25%			\$1,224.77
Loan plus Interest			\$38,910.14
Payment #25	01/20/2023	\$249.42	\$38,660.72
Payment #26	02/23/2023	\$249.42	\$38,411.30
Payment #27	03/11/2023		
Payment #28	04/28/2023		
Payment #29	05/10/2023		
Payment #30	06/16/2023		
Payment #31	07/15/2023		
Payment #32	08/15/2023		
Payment #33	09/15/2023		
Payment #34	10/15/2023		
Payment #35	11/15/2023		
Payment #36	12/15/2023		
Year End Payment from additional donations	12/30/2023		
	<b>Total Paid</b>	<b>\$498.84</b>	



*Capital Stewardship  
Campaign Update*

As of Wednesday, February 22, we have received \$269,200.00 or 53.84% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$90,587.51 of which \$3,690.38 has been spent on fabric to reupholster the sanctuary chairs. Pledges continue to be accepted. Even if you haven't made a pledge, donations to the Capital Stewardship Campaign are gratefully accepted.



## Mission and Outreach

As I prepare for a visit to South Africa April 13-28, I am filled with gratitude for RUMC's facilitating our partnership with Zululand Hospice Association (ZHA). It started 20 years ago when Lifetime Care Hospice was twinned with ZHA. We have visited almost every year taking medical supplies and gifts for staff and patients. We shop and bring back craft items to sell to raise funds.

ZHA has purchased vehicles from our donations in the past, but now need our funds to survive. PEPFAR funds, UNAIDS, etc. are gone. There is no Medicare Hospice Benefit in South Africa and the indigent patients do not have insurance. Neither can many afford adequate nutrition, transportation to the clinic and in some cases a bed. ZHA provides for these needs. With this assist, medical attention and loving care some recover while others do not.



We take so much for granted that is not available in the Kwa-Zulu Natal – postal service, safe travel, no need for walls and locked gates around our homes. Those who have electricity experience load-shedding – the power is turned off for periods of time. Temperatures were over 100° in past weeks.

Robert F. Morneau wrote, “Many of our sisters and brothers are born into poverty or oppressed by social systems, these people find little joy and

peace. If they are fortunate in avoiding violence they still must struggle with resentment and bitterness in their awareness of the consumption and materialism of the

wealthy.”

The level of crime, car-jackings and protests we hear about validate this truth, but we witness the dedication and loving care of the hospice staff. The patients' quality of life is improved by the contributions of Careworkers, Happiness and Noreen, staff and the Board. On my last visit, the mother of a patient cried, “God, don't let these people die!”

We can no longer hold our fund-raisers in the dozen offices we used to travel to several times a year due to Covid and Rochester Regional's absorption of Lifetime Care.

I am extremely grateful for RUMC's hosting fund-raisers, for all who shop and donate and for Barb Kingsley's collecting the funds and wiring them to ZHA.

Witnessing the work of ZHA and knowing they battle for funds weighs heavily on my heart. Your contributions matter immensely.

When the Apostles were debating whether or not Jewish laws needed to be practiced by new Gentile Christians, “they asked only that we would remember the poor which was certainly something I was willing to do.” The Apostle Paul, Galatians 2:10.

Thank you for your willingness to do the same, especially the donations that help make up for the gap in the fund-raisers we are no longer able to schedule.

Erma Mae Perkins,  
Lay Leader for Mission and Outreach  
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## February Wednesday Community Family Night Supper Mardi Gras



## More Mardi Gras Photos



## What to Do In Bad Weather?

The weekday winter weather closing policy of Rush United Methodist Church is: if Rush Henrietta Schools have closed for the day or close during the day because of inclement weather, all activities at Rush UMC will be cancelled. A message will be on the church's voice mail, website and Facebook page and an email will go out on Rush Tidings.

Sunday services will be held unless Monroe County declares a state of emergency or Pastor Todd cannot get to the church. Again, the message will be on the church's voice mail, website and Facebook page and an email will go out on Rush Tidings.

If in doubt and travel seems risky – stay home!



## OUR MISSION, VISION and



## PRIORITY STATEMENTS

**The mission of the Rush United Methodist Church** is "to live and share the love of Jesus."

**Our vision** is "to be more like Jesus."

**Our missional priorities** are "excellence in worship; ministries for children, youth, adults and families; and mission and outreach"

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## Bereavement

Penny Schultheis' daughter, Cindy and family, her husband, David Eisler, passed away on January 29 from complications due to leukemia

Family and friends of Betsy Saxe, sister of Diane Van Lare's daughter-in-law, Amy; she passed away on February 15

Steve Williams and family, his grandma, Harriet Gearhart, passed away on Thursday, January 26



## Praises

Walt Banker is home!

Craig Crowell's birthday was January 29

Louise Harris's birthday was February 10; her new address is St John's Meadow; 105 Johnsarbor Dr East, Rochester, NY 14620

Benjamin Kingsley was in Strong with breathing issues, he is now home and doing much better

Paul and Barb Kingsley celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on February 25

Patty Weaver is doing well after some heart issues

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

TO GOD BE THE GLORY



# Prayer Concerns

Pat Boyes niece, Taryn Nanny, has cancer  
Crescent Beebe, health concerns  
Former President Jimmy Carter as he enters hospice.  
Michele Cuatt's nephew, Sampson, testing on stomach issues, long time problem  
Pastor Todd, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery  
Lynne Jacobs, in the hospital after a fall and other health concerns  
Kathy (Kingsley), Rich, Elijah and Micah Pittenger who live near Lansing, MI; boys are struggling with gun violence, both in their school and at Michigan State University  
Gerry Kusse, health concerns  
Peggy Mack, home recuperating from back surgery  
Dory Peterson's brother, John Bianchi, who broke his knee and is in a great deal of pain  
T.J. Weaver, in ICU for acid build up in his body and swallowing issues  
Those who continue to be affected by the storms across the United States  
Families and friends of those affected by gun violence  
People of Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquake  
Friends and members to return to in person worship at Rush UMC  
Those struggling with addiction and alcoholism  
People of Ukraine  
PromiseLand Childcare  
School Districts, Parents and Students  
Peace to come to our troubled land  
Government Leaders  
For justice and health care to be deployed equally and evenly among all people  
End to racism and inequality  
Musa weNkosi Orphanage and Zululand Hospice  
Our Bishop and Clergy and Lay leaders  
Hospice Houses near and far  
RHAF and FISH  
A Meal & More Soup Kitchen and homeless served by them  
Staff and Young Men at State School at Industry  
Small Businesses  
Hospital and Nursing Home Staff – stay healthy and strong to tend to the needs of patients and residents  
Help us all to remember that in these times as always Jesus is with us, we're not alone  
For those who suffer in silence, please be with them and bless them with strength  
Prayers for our youth to find themselves and God in the process  
Families affected by Alzheimer's, cancer and other terminal illnesses  
Keep remembering the school kids and help find solutions to the violence  
Parents of New Drivers  
Those looking for employment  
Employers looking for people to hire  
Super Sale now and future  
Our homebound and ill  
Elderly parents, youth, teens, young adults, those suffering from chronic pain, mental health problems depression and addiction  
Our children, youth and church family

For all marriages and families  
Violence in places of Worship  
Those who life has changed: death of loved one, relationships broken, families separated; give them love, courage and strength  
Church worldwide is under attack; help God save your people  
Campus Ministries  
The United Methodist Church  
All Volunteers who go on Missions  
UMCOR  
Refugee resettlement project and resettlement families  
Haiti and Government leaders; root out corruption, bring about justice, lessen poverty  
Peace, stability in Venezuela  
Justice to flow down like water in the US, Syria, South Sudan, Middle East  
Victims of terrorism and survivors of world violence  
Injustice in the USA  
City of Rochester  
RCSD and Board  
International Students  
Members in Military, especially those in Kuwait  
Those who are incarcerated  
People with disabilities, anxiety disorders, depression, addictions  
For people to get along and not be so divided in America!!  
Colleges around the country

Those among our family who are homebound or in senior living facilities:

Ruth Baldoni	Jean and Walt Banker
Don and Gayle Barrett	Mary Anne Brice
Mary Callerame	Trudy Corio
Craig Crowell	John and Mary Ann David
Buzz and Joan Grimm	Ernie Harrington
Louise Harris	Jim Hughes
Lynne Jacobs	Kevin and Meg Kinnally
Bessie Luft	Hubert Koloseike
David Phillips	Durwood Raplee
Gisela Rice	Dave Smith
Betty Stover	

Members of our armed forces and reserves, especially those associated with our church family:

Phillip Banker	Jason Bello
Ryan Blood	Ben Frederick
Michael Kurvach	Steven Kurvach
Jason McKnight	Isaiah Montana
James Rice	Sgt. Joseph Sarmiento
Bryan Simpson	Matthew Simpson
Marcus Sydow	

Please help the church staff keep the prayer list current by informing us of any changes.



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*Sunday Worship and Programs*

- 8:00AM Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30AM In-Person Traditional Worship Service  
also on YouTube and Facebook
- 9:40AM Book of Acts Class and Small Group  
Study
- 9:45AM Bible Study with Michelle Prok
- 9:50AM Choir Cantata Rehearsal
- 10:45AM In-Person Contemporary Worship  
Service also on YouTube and Facebook
- 11:00AM One Room Sunday  
School Class
- 12:00PM Rush UMC Coffee  
Time



**Sunday  
Schedule**

*Youth Group Meetings*

Wednesdays March 1, 15 and 29 at 6:00PM

**Leadership Ministry Team**

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome by email to [toddgoddard@gmail.com](mailto:toddgoddard@gmail.com) or [rushumc@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rushumc@rochester.rr.com) or to any of the Leadership Ministry Team, contact information on page 8. The next Leadership Ministry Team Meeting is Saturday, March 11 at 8:30AM.

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