

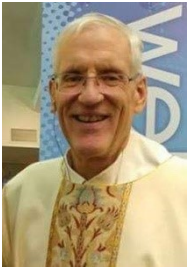


His Faithful Followers

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A Note from Pastor Todd A Post-Pandemic Pastoral Perspective



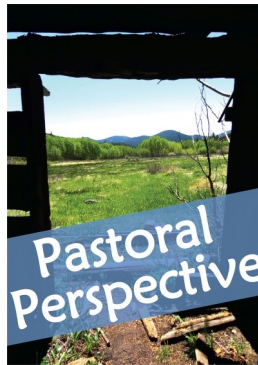
“Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:5-7

I love you, members and friends of the Rush United Methodist Church. We’ve “navigated through the never-before” (D&C, 6/18/23, pg.9A) Covid-19 pandemic and it feels like we’ve emerged the other side knowing that church life has forever changed. It is healthy to reflect on the traumatic events that have shaped us into our congregation today.

The world shut down in March 2020, as did the church and my personal life. My wife was at ground zero, working at Rochester General Hospital. After every shift, she would shower and launder her clothes, less our family be infected. My eldest son works at a group home, which was hit hard by Covid. We worried about our youngest son, Christian; what would happen to him if he was hospitalized without the presence of a parent? We considered buying an RV to put in our driveway if one of us tested positive to keep us safe. We had two elderly mothers in nursing homes, both closed to visitors and family contact. I remember shopping at the supermarket filled with frantic people emptying the ATM machine and grabbing the last package of toilet paper or pound of ground meat. The trauma impacting my family was pounding our family, too.

Worship attendance shifted to online and has gradually returned to the pews. Thankfully, giving remained strong. Here is a five-year snapshot of a similar four Sunday period:

	In person attendance (avg)	On line attendance (avg)	Total attendance (avg)	Offerings (avg)
2019	117	8	125	\$7,822
2020	16	279	295	\$4,693
2021	48	187	235	\$3,806
2022	79	81	160	\$6,809
2023	61	51	122	\$4,758



“Thanks” does not begin to express my gratitude for your continued prayers, presence, gifts, and service. Volunteers came forward to ensure our online worship experience was the best it could be, given our circumstance. Thank you. It was personally difficult to deliver sermons to an empty sanctuary and grant permission for virtual Holy Communion *in extremis*, but we soldiered through. They certainly didn’t teach us in seminary how to navigate through a global pandemic. As you can see, we’ve largely returned to where we were before the pandemic. Thanks be to God.

I am so grateful to Kellianne Williams and her staff at PromiseLand for keeping the doors open. Children remained loved and parents could be relieved of one less thing to worry about. There were times it was very uncertain if we could remain open when someone tested positive and the whole classroom had to be locked down. I suspect she hung a hammock in her office, she worked so late and reported for duty so early each morning.

Sunday school would have shut down if it wasn’t for the superhero efforts of Alethea Coulter to take classes online, publish weekly lesson plans, and make regular visits to our children and families. Mission trips were canceled, yet intentional efforts were made to remain in contact with our isolated homebound. Oh, how we hated to suspend our fellowship dinners, the Turkey dinner, and coffee hours! Our Super Sale took a hit, but volunteers and customers returned more determined than ever. Miraculous!

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Weekly checks went out to church members and families from the Jerusalem Fund, for those on the edge of financial disaster. Your generous contributions to this fund saved families and saved lives. Morley Maxwell would be proud. Members, friends, and extended families were infected; some recovered, a few died, and still a few suffer with long Covid syndrome. With thanks to God's grace and your vigilance, we suffered much less than many similar congregations.

Be certain to show your gratitude to the Finance team and to Barb for navigating dangerous waters. It was Barb's initiative that led to our church and PromiseLand receiving available grant money that allowed us to survive and thrive. Many a day found Barb and I consulting each other about the greatest needs of the congregation, while fully masked and seated as far away from each other as her office allowed. It was triage ministry, at its finest.

Our day program with Heritage Christian Services suffered greatly. Many returned home and stayed home. I recall one staff member who was informed she tested positive. She burst into tears, uncertain how she would quarantine for two weeks while keeping the bills paid. Slowly, individuals and staff returned when it was safe to do so. Our goal remains to create one *beloved community* – unity of church, day care, and day program families and friends.

It was difficult for us to be gentle with one another when it was felt the world as we knew it was coming to an end. Everyone had an opinion. The science was uncertain. Public policy was changing as new information surfaced. Yes, disagreements took place, and at times, anger flared. I grieved conflicts, often made worse by stress and the pandemic. They will know we are Christians by our love, I thought to myself. Really, Lord? Please show us a way forward, I prayed fervently.

The appointed pastor is responsible. Like it or not, the buck stops with me. The safety, operation, and spiritual health of the entire congregation, members, and friends must be considered. My standards are rock solid: love, grace, and humility. Questions and concerns couldn't be about any single individual need or opinion. *Risk management* regarding personal safety and *standards of care* needed to be reevaluated at the height of the pandemic on a daily basis, taking into account the needs of the entire community. A good shepherd does not lead their sheep into danger, but to the safety of green pastures and still waters.

You've survived; others have been less fortunate. With prayer and supplication let your requests be known to God. Do not worry about anything; remain faithful, living the full life to which God is calling you. Be gentle with one another; mindful that 466 Americans continue to die each day from this despicable disease (cdc.gov, for the week of 6/3/23). The Lord is near; molding, shaping our congregation for tomorrow's growth. Beloved, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. God loves you, and so do I.

Todd R. Goddard

Pastor Todd



Post-Pandemic Perspective

Board of Trustees

Our Rush Church building is 27 years old, and there is always an ongoing list of maintenance jobs to do, both big and small. Some of these include lawn mowing, gardening, painting, and "fix -it" odd jobs. People with plumbing expertise are especially needed! If you are interested in learning how you can help keep our church building strong, safe, secure, and attractive; or if you would like to become a part of the planning team for this important committee, please contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com or Geoff Furman (furman@rochester.rr.com).

We are very pleased to report that the new boiler is in the process of being installed. If you would like to see our new equipment, we would be happy to give a tour after church any Sunday. In addition, we are finalizing the contract for the new HVAC units that will be installed throughout the church building. We are also gathering estimates to have work done on the church drainage system and the parking lot. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 17, at 7:00pm at the church.



Nurture Ministry Team

The Rush Church Nurture Ministry Team has several different projects in the works and we are actively seeking members of our church congregation to be part of the planning. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 22, at 8:30am at the church. Our purpose is to promote unity and fellowship in the church, finding ways to make fellowship a priority and strengthen our church congregation – to allow us to then reach out to the community to help build a community of believers who "love God, love each other, and love the world."

Please consider joining us. If you have any questions, or suggestions for things we should be addressing, please contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com or Michelle Prok at mibopuckeye@gmail.com.



Chipping for Children Golf Tournament

The PromiseLand Chipping for Children golf tournament is coming up. Join us on July 30 at Wildwood Country Club. Flyers to sign up are in the church office or you can reach out to Kellianne Williams at Promiselandchildcare1996@gmail.com. Please join us in this important event to help support the PromiseLand ministry.





**JOIN US AT
CAMP DO GOOD.**

Give Blood.



**Blood Drive
Rush Fire Department**

Activities Room
1971 Rush Mendon Road
Rush, NY 14543

**Wednesday, July 5, 2023
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
Sponsor Code: rushfiredepartmentrush

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**Family Fun Community
Picnics**

Family Fun Community Picnics are here, and our next picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26. Mark your calendars now. This is always a wonderful time of good food and fellowship in our church pavilion (weather permitting!). Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, beverage, and tableware are provided. You are welcome to bring a dish to share: salad, side dish, or dessert – but it is not necessary! Your presence is what we are looking for. Everyone is welcome, so tell your friends and neighbors to come, picnic with us, and enjoy the fellowship.

We need helpers! If you love to cook over a grill, or want to help set up and/or clean up for the picnics, we have a job for you, as we are in

need of someone to organize the August picnic, scheduled for Wednesday, August 30. This is a wonderful way for us to share with our community. Please consider being a part of these picnics. To volunteer, or for more information, see Cindy Gray or you can reach out at cgtgray1039@gmail.com or call the church office.



Join the Fun - Order a Rush Church T-Shirt!

We are excited to announce that everyone at Rush Church has the opportunity to order an “official” Rush Church T-Shirt! Order forms are available on the web site, and on the kiosk in the church lobby next to the sample t-shirt. There is no designated cost for these shirts. Instead, we are asking for a donation of whatever you are able to pay. We want everyone to have the opportunity to own and wear a church t-shirt, without worry about the cost.

Orders for shirts need to be left in the church office, or given to Cindy Gray, by August 1. Our hope is that the t-shirts can then be printed and distributed in time for everyone to be wearing one for Rally Day, in September! Questions? See Cindy Gray or contact her at

cgtgray1039@gmail.com



Back-to-School Super Sale

We are planning to have a back-to-school Super Sale, Saturday, August 12, 9am-3pm. The half-price sale will be 1-3pm then we will be packing up the entire room from 3-5pm or until it’s done. Per usual, we need your help to make this happen. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the lobby. Please sign up at your earliest convenience so we can determine if we will have enough helpers.

At this time, the sale room is in need of housewares. If you have any quality items you would like to donate, we will be accepting items until Wednesday, August 2.



Super Sale

Thank you,
Cindy Raymond

**Sunday school Assistance
Needed**

Now is the time to start thinking about Fall and the start of Sunday school! We have a one room class that meets every Sunday. In order to make that happen, we need to have 2 people in the classroom each week per our Safe Sanctuary policy. With such a wide range in ages, it is helpful to have someone available to assist with the class activities and help the younger kids to fully participate. If you are available and interested, please let me know.



Alethea Coulter
Children’s Ministry Director

Summer Special Music

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord! If you are interested in providing special music during the summer, please reach out to Kellianne Williams, klkw1212@gmail.com.



Battle of the Bands?!

The Nurture Ministry team is looking at ideas for potential community events. We want to find ways to bring new people into our church building! One idea that was suggested was the possibility of holding a Battle of the Bands at the church.

If you would like to be part of a planning team for this event, or if you have ideas or suggestions, please see Cindy Gray or contact her at cgtgray1039@gmail.com.



Aspiring Photographers Wanted!

We are in need of an updated picture of the exterior of our church building, so we are holding a contest! Everyone is invited to take pictures and submit them – the deadline is Saturday, Sept. 16. Pictures must be printed, and no larger than 8 x 10. They can be left at the church office, or given to Cindy Gray – be sure your name and contact information is included with the photo.

The pictures will then be placed on display for 2 weeks to the church congregation, and all members of the congregation will be encouraged to vote for their choice (1 vote / person). The winner will be announced in October, and the winning photograph will be used for church promotion materials with credit given to the photographer.

Start snapping pictures now! If you have any questions, please see Cindy Gray or contact her at cgtgray1039@gmail.com.



Mission and Outreach

I have returned from another visit to South Africa with a full heart, many praises and petitions to add to my prayer list. The connection with Zululand Hospice and Musa weNkosi has enriched my life immeasurably. Much of my life was occupied with my job, maintaining a home, raising children, and church involvement. I did not consider “going into all the world” an option. However, a friend’s invitation to accompany her to Africa opened my heart and mind and I am ever so grateful.

In the May/June Upper Room, the writer notes that as Jesus made his final journey to Jerusalem, he crossed the Jordan entering more Romanized territories, “instead of playing it safe and sojourning among his Jewish companions.” She recommends a renewed mission to ‘go into all the world and proclaim the good news’ (Mark 16:15) and not just to those who look, think, and act like us...Let us remember our baptism and renew our commitment to our global gospel mission.”

As long as we are of sound mind and body, consider these words of Frederick Buechner, “The life you clutch, hoard, guard, and play safe with is in the end a life worth little to anybody, including yourself, and only a life given away for love’s sake is a life worth living.”

Another quote that resonates with me is, “Whatever program or step you choose, one of the most important lessons I’ve learned is that God cannot, or at least seems will not guide us unless we are moving. So stay close to his heart, and begin to walk in what you know. He will certainly lead you into more than you could have ever imagined back when you took that first step.” Troy Landis

Among Jesus final words before returning to heaven were, “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, (Rush-Henrietta) in all Judea and Samaria, (Rochester, The HUB) and to the end of the earth (Guatemala, Belize, South Sudan, Saipan, South Africa).” Acts 1:8

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission is the official short-term volunteer sending agency of the United Methodist Church. Church of the Resurrection (cor.org) has a number of mission trips available and I am willing to host people willing pay their way and open their heart to the needs in South Africa.

Erma Mae Perkins, ermaperkins@me.com, Lay Leader for Mission and Outreach



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

May 2023

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	Budget To Date (This Year)
Revenues			
Other Income	\$4,613.73	\$7,133.52	\$6,640.00
Offerings	\$14,215.24	\$84,550.68	\$87,496.35
P/L/HCS Expense Reimbursement	\$1,360.12	\$6,800.60	\$7,130.40
Total Revenues	\$20,189.09	\$98,484.80	\$101,266.75
Expenses			
Building & Grounds	\$1,580.78	\$26,498.97	\$15,695.85
Education	\$44.95	\$178.37	\$524.95
Insurance	\$0.00	\$3,699.01	\$3,699.00
(1) Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Expenses	\$637.27	\$3,701.35	\$3,850.00
Clergy Salaries	\$4,838.06	\$24,190.30	\$24,190.30
Lay Salaries	\$5,748.89	\$28,457.90	\$29,222.00
Clergy Benefits	\$4,269.01	\$21,206.18	\$21,195.00
Ministry Team Expenses	\$824.17	\$2,239.97	\$2,395.80
Other Program Expenses	\$54.60	\$742.59	\$2,875.65
Utilities	\$1,652.77	\$9,942.76	\$10,215.35
PromiseLand	\$0.00	(\$4,682.14)	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$19,650.50	\$116,175.26	\$113,863.90
Net Total	\$538.59	(\$17,690.46)	(\$12,597.15)

1. Shared Ministries 0% paid to end of May



*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	\$249.42	\$38,161.88
Payment #28	04/28/2023	\$249.42	\$37,912.46
Payment #29	05/10/2023	\$249.42	\$37,663.04
Payment #30	06/16/2023	\$249.42	\$37,413.62
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		
Total Paid		\$1,496.52	



*Capital Stewardship
Campaign Update*

As of Wednesday, June, we have received \$269,200.00 or 53.84% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$102,578.54 of which \$22,507.23 has been spent on fabric to reupholster the sanctuary chairs and for the materials and installation of the carpet and baseboard in the lobby, sitting area and halls. Pledges continue to be accepted. Even if you haven't made a pledge, donations to the Capital Stewardship Campaign are gratefully accepted.



Prayer Concerns

Alison, for good health
 Jean, Lisa and Denise Britton as they adjust to Mark's death
 Evelyn Chaffer's son, Gregory, in Nigeria working for one year for the State Department, prayers for a safe return
 Michele Cuatt: home fire on Fishell Rd in April, two missing cats recently found in debris; Granddaughter's naná recently passed away; love, support and prayers for the girls; their mom's recovery
 Jason Engh's dad, Gerard, hospitalized, collapsed, no idea why
 Father-in-law of Heidi, prayers for late-stage cancer
 Wendy Kuhn's daughter, Kirstie, diagnosed with mono, at home recovering
 Leyan Walthour, back surgery went well, at home recovering
 Deb Wildow, strength and good health
 The church, pray for all
 Those affected by recent poor air quality, storms, flooding
 Difficult marriages
 Please pray for the staff of Musa WeNkosi, as they host a 2 week Holiday Bible Class in Nselini, providing stories, crafts, games and lunch. They had 245 children on Monday and are expecting the numbers to grow. One of their vehicles had a major engine failure so transportation is a problem.
 On-going prayer needs are for the children at Musa weNkosi who are aging out - for a place to live and incentive to become self-supportive.
 Unemployment for young people in the area is over 60%. Several of us wish our sponsored teens could go to Africa University. Our conference has raised a million dollars in scholarships but we have little information on how to make that happen.
 Families and friends of those affected by continued gun violence and mass shootings
 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
 RHAFT and FISH
 A Meal & More Soup Kitchen and homeless served by them
 Staff and Young Men at State School at Industry 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
 Small Businesses
 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
 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
 Victims of terrorism and survivors of world violence
 Injustice in the USA
 City of Rochester
 International Students
 Those who are incarcerated
 People with disabilities, anxiety disorders and depression
 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
Mary Anne Brice	Mary Callerame
Trudy Corio	Craig Crowell
Ernie Harrington	Louise Harris
Jim Hughes	Lynne Jacobs
Kevin and Meg Kinnally	Bessie Luft
Hubert Koloseike	David Phillips
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.



Ladies' Lunch Bunch News

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch will be on vacation over the summer, but we will resume our luncheons in September. If you would like to be part of the organizing or cooking for this event, please see Cindy Gray or contact her at cgtgray1039@gmail.com. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know some of the women in our church community!



Saturday Service? Ideas Wanted!

One of the ideas the Nurture Ministry team is exploring, is the possibility of holding a regular Saturday evening service at the church. We are looking for ideas, suggestions, any type of feedback as we consider this idea. Please feel free to join us at our next Nurture meeting (7/22, 8:30am at the church), or contact either Chris Chamot, Cindy Gray, or Michelle Prok with your ideas.



SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Mission Trip to the HUB at UNY Conference Center



Fawn on church property



Painting by Durwood Raplee



May Community Picnic and Promiseland Paver Path Dedication



Children/Youth Sunday



Our Graduates

High School Graduates

From Honeoye Falls-Lima Central School District:
Isabelle Dague
Steven Spanganberg

College Graduates

From SUNY Oneonta

Natalie Hunt
Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Bachelor of
Science in Human Development and Family
Studies
Swimming/Diving team
Natalie is working towards getting into the doctorate
program for Clinical Psychology at Roberts
Wesleyan University
She will be working at Hillside Family of Agencies as
a case manager and Strong Hospital in the
pediatric psychiatry wing
Parents – Tanya and Jon Hunt

From the University of Buffalo

Robert (Bobby) Weiler
Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering and
Mechanical Engineering
Part of PromiseLand “gang of 4” who all went
through PL together: Bobby, Natalie Hunt, Nate
Edom (Penn State) and Julianna Tudor (now
PromiseLand Pre-K teacher)
Grandson of Robert and Barbara Weiler



Thank You

Thank You...So Very Much

Dear Pastor Todd and the entire Rush Church Family,

We are extremely grateful for your care and concern during these difficult days. Mark's Memorial service was a heartfelt tribute to his life.

WE ARE grateful FOR YOU!

Love,

Jean, Lisa, Denise, Family



OUR MISSION, VISION and

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”



PRIORITY STATEMENTS

Leadership Ministry Team Contact Information

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Bereavement

Family and friends of Mark Britton who died on Tuesday, May 16
Durwood Raplee, died on Saturday, May 27



Praises

Dora Lee and Carl Alexander, continue to improve at home
Birthday Celebrations, Ethan Williams, 9 on May 24;
Rhys Williams, 12 on May 29; Jean Banker, 98 on May 31
Thank you to Leon Perkins for filling the driveway holes, great job!
Leon and Erma Perkins' grandson, Anthony, recovering from COVID after flying to Germany
July Birthdays and Anniversaries



RUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 6200 RUSH LIMA ROAD
 PO BOX 49
 RUSH NY 14543-0049



Summer Sunday Worship

8:30AM—Book of Acts Bible Study and Small Group
 9:30AM—Blended Worship Experience - In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook
 10:45AM—Rush UMC Coffee Hour



Sunday Schedule

Youth Summer Activities

Watch for Youth Ministry summer activities listed in the Sunday bulletin or on the Youth page of the church website.



Leadership Ministry Team

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome by email to toddgoddard@gmail.com or rushumc@rochester.rr.com or to any of the Leadership Ministry Team, contact information on page 9. The next scheduled Leadership Ministry Team Meeting is to be determined.

How to Reach Us

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 Email Address: rushumc@rochester.rr.com
 Rush Tidings Address: rushumcnews@rochester.rr.com



Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
 Pastor:..... Rev. Todd Goddard
 Administrative Assistant: Barbara Kingsley
Office Hours: 9:00AM - 4:00PM Monday - Friday
 Director of Children’s Ministries: Alethea Coulter
 Direct of Youth Ministries: Alethea Coulter
 Director of PromiseLand Childcare: Kellianne Williams
 Chancel Choir Director: Kellianne Williams
 Accompanist:..... Spencer Haynes
 Lay Leaders: Worship: Steve Williams
 Children, Youth and Families: Tanya Hunt
 Mission and Outreach: Erma Perkins
 Leadership Team: Erin Bills, Geoffrey Furman,
 Todd Goddard, Cindy Gray, Dan Kingsley,
 Michelle Prok, Steve Williams

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