

Weekly Announcements

February 16, 2025

This week

Sunday, February 16

- 8:30AM – Adult Book Study with Michelle Prok
- 8:30AM – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
 - Pastor Kyle is on vacation until Friday, February 21

Wednesday, February 19

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 9:15AM – A Meal & More Soup Kitchen
- 6:00PM – Rush Democratic Committee Meeting
- 6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20

- 5:00PM – March Newsletter article deadline

Looking Ahead

Sunday, February 23 – Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday

- 8:30AM – Adult Book Study with Michelle Prok
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook
- 9:30AM – Communion
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 11:00AM – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle

Wednesday, February 26

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 5:30PM – Winter Wednesday Community Supper
- 6:00PM – Youth Group
- 6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 27

- 8:30AM – Clergy Group Gathering
- 9:00AM – Distribute March Newsletter
- 1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle
- 2:00PM – Staff Check-in

Announcements

Giving to Rush UMC

Donations can be put on the offering plates in the church lobby on Sundays, dropped off at the church office during weekday business hours or mailed to the church. Giving envelopes are available on Eagle Island. Checks and cash are welcome. Secure online gifts may be made at <https://www.rushumc.com>.

Yellow Prayer Cards

Yellow Prayer Cards are in the pew holders and on Eagle Island. These are available for you to write prayers concerns or praises on. They can be given to the usher to be included in the Pastoral Prayer or placed in the offering plate on Eagle Island.

The Mission of Rush UMC: “to live and share the love of Jesus”; **Our Vision:** “to be more like Jesus.” **Our missional priorities:** “excellence in worship; ministries for children, youth, adults and families and mission and outreach”

Hearing Loop

The Hearing Loop is working! Set your hearing aids to “hearing loop mode.” If you have questions, please speak to Gary Prok.

Sunday Assistants:

February 16, 2025

Greeter: Ethan Williams

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Nancy Miller, Cindy Gray

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

February 23, 2025

Greeter: Rhys Williams

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Barb Kingsley, Mary Ann David

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

Newsletter/Upper Room/Announcements

Additional Announcements, the Weekly Calendar and the current newsletter are on the website and through Rush Tidings. Copies of the current Newsletter and Upper Room are on the shelf in the vestibule. To receive Rush Tidings signup at: rumcnews@rushumc.org.

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30AM: Adult Book Study led by Michelle Prok

8:30AM: Choir Rehearsal

9:30AM: Worship Service in person and on Facebook and YouTube

9:30AM: Communion is served on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

9:45AM: One Room Sunday School Class for Children

10:45AM: Rush UMC Coffee Hour, in the Fellowship Hall

11:00AM: Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle, except the Second Sunday

Adult Study Opportunities

Book Study led by Michelle Prok, in the large Conference Room at 8:30AM.

Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle, Sundays at 11AM; not meeting today

Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle, Thursdays at 1PM, using Rob Bell’s NOOMA DVD Series.

Not meeting February 20.

Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle

Have you ever wanted to challenge what a preacher said in their sermon? Or perhaps you wanted to ask questions and there never seemed to be an appropriate time. Perhaps you would like a bit of insight into what will be talked about ahead of the sermon, kind of a trailer before the event. That is what we are offering in the Rush UMC lectionary study on Sundays at 11 AM. Come debrief with the pastor about what has just been said and spend some good quality time looking at the gospel lesson that will ground the sermon for the week to come. Part Bible study and part Q&A; no doubt the discussions will be lively. We will not meet on the second Sunday of each month so participants can enjoy brunch. We are not meeting today.

Wednesday Super Sale Preparation

A dedicated group of people volunteer each Wednesday morning from 9 – 11AM to prepare donated items for our Super Sales. They are always looking for new people to join them. If you have some time available on Wednesday mornings, just come and a task or two will be found for you. There is also the advantage of having the first look at donations. You might find just what you've been looking for! Tasks include sorting, sizing, pricing, and putting away donations. Join them any Wednesday. We are taking household items for the May Sale. Please put clothing, shoes and linens in the St. Pauly Shed.

Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle

Come, spend some time talking about God, sharing a dessert and learning a bit more about one another on Thursdays at 1PM. NOOMA, by Ron Bell, is a series of short films (less than 14 minutes each) that blend events of everyday life with discussion about God. We don't agree on all things... and we don't have to. All are welcome and no reservations are needed. We are not meeting this Thursday, February 19.

Winter Wednesday Community Family Supper

Mark your calendars, and plan to join us in the church Fellowship Hall for our monthly Wednesday Night Suppers, on February 26 at 5:30pm. The menu is "Make Your Own Tacos" and Cheese Quesadillas, with a side of fruits and veggies. Beverages and tableware are provided – just bring your appetite. Desserts to share are welcome, but NOT required. This is a great way to connect with PromiseLand families and members of the church. Bring your family and your friends; come for supper and stay for a laid-back evening of fellowship and fun. Board games and activities will be available!

Upcoming Activities & Meetings

Sunday, March 2: 8:30AM: Adult Book Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook, **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Mardi Gras Celebration/Second Sunday Brunch
Monday, March 3: 12:30PM: Ladies' Lunch Bunch; **7PM:** Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday; 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **6PM:** Confirmation Class for Youth; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal; Burning Palm Branches for Ashes in the Pavilion; **7PM:** Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Thursday, March 6: 8:30AM: Clergy Group Gathering; **1PM:** Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; **6PM:** Daisy and Brownie Girl Scout Meeting; **7PM:** Finance Ministry Team Meeting
Friday, March 7: 5:30PM: Cub Scout Pack 134 Pinewood Derby Setup and Car Testing; **7:30PM:** GRACE Choir Concert at Calvary Community Church on East Henrietta Rd.
Saturday, March 8: 11:30AM: Cub Scout Pack 134 Pinewood Derby
Sunday, March 9: First Sunday in Lent; Scouting Sunday; 8:30AM: Adult Book Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook, Communion; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; **4PM:** GRACE Choir Concert at East Bloomfield Congregational Church
Tuesday, March 11: 6PM: Youth Group; **7PM:** PromiseLand Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 12: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 13: 8:30AM: Clergy Group Gathering; **1PM:** Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; **6:30PM:** Nurture Ministry Team Meeting
Saturday, March 15: 9AM: Genesee Valley Handspinner's Guild Meeting; **2PM:** St. Patrick's Day Putt Putt Event
Sunday, March 16: Second Sunday in Lent; 8:30AM: Adult Book Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook, **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

The choir is looking to grow. If you enjoy singing in a group setting, come join us for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00. Not interested in singing every Sunday? The Lenten Cantata will be held on Sunday, April 13 during our normal service. If you are interested in joining us for the Cantata, rehearsals will start on February 26 at 6:30PM. We also rehearse on Sunday mornings at 8:30AM. For more information, reach out to Kellianne Williams at klkw1212@gmail.com.

“2nd Sunday Brunch / Mardi Gras Celebration”

The March brunch this year will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month so we can appropriately enjoy some great Mardi Gras foods! ***So please note: this month’s brunch will be held on Sunday, March 2!*** This is an event planned by the Nurture Ministry team that meets monthly to find ways to strengthen and encourage the Rush Church congregation as well as our surrounding communities. We all recognize the fact that food, fellowship, and fun are great ways to bring people together. Join us as we celebrate Mardi Gras!

Confirmation Class for Youth

Pastor Kyle is facilitating a Confirmation Class for youth on Wednesdays opposite youth group. He is using the program “Re:form Traditions.” The next class is Wednesday, March 5 at 6PM. All youth grades 7 and older are welcome to come. Please speak to Pastor Kyle or Alethea Coulter if you have questions or your youth would like to attend.

Ash Wednesday

All are welcome to attend and participate in Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, March 5, signifying the beginning of Lent. During this season we are invited to reflect and repent as we spiritually prepare ourselves for the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will begin at 6:30PM at the pavilion to burn last year’s dried palm branches, reducing them to ashes for use during service. Our service will begin at 7:00PM in the church sanctuary. Ashes will be imposed on the forehead or hand of the willing. Communion will be served.

St. Patrick’s Day Putt Putt Event

On Saturday, March 15, from 2:00 – 4:00PM, Rush Church will host our 2nd Annual putt-putt golf event. Participants are encouraged to wear green, the crazier and more fun the better, with prizes given for several different categories. *We also need several more putt-putt holes. If you are a creative builder, and would like to participate, please contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com.* More information will be provided in the March newsletter, but for now make sure you plan to attend, and start planning your best leprechaun-type costumes!

Upper New York Conference Early Response Training

This training is being offered on Saturday, March 29 from 9 AM –5PM at Rush UMC. UMCOR’s Early Response Team (ERT) training program supports conference preparedness and immediate response efforts. Registration and details link: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/vimtraining/event/ertspring25/>

Family Picture Wall

Our church directory needs to be updated (if you are interested in helping make this happen, please contact Barb Kingsley). In the meantime, we are looking for ways to help people get to know each other better, and we’re doing that by providing a “Family Picture Wall” on the bulletin board in the church Fellowship Hall. Some of our families have already provided pictures – but there’s lots of empty space! We are encouraging EVERY family, whether your family is 10 people or 1, to take a picture of your family group and bring it to the church office or give it to Cindy Gray or Cindy Raymond. Our goal is to help both new and old church members learn each other’s names and to see those people we may not see often (or haven’t seen recently).

UMCOR Disaster Response to California Fires

UMCOR provides essential aid to those in California who have been and continue to be affected by the wildfires. Your generosity brings hope and relief to those in need. You can give through the UMCOR website or by designating a gift to Advance #901670, U.S. Disaster Response and Recovery. Please make your check payable to Rush UMC and write Advance #901670 in the memo. All funds donated to UMCOR go to help those in need.

New Cookie Lists

Cookie bakers are needed for Sundays to provide 2-3 dozen, either homemade or store-bought cookies after the service each week. If you are not currently on the list and would like to provide cookies, please contact Tanya Hunt or call the church office. A new, updated list for January—June was recently emailed to those we have an email address for, and extra copies are on the kiosk.

Bread and Baked Goods from Wegmans

PromiseLand and Rush UMC receive bread and baked goods from Wegmans every Thursday, and the first and second Saturdays of each month. The items are close dated but are still good. They are made available to us to help PromiseLand feed the children in their care and to help others in the community that are in need. It is available in the dining room on tables near the kitchen on Sundays and during the week. All are welcome to help yourself. Tell your friends and neighbors about it also. What and how much is received varies week by week/month by month.

Sunday school Assistance Needed

We have a one room class that meets every Sunday. 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, alethea.coulter@rushumc.org.

Youth Group Assistance Needed

We have a small but active youth group that meets twice a month on Wednesday evenings. To stay in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary policy, two adults are required to be present. If you are available and interested, please let me know, Alethea Coulter, Interim Youth Ministry Director, alethea.coulter@rushumc.org.

First Time Here?

Welcome! Are you new or a visitor? Great! We're building back post-pandemic stronger than ever. ***You'll fit right in!*** Kindly forward us your name and contact information to our Administrative Assistant, barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org or our Pastor, kyle.roehrig@rushumc.org.

Children!

Children and parents are encouraged to come forward and enjoy the special message and take part in Holy Communion. A quiet room for children is available for your use. Questions about all children's ministry opportunities? Ask our Director of Children's Ministry, Alethea Coulter, at 585-533-9246.

We love children!

Youth!

We have a small but enthusiastic and active youth group. They meet every other Wednesday from 6 - 8. Watch the bulletin or Youth page on the website for dates and information. Any youth Grade 6 and older are welcome to come. Contact Alethea Coulter (alethea.coulter@rushumc.org), Interim Youth Director with any questions.

Jump Into Missions and Outreach

We have opportunities for everyone to serve! Please speak to Erma Perkins at 585-750-0136 or Pastor Kyle at 805-478-2526. If you would like to assist with our Super Sale, contact Cindy Raymond (585-727-8774). ***Find your niche!***

Baptism? Membership?

If God is calling you to explore baptism or membership, ***welcome aboard!*** To join the conversation, speak with Pastor Kyle after worship.

Need Prayer?

We encourage prayers for individuals, events, thanksgiving, and witness (where you experienced the presence and power of God). Fill out a yellow prayer card on the kiosk in the lobby and hand it to an usher to be included in the Pastoral Prayer or forward them to Barb Kingsley at office@rushumc.org.

New Email Addresses

Rush UMC is in the process of changing email addresses. Please remove any “rochester.rr.com” addresses from your address book and use these in their place.

The new main church email is: rumc@rushumc.org

The new Rush Tidings email is: rumcnews@rushumc.org

A new email for the church office is: office@rushumc.org

To reach Pastor Kyle Roehrig, the email address is: kyle.roehrig@rushumc.org

To reach Barb Kingsley, the email address is: barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org.

To reach Alethea Coulter, the email address is: alethea.coulter@rushumc.org

Worship Leaders Needed!

Read the Gospel? Speak with Alethea Coulter (585.533.9246 or alethea.coulter@rushumc.org).

Sing in the choir! See Kellianne Williams (585.507.1996 or klkw1212@gmail.com)

Greeters and Ushers? Sign up with Barb Kingsley at 533.2170 or barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org

Assist with Holy Communion? Contact Judy Blachowicz at jcrb@rochester.rr.com.

Join the Tech Team. Speak with Steve Williams at 585.807.3965 or williasc@gmail.com.

Communion for homebound: speak with Erma or Leon Perkins at 585.750.0136 or 585.749.2735 if you are willing to take communion to our homebound members once a month.

Weekly Financial Report

Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. Colossians 2:7

Needed weekly from all sources of income to meet expenses: \$6,858.63.

Needed weekly from pledged/non pledged income to meet expenses: \$4,593.27.

Pledged/Non pledged received 02/09-02/15: \$4,807.50.

Other income received 02/09-02/15: \$45.42

Total Pledged for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$269,200.00.

Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$181,562.11. (Includes \$11,270.00, non-pledge, designated for an electric sign)

Total Spent as of February 12: \$112,466.23.

Prayer Requests

Health Concerns: Alison, Bob and Linda Faugh, Mark Kellogg; Ray Smith, Patty Weaver

Jason, Cheryl and Hailey Eng, the recent death of Cheryl's mother

Lisa Harmer, upcoming serious surgery

Kevin Kinnally, declining health, at Strong Hospital

Mark Statskey, MRI on February 20

Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health

Those affected by the recent plane crashes
Those who are affected by fires, storms and mud slides
PromiseLand Childcare, Children and Staff
Heritage Christian Services Rush Day Hab
Staff and Children at Musa weNkosi Orphanage as they face serious challenges
Zululand Hospice in South Africa
Our Bishop, Clergy and Lay Leaders
Family members and friends who are homebound or in senior living facilities.
Those serving in the Military: home, or abroad.

Praises

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Homebound and Ill

Ruth Baldoni, Jean Banker, Mary Anne Brice, Mary Callerame, Ernie Harrington, Lynne Jacobs, Kevin Kinnally, Gisela Rice, Betty Stover

Our Military

Phillip Banker, Jason Bello, Ben Frederick, Jason McKnight, Isaiah Montana, Bryan Simpson, Matthew Simpson, Marcus Sydow

Pastoral Staff

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2025 Leadership Ministry Team at Rush United Methodist Church

Please seek out Leadership Ministry Team members with any questions or concerns. Their names and email addresses are listed below.

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