



His Faithful Followers

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A Note from Pastor Kyle

I was at a district wide clergy gathering the other day and the question was asked by the program’s organizer; “In the past... when you first arrived at a new church, what did you do to set yourself up - in a positive way - for your future?” Having moved so many times over the last 27 years I thought this would be a question I could hit out of the park... But, the best answer came from someone else. And the answer was something that was a bit unsettling to me. I knew he was right, but I also knew it was not easy. He said, “early on - don’t avoid talking about the hard things...” and then he said, “You know, like money!”

I have read, studied, talked, counseled and preached about money. I have saved, spent, found, lost, earned, inherited and given money away. But never did I come across a better truth about money than when reading Adam Hamilton’s book “Enough”. And who would have guessed, he found this truth in the word of God. “Money should never be an end in itself. Rather, it should be a means for accomplishing our life purpose. Money itself is not bad. It is not the root of all evil. According to the Bible, **“the love (obsessing over) of money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10b)**. Rev. Hamilton goes on to remind us that money is a “tool to be used to accomplish the greater purposes God has for our lives.” That leads to my first and toughest question I have for us to answer during this stewardship process; “What is the greater purpose God has for our church?”

I believe part of that answer involves what we have been doing. Over the last number of months, I have heard about and seen all types of great things. I was flabbergasted at the scope as well as the outcome of our 80th iteration of the Turkey Dinner. Then there is Trunk – R – Treat, All Saint’s Day jumping soon after into Advent. During Advent we will be sponsoring no less than three separate outreach care programs helping many both locally and from across the globe have a brighter holiday season. I am preparing to begin a Faith Formation project with our youth that perhaps will lead to a number of them being confirmed and welcomed as “professing members” of our church. We have other adult classes underway and a few more developing, ready to launch at the completion of our stewardship campaign.

Am I the only one that hears about all the incredible work projects “we used to do?” I think I have heard a desire to do away with that “use to” part of the story and lean into the “we” and “do” part. There are needs locally, throughout our state/country and our world. I am so

excited that Erma has extended an invitation for me to join her next May in South Africa. I believe it is true that you can hear about it, but once you experience it... that is when it becomes real.

What is the greater purpose God has for our church? I have listed just a few of the greater purposes for us here at Rush UMC. We are living it. And money is only one of the tools we need in order to not only “live” but to “mature”. We need people willing to put that tool into action. We need people to organize, lead and attend classes. We need people to find, coordinate and swing hammers at work project sites. We need cooks and servers and food for the hungry. We need compassionate listeners to support those who need much or who have lost everything

Let me finish by simply saying this: During this Stewardship campaign we could just talk about and worry about and focus on... money. However, I believe doing so would be missing the mark of what we are called to do. We would be missing the opportunity to develop, support and enhance our purpose.

God’s Blessing,

Pastor Kyle



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 3.



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All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 3 we will celebrate those in our church family who have gone to be with the Lord in the past year. The families have been invited to worship with us. As the names are read, a bell will chime. The names I have are: Lee VandenBos, 11/03/2023,

John David, 12/5/2023,
Paul Macauley, 12/10/2024,
Meg Kinnally, 12/21/2023,
John Funkhauser, 1/26/2024,
Trudy Corio, 1/28/2024,
Craig Crowell, 3/26/2024,
Louise Harris, 6/5/2024,
Hubert Koloseike, 7/10/2024,
Peggy Schwingel, 7/12/2024,
Bessie Luft, 7/19/2024,
Bradley Allen, 8/22/2024,
Jim Hughes, 8/24/2024



Hand Chimes Rehearsals

The Hand Chimes group will be meeting on November 3 after the worship service for our first rehearsal. Hand Chimes will be passed out and notes highlighted at this rehearsal. We will be practicing a piece to be performed during the service on December 15. If you'd like to join us, please let me know.



Handchimes

Alethea Coulter
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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 want an opportunity for a good meal and conversation! They meet the first Monday of the month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. This month's luncheon is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 4.

If you would like to join Pastor Kyle 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 call Cindy Gray at 585-362-6206 or contact her at cgtgray1039@gmail.com.



Stewardship Campaign

As many of you are aware; Rush UMC is in the midst of our annual Stewardship Campaign. Through Small Group studies, Stewardship minutes and Pastor Kyle's messages – we are discerning where God is leading our congregation and learning the biblical concepts of tithing and stewardship.

The Bible has plenty to say about finances. There are over 2300 verses concerning money – almost twice as many as those verses devoted to faith and prayer. Perhaps Jesus knows us well enough to know that how we handle our money isn't always about finances but is a matter of the heart. During the next weeks, we hope you will join as we are invited to celebrate the Joy of Generosity. As you listen to ministry leaders; know that your financial gifts Honor God and change lives. Through your gifts we are investing in God's vision and creating opportunities for God to work through us.

Opportunities to:

- enhance our worship so we can give our best to God
- expand our programs for our children and youth
- to reach beyond our church walls to bring hope as

we go out and do mission

At the conclusion of the campaign, you will have the opportunity to complete an Estimate of Giving Card. On a practical level, we ask you to turn one in so that our

Finance Ministry Team can set up an accurate ministry budget for 2025. You will have heard the wonderful plans our ministry teams have to expand programming and introduce Christ to more people, but we need your financial help to do so. On a personal level, each of us should spend time in prayer considering how we can give back to God from all that he has so generously given us.



Winter Prep Workday

Rush Church is holding a workday on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9-12. Our focus is on winter prep. We are digging out salt buckets, hand and push salt spreaders, shovels. We'll also be checking out the snow blower.

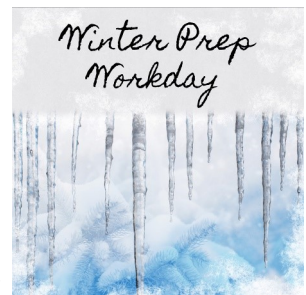
Other things we need done...

- Lawnmower prep for storage, water hoses removed and stored
- Tables in the pavilion stacked leaning.
- Anything else?

COME ON DOWN

Can't stay 3 hours? Come on down as you can and have a cup of coffee and a donut.

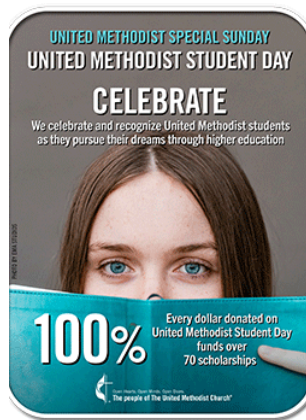
There are no rules to this gig.



United Methodist Student Day

On United Methodist Student Day, we partner with other congregations in a special offering to support the next generation of young disciples on their educational journey. One of denomination's six special offerings, United Methodist Student Day celebrates young adults and gives them a financial and spiritual boost. When you give to the special offering on United Methodist Student Day, you invest in a channel of hope for young leaders who bring their Wesleyan values into their schools and professions. Your contribution is an acknowledgement that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities.

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Now, perhaps more than ever, United Methodists are called to extend healing and hope that can guide us to transformational ministries. Through our gifts and support, we partner with God and God's creation to strengthen Christ's loving presence in a hurting world. United Methodist Special Sunday celebrations invest in transforming communities, empowering leaders, and building up ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to step into a grace-filled new beginning with faithful determination. United Methodists are striving to make a difference in the world and discerning what God has called them to do. Gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering help send young leaders into the world with the justice seeking, healing and compassionate values that have been instilled in them over the years. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY: Write a check to Rush UMC with "UMSD" in the memo line and put it in the plate on the kiosk or mail it to Rush UMC or give online through the church website, www.rushumc.com. You can also give online or set up monthly giving, at UMC.org/SSGive. An envelope/flyer will be on the kiosk beginning November 10, 2024.



Second Sunday Fellowship Brunch

On Sunday, November 10, enjoy a cup of coffee, a cookie and conversation then stay for our Second Sunday Fellowship Brunch. Serving begins around 11AM. Meet families you haven't met before and get to know one another better. Enjoy a meal without having to fix it yourself! A donation of \$1 or \$2 per adult is appreciated. Child-friendly options are available.



Christmas Activity Night

PromiseLand will be hosting an evening of food, family geared crafts, and a chance to meet Santa and you are all invited. This event will be held on Tuesday, December 3 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Please email PromiseLandchildcare1996@gmail.com to let Kellianne know if you plan on attending so that we can ensure we have enough crafts and food. While crafts are geared toward families, all are welcome to join us.



December Holiday Super Sale

The next Super Sale is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 9am-3pm with half-price sale from 1-3pm. We are accepting donations from now until November 20. Please leave your items indoors in the downstairs hallway near the sale room. Drop off all clothing, shoes and linens in the St. Pauly Textile shed located in the parking lot as we sort the shed daily.

The volunteer sign-up sheet for the sale will be in the lobby on Sunday, November 3. We will be packing up clothing to go to the shed and all else to Goodwill. We will be needing volunteers to load up their cars and take stuff to Goodwill anytime the week after the sale.

If you need any assistance with donations or have questions, please contact Cindy Raymond 727-8774.



Super Sale

Choir Update

Cantata rehearsals have begun! New members are always welcome to join. The choir sings most Sundays between September and June. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Worship Center and at 8:30am on Sunday morning. Not looking to make a full year commitment? Join us for the Christmas Cantata. The Cantata will be on Sunday, December 8 during the service. We rehearse cantata music at the beginning of our Wednesday rehearsals and on Sunday mornings when time allows. I look forward to seeing you there! Feel free to reach out to Kellianne Williams with any questions klkw1212@gmail.com or (585) 507-1996.



Christmas Memorial Plants

We will be ordering plants from Chase's Greenhouses for our Christmas Eve services.

If you would like to provide a memorial plant, please email Barb Kingsley at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org by Monday, December 16. There will be an order form on Eagle Island starting November 20.

As an alternative you may contribute to the Roof Replacement Project, Landscape or Capital Stewardship Funds. Please tell Barb in your email or on the order form.

The plants available and price, which includes a sleeve over the pot, are listed below:

Red, White or Marble
Poinsettias in 6½" pots
- \$8.50

Red, White or Marble
Poinsettias in 7½" pots
(2 plants): \$13.50

Cyclamen in 6" pots - \$8.50

Christmas Cactus 6" pots:
\$8.50



Capital Stewardship Update

If you've driven into the church parking lot lately you've seen the most recent project: the parking lot has been sealed (2 coats) and striped. Weather made the work a little difficult, but we are so grateful to everyone who made this possible. Special thanks to Rob Gruschow who organized and supervised the work!

In addition, thank you to all the volunteers who showed up on Saturday, 10/12, to work on reupholstering the sanctuary chairs. Under the very organized leadership of Cindy Raymond and Roger Haas, 5 chairs were completely reupholstered and the foam, batting, and fabric for another 20 (approximately) chairs is stacked and ready to be used. If you are interested in working with this group, please contact either Cindy Raymond or Roger Haas.

The trustees will now be looking at the rest of the funding available, prioritizing the projects on our list, and then moving forward. We are grateful to everyone who has worked and donated to the RUMC capital stewardship program. If you would like to learn more about the work of the Board of Trustees, see Cindy Gray. The next Board of Trustees meeting is Monday, November 4 at 7:00PM.



Lawn Mower Thank You's

As we finish up the mowing season, we would like to thank our small but dedicated bunch that keep our grounds looking good. If you feel you may be one of us, we will be looking for helpers come spring. There are jobs of various sizes and commitments.



Snow Blower Volunteers

We have an even smaller and heartier group committed to clearing sidewalks and entrances so that PromiseLand can open by 630am. Are you one of us? How are you at O-dark 5:30am on some of our snowiest days?

For more information contact Geoff Furman.



PromiseLand is Hiring!

PromiseLand Childcare is looking for a caring individual with experience working with preschool age children and a degree in ECE to work full-time at PromiseLand. If you know someone who fits this need, please encourage them to send their resume to Kellianne Williams at promiselandchildcare1996@gmail.com.



Red Bird Mission

Thank you for your past support of Red Bird Mission. Last year Upper New York sent over 2800 shoeboxes, over 100 new sheet sets and bedspreads, as well as numerous books, school supplies, and cleaning supplies to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. Red Bird Missionary Conference is one of three United Methodist missionary conferences in the United States.

The need is even greater this year.

Our goal for 2024 is to transport at least 3,500 shoeboxes and other supplies to the Red Bird Mission the last week of November.

There are two different styles of shoeboxes-adult and children.

Shoobox items should be put in clear plastic shoeboxed storage containers with locking lids.

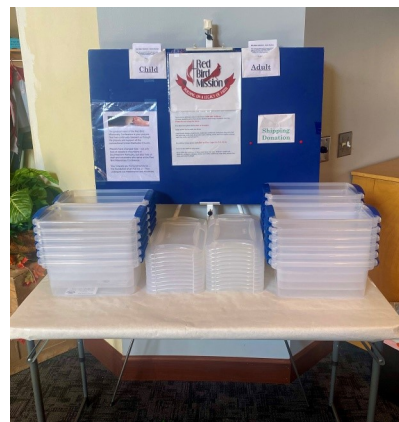
Do not wrap the shoeboxes.

Clearly label each shoebox so they know who the intended recipient is for the items.

Shooboxes, content list and box labels are available in the church lobby.

Return shoeboxes to church by Nov 17 to allow time for pickup and delivery.

Donations are needed to cover the cost of renting two trucks to deliver the supplies to the Red Bird Mission.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Presenting "A Christmas Carol"

We are excited to announce that on Friday, Dec. 6, Rush Church will be the site for a production of "A Christmas Carol." Mr. Kim Tenreiro is a local actor, who for more than 10 years has been presenting his dramatic one-man performance that brings to life over 30 characters during the show. Due to the potential difficulty of understanding Dickens' "old English" language, the production is recommended for "mature audiences."

The performance consists of 2 acts, with a 15-minute intermission, and starts at 7:00pm. There is an optional prologue which starts at 6:15, in which Mr. Tenreiro talks about Dickens' life, what 1843 London was like, and some back story of "A Christmas Carol." Tickets will be available from Richard Nereau and Cynthia Gray, for a donation of \$25.00. 100% of the ticket sales will benefit the Rush United Methodist Church and Rush Henrietta Rotary. Mark your calendars now so you can be part of this memorable start to the Christmas season.



A GHOST STORY OF CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Carol

PRESENTING

Mr. Kim Tenreiro performing Charles Dickens' classic tale of reclamation and salvation.

A dramatic one-man performance that brings to life over 30 characters during the show.

Mature audience suggested

All proceeds from the performance are donated to a variety of local charities

In the spirit of keeping Christmas well

100 % of ticket sales to benefit the
Rush Methodist Church & Rush Henrietta Rotary
 Friday, December 6, 2024 at 7:00pm
(optional prologue starts at 6:15)
 Rush Methodist Church, 6200 Rush-Lima Road
 Ticket Donation \$25.00, suggested for ages 13 and above
 Contact: RushHenriettaRotary@gmail.com

Christmas Play

The children and youth will start rehearsals for the Christmas play in November. We will be performing the play during the worship service on December 22nd. If you are interested in helping with the play, please let me know. We can always use more people to assist with costumes, set, and practices.



Sunday School Program Rehearsals

Thanks,
 Alethea Coulter
 Children's Ministry Director
alethea.coulter@rushumc.org

Holiday Hospitality Bags

On Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10-noon, we will be continuing our tradition of filling about 30 goodie bags to spread some cheer to our homebound, those in Senior Living facilities or those who need some cheer.

We **NEED** volunteers to provide 2-4 dozen cookies or muffins without nuts (individually wrapped), 30 bananas, 30 mandarins, 30 Nutrigrain bars, 30 snack bags (pretzels, chips, etc), a few large bags of assorted individually wrapped candies and 25-30 small trinkets of your choice. We always add a fresh red carnation in the bag so donations are gladly accepted for those (\$1.50 each ordered from Chases Greenhouse). SIGN UP sheets will be provided in mid November.

Most of all we need people to "DELIVER" to make this annual event a success.

Please bring your items to the church dining room anytime before 10am on Saturday, December 14. One week prior, there will also be a table setup with a sign to set your times on in the dining room. If you prefer, I am happy to pick up items directly from your home.

The bags always contain a Christmas card from our church & PromiseLand. **Addresses & phone numbers will be provided and ready for you to deliver by noon on Dec 14.** You can choose to deliver anytime from Dec 14-17.

If you have a loved one in mind that would appreciate a goodie bag, we always provide extras for this purpose. Please advise Joyce Smith or Barb Kingsley with the name(s)



May you all have a safe and healthy holiday season.

Joyce & Ray Smith
joysm0314@gmail.com

Mission and Outreach

“Praise the LORD!
Because it is good to sing praise to our God!
Because it is a pleasure to make beautiful praise!
Psalms 147:1

This month I am thinking of the tremendous number of blessings for which we are thankful.

1. Our Lord Jesus was willing to leave his home in heaven, surely a place of far greater beauty, comfort, and safety, than we can begin to imagine. He was willing to place himself in the greatest vulnerability – with a young, inexperienced mother who delivered the Messiah without family or midwife in attendance. He went on to show us how to live and died to procure our salvation. Then “God raised him up! God freed him from death’s dreadful grip, since it



was impossible for death to hang on to him.” Acts 2:24 Praise God!

2. I am grateful for our living in an area of comfort and safety unlike so many of our sisters and brothers. We are far more comfortable than many around the world due to more than enough food, plentiful amount of water, sanitary facilities, heated homes, warm clothes, etc. Just half the world has adequate sanitation facilities. When Jane Ashburner, Palliative Care Manager of Zululand hospice visited her son in Colorado, she said, “Erma! People have furniture on their porches and Amazon leaves packages!” In South Africa Jane lives within walls and locked gates.



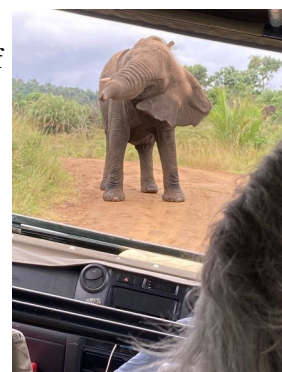
3. I am grateful for family. My grandparents and parents lived the teaching to “live simply so that others may live” and I am grateful for their example.

4. I am often overwhelmed by the beauty and variety of creation. While camping in the Adirondacks, when the sun shone, we had clouds of insects - blue, fuzzy-butt wooly aphids! Our trees, flowers, birds, animals, etc.

bring much joy and interest. The opportunity to go on safari is always exciting and reason for giving thanks. Western North Carolina is a lovely place, but is now inaccessible due to roads being washed away, littered with debris overwhelmed with grief for the lives of those lost. We are blessed to live in an area not often threatened by earthquakes, hurricanes, flooding.



5. We are blessed by our healthcare systems. Because of my travels to South Africa a verse from Psalms 128:6 caught my attention, “And may you see your children’s children.” This is the expectation of most of us. However, we see many patients with Zululand Hospice staff for whom this is not the case. We saw 3 women in the early 40s with cancer in May and 2 died within weeks. Often grandmothers are raising their children’s children.



6. I am SO grateful for my church family, Rush UMC. I thank God for so much generosity of time, talent, dedication and funds. The building is a blessing to us, PromiseLand families and the community. I am thankful Pastor Kyle and Kris were willing to be uprooted and move to western NY. Thank you, Dan and Kathy for making the 80th Turkey Dinner possible. I can’t begin to include everyone who is in leadership, who teach, cook, clean-up, keep Super Sale going, visit homebound, bake, etc. so I will stop here. But I cannot close without expressing huge



appreciation for your response when special needs are raised. It was a profoundly wonderful feeling to be able to wire the funds given in response to the thefts at the orphanage.

“Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!” I Corinthians 15:57

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September Community Picnic



Reupholstering Chairs



October Second Sunday Brunch



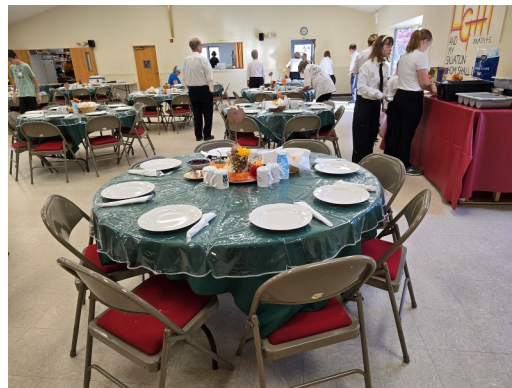
Promiseland Playground Update



Promiseland Turkey Dinner Bake Sale



80th Annual Turkey Dinner



PromiseLand Playground Update

We are so excited to let you know that phase II of the PromiseLand playground upgrade is complete! Our new fence was installed in September and our new Bears Playground and additional play structures have been installed on our toddler playground and in the large playground. Be sure to take a look at our beautiful new playground!



PromiseLand Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who baked and purchased items for the PromiseLand bake sale. PromiseLand made over \$1,300! This money goes to support extra programs for the children and families of PromiseLand. Your support is so important to the PromiseLand ministry. Thank you!



Turkey Dinner Thank You

Kathy and I would like to thank everyone for their help and support of our 80th annual Turkey Dinner. We especially appreciate everyone's input and patience as we continue to learn the ropes. Every one of you should be extremely proud of our church putting on a Turkey Dinner for our community for 80 years plus supplying non-perishable to RHAFT (Rush Henrietta Area Food Terminal). A big thank you to the staff and 15 boys at Industry who helped prepare the turkeys. Everyone, thank you for a job well done. We are very proud to be a small part of this congregation.

We served 300 Takeout and 230 Sit down dinners plus about 60 workers. Cash donations, prior to and the night of the dinner, were \$5,028.00 plus we have 30+ boxes and bags of food, and paper and hygiene goods.

A time to debrief the Turkey Dinner is planned for after the service at 11:00 on Sunday, November 3. If you have constructive suggestions on how we can improve the dinner, please come.



Thank you,

Dan and Kathy Kingsley

GRACE Choir Christmas Concert

GRACE Choir is a multi-denominational choir made up of people from 18 different churches around the Rochester area. We sing under Director, Lon Beery. We are singing the Christmas Cantata "O Holy Night" at two concerts in December. The first is Friday, December 13 at 7:30PM at Webster Methodist Church, 169 E. Main Street, Webster NY 14580. The second concert is on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00PM at Crossroads Church, 1574 Rochester Street (Rt 15A), Lima, NY 14485. These concerts are free and open to the public, although a free will offering may be taken. Come and enjoy an evening or afternoon of Christmas music.



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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"

OUR MISSION, VISION and



PRIORITY STATEMENTS

Rush United Methodist Church

Analysis of Revenues & Expenses: General Budget

September 2024

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	Budget TD (This Year)
Revenues			
Other Income/ Parsonage	\$2,211.90	\$30,782.83	\$17,724.97
Offerings	\$16,466.00	\$142,614.00	\$146,194.00
P/L & HCS Reimbursement	\$1,511.66	\$13,717.97	\$13,312.44
Carry Over from 2023	\$5,797.50	\$52,170.00	\$52,170.00
Total Revenues	\$25,987.06	\$239,284.80	\$256,433.42
Expenses			
Board of Trustees	\$3,169.92	\$40,096.37	\$35,625.06
Education	\$168.31	\$509.72	\$1,024.97
Insurance	\$3,470.42	\$11,449.98	\$7,815.48
(1) Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Office Expenses	\$916.38	\$9,583.69	\$9,679.83
Clergy Salaries	\$3,964.18	\$44,538.39	\$44,283.60
Lay Salaries	\$6,082.59	\$62,661.28	\$61,335.25
Clergy Benefits	\$4,516.31	\$40,224.98	\$40,871.91
Ministry Team	\$0.00	\$2,860.61	\$3,312.44
Other Program Expenses	\$138.90	\$2,135.69	\$3,291.97
Utilities	\$1,598.98	\$21,575.11	\$18,495.03
PromiseLand	\$0.00	(\$5,000.00)	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$24,025.99	\$230,635.82	\$226,235.54
Net Total	\$1,961.07	\$8,648.98	\$30,197.88

1. Shared Ministries: \$0.00 paid to end of September

Capital Reserve Fund

Balance as of September 25, 2024:
\$52,292.89

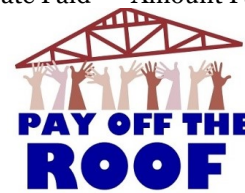
Building Contingency Fund

Balance as of September 30, 2024:
\$5,082.46



Roof Replacement Loan Repayment

	Date Paid	Amount Paid	Balance
Opening Balance			\$31,892.10
Interest at 3.25%			\$1,036.49
Loan plus Interest			\$32,928.59
Payment #37	01/20/2024	\$250.00	\$32,678.59
Payment #38	02/15/2024	\$250.00	\$32,428.59
Payment #39	03/13/2024	\$250.00	\$32,177.59
Payment #40	04/15/2024	\$250.00	\$31,928.59
Payment #41	05/15/2024	\$250.00	\$31,678.59
Payment #42	06/15/2024	\$250.00	\$31,428.59
Payment #43	07/15/2024	\$250.00	\$31,178.59
Payment #44	08/15/2024	\$250.00	\$30,928.59
Payment #45	09/15/2024	\$250.00	\$30,678.59
Payment #46	10/15/2024	\$250.00	\$30,428.59
Payment #47			
Payment #48			
Year End Payment from additional donations			
	Total Paid	\$2,500.00	



Capital Stewardship Campaign Update

As of Wednesday, October 30, 2024, we have received \$269,200.00 or 53.84% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$164,354.21 of which \$92,466.23 has been spent on fabric to reupholster the sanctuary chairs, for the materials and installation of the carpet and baseboard in the lobby, sitting area and halls, for repairs to gutters and payment for drainage work in the parking lot and west side of the building. Eleven thousand two hundred twenty dollars (\$11,220.00), not pledged, of this total has been designated for an electronic sign. Pledges continue to be accepted. Even if you haven't made a pledge, donations to the Capital Stewardship Campaign are gratefully accepted.



Prayer Concerns

Health Concerns: Alison, Bob and Linda Faugh, Mark Kellogg, Lisa Shingleton, Ray Smith, Mark Statskey
 Dora Lee Alexander's friend, Janet, health concerns
 Geoff Ashburner, husband of Jane, nurse at Zululand Hospice, diagnosed with melanoma
 Leonard Bennett, family of Evelyn Chaffer, cancer
 John Campanaro – pulled muscle
 Kenny Chaffer, prostate cancer
 Linda Chamot's sister, Debbie Wildow, going to hospital for stem cell transplant
 George Gray's brother, John, open heart surgery
 Raymer Ottman – cancer treatment
 Leola Porter, broken arm from fall
 Patty Weaver – energy
 Our country during the upcoming election season
 Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health
 PromiseLand Childcare
 Heritage Christian Services Rush Day Hab
 Musa weNkosi Orphanage, safety of the children and staff
 Unity and peace to come to our troubled land
 Government Leaders
 Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health
 Aggressive diplomacy that will lead to peace and justice for Palestinians and Israelis
 Israel and the conflicts around the world
 The Jewish people
 Difficult marriages
 School Districts, Parents and Students
 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
 Peace to come to our troubled land
 For justice and health care to be deployed equally and evenly among all people
 End to racism and inequality
 Zululand Hospice in South Africa
 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
 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
 Prayers for our youth to find themselves and God in the process
 Families affected by Alzheimer's, cancer and other terminal illnesses
 Parents of New Drivers
 Those looking for employment
 Employers looking for people to hire
 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

Campus Ministries
 All Volunteers who go on Missions
 UMCOR
 Refugee resettlement project and resettlement families
 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
Ernie Harrington	Lynne Jacobs
Kevin Kinnally	Gisela Rice
Dave Smith	Betty Stover

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

Phillip Banker	Jason Bello
Ben Frederick	Jason McKnight
Isaiah Montana	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.



Bereavement

Pat Boyes and family, death of her niece, Taryn Manning, 44yrs old on October 19
 Family of Barbara Witmer, died about a week ago; she was one of the founders of RHAFT and FISH and served as the coordinator of both until just recently; service will be November 2 at Henrietta United Church of Christ



Praises

Dora Lee Alexander's friend, Janet, is doing much better
 George Gray's brother, John, continuing his recovery at home
 Kris Roehrig is home from Texas following recovery from surgery
 Successful Turkey Dinner and PromiseLand Bake Sale
 November Birthdays and Anniversaries



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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30AM— “Enough” Book Study with Michelle Prok
 8:30AM—Choir Rehearsal
 9:30AM—Worship Service - In-Person and on
 YouTube and Facebook; Communion:
 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month
 9:45AM—One Room Sunday School Class for
 Children
 10:45AM—Rush UMC Coffee
 Hour
 10:45AM—Adult Class: “Resist
 Chaos by Anchoring
 Yourself in God’s Truth”



**Sunday
 Schedule**

Youth Group



Youth in grades 6—12 meet each
 month on Wednesdays at 6:00PM.
 November dates are the 6th and
 20th. All youth are welcome to come
 and invite a friend.

Leadership Ministry Team

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome
 by email to any Leadership Ministry Team Members,
 contact information on page 9.

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 Accompanist: Chaeun Lee
 Lay Leaders: Worship: Steve Williams
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