

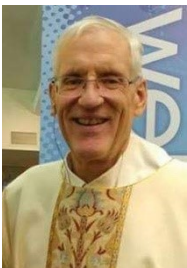


His Faithful Followers

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A Note from Pastor Todd The Lord's Prayer, Part 2



The wind gently blew down the St. Lawrence River valley, from left to right, west to east, carrying with it the aroma of summer weed pollen and fresh marine vegetation. Our family pop-up camper occupied a site right on the beach looking north. A central campfire was surrounded by numerous pup tents. Canada, a whole civilization, was on the north side, who's presence was felt, but inhabitants too distant to be seen. The sun was yet to rise, giving a hint of light and warmth to those who dared to stir. Bacon cracked in the cast iron frying pan. A bowl of batter and whisk were poised at the ready. Squatting, our stomachs waited for our daily bread.

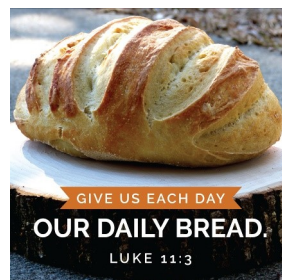
My dad was the pastor of the Sinclairville United Methodist Church in the late 60s. The ten, or so, elementary school aged kids and I were recent graduates of his acolyte orientation program. Successful graduates were given the privilege of lighting the altar candles prior to worship and extinguishing them at the end. Our final pass/fail project was to memorize and recite both The Apostle's Creed and The Lord's Prayer. The promise of a St. Lawrence camping trip and belly full of bacon and pancakes marked our success.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray **"Give us this day our daily bread."**

He doesn't say to look for discounts and sales, load up the freezer, or to stock up for a rainy day. The image of Bread from Heaven from Exodus 16 should linger. This day; means today. Daily bread; sufficient from start to finish, sunup to sundown. No more, no less. We are compelled to trust that just as the Lord has provided for today, so, too, will the Lord provide for our every nutritional need tomorrow. Excess that we stock away will only turn to rot.

Jesus responds to the temptation by the devil in the wilderness to turn stones into bread with his answer, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4). The word from the mouth of God feeds us, just as certainly as our evening supper. Seek, knock, open, find. Feast on the word of God, as found in scripture and Gospel. Drink from the fountain of the water of life, and thirst no more. Drink from the cup shared with you, and taste the salvation of God.

The God of my experience has abundantly provided for my physical, emotional, and



spiritual sustenance each and every day of my life, from bottle and breast, to the skim and Kashi I had for breakfast this morning. Fresh each day, the word of God has sustained me, just as it is able to sustain you.

"And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us" Jesus taught. Trespass. Sin. Debts. Whichever. Whatever. What works for you is the best translation to use.

An honest, transparent, authentic petition for forgiveness requires absolute humility. It recognizes the fact that a sin has been committed, either with an intentional act to harm (commission), or, by a failure to act (omission). It requires an admission of guilt, a confession of our moral failure. No one likes to admit they are wrong, your pastor not withstanding! But, wrong I am, to confront evil, injustice, racism when ever and where ever I've found them. I am wrong to break any of the ten commandments, just as I am wrong to exaggerate the truth. Sin is not confined by size or impact. Big, or small, frequent or infrequent, sin is sin. Harming another requires sincere forgiveness.

Forgiveness requires one to cease and desist. Stop the sin; and vow to sin no more; that's called repentance. Forgiveness requires reparations. Fix and repair the damage I've done. Make it right, as if sin hadn't occurred in the first place.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.



Matthew 6:12

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Forgiveness is a three-way intersection. Sin is the abuse of another. We sin against God. And we harm ourselves. Our forgiveness is a willingness to repair what we've broken, bringing restoration with others, with our God, and within ourselves. Forgiveness comes first from God, through the redemptive act of Jesus Christ, and is given to us as a gift of grace as a tool to wield, that God's kingdom may become perfected on earth as it is in heaven.

There is a word that connects the two phrases about trespasses. The word is "as". Forgiveness given is to be balanced with forgiveness received. A world out of balance abuses the perfect nature of God's intent for the redemption of humanity.

Lastly, forgiveness is a habit of experience that we are to teach by word and example to the next generation. Just as we have received forgiveness as a gift from God, so, too, are we to pass the gift on to our children. Give it away. Teach it well. Be certain to make the connection between forgiveness and the cross of Jesus Christ. He died to take our sin away; vow to not to muck it up again. You've cleaned up; keep yourself clean; and, lend a hand to help others keep themselves growing among moral, ethical, and spiritual lines, too.

Next month, Lord willing, I'll pick up the Lord's Prayer with "Lead us not into temptation..."

Until then, God loves you, and so do I.

Todd R. Goddard

Pastor Todd

Labor Day Weekend

We plan to have an informal worship service and potluck supper on Sunday, September 3 at 10:30AM and 5:30PM at Stony Brook State Park. Come for the service and spend the afternoon hiking the gorge or relaxing and spending the day in God's beautiful creation. Bring lawn chairs, meat to grill and a dish to pass for the picnic.



Stony Brook State Park is located south of Dansville, NY on State Route 36. Use the south entrance at the top of the hill to the camping area. Parking is available near the Shawmut Shelter, follow the road markers. It is a short walk from there down the hill to the campground. Most of our group is at the bottom of the hill along the creek and on the opposite side of the road.



Campers: reservations for Labor Day weekend in 2024 can be made beginning 9 months prior to your first day of camping. Come, join those of us who camp, whether it is in a 5th Wheel, trailer, pop up or tent, for a weekend of fun, community and fellowship at Stony Brook State Park on Labor Day Weekend, August 30-September 2, 2024. If you have questions, please contact Barb Kingsley in the church office. New families are always welcome to camp with us. Stony Brook also has sleeping cabins available.

Choir Update

The choir is starting back up on September 6. This is a great opportunity for anyone who enjoys singing and we would love to have some new members! We sing most Sunday's and 2 Cantatas each year. Our rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and on Sunday mornings before the service. If you have any questions, please contact Kellianne

Williams at klkw1212@gmail.com or (585) 507-1996. I look forward to beginning this new season with you all!



Fall Worship Schedule

The result of an informal verbal survey is that the preference is to continue with one blended service at 9:30AM for the foreseeable future. This decision will be periodically reevaluated.

The worship schedule for the fall is as follows:

- 8:30AM: Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok
- 8:30AM: Book of Acts Bible Study and Small Group
- 8:30AM: Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM: Blended Worship Experience
- 10:00AM: One Room Sunday School Class for children
- 10:45AM: Rush UMC Coffee Hour

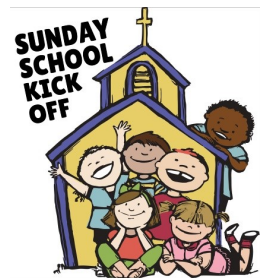
Communion will be served on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.



Rally Day

The Christian Education year starts on Sunday, September 10. Teacher dedication and the beginning of Sunday School is set for this Sunday. This also coincides with Second Sunday brunch. We will also be blessing pack backs. If you have any questions, please let me know. You are also encouraged to wear your Rush Church t-shirt!

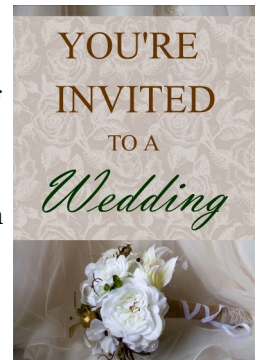
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Children's Ministry Director



You Are Invited

All are invited to the ceremony of marriage for Mackenzie Luft and Spencer Haynes on Saturday September 16, 2023 at 1PM in the sanctuary. Cake reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

For registry information please visit: <https://www.theknot.com/registry/couplesearch>



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. We do have some t-shirts available now, especially in "Medium."

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 worrying about the cost.

Orders for shirts can be left in the church office, by September 17. *Please note that the deadline has been extended.* Questions? See Cindy Gray or contact her at cgtgray1039@gmail.com



Second Sunday Brunch

On Sunday, September 10 at 11AM, plan to stay for the Second Sunday Fellowship Bunch. This is a time for fellowship and a meal. Meet families you haven't met before and/or families in your child's Sunday School class. Get to know them better. Enjoy a meal without having to fix it yourself! The cost is \$1.00 per person. Child friendly and gluten free options are available.



September Family Fun Community Picnic

Our final outdoor community picnic for the year is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, at 5:30pm. Mark your calendars now. This is a wonderful opportunity to share good food and fellowship in our church pavilion. You are welcome to invite your neighbors and friends. Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, and tableware are provided, and we will have water and lemonade available to drink. You are invited to bring a dish to share (salad, side dish, or dessert) but it is NOT necessary. Your presence is all we need!



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 the month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. Please note that due to vacation schedules, Ladies' Lunch Bunch will resume in October. We will not be meeting in September. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on Monday, October 2.



79th Turkey Dinner Signup Sheets

Sign-up sheets are now available on Eagle Island in the church lobby for the 79th Annual Turkey Dinner, which is scheduled for **Saturday, October 21st, 2023**. We will need many volunteers to cook and bake, as well as serve at the event. This year, we will be bringing back the seated, in-person dinner, as well as having a takeout option. We will also be holding a bake sale during the dinner to benefit PromiseLand Child Care.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering in the days leading up to and/or the day of the event – whether it be to prepare food or to help serve in the dining room or takeout room – please sign up on the sheets on Eagle Island in the church lobby. If you have any questions, please email Dan and Kathy Kingsley at deltakilo@gmail.com and kathy.laluk@gmail.com.

You can also help support this outreach program through monetary donations to help purchase supplies for the dinner. Checks can be made out to Rush United Methodist Church and dropped off to Barb Kingsley in the church office or left in the offering plates. Please write "Turkey Dinner" for the memo.



PromiseLand Bake Sale

PromiseLand is excited to be partnering with the church again for our Turkey Dinner Day Bake Sale on Saturday, October 21! More details to come but we hope you'll consider donating, and or purchasing, baked goods for this important fundraiser.



July Community Picnic



Baptism of Benjamin Thomas Kingsley

On Sunday, August 6, 2023, we celebrated the Baptism of Benjamin Thomas Kingsley. Benjamin is the son of Daniel Paul and Kathryn Laluk Kingsley and was born on November 7, 2022. His big brother is William. He is also the grandson of Paul and Barb Kingsley and Dave and Sue Laluk, great grandson of Louise Miller, nephew of Kellianne and Steve Williams, Kathy and Rich Pittenger and Steven Laluk and cousin of Rhys and Ethan Williams and Elijah and Micah Pittenger. Please welcome Benjamin and his family into this family of Christ called the Rush United Methodist Church.



Rush United Methodist Church
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses Summary Actual

July 2023

| Accounts | MTD (This Year) | YTD Actual (This Year) | Budget To (This Year) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Revenues | | | |
| Other Income | \$1,015.49 | \$9,033.34 | \$7,290.00 |
| Offerings | \$25,058.98 | \$123,365.33 | \$123,253.69 |
| P/L/HCS Expense Reimbursement | \$1,360.12 | \$9,593.05 | \$10,054.77 |
| Total Revenues | \$27,434.59 | \$141,991.72 | \$140,598.46 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Building & | \$1,045.37 | \$28,771.98 | \$21,974.19 |
| Education | \$25.27 | \$389.64 | \$724.93 |
| Insurance | \$683.49 | \$6,714.50 | \$6,714.50 |
| (i) Mission | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| Office Expenses | \$538.49 | \$7,489.55 | \$7,890.00 |
| Clergy Salaries | \$4,639.42 | \$36,285.45 | \$36,285.45 |
| Lay Salaries | \$5,235.03 | \$42,040.88 | \$43,287.80 |
| Clergy Benefits | \$4,639.42 | \$30,909.16 | \$30,069.92 |
| Ministry Team | \$0.00 | \$2,268.51 | \$2,854.12 |
| Other Program Expenses | \$94.17 | \$890.98 | \$3,134.31 |
| Utilities | \$1,280.72 | \$12,776.61 | \$14,408.69 |
| PromiseLand | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$18,380.02 | \$168,537.26 | \$167,843.91 |
| Net Total | \$9,054.57 | (\$26,545.54) | (\$27,245.45) |

1. Shared Ministries:
 0% paid to end of July



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 | 07/17/2023 | \$249.42 | \$37,164.20 |
| Payment #32 | 08/15/2023 | \$249.42 | \$36,914.78\$ |
| 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 | | \$1,995.36 | |



Capital Stewardship Campaign Update

As of Monday, August 21, we have received \$269,200.00 or 53.84% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$105,597.54 of which \$22,416.23 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

Alice, health
 Nicole Cuatt
 Louise Harris, recovering from pneumonia and a fall at
 St. John's Home for rehab, room 532
 Michelle Prok's mom, Betty Stover, health concerns
 Patty Weaver, is home, continued prayers for health
 Musa weNkosi asks us to pray a visa will come through for
 a German volunteer
 Those impacted by the fires on Maui, the residents and first
 responders
 Those impacted by Hurricane Hilary and Tropical Storm
 Harold
 Those impacted by recent poor air quality, heat, storms,
 flooding
 Families and friends camping at Stony Brook State Park
 Teachers and students beginning school
 College Students beginning a new semester
 Rally Day and beginning of Fall activities
 The church, pray for all
 Difficult marriages
 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.



Trunk or Treat - Save the date!

The Youth Group will be organizing the Trunk or Treat again this year. It will be held on Sunday, October 29, 4-6pm. Start planning your trunks now and spread the word! We had a large group of treaters last year so it would be great to have a large group of cars for this community event.



Alethea Coulter
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Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is busy with all the responsibilities of maintaining and updating our church building. We are very grateful for the volunteers who spend hours weekly keeping the lawns mowed! The reality is that there are always things that need fixing and tweaking, and not enough hands to keep up with the work. If you would like to be part of a group of “handyman” volunteers, either on a regular or occasional basis, please contact Cindy Gray (cgtgray1039@gmail.com) or Geoff Furman (furman@rochester.rr.com). There are a wide variety of projects on our “to-do list,” with something for any skill set or time availability!



Sunday school Teachers/Assistants Needed

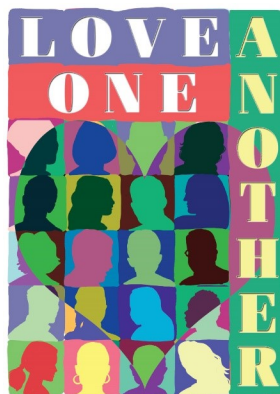
As our children’s Sunday school class is starting up again after the summer break, we need some additional people to help support this ministry. We have a one room class that meets every Sunday. In order to make that happen, we need to have 2 people in the classroom each week per our Safe Sanctuary policy. If you would be available to either co-teach a Sunday or to just assist with the class activities, please let me know. Our Rally Day and teacher dedication is set for September 10th and I’d love to have a few more people able to work with the kids. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Alethea Coulter
Children’s Ministry Director



Mission and Outreach

If we are to be effective in our mission and outreach, we must obey Jesus’ words in John 13:34, 35 “I give you a new commandment: Love each other as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”



I have copied an abridged message by Dr. Stephen Cady. The entire letter is at: <https://mainstreamumc.com>

“Dear Friends,

This is a time for clarity. So, let’s be clear: The United Methodist Church is committed

to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This has been and will continue to be our mission. Sure, we might take umbrage with aspects of it (like who does the actual disciple-making—us or God), but the basic point is unambiguous: we’re interested in following Jesus Christ and helping others to do the same.

If you are looking for a denomination where everyone will be forced into lockstep about Scripture, about what discipleship looks like, about whose love is worthy of God’s blessing and whose is not, then disaffiliation from the UMC might be the right path. If, however, you are willing to sit in the same pew with someone who thinks differently than you, if you are willing to err on the side of grace, if you believe that **we don’t have to think the same way to face in the same direction**, then the UMC is your church!

To be clear, the post-2024 UMC will (and should) include those who identify as “traditional,” as “progressive,” and as “centrists.” Inclusion is not just about human sexuality but also about beliefs. No one in the United Methodist Church is kicking anyone out. There are only people leaving who cannot tolerate differences. There is a place for everyone in the UMC.

John Wesley once preached, “Though we can’t think alike, may we not love alike?” When given the opportunity to add creeds to our first Articles of Religion, Wesley intentionally omitted them, not because he disagreed with the foundational tenets they professed, but because he understood how they could become stumbling blocks to faith. In other words, Methodists have never been about uniformity of belief, but rather uniformity of mission—to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

This is a time for clarity. Let us remain clear in our mission. Let us remain clear in our call. Let us remain clear in our commitment to one another.”

In Christ,

Rev. Stephen Cady, PhD,
Senior Minister, Asbury First
United Methodist Church

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



Sunday Morning Assistants

As we continue to have more family, friends and visitors attend worship on Sunday mornings, more volunteers are needed to offer hospitality.

Greeters

One or two people who are interested in greeting members, friends and visitors to Rush UMC on Sunday mornings are needed. The responsibility is to greet as many as possible with a smile, a welcome, a good morning or a good to see you. Additional conversation is not necessary, although if initiated by the person being greeted, is a good way to get to know them better.



Ushers & Greeters

Ushers

Barb Kingsley is coordinating ushers for the 9:30 worship service. If you would like to usher or be a substitute, please see or call Barb at the church office, 533-2170 or barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org. It would be ideal to have 5 – 6 individuals to usher on a rotating schedule.



Speak with Cindy Gray at 585-334-0110 or cgtgray1039@gmail.com or Erin Bills 585-346-5915 or ebills534@gmail.com, if you would be willing to assist with communion.



COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Cookie and Coffee and Fellowship Time



Cookie and coffee fellowship time are going strong. Please contact Tanya Hunt if you are willing to be a part of this ministry. 3-4 dozen cookies freshly made or store bought are needed. Please note anything containing nuts. Email Tanya at tbhunt13@gmail.com, call or text her at 585-698-8949.

Join Our Hospitality Team!

We are returning to Second Sunday Lunches in September and our last, for the year, "Family Fun Wednesday Community Picnic" will be in September. In January we will start the Family Fun Community Wednesday Dinners on the last Wednesday of each month. Speak with Don Kingsley at 585-507-2460 if you can assist with Second Sunday Lunches. Speak with Cindy Gray at 585-334-0110 if you are able to assist with Family Fun Wednesday Community Picnic. **Serve with a smile!**



Congregational Care

Thank You for Volunteering!

Coffee Cleanup

Don Kingsley is currently our volunteer to clean up on Sunday mornings after cookie and coffee fellowship time. It would be ideal if there were one or two others willing to help him or fill in for him on a Sunday. If you can help, please contact Don at 585-507-2460.



Wildfires in Hawaii

(Updated as of Aug. 14, 2023) Wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage. UMCOR is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process a solidarity grant for emergency supplies. As first responders continue to provide initial aid in the area, please join UMCOR in prayer for those affected. Gifts can be made in the following ways:

Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670>

By toll-free telephone call: 1-888-252-6174

By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line and mailed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068

By check made out to Rush UMC with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line.

Remember, the entirety of gifts given to an UMCOR Advance Project go to that project! The cost administration is covered by the UMCOR Special Sunday Offering, one of six United Methodist special offerings taken during the year.

Back-to-School Super Sale Thank You

Thank you to the many volunteers that helped make this sale happen. Including pre-sales, we made \$5,347.

We are accepting donations once more as we prepare for the December sale. Household items, books, toys, etc. can be put in the hallway outside the room. Clothing, shoes, sneakers, and linens can be put in the St. Pauly Shed. Thank you for your donations.



Super Sale

100% with



100% of each gift reaches the mission or ministry of your choice.



Thank you,
Cindy Raymond

Jerusalem Fund

A number of years ago, Morley Maxwell led our church to establish the Jerusalem Fund with this opening appeal to the members: "Remember the poor, that is the charge that Peter, James, Cephas, and John gave to Paul for his evangelism to the Gentiles (Galatians 2:10). Also we read in the Gospels that the churches took up a collection and sent it to Jerusalem for the needy."

The Jerusalem Fund is a second-mile giving opportunity for us to directly assist those in need. It is a pastoral discretionary fund meant to financially assist members of our church family that are experiencing short-term economic need. The Fund has been instrumental in keeping individuals and families afloat during difficult times. The fund was heavily drawn upon during the pandemic when job changes and losses took place.

The Jerusalem Fund has been drawn down to a minimum level and is in need of replenishment. Morley asked "Now here is what I need you to consider – you are requested to give \$100 to the Jerusalem Fund (by check made out to RUMC and in the For: Jerusalem Fund)... Lesser amounts may be given if you wish... It is recognized that all families will not be able to participate and that is expected but if you can, your assistance is greatly appreciated. ...As you make your decision to give or not remember that the assistance is a faith loan given until the individual(s) can get back on their feet. All loans will be given with Christian love and trust and confidence, maintaining a household is the foremost expectation."

Please consider a contribution to the Jerusalem Fund, in the same spirit of Christian love and generosity that Morley modeled many years ago. Thank you for your every consideration.

Pastor Todd



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 2023 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. Shoebox items should be put in clear plastic shoebox- sized 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. Shoeboxes, content list and box labels are available in the church lobby.

Return shoeboxes to church by Nov 19 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.



Birthday Celebration

Walt Banker will celebrate his 98th birthday on Friday, September 1, 2023. We are all encouraged to wish him a happy birthday with a card or note. His address is: 1445 Rush Henrietta TL Rd., Rush, NY 14543-9733.



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

Maureen Cronin and family, recent death of her mother-in-law
Gary and Michelle Prok and family, recent death of Gary's father
Family and friends of Marty Reitz who recently passed away



Praises

Baptism of Benjamin Thomas Kingsley
Successful PromiseLand Golf Tournament
Successful Back to School
Super Sale
Musa weNkosi had 300 children attend Bible school; they plan to start a weekly Bible class
Ben Cuatt has been awarded full custody of his daughters
September Birthdays and Anniversaries



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Sunday Worship Schedule

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



**Sunday
 Schedule**

Youth Group

Youth in grades 6—12 meet the
 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at
 6:00PM each month. All youth
 are welcome to come and invite
 a friend.



Leadership Ministry Team

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome
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