

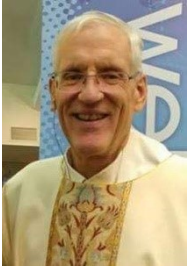


# His Faithful Followers

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## A Note from Pastor Todd



“Welcome to our church! I’m glad you are here.”

This is our elevator tagline we say to visitors and people with unfamiliar faces. Do we really mean it? I’m skeptical until proven otherwise. Prove me wrong!

Let’s weigh the benefits and risks of welcoming new people into our community of faith with a few ‘back of the napkin’ lists.

### Benefits:

- More people means growth, and growth is good
- More people means it is more likely to have more children, youth, and families
- The bigger the church the less likely it is to fail
- The more who contribute to our expenses, the less the financial burden on me
- Many hands make light work. We will have more volunteers to get things done
- Maybe the 20% of us who do all the work will be able to turn the reigns over and step back and relax
- New ideas!

### Risks:

- More people means my voice and vote counts for less. I don’t want to give up the power or control I have
- New people might bring controversy with them. They may not think or believe like I do.
- New people bring the possibility of new needs to an already saturated environment
- I like the friends I’ve got; why add more?
- New ideas, bah-humbug! We’ve never done it that way before.
- The denomination is splitting; let’s wait it out before we welcome newcomers

Rarely do I hear members and friends of the church answering with Jesus’ command: “Go make disciples of all the earth, baptizing them ..., teaching them all I have taught you.” Baptize those God has provided. Teach them Jesus. It couldn’t be more simple, yet, we make it so hard.

Forget the numbers; attendance, membership, budget. Make disciples, Jesus commands. Lead people to Jesus and introduce them to their new best friend. If so moved, invite them to baptism and membership.

Growth and vitality come one person at a time.

We must show up; not just virtually, behind the safety of our tablets, laptops, and fluffy slippers. We have to physically get in the car and commit to come to church.

Take notice; who is new and who is old and familiar. Spend the majority of your time taking notice of new

visitors and warmly welcome them. Ask them to talk about themselves. We all love to talk about ourselves. Before you walk away, make certain you have communicated the fact that they are known, accepted, and welcomed.

Do you have their contact information? Share your contact information FIRST. Make an open invitation to contact you at any time. Share contact information with the church office when you receive it.

Do visitors and guests feel like their needs are supported? If you’ve been chucking it up with your own friends and cliques, you probably never noticed their dietary needs, hearing loss, or mobility challenges that are



appearing in our pews. People who are turned away go elsewhere.

Your pastor shouldn’t have to say it, but I will anyways. Make certain new visitors and members are made to feel cared for, befriended, needed, and loved. Have you done your part to create a positive attitude and share the blessings of our

congregation? The more positive points of connections, the better.

Congregations that are not intentional about discipleship wither and die. The reward is great for those who hear the command of Jesus and faithfully follow. Stop with the numbers game. Start with the people game. Make room for everyone, and I mean EVERYONE, to belong. Our ancestors will thank you, and so will God.

Blessings, beloved,

*Todd R. Goddard*

Pastor Todd

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## Worship Service Changes

As of Sunday, May 7, there will be one service at 9:30AM. Adult Sunday School Classes are at 8:30AM, the One Room Sunday School Class is at 9:45AM. Coffee and Fellowship Time follow the service in the fellowship hall.



## May RHAFT Collection

Rush Church will be collecting donations in May for the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal (RHAFT). During this time of uncertainty, RHAFT is very busy distributing food to families in the Rush-Henrietta area.

RHAFT gratefully accepts all non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, and paper goods. However, the following items are especially needed: 100% Juice: bottles, boxes, packs; Jello and Pudding; Instant Mashed Potatoes, Mayo and Condiments; Coffee: instant and ground (no K-cups); Fresh Vegetables; Canned Meat/Fish Products: Ham, Spam, Tuna, etc; Hamburger/Tuna Helper; Fruits: cans, jars, packs, etc; Toiletries/Bar Soap/Paper Goods.

You can bring items to the church Monday – Friday from 7AM – 5PM and leave them in the box in the vestibule or on Sundays. We will see they are taken to the center.

Cash donations are also appreciated for perishable food items such as meat and milk. Please make your check payable to Rush United Methodist Church, write in the memo area "RHAFT" and mail it to PO Box 49, Rush, NY 14543 or deliver it to the church. A check will be sent to them at the end of the month.

The need for emergency supplies of food, especially protein, personal hygiene products and paper goods is constant. Thank you for your continuing support of our community's emergency food cupboard.



The Ministry Support Team

## Second Sunday Brunch

We are planning a 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Brunch for May 14 and June 11. These will begin following the 9:30 service and therefore will feature breakfast foods. They are open to everyone. The cost is \$1.00 per person to help cover the meal. Come and enjoy food and fellowship.

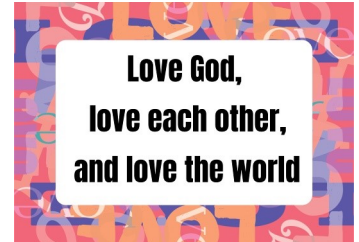
We will probably have a summer hiatus and resume once again in September.



## Nurture Ministry Team

The Rush Church Nurture Ministry Team held its first meeting on Thursday, April 20, and we are off to a good start. If you are interested in being part of this important group, we invite you to join us at our next meeting on Saturday, May 20, at 9:00am 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](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com) or Michelle Prok at [mibopbuckeye@gmail.com](mailto:mibopbuckeye@gmail.com).



## Family Fun Community Picnics

Family Fun Community Picnics are Back! We are excited to announce that we are planning to resume our community picnics, beginning Wednesday, May 31, at 5:30PM. The June picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28. 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! This is a wonderful way for us to share with our community. Please consider being a part of these picnics. See Cindy Gray or Kellianne Williams or you can reach out at [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com) or [klkw1212@gmail.com](mailto:klkw1212@gmail.com) or call the church office.



## Birthday Celebration

Jean Banker will be celebrating her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 31, 2023. Cards would be welcomed and appreciated. Her address is: 1445 Rush Henrietta Townline Rd., Rush, NY 14543.



## Peace with Justice Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday is traditionally celebrated on Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost), which this year is June 4. One of The United Methodist Church's six special Sunday offerings, Peace with Justice Sunday supports annual conference ministries as well as global denominational work.

The offering received for Peace with Justice Sunday is divided in half. Half is used in The Upper New York annual conference and half supports the ministries of the General Board of Church and Society. Peace with Justice Sunday funds are used through United Methodist channels to:

- relate the gospel of Jesus Christ to the church, communities and the world in which members live;
- bring the whole of human life into conformity with God's will; and
- show that reconciliation involves personal, social and civic righteousness.

Peace with Justice Sunday is an opportunity for United Methodists to highlight the Social Principles that are an integral part of our Wesleyan heritage. Special envelopes will be on Eagle Island near the offering plates.



## Ladies' Lunch Bunch

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch is a time of fellowship for women in our church community who are single, widowed, divorced, or separated – or who just may need an opportunity for a good meal and conversation! They meet the first Monday of each month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. The next month's luncheon is scheduled for Monday, June 5.

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



## 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. 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 ([cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com)) or Geoff Furman ([furman@rochester.rr.com](mailto:furman@rochester.rr.com)). The next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 5 at 7:00PM.



## Children/Youth Sunday

We will be celebrating children and youth at our service on June 11. Our young people will be participating in all parts of the service. We will also be recognizing our dedicated Sunday school teachers and youth group leaders. Please join us!



Children/Youth Sunday

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Children's Ministry Director

## High School and College Graduate Recognition

High School and College graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 11, Children/Youth Day. If your student is graduating from high school or college, please fill out a Graduate Profile Form that is on the church website under "Links". The completed form can be either emailed to [barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org](mailto:barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org) or dropped off at the church office. This information will be included in the July newsletter.



## High School Senior College Scholarship

Each year, Rush United Methodist Church awards a scholarship for graduating high school seniors who are pursuing further education at an accredited college or university. This scholarship is a way for Rush United Methodist Church to bless graduates on their journey of higher education. The recipient of the scholarship for 2023 will be acknowledged during worship on Sunday, June 25.

The scholarship of \$1,000 is given to a graduating High School senior who is an active member at Rush United Methodist Church.

The selection of scholarship recipient is based entirely on the candidate's written application. The Scholarship application is available on the church website, [www.rushumc.com](http://www.rushumc.com) under "Links". The deadline to submit a completed application via email is Tuesday, June 14, 2023.



## Sunday School News

Our Sunday school children's class has been busy this year and will be taking a break for July and August. Our last class will meet on June 18. At that time, we will have a lesson and take some time to celebrate the year! Hope to see all the kids there.



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Children's Ministry Director



**A Sunday School Craft Project, one of many we have made this year.**

## Vacation Bible School

We are hard at work planning our Vacation Bible school for this summer. It will take place on July 10, 11 and 12 from 6-8:30pm. At Maker Fun Factory the kids will learn that not only were they created by God but that they have a purpose too! We will have games, crafts, songs, fun interactive Bible stories and more. Registration forms will be available in the lobby and there is also a link on the church website to register online. In order to make this happen we do need monetary donations and specific item donations (list will be coming soon). We also need volunteers! Sign ups will be available to help during this event or you can indicate your interest online as well. Let's spread the word and get more families involved in this fun event! Contact me with any questions.



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## Mission and Outreach

Last month I wrote about Mary's extravagant generosity in anointing Jesus' feet with expensive perfume in John 12. Another of Jesus' statements during that encounter was, "You will always have the poor among you..."

Jesus' words have been used as justification for being complacent about "the poor among us." Is it not an indictment? Deuteronomy 15:10 states, "Give generously to needy persons. Don't resent giving to them because it is this very thing that will lead to the LORD your God's blessing you in all you do and work at." Verse 8 "there won't be any poor among you because the LORD will bless you ..."

Discussion about the inequality in the world can be shut down by stating that Jesus said, "The poor will always be among us." But Jesus was not excusing the presence of the poor. He knows full well that His Father has provided enough for everyone. It is the unrighteousness of those who have more than enough that perpetuates the presence of the poor among us. If all Christians were living as God commanded there would be no poor. It's our fault, not God's.

90% of the world's population does not own a vehicle. "American Christians who make up about 5 percent of the Church worldwide, control about half of global Christian wealth." *The Hole in the Gospel*, Richard Stearns.



wealthier than others.

How can we assist in making this a more just world? The re-distribution of resources by Super Sale, support of Meal and More, Musa weNkosi, UMCOR, Rochester Refugee Resettlement, Heritage Christian Services, maintaining our building and welcoming all who come, and more. "Don't be hard-hearted or tight-fisted, open your hand wide." Deut. 15:7,8

Erma Mae Perkins,  
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Lay Leader for Mission and Outreach

Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

Deuteronomy 15:11, KJV

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

*April 2023*

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	Budget To Date (This Year)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Other Income	\$435.01	\$2,418.65	\$1315.00
Offerings	\$15,146.67	\$70,335.44	\$71,638.68
P/L/HCS Expense Reimbursement	\$1,360.12	\$5,440.48	\$5,704.32
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$16,941.80</b>	<b>\$78,194.57</b>	<b>\$78,658.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Building & Grounds	\$5,318.57	\$24,918.19	\$12,556.68
Education	\$0.00	\$133.42	\$424.96
Insurance	\$0.00	\$3,699.01	\$3,699.00
(1) Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Expenses	\$871.15	\$3,049.86	\$3,080.00
Clergy Salaries	\$4,838.06	\$19,352.24	\$19,352.24
Lay Salaries	\$5,425.57	\$22,709.01	\$23,377.60
Clergy Benefits	\$4,410.77	\$16,937.17	\$17,046.00
Ministry Team Expenses	\$198.55	\$1,415.80	\$1,916.64
Other Program Expenses	\$296.12	\$687.99	\$2,817.32
Utilities	\$1,534.51	\$8,343.99	\$8,243.68
PromiseLand	\$264.94	(\$4,682.14)	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$23,158.24</b>	<b>\$96,564.54</b>	<b>\$92,514.12</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$6,216.44)</b>	<b>(\$18,369.97)</b>	<b>(\$13,856.12)</b>

1. Shared Ministries 0% paid to end of April



*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		
Payment #31	07/15/2023		
Payment #32	08/15/2023		
Payment #33	09/15/2023		
Payment #34	10/15/2023		
Payment #35	11/15/2023		
Payment #36	12/15/2023		
Year End Payment from additional donations	12/30/2023		
<b>Total Paid</b>		<b>\$1,247.10</b>	



*Capital Stewardship  
Campaign Update*

As of Wednesday, May 10, we have received \$269,200.00 or 53.84% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$97,867.51 of which \$20,081.38 has been spent on fabric to reupholster the sanctuary chairs and for the carpet and installation 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*

Casey and Martha Ann Beebe's good friend, Lorraine Fusare, in an auto accident  
Louise Harris, health concerns  
Karen Voellinger's husband, Kenn, recovering from triple by-pass surgery following a heart attack, continues to have an irregular heart beat  
Zululand Hospice Staff as they cope while nurse manager, Jane Ashburner, visits her son in Colorado  
Those who continue to be affected by the storms across the United States  
Families and friends of those affected by continued gun violence and mass shootings  
Students and their families who continue to be in fear of attending school  
People of Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquake  
Friends and members to return to in person worship at Rush UMC  
Those struggling with addiction and alcoholism  
People of Ukraine  
PromiseLand Childcare  
School Districts, Parents and Students  
Peace to come to our troubled land  
Government Leaders  
For justice and health care to be deployed equally and evenly among all people  
End to racism and inequality  
Musa weNkosi Orphanage and Zululand Hospice  
Our Bishop and Clergy and Lay leaders  
Hospice Houses near and far  
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  
For those who suffer in silence, please be with them and bless them with strength  
Prayers for our youth to find themselves and God in the process  
Families affected by Alzheimer's, cancer and other terminal illnesses  
Keep remembering the school kids and help find solutions to the violence  
Parents of New Drivers  
Those looking for employment  
Employers looking for people to hire  
Super Sale now and future  
Our homebound and ill  
Elderly parents, youth, teens, young adults, those suffering from chronic pain, mental health problems depression and addiction  
Our children, youth and church family  
For all marriages and families  
Violence in places of Worship  
Those who life has changed: death of loved one, relationships broken, families separated; give them love, courage and strength  
Church worldwide is under attack; help God save your people  
Campus Ministries

The United Methodist Church  
All Volunteers who go on Missions  
UMCOR  
Refugee resettlement project and resettlement families  
Haiti and Government leaders; root out corruption, bring about justice, lessen poverty  
Peace, stability in Venezuela  
Justice to flow down like water in the US, Syria, South Sudan, Middle East  
Victims of terrorism and survivors of world violence  
Injustice in the USA  
City of Rochester  
RCSD and Board  
International Students  
Members in Military, especially those in Kuwait  
Those who are incarcerated  
People with disabilities, anxiety disorders, depression, addictions  
For people to get along and not be so divided in America!!  
Colleges around the country

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

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

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

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

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



# Lawn Mowing and Maintenance Volunteers

IT'S LAWN MOWIN' SEASON AGAIN!!! We have a small but dedicated group of volunteers and a variety of mowers to choose from. Are you interested in mowing or helping with maintenance? We can use the help. You would be surprised how relaxing an hour on the zero-turn is. Just don't get stuck in the mud.

**HOW IT WORKS:** The lawn is broken up into sections. We typically have preferred sections but cover for each other as necessary. It ends up being weekly-ish if you are a full-time mower. We coordinate scheduling by text. We have preferred days and times, but weather can throw us off. We do our best to cover for each other and get around the weather.

**MOWERS:** We have 3 mowers based on your comfort level - Ex Mark commercial zero-turn for the big stuff, push mower for the little stuff, garden tractor (moved from the parsonage last year) for the medium stuff. Where do you fit in?

**TEMPS:** Can't mow all the time? Can you fill in in a pinch? July is always difficult. Can we get you on a temp list?

**MAINTENANCE:** Perhaps you can help with oil/filter changes or blade changing/sharpening. Keeping track of hours on the zero-turn would be valuable. We have 5 or so 5-gallon gas cans that need to be kept filled. (Best if you have a trailer to move these all at once.)

**WEEDWHACKERS:** We haven't always kept on top of this. Perhaps this is your calling. The church has a weedwhacker or use your own.

**CHAIN SAWS:** Do you have one? Can we put you on a list? Our trails along the creek are very messy right now and could use some attention.

**TRAINING:** Would you like to try the zero turn? I am always available by email, phone, or text.



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## April Family Fun Night Supper



## Preparing for and Finished Carpet Installation



# PAUMCS Annual Conference

I attended the 40th Annual Conference of the Professional Administrators of The United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS) that was held at the Embassy Suites Airport in Bloomington, Minnesota, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 27, 28 and 29. The



Minnesota Chapter of PAUMCS served as the conference host. Those attending the conference worshipped, learned, and networked with other church professionals from across the denomination.

The theme of the conference was "Both Constant and Changing" Each day was a different focus. Thursday was "The Differences are Real" with Jody Pfarr, Friday was "Change, Conflict, and Bad Behavior" with Rev. Susan Nienaber, Saturday was "Open, Welcoming, and Safe" with Rev.

Chris Carr and "Putting It All Together" with Rev. Cynthia Williams. The seminars were uplifting and informative.

Jody Pfarr spoke, through experience, insight and storytelling, about bringing awareness of how different each of us may be and how important this is when trying to work with one another. She then took the next step of exploring to find points of connections that unlock potential.

Rev Susan Nienaber shared with us lessons learned and practical techniques for moving beyond crisis intervention and restoring positive relations.

Rev. Chris Carr, Diakon Security Consulting, shared very practical suggestions for churches wanting to be both open and secure. He offered the suggestion of developing a "theology of security" that can inspire change and challenge the mindset of what it means to create both safe and inclusive communities.



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OF THE UNITED METHODIST  
CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURE

Rev. Cynthia Williams spoke on managing to meet the requirements, requests, recommendations, and everything else that comes at us within our limited time at the office. She offered some time management tips and tricks to help achieve this goal.

We also worshipped, celebrated Holy Communion, ate meals together and had time for reconnecting with former friends and making new ones. These were all an important part of the conference.

The mission focus was Emma Norton Services. Emma Norton Services is a radically compassionate and inclusive organization, using evidence-based policies. "We meet clients where they are and walk with them on their journey of recovery." Emma Norton Services provides transformational housing and growth for women and families on their journey to recovery. PAUMCS members and friends collected and gave over \$1,000.00 in cash and gift cards to Emma Norton Services.

PAUMCS is excited to announce the 2024 Annual Conference will be held in Memphis, TN, April 4, 5 and 6.

Established in 1982, the PAUMCS organization fosters individual growth, professional development, and spiritual enrichment for its members around the world. To learn more about the organization and certification as a church professional, visit [www.PAUMCS.org](http://www.PAUMCS.org).

I have learned and grown in confidence and leadership skills during the 29 years I have been involved with PAUMCS and with your encouragement and God's help will continue to do so.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend this conference each year. I praise God for all of you.

Barb Kingsley



Past Presidents

## Youth Group Pool Party, Games and Meeting





## Chipping for Children Golf Tournament

Calling all golfers! PromiseLand's Chipping for Children golf tournament will be held on July 30 this year. Flyers for registration are in the lobby or you can see Kellianne. We also need sponsors and donations for raffle prizes. The golf tournament is one of PromiseLand's major fundraisers. The proceeds will go toward program improvements including our toddler playground expansion. Thank you for your support.



## Nature is Calling!

Our Rush Church building is surrounded by beautiful green and growing things – and they all need tending! This means that we have lots of opportunities to enjoy nature, while helping keep our church grounds neat and healthy. We have flower gardens and vegetable gardens, both large and small. Some are already planted and just need regular upkeep; some need new plantings. Whatever your ability or experience level, we need you!

If you would like to adopt a garden area, either alone or with a team, or just want more information about the Rush Church landscape projects, please contact Cindy Gray at [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com)



## Super Sale Thank You and Update

A big thank you to all who helped with the May Super Sale. To our dedicated shed workers, our regular Wednesday morning workers, our set up and tear down crew, those who worked during the sale and all those who donated and bought items. We couldn't have done it without you. We raised \$4,200.00 The money goes directly into the general operating budget.

We have started working Wednesday mornings at 9:00 sorting and pricing newly donated items. We are again accepting housewares, toys, etc for the August sale.

Also, please only put gently used clothing, shoes and linens in the shed. Everything else should go to goodwill.



**Super Sale**

Thank you,

Cindy Raymond

## Special Music

If you are interested in providing special music on Sunday mornings, please let Kellianne Williams know. We are happy to hear your gift to and from God. [Klkw1212@gmail.com](mailto:Klkw1212@gmail.com) or (585) 507-1996.



### 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"

### Leadership Ministry Team Contact Information

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## Bereavement

Family and friends of Mary Camman  
Family and friends of Charlotte Greenwood who died on December 14, 2022



## Praises

Lenten Cantata: Good job. Choir sounded great. Sorry I couldn't sing, Richard Nereau  
Successful installation of carpet tiles  
Success of the Spring Super Sale  
Safe and successful trip for the South Africa Mission team  
May/June Birthdays and Anniversaries



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*Sunday Worship and Programs*

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

**Sundays May 14 and June 11**

10:45—Second Sunday  
Brunch

*Youth Group  
Meetings*



**Sunday  
Schedule**

Wednesdays, May 24 and June 7 and 21 at 6:00PM

**Leadership Ministry Team**

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