



# His Faithful Followers

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## A Note from Pastor Kyle

I'm not the only one that knows that April showers bring May flowers. Yet, why do we all grumble while in the midst of its downpours? And I know some of you are going to say... "No... that's not me! I love a rainy night!" (Please do not immediately jump in your head to Eddie Rabbitt's song.) I know there are those who find a peace and calmness in the rain. I understand where you are coming from. Now, spend a little time with me instead.

Rain showers can take away the dryness and crust of our lives... renew our spirits and connect us up with a cycle of rejuvenation and rebirth. Much like the shower many of us take in the morning to get us up and ready for the upcoming day. Rain showers can also freshen up our thoughts and emotions.

There are rain showers that we can predict. They are visible on their approach. The weatherman at night tells us that tomorrow will be a wet one. And there are those downpours that open up while we are on a drive to and from our destinations - unpredicted and unexpected.

Both of these types of showers are often unwanted. The predicted types can alter our plans. We were going to the park but now we will just stay in. We were going to \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank) but it looks like that is now not possible. And then there are the pop-up storms that stop us in our progress. For whatever reason we don't see them coming, we are not ready for them... and we shut down and/or retreat when they arrive.

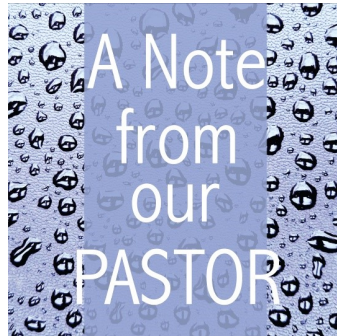
Some of you might know that in 1994 I worked for Walt Disney at the Magic Kingdom. I was a custodian. I got to see a lot and learn a lot about people. In April in Orlando, FL at 3 pm almost every day it would rain. And every day guests would shelter under overhangs and building storefronts. However, the industrious ones would throw on a poncho or open an umbrella and hurry to the next ride because the lines would open up just like the clouds did. In this same era, at Tokyo Disney, when it rained, Mickey, Goofy, and the gang sang in raincoats on some sort of cobbled together train. Three guesses as to which song opens this little performance. !YEP! "Singing In the Rain". And people would stand out in the rain to

catch this special performance. Could you imagine not going to Disney because you know it would rain some. And if the skies opened up while you were there, would you be the one to hunker down and stop. Or would you take advantage of the things that become available.

Sometimes showers are not the "rain" type... but are rather the metaphorical storms that affect our lives in different ways. Some of the "showers of life" are predictable. If I go to their house even though the experience might be awesome; I will have to deal with \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank). Are you going to miss out because you know that there could be some rain? And looking back at another youth memory connected up with a slogan-are you really going to "take your ball and go home" because your friend the quarterback continually decided not to throw you the ball. And for that reason you miss out on being on the neighborhood championship team (if there were such a thing).

Mind you, I am not talking about hurricane and typhoon type storms. They don't bring May flowers - they typically bring devastation. However, if we can't differentiate between rain showers and Category 5 hurricanes in life, then we might be in our gardens alone without any to appreciate the flowers that have arrived. Or even worse, because you have chosen to stay out or away from the "showers of life" had no rain to bring forth those blossoms. Risk going into the rain.

Pastor Kyle



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## A Special Sunday March 30, 2025

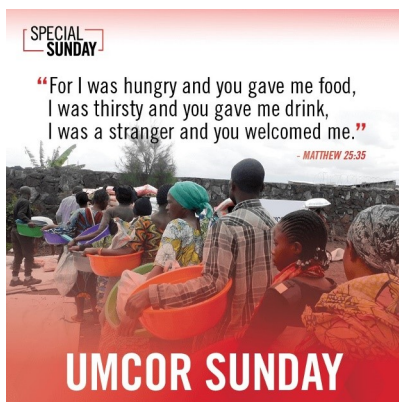
When you give on UMCOR Sunday, March 30, 2025, you help cover the annual operational costs for UMCOR. Your gift allows UMCOR to apply 100% of other donations directly to relief efforts as well as long-term education and support. Will you consider giving as generously as you can on March 30? **Together, we do more.**

Eighty + years ago, World War II was raging. Millions of people, displaced from their homes, sought refuge and hope. The church responded by creating the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (MOR) and supporting MOR through an annual offering called "One Great Hour of Sharing." The 2016 United Methodist General Conference changed the name to UMCOR Sunday to reflect the important work accomplished by the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

UMCOR provides compassion and relief services to people and nations in crisis. They have a presence in over 80 countries and have helped tens of thousands of people receive help after war, disaster, conflict, and other disruptive events that leave communities unable to recover on their own. Even now, we have relief workers on the ground all over the world helping people recover from past and recent hurricanes, civil wars, mudslides, floods. This is what we call love in action.

UMCOR Sunday calls the church to share the goodness of life with those who are hurting. UMCOR Sunday reaches children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster.

We will be assembling Hygiene Kits for UMCOR after the service this Sunday. All ages are encouraged to stay and help.



## PAUMCS Conference

Barb Kingsley will be traveling to and from Woodworth, LA for the Professional Administrator of the United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS) Annual Conference and vacation from Monday, March 31 – Wednesday, April 9. If you have a question or other office business, please send an email to me at [barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org](mailto:barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org). I will have limited access to email and will respond if/when I am able. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Kyle at 805-478-2526.



## Avon United Methodist Church Lenten Fish Dinners

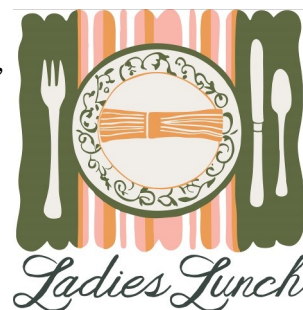
Avon United Methodist Church, 130 Genesee St, Avon, NY is serving fish dinners on Fridays, April 4 and 11 from 4:30 – 7:30PM. The meal is baked or batter-fried haddock fish, baked potato, coleslaw, rolls, applesauce and scrumptious homemade desserts. You can either eat in their dining room or take your meal home.



## 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. This month's luncheon is scheduled for Monday, April 7.

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 contact Cindy Gray at [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com), or call her at 585-362-6206.



## Board of Trustees: "Handypersons Needed!"

We are still on the look-out for some maintenance help at the church. If you enjoy fixing things, and have some skills, Rush Church needs you! From little jobs (attaching door stops, patching dry wall / ceilings), to bigger jobs: painting, plumbing... our church building could use some love. If you are looking for a way to help out, without a big time commitment, we can help! We'll even provide coffee and snacks, and especially the thanks of the Rush Church congregation. Want to know more? Contact Cindy Gray or Geoff Furman.

If you are interested in learning more about what the Board of Trustees is doing, please contact Cindy Gray at [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com). The next Board of Trustees Ministry Team meeting is Monday, April 6 at 7PM.



## What "We" Believe and "How" We Have Come to Believe It

Are you interested in learning a bit about what "we" believe and "how" we have come to believe it? Over the next few months, Pastor Kyle will be leading a confirmation class for our youth. A conversation has developed suggesting that many of our congregation would also love the opportunity to think about and discuss these same issues. If you are interested in learning about the Christian faith in general and some specifics about the who, what, when, where and why of the United Methodist Church; here's your chance. You can, in an all-adult class, take the same course the youth are experiencing. Just let us know and we can add you to the registration. **The April classes are Wednesday, April 9 and 23, 2025, at 6:30PM.**



## Here We Grow Again - Update

As announced in last month's newsletter, the Nurture Committee is sponsoring a new missions project to include adults and youth. The purpose of this project is to revitalize the vegetable garden located behind the pavilion.

In a meeting last week with Jeff and Cole (son) Werner we established the following;

1. Jeff and Cole volunteered to prepare the soil.
2. The Werners have graciously agreed to furnish the seeds.
3. Assist in helping to decide what crops to plant
4. RUMC to maintain the fence to keep out hungry critters.
5. RUMC to maintain the garden, i.e. plant, weed, water and harvest.

The Werners also volunteered to hold a seminar on April 12, at 1PM in the dining room to share information about preparing, planting and maintaining the garden to get the most veggies at harvest time.

This project is available to members and friends that have a common interest in gardening. The parents and children of PromiseLand will be asked to participate. A sign-up sheet is available on Eagle Island in the lobby.

The entire harvest will be offered free of charge to all who desire fresh veggies.

More information?  
Richard Nereau  
[rcnereau@yahoo.com](mailto:rcnereau@yahoo.com)



## Church Fellowship Second Sunday Brunch

On Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday, celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with palms, enjoy the Choir Lenten Cantata, stay for a cup of coffee, a cookie and conversation and then for our Second Sunday Brunch. Serving begins around 11. Enjoy a meal without having to fix it yourself, meet families you haven't met before and get to know others better. A per adult donation of \$1 or \$2 is appreciated but not necessary. Offered are child-friendly options.



## Wednesday Community Family Supper

Mark your calendars, and plan to join us in the church Fellowship Hall for this month's Community Dinner, Wednesday, 4/30, from 5:30 - 7:00pm. The menu is "Macaroni and Cheese - Your Way!" Both baked and "box" macaroni and cheese will be available, with a variety of toppings, including: hot dogs, pulled pork, broccoli, and more. Beverages and tableware are provided - just bring your appetites. You are also welcome to bring a dessert to share - but that is NOT required! This is a great way to connect with PromiseLand families and members of the church. Bring your family and your friends; come for a laid-back evening of fellowship and fun, and some Earth Day games and activities (Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22, and Arbor Day is April 25.) Hope to see you there!



## Spring Super Sale News

This May we are going to bring back the 2-day sale! The sale will be on Friday, May 9, noon -7pm and Saturday, May 10, 9am-3pm, half-price sale from 1-3pm. This of course means we will need your help more than ever! Sign-up sheets to work on the sale will be in the church lobby. There will be no clean-up this time as we will keep the inventory for the August sale.

Also, the sale room could use donations such as cookware, small appliances, home decor, and crafting items. We will also accept furniture in good condition. Please remember, no baby equipment can be accepted. Donations can be left in the hallway outside the sale room door. Please place all clothing, shoes and linens in the shed drop box.



Thank you,

Cindy Raymond

# Rush United Methodist Church

## Analysis of Revenues & Expenses: General Budget

### February 2025

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	Budget TD (This Year)
<b>Revenues</b>			
(1) Other Income/ Parsonage	\$6,037.96	\$12,985.30	\$11,516.68
Offerings	\$14,236.00	\$45,134.50	\$39,808.34
P/L & HCS Reimbursement	\$1,657.58	\$3,315.16	\$3,705.70
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$21,931.54</b>	<b>\$61,434.96</b>	<b>\$55,030.72</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Board of Trustees	\$14,764.77	\$23,764.29	\$8,416.68
Education	\$126.77	\$126.77	\$222.50
Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,340.02	\$1,500.00
(2) Mission	\$2,395.50	\$4,791.00	\$4,791.00
Office Expenses	\$526.73	\$1,565.79	\$2,133.34
Clergy Salaries	\$4,091.04	\$8,182.08	\$8,182.16
Lay Salaries	\$7,066.19	\$14,213.20	\$13,788.64
Clergy Benefits	\$4,546.51	\$9,814.60	\$10,272.90
Ministry Team	\$650.22	\$670.28	\$1,750.00
Other Program Expenses	\$228.89	\$228.89	\$333.32
Utilities	\$3,560.07	\$7,170.47	\$5,208.32
PromiseLand	(\$38.16)	(\$5,000.00)	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$37,918.53</b>	<b>\$66,867.39</b>	<b>\$56,598.86</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$15,986.99)</b>	<b>(\$5,432.43)</b>	<b>(\$1,568.14)</b>

- Includes Parsonage Endowment Transfer of \$582.78; Stock Revenue Transfer of \$3,113.60, 2024 Carry Over of \$2,029.17
- Shared Ministries: 75% Paid as of the end February

#### Capital Reserve Fund

Balance as of March 24, 2025:  
\$52,292.89

#### Building Contingency Fund

Balance as of March 24, 2025:  
\$5,082.46



**FINANCE  
REPORT**

## Roof Replacement Loan Repayment

	Date Paid	Amount Paid	Balance
Opening Balance			\$29,333.59
Interest at 3.25%			\$953.34
Loan plus Interest			\$30,286.93
Payment #49	01/20/2025	\$250.00	\$30,036.93
Payment #50	02/15/2025	\$250.00	\$29,786.93
Payment #51	03/15/2025	\$250.00	\$29,536.93
Payment #52			
Payment #53			
Payment #54			
Payment #55			
Payment #56			
Payment #57			
Payment #58			
Payment #59			
Payment #60			
Year End Payment from additional donations			
	Total Paid	\$750.00	



## Capital Stewardship Campaign Update

As of Wednesday, March 26, 2025, we have received \$269,200.00 or 53.84% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$185,767.11 of which \$134,558.69 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, as a deposit and finishing the drainage work in the parking lot and west side of the building and patching, sealing and striping the driveway and parking lot and for the permit and down deposit on the electronic sign and electrical work to install the sign. Eleven thousand two hundred seventy dollars (\$11,270.00), 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.



## Easter Memorial Plants

To celebrate the Resurrection and remember/honor a loved one, why not order an Easter Plant?

Flowering plants will grace our Sanctuary with their beauty on Easter Sunday, April 20.

A form for ordering "Memorial/In Honor of" plants is on the kiosk in the church lobby or you can call the church office at 533-2170. Orders must be placed on or before Monday, April 7. If no one answers the phone, please leave a message with your name and phone number and I will return the call when I return from the PAUMCS Conference or send an email to [office@rushumc.org](mailto:office@rushumc.org). The prices are as follows:

Lilies – 5+ Blooms	\$9.50
Lilies – 8" pot Doubles	\$19.25
Hydrangeas - 3+ blooms	\$17.25
Hyacinths - 6" pots	\$7.25
Tulips – 6" pots	\$7.25
Daffodils – 6" pots	\$7.25

The price includes foil pot covers. When you order, please clearly print the information you would like in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

An alternative to a plant is a donation to either the Landscaping Fund, the Roof Replacement Fund, or the Capital Stewardship Fund. Your name and family member(s) being memorialized or honored will also be included in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



## Palm Sunday Lenten Cantata

Join us on Sunday, April 13 for the Lenten Cantata. This message through music and narration will walk us through Jesus's journey from Palm Sunday to his crucifixion. We hope you will join us for this meaningful service.



## Special Easter Offering

We invite you to make a special offering this Easter to support the ministries of Rush United Methodist Church. Without your active participation and generosity, the ministries of this church would not be possible. But because of you, lives are touched and transformed, just as our lives have been by Jesus Christ.

A special envelope will be in the pew card holders and on the kiosk in the church lobby on Sundays, April 13 and 20. They will also be between the outside and inside doors from April 13 – 27. Donations can be dropped off at church, mailed or made electronically on the church website, [www.rushumc.com](http://www.rushumc.com).

## Join Us for Holy Week Activities

Our period of reflection - preparing for the Easter Celebration is closing out; Lent is coming to an end. As Holy Week arrives and unfolds, the Church will be full of activities to remember and engage with the spiritual services and other opportunities to join with the family of Christ. Bring your family and invite a friend!



**Palm Sunday: April 13, 2025: 9:30AM** Join us for the Lenten Cantata. Our message for the day will be proclaimed through song as we remember and celebrate Christ's "triumphant" entry to Jerusalem as promised by prophets. Come and hear the story of the passion told through music and narration.

**Maundy Thursday: April 17, 2025: 7:00PM** service. Join us to break our fast at the Lord's Table. Holy Communion will once more be celebrated. Holy Communion... a Holy "coming together" where God's sacrificial gift is highlighted front and center. As we once again eat the bread and drink the juice, we are reminded of what Jesus so long ago did for us. And as we celebrate together, the Spirit is in our midst.



**Good Friday: April 18, 2025: 7:00PM** service.



Experience our Tenebrae Service... a service of darkness. The lights at the beginning of the service will gradually fade to black as candles are extinguished and the enormity of Christ's death is personally experienced. As the darkness sets in, what will be your sense of security and support? A need for God's intervention is left for those to long for and await.

**Easter: April 20, 2025: 10:00AM.** Every Sunday should be Easter Sunday. But this will be Easter Sunday. A special time to again hear what God through his mighty act of resurrection fulfilled in the lives of us all. Come celebrate that the darkness of death has been replaced by the gift of eternal life. Come and help us all sense that truth. And this year we are blessed to be able to experience it through multiple cultures and multiple languages. The Korean United Methodist Church on Pinnacle Rd. will be joining us.



## February Community Wednesday Night Supper



## Scout Sunday



## Thank You

Thank you to the Boy Scout leaders for leading the Sunday school class in a leatherworking activity. The kids all made bracelets and enjoyed their time in the workshop.



# March Second Sunday Brunch



# Lenten Soup and Bread Lunch



# Mission and Outreach News

Jim Comstock has agreed to fill the position of Lay Leader for Mission and Outreach. Jim has a heart and energy to respond to disaster relief projects. Leon and I will continue our focus on Rochester Refugee Resettlement Services and the South Africa Missions



while Jim inspires all of us to consider other opportunities to meet the needs of our sisters and brothers.

Rush UMC has many options for sharing our gifts of talent and treasure.

Cindy Raymond leads the efforts of those who contribute to the success of Super Sale. They meet Wednesday mornings to sort and price donated items. Dedicated servants go through the items in the shed every day.

Richard Nereau is on the Board of Industry Detention Center for Children. He informs us of the need for Christmas gifts each year and other issues. Richard is also working on reviving the vegetable garden. Our flower beds need attention. In past years, a woman started



coming to services because she noticed the flowers while driving past. In addition to our enjoyment of the beauty, the birds and bees benefit.

Diane Van Lare volunteers for the Rush-Henrietta Food Terminal. Volunteers are needed for FISH (Friends in Service

Here), driving people to doctor appointments, the pharmacy, etc. Dispatchers work from home receiving



and making calls when there is a need for a ride or emergency food delivery. Packers of food are needed.

Linda Czerwinski and I volunteer at Patrick

Place, a 2-bed hospice house. Training is provided for anyone willing to give a 4-hour shift to provide care to patients nearing the end of life.

Several people go to the Meal and More program at Christ Church in the city

once a month. See Jay Conyard if you would like to participate.

A small group provides for our Second Brunch. See Don Kingsley if you would like to support this ministry.

Cindy Gray co-ordinates our events involving food - Wednesday Evening Community Dinners, Ladies' Lunch Bunch, bereavement meals and more. (which always involves clean-up)

Dan and Kathy Kingsley organize Turkey Dinner in October.

Alethea Coulter is asking for volunteers for our July VBS program.

I know I haven't covered all the areas and people who serve and would appreciate help.

Pay attention to Rush Tidings, His Faithful Followers newsletter and announcements on Sunday because "our people should learn to devote themselves to doing good in order to meet pressing needs, so they aren't unproductive." Titus 3:14

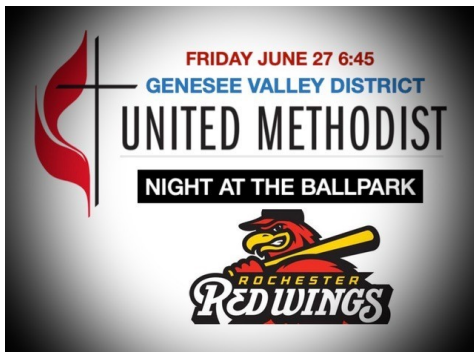


Erma Perkins, retiring Lay Leader for Missions and Outreach

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Join us for a fun evening of baseball, fireworks, and friends! Rush UMC has group tickets for the Friday, June 27 game (playing the Syracuse Mets) at 6:45pm. Tickets are \$16.00, and are located in the 100 level. For more information, see Leon Perkins!

If you own a red Rush Church T-shirt, this is the time to wear it! If you don't have one, order now! Order forms are available on the kiosk in the church lobby or see Cindy Gray.





## *Prayer Concerns*

Health Concerns: Alison, Bob and Linda Faugh, Mark Kellogg; Ray Smith  
 Nancy Miller's sister, Alice, as she goes through chemo, so far so good  
 Erma Perkins, sister-in-law, Kathy and brother David, Kathy diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, needing to make treatment decisions  
 Jim Swanger  
 Al Sweet  
 Staff and Children at Musa weNkosi Orphanage as they face serious challenges from the Department of Social Development  
 Those who are affected by fires, storms and mud slides  
 Government employees who are facing layoffs or have been laid off  
 Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health  
 Those who are affected by fires, storms and mud slides  
 PromiseLand Childcare staff, children and families  
 Heritage Christian Services Rush Day Hab  
 Unity and peace to come to our troubled land  
 Government Leaders  
 Aggressive diplomacy that will lead to peace and justice for Palestinians and Israelis  
 Israel, Ukraine and other 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  
 For justice and health care to be deployed equally and evenly among all people  
 End to racism, inequality and injustice  
 Zululand Hospice in South Africa  
 Our Bishop, 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  
 City of Rochester  
 International Students  
 Those who are incarcerated  
 People with disabilities, anxiety disorders, and depression  
 Colleges around the country

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

Ruth Baldoni	Jean Banker
Mary Anne Brice	Mary Callerae
Ernie Harrington	Lynne Jacobs
Kevin Kinnally	Gisela Rice
Penny Schultheis	Betty Stover

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

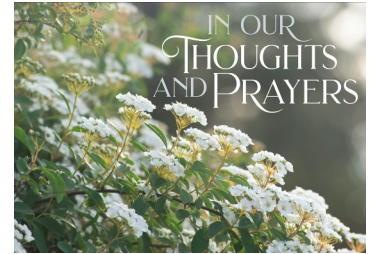
Phillip Banker	Jason Bello
Ben Frederick	
Jason McKnight	
Isaiah Montana	
Sgt. Joseph Sarmiento	
Bryan Simpson	
Matthew Simpson	
Marcus Sydow	

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



## *Bereavement*

Family and friends of Rev. Douglas Spencer, who passed away on Wednesday, February 26  
 Cuatt's neighbor recently joined Jesus  
 Don and Paul Kingsley's cousin, Ann Kingsley  
 Herne passed away Sunday, March 1



## *Praises*

Jane Ashburner's husband Geoff's melanoma node has disappeared after 4 radiation treatments  
 Liam Gilroy will be inducted into the Henrietta Youth Hall of Fame, and he has been accepted at Houghton College  
 Mackenzie Haynes, knee surgery was successful and she continues to heal and improve  
 Mark Statskey's radiation treatments have killed off the brain tumor  
 Zululand Hospice received 3 applications for a nursing position  
 PromiseLand joy, the Yellow Room downstairs was repainted by PromiseLand parents and staff  
 April Birthdays and Anniversaries



## Calling All Golfers!

PromiseLand's Chipping for Children golf tournament will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> this year. Registration flyers are in the lobby, or you can see Kellianne Williams. 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. Thank you for your support.



## Summer Picnics

Our monthly Wednesday Night Community Suppers will continue this summer with community picnics. These picnics are held on the last Wednesday of each month, May – September. We need helpers! If you like to cook over a grill or want to help set up and/or clean-up for the picnics, I 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 contact her at [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com), or call the church office.



## 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; Boxed Potato Flakes, Minute Rice, Hamburger Helper, Canned Chicken (large), Mayo and Condiments; Coffee: instant and ground (no K-cups); Fresh Vegetables; Canned Meat/Fish Products: Ham, Spam, Tuna, etc; 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

## The GBHEM Scholarship Portal Closes Monday, March 31

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) [scholarship application portal](#) will remain open until **Monday, March 31**, for United Methodist students seeking scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study at colleges, universities and seminaries in the United States. On average, potential scholarships awarded range from \$500 to \$1,200.

In 2024, GBHEM awarded more than 2,100 scholarships, valued at nearly \$3.7 million, to undergraduate and graduate students at 509 U.S. schools. This financial aid helped students of all backgrounds pursue their dreams and education to serve as the next generation of leaders for the church and the world.

The Scholarships Office administers more than 70 scholarship programs with one general application. Students may submit one application per year, which will be screened for the appropriate scholarship program.

Scholarship programs are divided into three categories:

[General Scholarships](#)

[HBCU Scholarships](#)

[Ministry as a Career Scholarships](#)

The deadline to complete the application is **Monday, March 31, 2025**. Email [umscholar@gbhem.org](mailto:umscholar@gbhem.org) for more information.



## 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 2025 will be acknowledged during worship on Graduate Sunday, June 29.

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 10, 2025.



# Honeoye Falls Community Band

## Spring Scholarship Concert

Spring into Harmony! Support your local community and student musicians at the Honeoye Falls Community Concert Band's annual spring scholarship concert on Saturday, April 5th at 7:00 PM in the HF-L District Auditorium.

This year's challenging program will include works by Alfred Reed, John Williams, Rossano Galante, Robert W. Smith, and more.

Admission is free and open to the public. Donations are greatly appreciated.

The Honeoye Falls Community Concert Band is a 501 (c)3 tax exempt charitable organization. Donations from this concert will fund the band's annual music scholarship, awarded to HF-L High School seniors planning to pursue a degree in the performing arts.



## Community Concert



### OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

1. C → ↓ ↓     \_\_\_
2. H → ↑ →    \_\_\_
3. V ↑ → ↓    \_\_\_
4. I ← ← ↑     \_\_\_
5. T ↑ ← ↑     \_\_\_
6. P ↑ → → ↓   \_\_\_
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓   \_\_\_
8. T ↑ ← ↑ ←   \_\_\_



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

\_\_\_\_\_ into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answer: new birth

# Upper New York Summer Camps

The Upper New York Camp and Retreat Ministry Area is excited to welcome campers and guests for summer programs at three of our five sites. Safety precautions will be in place to ensure the safety of all, as life-long memories are made in our fun and supportive environments.

For information on the programs being offered this summer and registration information, go to <http://www.campsandretreats.org>. We can't wait to see you this summer!

Rush UMC also offers camperships for children and youth attending Upper New York Conference camps. See Barb Kingsley for information.



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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

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**Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:30AM— Bible/Book Study with Michelle Prok  
 8:30AM—Choir Rehearsal  
 9:30AM—Worship Service - In-Person and on  
 YouTube and Facebook; Communion:  
 Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday and  
 April 27  
 9:45AM—One Room Sunday  
 School Class for  
 Children  
 10:45AM—Rush UMC Coffee  
 Hour  
 11:00AM—Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle  
 11:00AM—Second Sunday Brunch on April 13



**Sunday  
 Schedule**

**Youth Group**



Youth in grades 6–12 meet two evenings a month at 6:00PM. April meeting dates are Tuesday, the 8th and Wednesday the 23rd. 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 11.

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