

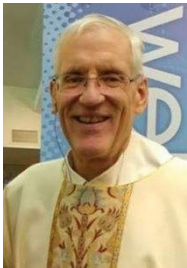


His Faithful Followers

A publication of Rush United Methodist Church

December 2023

An Advent Message from Pastor Todd



Beloved, I am so grateful to God for sparing my life and granting me this opportunity to share with you Advent inspiration, encouragement, and hope.

My dad was my pastor. Awkward. Such is the life of a preacher's kid. Since first grade I attended church wherever my father served. Attendance was mandatory. Participation was expected.

The fall and early winter of 1978 I had enough. No, I would not take part in the hanging of the greens, decorating the church for Christmas. I was resentful for being drafted to light the star hung on the steeple each night, and returning at 11 pm each night to a dark, spooky building to unplug the star. Narrating the Sunday school Christmas pageant? Nope. Not me. Not this year. This was the year I claimed my own destiny. I took hold of the steering wheel in my life and settled into the back row of the church to become a casual observer, a drive-by theologian, a two-bit, church on the cheap, Christmas and Easter disinterested kind of Christian.

Life was miserable that holiday season. No one lived up to my expectations. The lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday was a hack job. The pageant narrator didn't even show up for rehearsal. The tenor section in the choir was a no-show. Yet, no one appeared to notice that I was missing. Advent and Christmas was coming and would pass without me. As a 17-year-old high school kid, I was shocked, and saddened. Christmas Eve would come and go without me. I felt left out, alone, and unneeded. No one seemed to care. Was there something, anything I could do to redeem myself?

Dad had a talent to attract people to the ordained ministry. From this parish in Chemung, NY five people answered the call. One future clergy family were dairy farmers. Their two children were toddlers, looking forward to Christmas morning, which wouldn't happen until the cows got milked. This was something I could do.

Snow was falling to beat the band Christmas Eve when I went to bed, with my alarm set for 4:00 am. Out the door I went Christmas morning. A good two feet had fallen. The main roads were plowed, but the side roads to the family farm? Not so much. The headlights of my dad's Chrysler Satellite were angled into the night sky from its perch in the ditch. I hiked the last mile and walked into the barn just in time for the last of the milking machines being gathered to wash and rinse for the afternoon milking. Darn! And I was so close!

"Come, join us for breakfast," Jim invited. "Okay," I responded, "so long as I don't put you out." "No," he said,

"I want you to join us."

I want you to join us.

I want you to join us is a message that transcends time and space and circumstance. This invitation is my gift to you. Receive it. Share it with family, friends, and neighbors.

This is my personal invitation to you to join us for Advent and Christmas activities, to show up, become engaged, and participate. Stretch and grow your faith, your relationship with Jesus and your relationship with others in our church family. Make a contribution of time, talent, and money that exceeds even your own expectation. Sacrifice, just as Christ sacrificed for you. Go

the extra mile to send the message of God's love to the world. Show up. Rehearse. Clean up, sweep up, close up. Love, just as Jesus loves. Live, just as Jesus lived, and lives, in and through you. Live, because mortal life is precious, oh, how I know, even as immortal life is God's greatest Christmas gift waiting for your acceptance. I want you, beloved.

Join us. Rush peeps. Come in from the cold. Jump in from the sidelines. Roll up the sleeves and dive right in. Come and

experience the life changing grace and love of God this Christmas.

Todd R. Goddard

Pastor Todd



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Holiday Super Sale

Reminder:

The Annual Holiday Super Sale is Saturday, December 2, 9 am-3 pm with the half-price sale beginning at 1pm. Please come shop the fabulous inventory!

Thank you,
Cindy



Super Sale

Advent & Christmas Highlights



FIRST SUNDAY
Advent

December 3, First Sunday of Advent;
9:30AM Blended Worship Service;
11:00AM Annual Church Conference



December 10, Second Sunday of
Advent; 9:30AM
Blended Worship
Service; Choral Advent
Cantata; Communion
will be served; Second
Sunday Brunch



SECOND SUNDAY
Advent



THIRD SUNDAY
Advent

December 17, Third Sunday of
Advent; 9:30AM Blended
Worship Service; Children's
Christmas Pageant



Merry Christmas

December 24, Fourth Sunday of
Advent; Christmas Eve;
9:30AM Blended Worship
Service, Communion will be
served; 7:00PM Christmas
Eve Candlelight Family
Gathering



FOURTH SUNDAY
Advent

December 25, Merry Christmas

December 31, New Year's Eve;
9:30AM Blended Worship
Service.



New Year's Eve
Morning Worship
Service



Advent Fun - Christmas Trivia Game

It's hard to believe, but it's time to start getting ready for Christmas! The first Sunday in Advent is December 3, and we're going to celebrate by starting a Rush Church Christmas Trivia Game. Beginning December 3, there will be a poster in the church lobby, explaining the game. Game sheets will be available on the kiosk, along with a container to place the completed games.

The trivia questions come from a variety of sources: the Bible, the hymnal, traditional Christmas traditions, and contemporary Christmas media and traditions. Everyone is invited to play. Just come in and take a game sheet, answer the questions, and turn it in by December 30. Be sure to put your name on it – only one entry per person, please. The winner will be announced on January 1. There will be a prize! In the event of more than one "winner," the name of one of the winners will be drawn to determine who will receive the prize. However, anyone who answers all the questions correctly will have their name listed on the Trivia Poster on January 1.

There are many wonderful activities happening at Rush Church during the Advent season. While you are at the church enjoying one or more of these events, be sure to be part of the Rush Church Trivia Game.



Ladies' Lunch Bunch

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch is a time of fellowship for older women who are single, widowed, divorced, or separated – or just want the opportunity for fellowship! They meet the first Monday of each month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. This month's luncheon is scheduled for Monday, December 4.

If you would like to join Pastor Todd for lunch this month, please let Barb Kingsley, or Cindy Gray know. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com, or call her at 585-362-6206.



Choir Update

The choir has been working hard and is excited to share the Christmas Cantata with you again this year. The Cantata will be held on December 10 at 9:30am. We hope you will join us in person. If you can't make it in person, it will also be streamed online.

Advent Cantata



Board of Trustees Updates

The Board of Trustees is a small group of volunteers with a very big responsibility: to serve as Christian stewards of the property God has entrusted to our congregation. We are responsible for the oversight and care of all our church property, buildings, and equipment to further the mission of the church. Currently we are working on several different capital stewardship projects, as well as the day-to-day maintenance of the building. The next Board meeting is Monday, December 4 at 7PM.

If you are interested in being part of this important group, or would like to learn more about what we are doing, please contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com.



Christmas Bag Project for Homebound 2023

On Saturday, December 9, from 10-noon, we will be filling about 30 goodie bags to spread some cheer. We **NEED** volunteers to provide 2-4 dozen cookies or muffins without nuts (individually wrapped), 30 bananas, 30 mandarins, 30 Nutrigrain bars, 30 snack bags (pretzels, chips, etc), a few large bags of assorted individually wrapped candies, 25-30 small ornaments and \$ for 30 red carnations (\$1.50 each from Chases). **Most of all we need people to "DELIVER" to make this annual event a success.**

All goodies can be delivered to the church dining room anytime before 10am on Saturday, December 9. One week prior, there will be a table with a sign to set your items on. If you prefer, I am happy to pick up items directly from your home.

The bags will contain a Christmas card from our church & Promiseland. Addresses and phone numbers will be provided and ready for you to deliver by noon on December 9-12. You can choose to deliver to the door, Adult home lobby or plan a short visit.

Please feel free to call or text me at #356-5310 to let me know what you can provide. If I do not answer, please leave me a voicemail message. Signup sheets are in our church lobby.

May you all have a safe and healthy holiday season.

Joyce Smith



Second Sunday Brunch

On Sunday, December 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 options are available.



Join Us for Brunch

Christmas Play

This year the children and youth will tell you the story of the birth of Christ with humor, mystery, and awe! We will perform, "The Surprising Christmas Pageant" for the congregation on December 17 during the worship service. We invite you to join us for this wonderful celebration of Jesus' birth.



Children and Youth Christmas Play

Alethea Coulter
Children's Ministry Director
alethea.coulter@rster.rr.com

Christmas Memorial Plants

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

If you would like to provide a memorial plant, please email Barb Kingsley at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org by Monday, December 18. There is also an order for on Eagle Island.

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

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



| | |
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| Red, White or Marble Poinsettias in 6½" pots - | \$8.50 |
| Red, White or Marble Poinsettias in 7½" pots - | \$13.50 |
| Cyclamen in 6" pots - | \$8.50 |
| Christmas Cactus 6" pots: | \$8.50 |

Christmas Eve Services

Join us for Christmas Eve! On Christmas Eve morning, we will have a Blended Worship Service at 9:30AM with Communion.

We will continue the tradition of hosting a Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7:00PM. Both services are in person and streaming on Facebook and YouTube.



Special Christmas Offering

We invite you to prayerfully consider using a special Christmas Offering envelope, mailing, bringing to church or making an electronic donation to help support ongoing missions of Rush United Methodist Church. Special Christmas Offering envelopes will be available on the kiosk on Sunday, December 19 and on December 24 Christmas Eve Services.

For in truth, compared to most of the world, our Christmas will be abundant. This represents a small way we can share that abundance. Please indicate Christmas Offering on the check or envelope or with an electronic donation.



GRACE Choir Presents
A Christmas Concert
 Directed by David Han
Sunday Dec. 10, 2023
3 PM
Centerway Church
 936 Cheese Factory Rd.
 Mendon (Off Rt 64)

Free and Open to the Public

With a brief presentation by, and free-will offering for:
 Rochester Adult and Teen Challenge

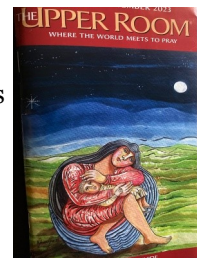
Promiseland News

PromiseLand continues to grow and thrive. As we grow, we are looking to hire a full-time toddler teacher. A qualified candidate will have experience working in the childcare setting, the ability to work interactively with toddlers, staff and parents and will embrace the PromiseLand mission and goals. Please encourage those you may know to send their resume to promiselandchildcare1996@gmail.com.



Mission and Outreach

The illustration on the current edition of the UPPER ROOM illustrates a question I have about the Nativity. There is no scripture stating Jesus was born in a stable or cave. Could he have been born under the open sky? As we drive through farm country mangers, feed troughs are often seen in meadows.



Did Jesus need to come to earth as a dependent, vulnerable newborn, born in primitive, unsanitary conditions? Could He not have appeared on the banks of the Jordan River and been identified by John the Baptist and a voice from heaven as God's Son, then gathered his disciples and spent just 3 years living among us instead of over 30 years away from his Father in heaven? He came and experienced life on earth from conception. He witnessed and shared the desperate conditions and need of humankind.



My travels to Africa have convinced me of the value of exposure to the needs of our sisters and brothers who live in far greater need than most of us. Charlayne Hunter-Gault wrote "To go there is to know there."

Perhaps because "there is nothing like being there," Jesus was inspired to carry out the plan of salvation and make it possible for us to experience life more abundantly, freed from the power of sin and death. As we travel through Advent and Christmas this year, let's consider here we can better live out the example and teachings of Jesus. Perhaps it's volunteering for RHAFT, Meal and More, visiting a homebound friend, a mission trip to Guatemala, South Africa, an UMVIM mission here in the states? And our finances are needed to support the need around the world.

"if we want to bear fruit we need to be stretched beyond service to people we know, expose ourselves to people, situations and needs that we would never encounter apart from our deliberate intention to serve Christ." Robert Schnase, Cultivating Fruitfulness

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



Friends Giving with Heritage Christian Services



Rush United Methodist Church

Analysis of Revenues & Expenses Summary Actual

October 2023

| Accounts | MTD Actual (This Year) | YTD Actual (This Year) | Budget To (This Year) |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Revenues | | | |
| Other Income | \$5,156.87 | \$19,855.31 | \$18,890.00 |
| Offerings | \$22,369.98 | \$169,329.65 | \$174,867.70 |
| P/L & HCS Reimbursement | \$2,040.12 | \$14,353.41 | \$14,795.51 |
| Total Revenues | \$29,566.97 | \$203,538.37 | \$208,553.21 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Board of Trustees | \$1,811.37 | \$33,497.75 | \$31,391.70 |
| Education | \$138.93 | \$653.77 | \$1,049.90 |
| Insurance | \$683.50 | \$9,730.00 | \$8,600.00 |
| (1) Mission | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 |
| Office Expenses | \$711.00 | \$9,771.40 | \$10,260.00 |
| Clergy Salaries | \$4,838.06 | \$50,799.63 | \$50,799.80 |
| Lay Salaries | \$5,574.96 | \$57,870.56 | \$60,436.35 |
| Clergy Benefits | \$3,774.00 | \$43,026.25 | \$41,427.79 |
| Ministry Team | \$710.99 | \$3,644.66 | \$3,741.60 |
| Other Program Expenses | \$155.36 | \$1,454.44 | \$3,391.30 |
| Utilities | \$1,417.77 | \$17,550.76 | \$20,573.70 |
| PromiseLand | \$0.00 | (\$5,000.00) | \$0.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$19,815.94 | \$222,999.22 | \$232,172.14 |
| Net Total | \$9,751.03 | (\$19,460.86) | (\$23,618.93) |

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

Capital Reserve Fund

Balance as of November 29, 2023:
\$66,536.90

Building Contingency Fund

Balance as of November 29, 2023:
\$5,081.48



FINANCE REPORT

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 | \$249.42 | \$36,665.36 |
| Payment #34 | 10/15/2023 | \$249.42 | \$36,415.94 |
| Payment #35 | 11/15/2023 | \$249.42 | \$36,166.52 |
| Payment #36 | 12/15/2023 | | |
| Year End Payment from additional donations | 12/30/2023 | | |
| | Total Paid | \$2,743.62 | |



Capital Stewardship Campaign Update

As of Wednesday, November 29, we have received \$269,200.00 or 53.84% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$122,912.54 of which \$22,716.23 has been spent on fabric to reupholster the sanctuary chairs, for the materials and installation of the carpet and baseboard in the lobby, sitting area and halls and for repairs to gutters. Five thousand (\$5,000.00), 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.



Capital Campaign



Remember Your Pledge

Prayer Concerns

Dave and Erin Bills, safe travels south
Pastor Todd, patience and strength as he continues to recover from his auto accident and returns to the church full time
Wendy Weaver Kuhn's back pain
Alison Raoici, health
Cheryl Miller Van Son, health concerns
Sue Bock Weiler, hip replacement complications
Debra Wildow, prayers for strength and calm during health struggles
Those recently diagnosed with Covid, RSV and the flu
Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health
Those lifted in prayer during the service on October 29:
Loni, Elizabeth, Avery, Fred, Betsy, Paul, Betty
Those lifted in prayer during the service on November 19:
Jackson, Elvin, John, Fred, Amy, Gary and Clay
University of Binghamton students and faculty, unexpected death of a student
Aggressive diplomacy that will lead to peace and justice for Palestinians and Israelis
Israel and the conflicts around the world
The Jewish people
Friends and members to return to in person worship at Rush UMC
PromiseLand Childcare
School Districts, Parents and Students
Musa weNkosi Orphanage and Zululand Hospice
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
Super Sale now and future
Elderly parents, youth, teens, young adults, those suffering from chronic pain, mental health problems
Our children, youth and church family
UMCOR
All Volunteers who go on Missions
Refugee resettlement project and resettlement families
The United Methodist Church
Our Bishop and Clergy and Lay leaders
The church, pray for all
Campus Ministries
Violence in places of Worship
Difficult marriages
Families and friends of those affected by continued gun violence and mass shootings
Those struggling with addiction and alcoholism
People of Ukraine
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
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

For all marriages and families
Those who life has changed: death of loved one, relationships broken, families separated; give them love, courage and strength
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 | Gisela Rice |
| Dave Smith | Betty Stover |

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

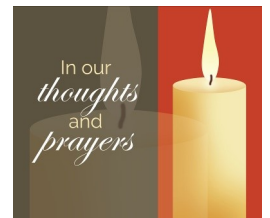
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| Phillip Banker | Jason Bello |
| Ryan Blood | Ben Frederick |
| Michael Kurvach | Steven Kurvach |
| Jason McKnight | Isaiah Montana |
| James Rice | Sgt. Joseph Sarmiento |
| Bryan Simpson | |
| Matthew Simpson | |
| Marcus Sydow | |

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



Bereavement

Family and friends of Lee VandenBos Osburn, comfort after her sudden death



Praises

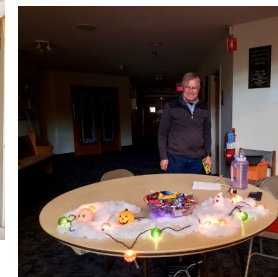
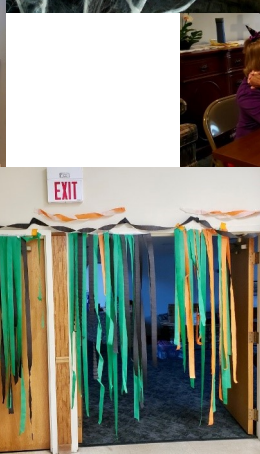
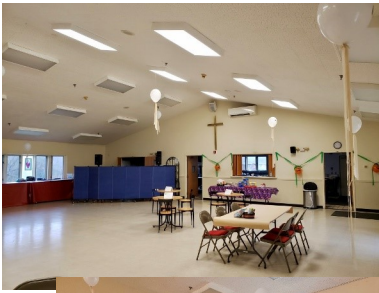
All our Saints
A fun and successful Trunk or Treat
A successful Election Day Bake Sale for Musa weNkosi
Michele Cuatt's brother-in-law, Jeff, back surgery was successful
Michele Cuatt, traveled safely to and from Michigan
Families who traveled safely over Thanksgiving
December Birthdays and Anniversaries



Trunk or Treat Thank You!

We had a great turnout for our Trunk or Treat this year. We chose to hold it inside because of the uncertain weather but that was not a deterrent for any of our visitors. In fact, many of them appreciated the indoor atmosphere. The kids enjoyed going around to the different tables, making crafts, dancing and listening to the Halloween videos and songs, playing games and having Halloween snacks. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way to make this such a successful event.

Alethea Coulter
Interim Youth Ministry
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Supporting the Industry Residential Center

In 2009, Scottsville Rotary approached the Facilities Director at the State School at Industry to offer assistance in the development of programs to support the residents in their education. After several meetings with the director and faculty, a program was created by the Scottsville Rotary Club, along with Rush United Methodist Church and other interested parties, to participate in improving the residents' educational development in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and computer skills. Those early efforts resulted in a tutoring program, with volunteers working one-on-one with specific residents. Volunteers met with Industry teachers to understand the needs of the boys prior to participating. Evening elective classes began in October 2009 and included culinary, arts and crafts, music, small engine repair, and computer science. In the fall of 2010, an auto repair program was added and the heated greenhouse was reopened.

Since Covid, most programs using volunteers are on hold. Industry is also experiencing a shortage of staff. The hope is that in the spring they could use volunteers in the greenhouse. In addition, the Advisory Board consists of volunteers; community members who meet monthly, on the last Tuesday, for lunch. The Board is looking for some "younger people" to serve on the Board. If interested, contact Richard Nereau at rcnereau@yahoo.com.

One important way we at Rush Church can continue to support this program, is by providing Christmas gifts for the youth. The NYS OCFS does NOT allocate funds for holiday gifts, and many of the youth's families lack the financial resources to send gifts to their children. Our unwrapped gifts may be the only recognition that an Industry youth may receive on Christmas Day. This is a way you can truly make a difference in a young man's life.

A notebook listing the OCFS approved gifts is on a tote in the lobby. Please check it before making any purchases, as the regulations are very strict. Gifts cards or cash are welcome, and can be given to Richard Nereau or dropped off at the church office for him. All items need to be delivered to Rush Church by Sunday, Dec. 10. Again, if you have any questions or want more information, please contact Richard Nereau. There is also a full list of approved gifts and guidelines for compliance with facility safety and security procedures in the November issue of "His Faithful Followers."



Supply Pastor

Pastor Meg Vosburgh, our supply pastor while Pastor Todd was out on disability October and November.

Properly Reporting Year-End Contributions

Sometimes confusion exists when year-end contributions are credited. Provided below are general guidelines for properly crediting contributions that are made at the end of 2023 and the beginning of 2024. If you have any questions, please email Barb Kingsley at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org.

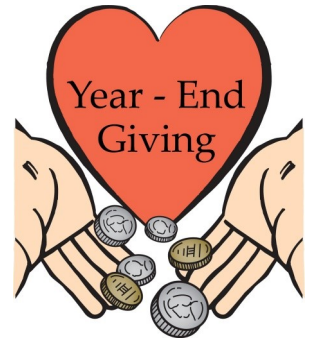
Checks written in December 2023 and put in the mail and postmarked December 2023, but not received by the church until January 2024 will be credited in 2023.


Checks written and brought to church December 2023, but "postdated" to January 2024 will be credited in 2023.

Checks written in December 2023 and brought to the church in January 2024 will be credited in 2024.


Checks written and brought to the church in January 2024 but backdated to December 2023 will be credited in 2024.

Checks written in December 2023, put in the mail in December 2023, but not postmarked until January 2024, will be credited in 2024.





Gathering in Unity



17th Annual
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Celebration
for the Henrietta & Rush Communities

Thursday, January 11, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.


★
Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Marlowe Washington

★
St. Marianne Cope Parish
at Guardian Angels Church

★
2061 E. Henrietta Road
Rochester, NY 14623

ASL interpreting will be available.

This event is sponsored by the Interracial Clergy Council and the Interfaith League of Henrietta and Rush, the Town of Henrietta, and the Rush-Henrietta Central School District.



Share Some Joy

Bring some joy to a person who is ill, homebound or living in a skilled nursing facility this season. Send a card! Share the love of Christ in a personal way!



Carl Alexander
23 Willowford Dr.
Henrietta NY 14467

Ruth Baldoni
135 Honeoye Falls Five Pt Rd
Rush NY 14543

Walt and Jean Banker
1445 Rush Henrietta Rd
Rush NY 14543

Mary Anne Brice
1841 Middle Rd
Rush NY 14543

Jean Britton
95 Wildherd Dr.
Henrietta NY 14467-9770

Mary Callerame
7210 Rush Lima Rd.
Honeoye Falls NY 14472-9002

Trudy Corio
1545 Erie Station Rd Apt 130
Henrietta NY 14467-8967

Craig Crowell
The Friendly Home
3156 East Ave
Rochester NY 14618

Tom Greenwood
7088 E River Rd
Rush NY 14543

Louise Harris
St John's Meadows
105 Johnsarbor Ln
Rochester NY 14620

Ernie Herington
1307 Rochester St.
Lima NY 14485-9424

Jim Hughes
159 Jeffords Rd
Rush NY 14543

Meg and Kevin Kinnally
2782 Pinnacle Rd
Rush NY 14543

Hubert Koloseike
56 Horseshoe Ln N
Henrietta NY 14467-9707

Bessie Luft
6933 E River Rd
Rush NY 14543-9745

Paul Macauley
160 W Jefferson Rd
Pittsford NY 14534

David Smith
6666Rush Lima Rd
Honeoye Falls NY 14472

Betty Stover
1545 Erie Station Rd
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Rush Church Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out a Rush Church survey and submit it. We received 45 responses. The Nurture committee met recently and reviewed all of the surveys. The responses were tabulated and plans made to follow up with a number of the suggestions. Also, a poster has been placed in the church lobby that shows the survey responses. We realize that some people may not yet have had the opportunity to complete a survey form, so additional surveys are still available on the kiosk in the lobby. They can be filled out and turned in to the church office at any time, and the Nurture committee will review them.

One of the ideas for a new activity at the church was to hold a Game Night. Based on that suggestion, we will hold a church Game Night in January. It will be held on a Friday evening, date TBD, and will include coffee / tea and desserts. If you would like to be a part of the planning for this event, contact Tanya Hunt.

All of the completed surveys are available to be viewed, if anyone is interested. Contact Cindy Gray if you would like to read through them. Again, thank you to everyone who shared their time in order to help make Rush Church an even stronger, more welcoming place.

**CONGREGATIONAL
SURVEY
RESULTS**

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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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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30AM— “Chaos or Hope and Purpose” Study
 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**

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Youth Group

Youth in grades 6—12 meet each month on Wednesdays at 6:00PM. Check the youth page on the church website for meeting nights. All youth are welcome to come and invite a friend.

Leadership Ministry Team

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome by email to toddgoddard@gmail.com or rushumc@rochester.rr.com or to any of the Leadership Ministry Team, contact information on page 9. The next Leadership Ministry Team Meeting is Thursday, December 14 at 7PM.

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