

Announcements

August 16, 2026

This week

Sunday, August 16

9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming

10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour

11:00AM – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for August 23: Matthew 16:13-20

12:00PM – Troop 410 Eagle Project

Monday, August 17 – Friday, August 21 – Kyle in Texas

Tuesday, August 18

7:00PM – Worship Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 19

9:00AM – Super Sale preparation

9:15AM – A Meal & More Soup Kitchen

6:00PM – Rush Democratic Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 20

5:00PM – September Newsletter article deadline

Friday, August 21

– Pastor Kyle returns from Texas

Looking Ahead

Sunday, August 23

9:30AM – Worship Service; In-Person and Streaming; Chris Chamot preaching

9:30AM – Communion

10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour

11:00AM – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for August 30: Matthew 16:21-28

2:00PM – Living with Loss

Tuesday, August 25 – Tuesday, September 8 – Barb Kingsley at Stony Brook State Park

Wednesday, August 26

9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation

5:30PM – Family Community Picnic

Thursday, August 27

9:00AM – Distribution of September Newsletter

Announcements

The Mission of Rush UMC: “to live and share the love of Jesus;” ***Our Vision:*** “to be more like Jesus.” ***Our missional priorities:*** “excellence in worship; ministries for children, youth, adults and families and mission and outreach”

Hearing Loop

The Hearing Loop is working! Set your hearing aids to “hearing loop mode.” We also have Auracast headphones available. Please ask Gary Prok or Steve Williams for a set of headphones. If you have questions, please speak to Gary Prok.

Yellow Prayer Cards

Yellow Prayer Cards are in the pew holders and on Eagle Island. These are available for you to write prayers concerns or praises on. They can be given to the usher to be included in the Pastoral Prayer or placed in the offering plate on Eagle Island. These will be included in the next bulletin and the next issue of “His Faithful Followers.”

Giving to Rush UMC

Use this QR Code to give electronically. Giving envelopes are available on Eagle Island. Checks and cash are welcome. Donations can be put in the collection plates in the church lobby or mailed to the church.



Newsletter/Upper Room/Announcements

Additional Announcements, the Weekly Calendar, and the current newsletter are on the website and through Rush Tidings. Copies of the current Newsletter and Upper Room are on the shelf in the vestibule. To send a prayer request or joy to Rush Tidings or to sign-up for Rush Tidings, send an email to: rumcnews@rushumc.org. You can also sign up on the website at www.rushumc.com.

Sunday Assistants:

August 16, 2026

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher:

Cookies: Nancy Miller, Kelly Barrett

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

August 23, 2026

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher:

Cookies: Cindy Gray, Kellianne Williams

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30AM: Worship Service in person and Streaming

9:30AM: Communion served on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month

10:45AM: Rush UMC Coffee Hour, in the Fellowship Hall

11:00AM: Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle

11:00AM: Second Sunday Brunch on the second Sunday of each month; on hiatus during the summer

2:00PM: Living with Loss a grief support group, Second and Fourth Sunday of each month

Adult Study Opportunities

Adult Book/Bible Study with Michelle Prok, Sundays at 8:30AM; not meeting during the summer

Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle, Sundays at 11AM

Living with Loss: grief support group at 2:00PM on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle, Thursdays at 1PM, book study of "Turning the World Upside Down" All are invited and welcome to attend any of these studies

Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle

Have you ever wanted to challenge what a preacher said in their sermon? Or perhaps you wanted to ask questions and there never seemed to be an appropriate time. Perhaps you would like a bit of insight into what will be talked about ahead of the sermon, a trailer before the event. That is what we are offering in the Rush UMC lectionary study on Sundays at 11 AM. Come debrief with the pastor about what has just been said and spend some excellent quality time looking at the Gospel that will ground the sermon for the week to come. The Gospel will be listed in the bulletin in the "Activities and Meetings" section. Part Bible study and part Q&A; no doubt the discussions will be lively.

Living with Loss

The Living with Loss group will meet next on July 12 at 2PM. All in various stages of grief are invited and encouraged to come. "What grieving people of all sorts need is love, a feeling of safety and acceptance, the presence of others and social support." Cody Delistraty. We will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Facilitators: Pastor Kyle Roehrig and Erma Perkins.

Wednesday Super Sale Preparation

A dedicated group of people volunteer each Wednesday morning from 9 – 11 to prepare donated items for our Super Sales. They are always looking for new people to join them. If you have some time on Wednesday mornings, just come and a task or two will be found for you. There is also the advantage of having the first look at donations. You might find just what you've been looking for! Tasks include sorting, sizing, pricing, and putting away donations. Join us any Wednesday. We are collecting household items for the next sale. Clothing, shoes, and linens can be put in the St. Pauly Shed.

Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle

Come, spend some time talking about God, sharing a dessert, and learning a bit more about one another on Thursdays at 1PM. We will be taking a short hiatus from Thursday, August 20 through Thursday, September 3. When we gather on Thursday, September 10, the new study will be the book study "Turning the World Upside Down" Steady Faith for Anxious Times by Michael Bsughman, Ashley Boggan and Aleze M Fulbright. The book is \$19.00 each for a paperback and a Kindle ebook is \$10.00. If you would like to join the group, please let Barb Kingsley in the church office know so enough books will be ordered.

Sunday Morning Childcare Position

It is with great excitement that the Rush United Methodist Church is looking to hire a Sunday Morning Childcare worker for the time during our Sunday Morning Service from 9am to 11am. The position description is posted on our website, and the hourly rate is \$20.00. Please send a resume to office@rushumc.org.

Pastor Kyle Out of the Office

Pastor Kyle is traveling to Texas after service on Sunday, August 16 and returns on Friday, August 21. Chris Chamot will be preaching on Sunday, August 23. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact Pastor Kyle at 805-478-2526.

Worship Ministry Team

The Worship Ministry Team is meeting on Tuesday, August 18 at 7PM. All involved with the production of worship services are welcome to attend. We will be reviewing the liturgy and special Sundays from — July—December.

Newsletter Article Deadline

Please submit articles (email preferred) for the September issue of "His Faithful Followers" to Barb Kingsley by Thursday, August 20 at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org.

Family Fun Community Picnics

Join us Wednesday, August 26, at 5:30PM for great food and warm fellowship in our church pavilion (weather permitting). We'll supply hot dogs, baked beans, chips, drinks, and tableware. If you'd like, bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend or neighbor and enjoy the evening! We need helpers to cook over a grill or help set up or clean up from the picnics. Please consider being a part of these picnics. See Cindy Gray or you can reach out at cgtgray1039@gmail.com.

Baptism of Evelyn Louise McFarlin

Last we celebrated the Baptism of Evelyn Louise McFarlin. She is the daughter of Hannah Louise Folby McFarlin and Nathaniel Ryan McFarlin and was born on August 25, 2025 in Rochester, NY. Her Godmother is Adrienne Folby and her Godfather is Samuel Folby. Please welcome Evelyn and her family into this family of Christ called the Rush United Methodist Church.

Cookie Bakers

Cookie bakers are needed for Sundays to provide 3-4 dozen, either homemade or store bought, after the service each week. If you are not currently on the list and would like to provide cookies, please contact Tanya Hunt at tbhunt13@gmail.com or call the church office. The next list from July 12 – January 3, 2027 has been developed and emailed to those we have an email address for. Additional copies are on Eagle Island if you didn't receive the email or would like a paper-copy. As an alternative to cookies, fruit or veggies can also be provided.

Coming up Activities & Meetings

Sunday, August 30: Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday; 9:30AM: Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for September 6: Matthew 18:15-20

Wednesday, September 2: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation

Friday, September 4 – Monday, September 7: Labor Day Camping Weekend at Stony Brook State Park

Sunday, September 6: Labor Day Sunday; 9:30AM: Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; **10:45AM:** Informal Worship Service at Stony Brook State Park; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for September 13: Matthew 18:21-35; **5:30PM:** Potluck Supper at Stony Brook State Park

Monday, September 7: Church Office and PromiseLand are closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8: 7PM: PromiseLand Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 9: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **3PM:** Communion at Willow Ridge Senior Living Facility at Erie Station Rd; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsals begin

Thursday, September 10: 1PM: Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; studying the book “Turning the World Upside Down”; **6PM:** Nurture Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, September 13: Rally Day; 9:30AM: Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; Communion; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Second Sunday Lunch; **2PM:** Living with Loss

Labor Day Weekend

Several family and friends from Rush UMC are camping at Stony Brook State Park on Labor Day Weekend. On Sunday, September 6 at 10:30AM and 5:30PM at Stony Brook State Park, we will have an informal worship service and potluck supper. Come for the service and spend the afternoon hiking or relaxing and spending the day in God's beautiful creation. Bring lawn chairs, meat to grill and a dish to pass for the picnic. Stony Brook State Park is located south of Dansville, NY on State Route 36. Use the south entrance at the top of the hill to the camping area. Parking is available near the Shawmut Shelter, follow the road markers. It is a short walk from there down the hill to the campground. Most of our group is at the bottom of the hill along the creek and on the opposite side of the road. Campers: reservations for Labor Day weekend 2027 can be made beginning 9 months prior to your first day of camping. Come, join those of us who camp, whether it is in a 5th Wheel, trailer, pop up or tent, for a weekend of fun, community and fellowship at Stony Brook State Park on Labor Day Weekend, September 3-6, 2027. If you have questions, please contact Barb Kingsley in the church office. New families are always welcome to join us. Stony Brook also has sleeping cabins available.

What is a “Pray-Ground”

Children are welcome here, voices and wiggles and all! Children learn to love liturgy by seeing it, by being around it. The Pray-ground at the front of the sanctuary is a space for children where they can play quietly, worship, and participate as they are able. All children and those who love them are welcome. We hope our kids will love the Pray-ground! We encourage adults to be a kind and loving presence to the kids in the Pray-ground, whether you are related to them or not. For more information, contact Cindy Gray or Alethea Coulter. More information is in the July Newsletter.

Bread and Baked Goods from Wegmans

PromiseLand and Rush UMC receive bread and baked goods from Wegmans every Thursday, and the second Saturday of each month. The items are close dated but still good. They are made available to us to help PromiseLand feed the children in their care and help others in need in the community. The baked goods are available in the dining room on tables near the kitchen on Sundays and during the week. All are welcome to help yourself. Tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity. What and how much is received varies week by week/month by month.

First Time Here?

Welcome! Are you new or a visitor? Great! We're building back stronger than ever. You will fit in! Kindly forward us your name and contact information to our Administrative Assistant, barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org or our Pastor, chaplainroehrig@gmail.com.

Baptism? Membership?

If God is calling you to explore baptism or membership, **welcome aboard!** To join the conversation, speak with Pastor Kyle after worship.

We love children!

Children and parents are encouraged to come forward and enjoy the special message and take part in Holy Communion. A quiet room for children off the lobby is available for your use. Questions about all children's ministry opportunities? Ask our Director of Children's Ministry, Alethea Coulter, at 585-533-9246.

Jump Into Missions and Outreach

We have opportunities for everyone to serve! Please speak to Jim Comstock at 585-721-9739 or Pastor Kyle at 805-478-2526. If you would like to assist with our Super Sale, contact Cindy Raymond (585-727-8774). **Find your niche!**

Youth!

We have a small but enthusiastic and active youth group. They meet sporadically during the summer. Watch the bulletin or Youth page on the website for dates and information. Any youth Grade 6 and older are welcome to come. Contact Alethea Coulter (alethea.coulter@rushumc.org), Youth Director with any questions.

Youth Group Assistance Needed

To stay in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary policy, two adults are required to be present during all youth activities. If you are available and interested, please let me know, Alethea Coulter, Youth Ministry Director, alethea.coulter@rushumc.org.

Need Prayer?

We encourage prayers for individuals, events, thanksgiving, and witness (where you experienced the presence and power of God). Fill out a yellow prayer card on the kiosk in the lobby and hand it to an usher to be included in the Pastoral Prayer or forward them to Barb Kingsley at office@rushumc.org.

Worship Leaders Needed!

Read the Gospel? Speak with Alethea Coulter (585.533.9246 or alethea.coulter@rushumc.org).

Sing in the choir! See Kellianne Williams (585.507.1996 or klkw1212@gmail.com)

Greeters and Ushers? Sign up with Barb Kingsley at 533.2170 or barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org

Assist with Holy Communion? Contact Judy Blachowicz at jcrb@rochester.rr.com.

Join the Tech Team. Speak with Steve Williams at 585.807.3965 or williasc@gmail.com.

Communion for homebound: speak with Erma or Leon Perkins at 585.750.0136 or 585.749.2735 if you are willing to take communion to our homebound members once a month.

Weekly Financial Report

Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. Colossians 2:7

Needed weekly from all sources of income to meet expenses: \$6,903.54

Needed weekly from pledged/non pledged income to meet expenses: \$4,698.08

Pledged/Non pledged received: 08/09-08/15: \$2,255.00

Other income received: 08/09-08/15: \$152.15

Total Pledged for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$269,200.00

Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$235,549.68. (Includes \$11,270.00, non-pledge, designated for an electric sign and \$10,000.00 pledged for sign from PromiseLand)

Total Spent as of June 20: \$204,696.69

Prayer Requests

Health Concerns: Alison, Bob and Linda Faugh, Buzz and Joan Grimm, Kevin Kinnally, Ray Smith
Family and friends of Harvey Colgrove who recently passed away, he was a good friend of Richard Nereau

Geoffrey Furman, had successful aortic valve replacement surgery on August 13, prayers for a quick recovery

James Stuber, Circle Vile, Ohio, heart attack surgery on August 5

Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health

PromiseLand Childcare, Children and Staff

Heritage Christian Services Rush Day Hab

Please continue to pray for the children and staff of the Children's Home, Musa weNkosi

Zululand Hospice in South Africa

Family members and friends who are homebound or in senior living facilities.

Those serving in the Military: home, or abroad.

Praises

Paul Kingsley received a wonderful report from his surgeon, cancer is gone

Gary and Michelle Prok celebrated their 46th Anniversary on August 9

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Homebound and Ill

Ruth Baldoni, Lynne Jacobs, Kevin Kinnally

Our Military

Phillip Banker, Jason Bello, Ben Frederick, Jason McKnight, Isaiah Montana, Bryan Simpson, Matthew Simpson, Marcus Sydow

Pastoral Staff

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2026 Leadership Ministry Team at Rush United Methodist Church

Please seek out Leadership Ministry Team members with any questions or concerns. Their names and email addresses are listed below.

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