

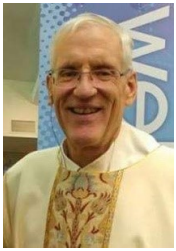


His Faithful Followers

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A Note from Pastor Todd



Christ is risen from the dead! Where now, oh death, is thy sting? Because Jesus lives, so too will you live. Alleluia!

I've been blessed to swim in an ocean of grace all my life. The United Methodist Church has supported me, educated me, ordained me, provided me with saints and mentors for the journey. Thank you, God, for the gift of the United Methodist Church. Lay leaders helped shape my life and ministry, for which I am grateful.

Bill Updike, my first Lay Leader, from Dresden, was the unofficial town mayor, the one who invited me to swing a sledgehammer with him to break apart the old coal furnace and replace it with a new one. Bill was the president of the Fire Company and a leader at the Masonic Hall. Bill always beat me to the fire hall to drive the first pumper out of the barn. He taught a lot of kids to fish at my fishing camps. Bill never lost his childlike humor or a chance to play with kids. Bill continues to inspire me today.

Jim Elliott was the village mayor in Palmyra. He is also one of the kindest Lay Leaders I've worked with. We'd walk the streets late at night, talking about everything from eternal life to repairing a leaking water line. He was the first person at church for a work bee, and always the last person to lock up and leave. Jim continues to be a leader in the community, Masonic lodge, and local museum. Jim loved every neighbor, even those who disagreed with him.

Sharon Boyd was, and is, an exceptional Lay Leader in West Walworth. She led with confidence and determination, always doing the next right thing. Before retiring, she was a leader in the not-for-profit community, a faithful steward of the United Way, advocating tirelessly for seniors and elders. With a stiff upper lip, Sharon took over playing the piano when her cousin died. We've shared a lot of worship services, weddings, and funerals together.

Jim Coleman is the heart and soul of the East Rochester United Methodist Church. He loves his family, he loves to work, and he loves the people of the parish. Jim dreams and plans, he isn't afraid of rolling up his sleeves and getting his hands dirty, he is always entertaining children. He led to me Nicaragua and opened to me the value of international, short-term mission trips. Jim watches over our friend, Ray, and is quick to respond whenever there is a need.

Steve Williams, Tanya Hunt, and Erma Perkins; the home team. The three of them are like the starting lineup for the New York Yankees. Three leaders who serve the people of Rush, who have given me wise counsel, and who

have made good, informed decisions in the best interests of the people of the parish. Thank you, one, and all.

From my experience, here are some common traits of exceptional lay leaders.

1. Each lay leader loved the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength; and their neighbor, as themselves. Church leaders lead with love.

2. Once God called them to lead, each got on with the job. No excuses, no resentment, nothing held back; just faithful service.

3. Each supported parish ministry, wherever and however it occurred. Once the decision was made, discerning God's will and deciding to follow the call, leaders are on board. Leaders show up.

4. Talented lay leaders are inspirational. I want to be more like that person. They lead by example. They listen a lot more than talk. When they do speak, everyone listens.

5. Leaders pray for the people of the parish. They pray for the church, their pastor, the denomination, the whole Church – The Body of Christ. They pray for peace and justice, then get to work to make it so. They pray for strength through diversity, the power of the Holy Spirit through inclusion, and equity for all. Every voice matters.

6. Every exceptional lay leader gives generously. They have skin in the game. Most tithe, some exceed the 10% standard for giving. Leaders give sacrificially; that is, until it takes a bite out of their personal budget. They walk the walk and talk the talk.



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7. Walking through trials, temptations, and fire also seems to be a common trait. Everyone has faced very difficult circumstances in life. Marriage, family, health, death, grief. You name it. Their previously built-up stores of faith in God's love and everlasting promise got them through.

8. Effective lay leaders speak and act like professionals; representatives of Jesus and the people they serve. Never once have I heard the excuse, "I'm just a volunteer."

9. These lay leaders, and many others, give their best effort to God. They don't hedge their bets with idolatry, chance, or luck. We are Jesus people.

10. Leaders know the difference between being nice and being honest. They are the ones who bring up the elephant in the room. They are always willing to speak truth to power. Leaders praise in public, scold in private. Honesty, transparency, integrity ... in all things.

11. The finest lay leaders I've been privileged to work with keep priorities simple and straight. God first. People second. Programs serve people, who, in turn, serve God. Property last, supporting program, always mindful that buildings and property reflect the God in whom we believe. Get it right. Keep it straight.

12. Effective lay leaders support their shepherd pastors, and their families. Agreement isn't necessary. Collaboration is.

The best days for Rush UMC lay ahead. God is calling your new pastor and this parish to do great things, expanding God's kingdom here in Rush, and around the world. Be the leader God has called you to be. Work with the leaders God has given this church. Wade into this ocean of grace and be refreshed with a hearty swim.



God loves you, and so do I.

Todd R. Goddard

The Rev. Todd R. Goddard

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 is in the pew card holders and on the kiosk in the church lobby on Sunday, March 31. They will also be between the outside and inside doors from March 28 – April 7. Donations can be dropped off at church, mailed or made electronically on the church website, www.rushumc.com.



Join Us for Holy Week Activities

The season of Lent concludes with Holy Week, the week prior to Easter, the day we celebrate the resurrection from the dead of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Over the course of Holy Week we remember Jesus' actions, teaching, and activities with the hope that our faith will be increased and that we might be renewed as disciples of Christ. Bring your family and invite a friend!

Maundy

Thursday: March 28.

7PM service. Join us to break our fast! Holy Communion will be celebrated. John 13:1-17,

31b-35 is the primary scripture passage. The narrative from John is the account of Jesus at the Last Supper washing the feet of his disciples, demonstrating servant discipleship. Why this is important: We recognize two sacraments in The United Methodist Church, Baptism (initiation) and Holy Communion. We break and share bread and wine when we gather for worship because Jesus commanded his followers to do so. We believe that God, Christ's Heavenly Father, works through the sacrament a holy mystery, full of grace and love, that sustains the Church for our benefit and growth. When we gather and together eat the bread and drink the cup, we do so in remembrance of Jesus Christ. We are strengthened, and so, too, is God's kingdom.

Good Friday: March 29. 7PM service. The passion narrative will be read in its entirety (John 18-19), starting with Christ's triumphant entry to Jerusalem through his death and burial. The bright light 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. Why this is important: we believe that Jesus atoned, or took away, our sins by his death upon the cross. Our Jewish ancestors provided the foundation for this belief; atonement was granted by the act of animal sacrifice upon the Temple altar. Jesus Christ becomes the sacrificial lamb for Christianity, taking away the sins of the world. Burdened by your past? By your prior sins? Come, be set free. We call this "redemption."

Easter: March 31. A 9:30AM Blended Worship Celebration, of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

Experience the resurrection story, as proclaimed from John 20:1-18. Why this is important: we believe that just as Jesus was victorious over death, he brings his faithful followers victory over death, too. We believe in eternal life, that begins with our belief that Jesus is our Lord and continues through eternity. What does a future heaven look like? I have no idea. However, by faith in Christ, we believe that salvation has already started and the prospect for our eternal future is safely in God's hands.



PAUMCS Conference

Barb Kingsley will be traveling to and from Memphis, TN for the Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS) Annual Conference and vacation from Monday, April 1 – Tuesday or Wednesday, April 9 or 10. If you have a question or other office business, please send an email to me at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org. I will have limited access to email and will respond if I am able. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Todd at 585-703-9235.



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 1.

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, 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, or call her at 585-362-6206.



Come, Now is the Time!

A Concert of Classic Songs
of Praise and Worship

Presented by
Grace Choir

Lon Beery, Director

Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 4:00PM
West Bloomfield Congregational
Church UCC
9035 Rt. 5 & 20 – W. Bloomfield, NY
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PromiseLand Primary Day Bake Sale

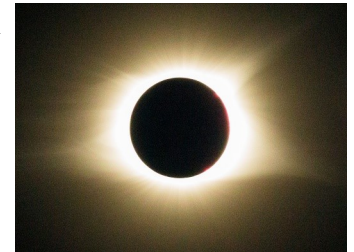
PromiseLand will be holding a Primary Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, April 2 and we need baked goods to sell. If you can bake for the sale, items can be brought to the church on Monday evening or any time during the day on Tuesday. We appreciate your support. If you don't bake, you can still stop by and purchase items to support the daycare.



Solar Eclipse Bash

On Monday, April 8, 2024, there will be a total solar eclipse, and Rochester, NY is in the path of totality. In a solar eclipse, the moon gets between the Sun and Earth. In a total solar eclipse, people who are in the path of totality see the Sun's bright disk totally covered by the Moon for a short time. The moon will begin to cover the Sun at 2:07 pm. Totality begins at 3:20 pm and lasts 3 minutes 38 seconds (plus or minus a few seconds, depending on your exact location). After totality, the Moon gradually uncovers the Sun. The eclipse ends for Rochester viewers at 4:33 pm. A total eclipse is one of the rarest and most spectacular events in nature. During the partial phases just before and after totality, the landscape around you is transformed by eerie dim light and strangely sharp shadows. During totality, the sky becomes as dark as deep twilight, bright stars and planets appear, and the Sun's outer atmosphere, called the corona, shines around the black disk of the Moon's silhouette. Changes in temperature, winds, and animal behavior occur during the time around totality.

This is such a unique and powerful event, that the Rush Church Nurture team felt that we should celebrate it together on April 8, from 1:30 – 4:35pm. We will have a variety of snacks and activities and the opportunity to watch this incredible event in the beautiful surroundings of our church building. Volunteers needed and welcomed! See Cindy Gray or Michelle Prok for more information.



Thank You Choir

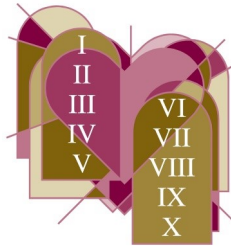
Thank you to the choir for another beautiful Lenten Cantata. You are all blessings. If you are interested in joining the choir, we rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Sunday mornings at 8:30. We are always happy to have new members.



Adult Learning Opportunities

A new Adult Book Study is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 pm. The book is called Words of Life, and it looks at the Ten Commandments in their historical context, and explores how these commandments can be used as a way of ordering one's life in the present day. This is a study written by Adam Hamilton and is inspiring and thought-provoking.

This will be a 6-week study, on Tuesday nights at the church. If you are interested, please sign up on the list posted on the kiosk in the church lobby, or just show up at the first group meeting. Books for the study will be distributed to those interested. The cost of the book is \$17.00. Questions? See Cindy Gray.



Adult Book Study
Words of Life:
The Ten Commandments

Safe Sanctuary

Reminder that we are planning an in-person Safe Sanctuary training for April 13, 9-12:30pm at the church. As I mentioned before, it is imperative that we have enough people willing and trained in these standards so that we can effectively run any ministry in the church that involves children, youth and vulnerable adults. Any special event we do requires that we have enough trained people present. If you are able to participate in this training, please contact me so I can add you to my list.

Please click on the link to register. <https://rush-basic-41324.eventbrite.com>

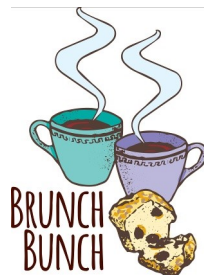
Thank you for considering and supporting the vital ministries of our church.

Alethea Coulter
alethea.coulter@rushumc.org



Church Fellowship Second Sunday Brunch

On Sunday, April 14, enjoy a cup of coffee, a cookie and conversation then stay 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.



Having fun at Fiesta Supper on Wednesday, February 28.



Native American Ministries Sunday—April 14, 2024

Now more than ever, your contributions on Native American Ministries Sunday are critical so The United Methodist Church can honor its commitments to invest in mission that reaches out to more than 20,000 Native Americans. Many are part of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, but Native American United Methodists ministries are far-reaching – from the tip of Florida to the top of Alaska.

Your gift educates, evangelizes and enriches. The special offering nurtures mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians. It allows The United Methodist Church to launch and strengthen Native American ministries, both urban and rural, and to recruit and prepare Native American pastors.

Your generous gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday support:

- Native American ministries within the annual conference
- Scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology and seminaries approved by the University Senate of The United Methodist Church (administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry)
- Expansion of the number of target cities in the Native American Urban Initiative (related to the General Board of Global Ministries)

A special leaflet/envelope will be on the kiosk in the church lobby on Sunday April 14. They will also be between the outside and inside doors from April 7 - 21. Donations can be dropped off at church, mailed or made electronically on the church website, www.rushumc.com.



Winter Wednesday Community Family Supper

Mark your calendars, and plan to join us in the church Fellowship Hall for this month's Community Dinner, Wednesday, 4/24, 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. 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 Monday, 4/22, and Arbor Day is 4/26.) Hope to see you there!



Rush United Methodist Church

Analysis of Revenues & Expenses Summary Actual

February 2024

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD (This Year)	Budget TD (This Year)
Revenues			
Other Income/ Parsonage	\$5,792.30	\$6,411.50	\$716.66
Offerings	\$18,749.53	\$42,370.00	\$32,695.00
P/L & HCS Reimbursement	\$1,511.66	\$3,023.32	\$2,958.32
Total Revenues	\$26,053.49	\$51,804.82	\$36,369.98
Expenses			
Board of Trustees	\$11,784.37	\$20,181.77	\$7,916.68
Education	\$84.00	\$84.00	\$216.66
Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,038.73	\$750.00
(1) Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Expenses	\$826.31	\$1,467.14	\$1,437.28
Clergy Salaries	\$4,983.24	\$9,966.48	\$9,966.46
Lay Salaries	\$6,795.67	\$13,713.24	\$13,229.61
Clergy Benefits	\$4,066.22	\$8,938.30	\$9,048.02
Ministry Team	\$100.00	\$695.75	\$708.32
Other Program Expenses	\$105.44	\$170.20	\$157.66
Utilities	\$2,848.29	\$6,230.74	\$4,050.34
PromiseLand	(\$5,000.00)	(\$5,000.00)	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$26,593.54	\$57,486.35	\$47,481.03
Net Total	(\$540.05)	(\$5,681.53)	(\$11,111.05)

1. Shared Ministries: \$0.00 paid to end of February

Capital Reserve Fund

Balance as of March 27, 2024:
\$58,223.68

Building Contingency Fund

Balance as of March 27, 2024:
\$5,081.48



FINANCE REPORT

Roof Replacement Loan Repayment

	Date Paid	Amount Paid	Balance
Opening Balance			\$31,892.10
Interest at 3.25%			\$1,036.49
Loan plus Interest			\$32,928.59
Payment #37	01/20/2024	\$250.00	\$32,678.59
Payment #38	02/15/2024	\$250.00	\$32,428.59
Payment #39	03/13/2024	\$250.00	\$32,177.59
Payment #40			
Payment #41			
Payment #42			
Payment #43			
Payment #44			
Payment #45			
Payment #46			
Payment #47			
Payment #48			
Year End Payment from additional donations		Total Paid \$750.00	



Capital Stewardship Campaign Update

As of Wednesday, March 27, we have received \$269,200.00 or 53.84% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$143,733.49 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 six hundred twenty (\$5,620.00), 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.



Prayer Concerns

Allison, health and strength
 Michele Cuatt's brother-in-law, Jim, surgery and cancer;
 granddaughter Gianna, scratch on her eye that is
 healing; niece, Claire, diagnosed with Alport Syndrome
 Bob Faugh, at Strong with a brain bleed
 Pastor Todd as he prepares to retire
 Bessie Luft recently moved to Evergreen Place in
 Brockport and is adjusting well
 Gary Prok, recovering from knee replacement surgery
 Tim Wagner, diagnosed with cancer
 Please respect individual's space
 Rush UMC as we enter into a period of transition with
 Pastor Todd retiring June 30
 UNY Conference Bishop and DS's as they begin to make
 Pastoral appointments for the coming year.
 Those recently diagnosed with Covid, RSV and the flu
 Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss,
 illness, or deteriorating health
 Navy Seals – 3 men missing
 The United Methodist Church
 Aggressive diplomacy that will lead to peace and justice
 for Palestinians and Israelis
 Israel and the conflicts around the world
 The Jewish people
 Difficult marriages
 Families and friends of those affected by continued gun
 violence and mass shootings
 Friends and members to return to in person worship at
 Rush UMC
 Those struggling with addiction and alcoholism
 People of Ukraine
 PromiseLand Childcare
 School Districts, Parents and Students
 Peace to come to our troubled land
 Government Leaders
 For justice and health care to be deployed equally and
 evenly among all people
 End to racism and inequality
 Musa weNkosi Orphanage and Zululand Hospice
 Our Bishop and Clergy and Lay leaders
 Hospice Houses near and far
 RHAFT and FISH
 A Meal & More Soup Kitchen and homeless served by
 them
 Staff and Young Men at State School at Industry
 Small Businesses
 Hospital and Nursing Home Staff – stay healthy and
 strong to tend to the needs of patients and residents
 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
 Parents of New Drivers
 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
 Campus Ministries
 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; Syria, South Sudan, Middle
 East
 Victims of terrorism and survivors of world violence
 Injustice in the USA
 City of Rochester
 RCSD and Board of Education
 Members in Military, especially those in Kuwait
 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
Ernie Harrington	Louise Harris
Jim Hughes	Lynne Jacobs
Kevin 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:

Phillip Banker	Jason Bello
Ben Frederick	Michael Kurvach
Steven Kurvach	Jason McKnight
Isaiah Montana	
James Rice	
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 Craig Crowell



Praises

The appointment of our new pastor, Rev. Kyle Roehrig
 who begins July 1, 2024
 Mary Ann David, another joy,
 Natalie Elizabeth Tripp was
 born in the morning of
 Monday, March 4, her
 grandmother, Debbie David,
 delivered her
 Ben Cuatt's 30th birthday was
 March 17
 April Birthdays and
 Anniversaries



Chili Cook Off Results

Thank you to everyone who made a chili or other dish for our annual cook-off! This year's winners were:

- Best Overall - Steve Williams
- Best Non-traditional - Erma Perkins
- Best Hot and Spicy -

Alethea Coulter

Thanks to all who donated to support the youth. We raised \$140.08 for the youth ministry.

Alethea Coulter
Interim Youth Director



Family Picture Wall

Wanted – your picture on our church “Family Picture Wall.” If you or your family’s picture is still not up there, it’s not too late! See Cindy Gray or Cindy Raymond, and we’ll be happy to take the picture, print it, and hang it up! Let’s get all our church families up on the board well before our new Pastor joins this church.



Baptism of Cataleya Rose Martin

On Sunday, March 10 we celebrated the Baptism of Cataleya Rose Martin. She is the daughter of Ryan Paul Martin and Maila Rose Lowery and was born on October 11, 2023. Her big brother is



Carmelo. Her sponsors are Samaria McClary and Rhonda Greineder. Please welcome Cataleya and her family into this family of Christ called the Rush United Methodist Church.



March Activities



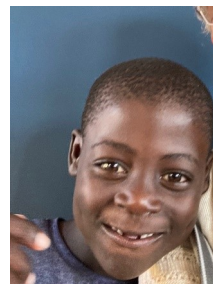
Mission and Outreach News

Has our experience of Holy Week 2024 made a difference in the way we live our lives? Jesus' death and resurrection made a huge impact on His first followers:



“The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles.

All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity, they praised God and demonstrated God’s goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.” Acts 4:42-47.



We, too, experience the blessing of shared meals. Thank you, Cindy and George for the Memorial meals you coordinate, for all who donate food to these meals, the Wednesday Community dinners, Don and his helpers for 2nd Sunday brunch. Diane’s keeping us connected to RHAFT, Joyce’s inspiring people to go to Meal and More and contribute to and deliver Christmas gift baskets.

Most of us don’t have property to sell and donate, but Leon and I did recently when we sold an acre of land my father had given me.

A practice we can all devote ourselves to is prayer. Musa weNkosi is in great need of our support. Gavin and Elaine Charlton are retirement age but have no one to take on their commitment to the orphanage. Pray that the exposure to Christian teaching will stay with the children as they age out and leave the safety of the home. The needs extend far beyond the 40 children. Several men in the area are feeling helpless because they have no way to feed their families. Orphanage personnel is teaching “Farming God’s Way.” Pray for the success of this effort. They need short-and long-term volunteers. They report “There are many open doors that we can not use (schools, community contacts, requests for Sunday school and youth meetings) as there is no one to utilize the opportunities.”

Gavin and Elaine are traveling to the UK in May to solicit funds and personnel.

Four of us will be visiting Musa weNkosi on May 11. I am happy to be your ambassador bringing gifts, our love and “demonstrating God’s goodness.”

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



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, or call the church office.



Chicken & Biscuits Rush Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

Saturday, April 13 from 3:30 – 6, \$12.00 per meal. Dine-in or Take-out at the Rush Fire Hall Activity Room, Rush-Mendon Rd. Dinner includes biscuits, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, applesauce, dessert, and beverages. Proceeds benefit Betty Wilkins Scholarship Fund for Rush students.



New Address

Bessie Luft has moved to Evergreen Place in Brockport and according to her daughter, Debbie, she has adjusted well and is enjoying the activities and socializing. Her new address is: Evergreen Place, Room 6, 90 West Avenue, Brockport, NY 14420. Cards and visitors are truly welcome!!



Calling all Golfers!

Calling all golfers! PromiseLand's Chipping for Children golf tournament will be held on July 21 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 including our toddler playground expansion. Thank you for your support.



Patrick Place

A comfort care home in Scottsville began as an idea 10 years ago with 4 churches in the Scottsville, Caledonia area. It finally opened in summer of 2018 and then shut down because of Covid-19. Patrick Place is now an independent not-for-profit 2 bed comfort care home. They are always looking for volunteers as caregivers, cleaners, maintenance workers, fundraisers organizers and participants, etc. Please go to PatrickPlace.org for more information on volunteering, upcoming events, and general knowledge. Or contact Linda Czerwinski at icemadam@aol.com for more info. I volunteer as a caregiver and feel privileged to do so.



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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

RUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 6200 RUSH LIMA ROAD
 PO BOX 49
 RUSH NY 14543-0049



Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8:30AM – Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok
- 8:30AM – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Blended Worship Experience - In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; 2nd and 4th Sundays
Communion
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 10:45AM – “Chaos or Hope and Purpose” Study



Sunday Schedule

How to Reach Us

- Church Telephone: 585-533-2170
- Church Fax: 585-533-1978
- Pastor Todd Telephone: 585-703-9235
- PromiseLand Telephone: 585-533-2475
- Web Site: www.rushumc.com
- Email Address: rushumc@rochester.rr.com
- Rush Tidings Address: rushumcnews@rochester.rr.com



- Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
- Pastor:..... Rev. Todd Goddard
- Administrative Assistant: Barbara Kingsley
-Office Hours: 9:00AM - 4:00PM Monday - Friday
- Director of Children’s Ministries: Alethea Coulter
- Interim Director of Youth Ministries: Alethea Coulter
- Director of PromiseLand Childcare: Kellianne Williams
- Chancel Choir Director: Kellianne Williams
- Accompanist:..... Spencer Haynes
- Lay Leaders: Worship: Steve Williams
- Children, Youth and Families: Tanya Hunt
- Mission and Outreach: Erma Perkins
- Leadership Team: Kelly Barrett, Geoffrey Furman,
 Todd Goddard, Cindy Gray, Dan Kingsley,
 Michelle Prok, Lisa Shingleton, Steve Williams

Youth Group



Youth in grades 6–12 meet each month on Wednesdays at 6:00PM. March dates are the 13th and 27th. All youth are welcome to come and invite a friend.

Leadership Ministry Team

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome by email to any of the Leadership Ministry Team Members, contact information on page 9, or to toddgoddard@gmail.com. The next Team Meeting is Thursday, April 11 at 7PM.

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