

Weekly Announcements

March 19, 2023

This week

Sunday, March 19 – Fourth Sunday in Lent; UMCOR Special Sunday Offering

- 8:00AM – Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30AM – Traditional Worship Service; In-Person and on YouTube, Facebook
- 9:40AM – Book of Acts Bible Study and Small Group
- 9:45AM – Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok
- 9:50AM – Choir Cantata Rehearsal
- 10:45AM – Contemporary Worship Service - In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook
- 11:00AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 12:00PM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour

Wednesday, March 22

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 9:00AM – Rush Henrietta Continuing Education Yoga Class
- 11:00AM – Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom
- 12:10PM – “Live from Hochstein Concert” on WXXI Classical 91.5FM
- 1:00PM – Individual Staff Time
- 6:00PM – Youth Group
- 7:00PM – Choir/Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday, March 23

- 9:30AM – Piano Tuning
- 5:00PM – April Newsletter Article Deadline

Friday, March 24

- 10:30AM – Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM
- 4:30PM – Avon UMC Lenten Fish Fry until 7PM

Saturday, March 25

- 8:30AM – Rush UMC Clean and Spruce up Day and a time for chair deconstruction
- 9:00AM – UNY Conference: Special Session

Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent; Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday

- 8:00AM – Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30AM – Traditional Worship Service; In-Person and on YouTube, Facebook
- 9:40AM – Book of Acts Bible Study and Small Group
- 9:45AM – Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok
- 9:50AM – Choir Cantata Rehearsal
- 10:45AM – Contemporary Worship Service - In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook
- 11:00AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 12:00PM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour

Wednesday, March 29

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 9:00AM – Rush Henrietta Continuing Education Yoga Class
- 11:00AM – Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom
- 12:10PM – “Live from Hochstein Concert” on WXXI Classical 91.5FM, featuring E-Na Song, piano
- 5:30PM – Wednesday Night Community Pasta Supper, Mini Golf and Palm Crosses
- 7:00PM – Choir/Lenten Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday, March 30

9:00AM – Distribution of April Newsletter

Friday, March 31

10:30AM – Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM

4:30PM – Avon UMC Lenten Fish Fry until 7PM

Saturday, April 1

9:00AM – Lenten Cantata Dress Rehearsal

Announcements

UMCOR Sunday Offering (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)

UMCOR Sunday is March 19. Your generous gift supports UMCOR's administrative costs so all designated gifts will go to the program of the giver's choice. A leaflet/envelope is on the kiosk in the church lobby for you donation. You can leave a check in the collection plate or mail it to the church or electronically donate through the church website. Please write on the check or envelope: UMCOR Sunday. On an electronic donation, use "Other" and write UMCOR Sunday in the note section.

Survey

A Worship Preference Survey was handed out this morning. If you didn't receive one, there are copies on the kiosk in the lobby. Please fill it out and put it in the offering plate on the kiosk or mail or bring it to the church during business hours. It could also be emailed to rushumc@rochester.rr.com. It is also available on the website along with the Sunday Bulletin. We would appreciate these being returned by March 26. The Worship Planning Team

Choir Lenten Cantata Rehearsals

The Rush UMC Choir is getting ready to rediscover the story and Passion of Jesus. Our Lenten Cantata will be sung on Sunday, April 2 at the 8:30 service. Rehearsals for the Cantata are on Sundays from 9:50am - 10:25am and Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Even if you don't want to commit to every Sunday, consider joining us to sing in the Lenten Cantata. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Kellianne Williams email klkw1212@gmail.com or cell (585) 507-1996.

Newsletter Article Deadline

Please submit all articles (email preferred) for the April issue of "His Faithful Followers" to Barb Kingsley by 5PM on Thursday, March 23, 2023. Email address: barbking@rochester.rr.com.

Board of Trustees Clean Up Day

The Board of Trustees has scheduled a clean-up day for Saturday, March 25 at 8:30AM. We will be concentrating our efforts on deep cleaning (washing windows, dusting, vacuuming, etc.) the rooms and areas on the main level. Also, the chairs that are being reupholstered will be deconstructed, staples holding the current upholstery will be removed. All are invited to come and help. Stay the entire time or only for an hour or two!

Fasting from Holy Communion during Lent

The Worship Team values and encourages the practice of fasting throughout the season of Lent. As such we are planning to fast from Holy Communion during the season, as has been our prior practice. The fast will be broken with the celebration of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023, at our 7:00PM worship service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Musa weNkosi Orphanage Offering

Sunday, March 26, we are supporting Musa weNkosi Orphanage in South Africa with a special offering. Donations can be put in the offering plate on the kiosk, dropped off at or mailed to the church or sent electronically securely through the church website.

Sunday Assistants

March 19

Greeter:

Usher: 8:30: Leola Porter

Cookies: 8:30: Julie Sanderson

Usher: 10:45:

Cookies: 10:45: Joyce Smith

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

March 26

Greeter:

Usher: 8:30AM: Leola Porter

Cookies: 8:30AM: Lynda Wanzenried

Usher: 10:45:

Cookies: 10:45: Sherry Haynes

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

E-Na Song in Concert

“Live from Hochstein – Women in Music Festival: In the Company of Women” on Wednesday, March 22, 12:10-12:50 in the Hochstein Performance Hall. Featuring E-Na Song, piano, Koki Tanaka, violin, and others. Broadcasts live on WXXI Classical 91.5 FM. Also “Live from Hochstein – A Celebration of Dance” on Wednesday, March 29, 12:10-12:50 in the Hochstein Performance Hall featuring E-Na Song, piano. Broadcasts live on WXXI Classical 91.5 FM.

Avon UMC Lenten Fish Dinners

Two dates this year, March 24 and 31 from 4:30 – 7PM. Eat in or take out are available. The menu is baked or batter-fried haddock, baked potato, coleslaw, applesauce, roll and scrumptious desserts! Optional hot dog available for children. Adults: \$15.00, Children 4-11: \$8.00; 3 and under free. Avon UMC, 130 Genesee Street, Avon, NY.

Upcoming Activities & Meetings

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday; 8:00AM: Choir Rehearsal; **8:30AM:** Traditional Worship Service and Lenten Cantata – In-Person and on YouTube/Facebook; **9:40AM:** Book of Acts Bible Study and Small Group; **9:45AM:** Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok; **10:45AM:** Contemporary Worship Service - In-Person and on YouTube/Facebook; **11AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **12PM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour

Monday, April 3: 12:30PM: Ladies Lunch Bunch; **7PM:** Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 4: 6:30PM: Rush Hometown Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 5: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **11AM:** Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service; **7PM:** Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6: Maundy Thursday; 7PM: Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7: Good Friday; 10:30AM: Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM; **7PM:** Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday; 8AM: Choir Rehearsal; **8:30AM:** Traditional Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube/Facebook; **9:40AM:** Book of Acts Bible Study and Small Group; **9:45AM:** Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok; **10:45AM:** Contemporary Worship Service - In-Person and on YouTube/Facebook; **11AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **12PM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour

Special Music

If you are interested in providing special music during a service, please let Kellianne Williams know. We are happy to hear your gift to and from God. Klkw1212@gmail.com or (585) 507-1996.

Wednesday Night Community Dinner

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Pasta Supper on Wednesday, March 29, from 5:30 – 7:00pm. We're serving pasta and sauce with meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread and butter. Beverages and tableware are provided – just bring your appetites. Dessert will be birthday cake, as we celebrate the 27th birthday of this Rush Church building! This is a great way to connect with PromiseLand families and members of the church. Come for supper and stay to fellowship and fun if you choose. Several mini golf holes will be set up in the lobby and everyone is welcome to practice their golf swings as a way to start preparing for PromiseLand's Annual Golf Tournament, scheduled for July 30. There will also be the opportunity to make palm crosses for you and your family or our homebound.

Easter Memorial Plants

To celebrate the Resurrection and remember/honor a loved one, why not order an Easter Plant? Flowering plants will grace our Worship Center with their beauty on Easter Sunday, April 9. The form for ordering "Memorial/In Honor of" plants is on the desk in the lobby, or you can call the church office at 533-2170. Orders must be placed on or before Friday, March 31. The prices are as follows:

Lilies – 5+ Blooms: \$9.50

Lilies – 8" pot Doubles: \$19.00

Hydrangeas - 4+ blooms: \$17.00

Hyacinths - 6" pots: \$7.00

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.

Adult Sunday School Class Opportunity

We are excited to announce a new adult Sunday morning class has started on Sundays from 9:40am to 10:40am, with the first few classes meeting in the church Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the Book of Acts. Grab a cup of coffee or tea, a cookie, and plan to join us. For more information, contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service

All are invited to participate in the Mid-Week Prayer Service on Wednesdays at 11AM via Zoom. This is a time to gather together to learn of prayer concerns and pray for each other, our church, our neighbors, our country, and our world. Contact Pastor Todd for the zoom link.

Family Picture Wall

We are creating a church family wall on the bulletin board in the dining room, to help both new and old church members learn each other's names and to see those people we may not see often (or haven't seen in a while). The pictures do not have to be formal, or professional. We welcome selfies and fun family pictures – as long as the people in them are identifiable! If you would like someone to take a snapshot of your family, contact Cindy Gray (585-334-0110, cgtgray1039@gmail.com) and we can make that happen. If possible, we'd like to have the pictures up by the end of March. We look forward to seeing you on our church wall. Our Church Directory is also in need of updating, if you would like to help make this happen, please contact Barb Kingsley in the church office.

We Are Hiring! – Youth Leader

We are in search of a part-time Director of Youth Ministries. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, contact Dorothy Genazzio (585.764.8411) or Geoffrey Furman (585.533.9246). Additional information and job description may be found on the church website at <https://www.rushumc.com/directorofyouthministries>

First Time Here?

Welcome! Are you new or a visitor? Great! We're building back post-pandemic stronger than ever. ***You'll fit right in!*** Kindly forward us your name and contact information to our Administrative Assistant, barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org or our Pastor, toddgoddard@gmail.com, or 585.703.9235.

Seeking Pastor Care or Guidance?

Contact Pastor Todd at 585-703-9235 or toddgoddard@gmail.com

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 at the kiosk in the lobby, speak aloud your prayer request, or forward your prayers to Barb Kingsley at barbking@rochester.rr.com

Jump into Missions and Outreach

We have opportunities to serve for everyone! Speak with Erma Perkins at 585.750.0136. If you would like to assist with our Super Sale, contact Cindy Raymond (585.727-8774). ***Find your niche.***

Baptism? Membership?

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

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 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. ***We love children!***

Youth!

We have a small but enthusiastic and active youth group. They meet every other Wednesday from 6 – 8PM. The next meeting is March 22, 2023. Any youth Grade 6 and older are welcome to come. Contact Alethea Coulter (acoulter@rochester.rr.com), Interim Youth Director with any questions.

Sunday School Teachers

I am looking for individuals willing to teach Sunday School. We will continue to have a one room class that meets during the 10:45AM service. There are requirements that include taking the conferences' Safe Sanctuary class and completing a background check. I am also in need of volunteers to help the teachers when we have a larger group of children. Please contact me for more information and thank you for considering! Alethea Coulter (acoulter@rochester.rr.com), Children's Ministry Director

Giving to the Rush United Methodist Church

Donations are gratefully accepted at offering plates on the kiosk in the church lobby. Giving envelopes are available. Checks and cash are welcome. Secure online gifts may be made at: <https://www.rushumc.com>. ***Thank you for your generosity!***

Worship Leaders Needed!

Read the Gospel? Speak with Alethea Coulter (585.533.9246 or acoulter@rochester.rr.com).

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

Morning Greeter and Ushers? Sign up with Barb Kingsley 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.

Called to Ministry?

Is God calling you into ordained ministry? How would you know? Who would you ask? To start the process of discernment, speak with pastor Todd. Call or email: 703.9235 or toddgoddard@gmail.com.

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 to meet all expenses: \$5,441.51.

Received 03/12 - 03/18: \$5,187.00.

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

Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$94,161.51.

Total Spent as of March 16: \$3,690.38.

Prayer Requests

Alethea Coulter, recovery from breast cancer surgery

Pastor Todd as he continues gain strength and mobility

Those affected by storms across the country

Ukrainian people affected by bombing and war

PromiseLand Childcare, Children and Staff

All who are struggling with gun violence, both locally, nationally, and world wide

Those who have recently or are currently making life changing decisions

People of Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquake

Those recently diagnosed with Covid

More people come back to GOD; we all need his help!!

People living in war zones and those affected by violence

Those who have recently lost loved ones

Health and safety for all members and friends

Our Bishop, Clergy and Lay leaders

Musa weNkosi Orphanage and Zululand Hospice in South Africa

Our Nation and Leaders and Peace to come to our troubled land

End to racism, justice, and health care to be deployed equally and evenly among all people

Continued prayers for those who struggle with Mental Health and their families

Those serving in the Military, home or abroad

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

Praises

Crescent Beebe's surgery went well, and she received a good report from the surgeon; continued prayers for a quick recovery

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Homebound and Ill

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

Our Military

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

Pastoral Staff

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2023 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/phone number are listed below.

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Dan Kingsley deltakilo@gmail.com
Michelle Prok mibopbuckeye@gmail.com
Steve Williams williasc@gmail.com

Rush UMC Contact Information

6200 Rush Lima Rd,
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(585) 533-2170
Fax: (585) 533-1978
PromiseLand Childcare: (585) 533-2475
Email: rushumc@rochester.rr.com
Rush Tidings: mailto:rushumcnews@rochester.rr.com
Website: www.rushumc.com

Survey

The Worship committee of Rush Church is considering temporarily moving to just one service at 9:30AM, beginning soon after Easter, until Rally Day in the fall. Our goal is to find ways to bring this congregation closer together, to build as a family.

Your input into this process is important:

1. Which service do you normally attend? 8:30 ____ 10:45 ____
2. Do you support the idea of temporarily moving to 1 service?
Yes ____ No ____ I'm okay either way ____
3. Are you interested in becoming part of the Nurture Ministry Team to work on plans to strengthen and help grow our church family?

____ Yes Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Thank you for your help in this important process!

Please email your responses and comments or suggestions to rushumc@rochester.rr.com.