

## Announcements

March 29, 2026

This week

### **Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday, Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday**

- 8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; Lenten Cantata
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 11:00AM – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for April 5: Matthew 28:1-10

### **Wednesday, April 1**

- 9:00AM – Super Sale preparation
- 5:30PM – Rush Henrietta Community Meeting – Proposed School Budget

### **Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday**

- 1:00PM – Dessert and Lenten Study, “*Turning Over Tables*” with Pastor Kyle
- 7:00PM – Maundy Thursday Worship Service

### **Friday, April 3 – Good Friday**

- 7:00PM – Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service

Looking Ahead

### **Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday**

- 8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; Communion
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 11:00AM – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for April 12: Luke 24:13-35

### **Monday, April 6**

- 12:30PM – Ladies Lunch Bunch
- 7:00PM – Board of Trustees Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 8**

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 3:00PM – Communion at Willow Ridge Senior Living Facility at Erie Station RD
- 6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 9**

- Kris Roehrig’s surgery
- 6:30PM – Nurture Ministry Team Meeting

### **Saturday, April 11**

- 8:00AM – Board of Trustees Spring Church Workday
- 9:00AM – Ryan Baby Shower

## 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”

### **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.”

### ***Hearing Loop***

The Hearing Loop is working! Set your hearing aids to “hearing loop mode.” If you have questions, please speak to Gary Prok.

### ***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:***

#### **March 29, 2026**

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Kelly Barrett, Cindy Gray

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

#### **April 5, 2026**

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Kellianne Williams, Juliet Johnson

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

### ***Sunday Worship Schedule***

8:30AM: Bible/Book Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal

9:30AM: Worship Service in person and on Facebook and YouTube

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

9:45AM: One Room Sunday School Class for Children

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

2:00PM: Living with Loss a grief support group, 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month

### ***Adult Study Opportunities***

**Adult Book/Bible Study** with Michelle Prok, Sundays at 8:30AM

**Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle**, Sundays at 11AM

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

**Dessert and Lenten Study with Pastor Kyle**, Thursdays at 1PM.

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, kind of 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 good 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. We do not meet on the second Sunday of each month so participants can enjoy the Second Sunday Brunch.

### ***Living with Loss***

The Living with Loss group will meet today, February 8, at 2PM. All in different 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 May sale. Clothing, shoes and linens can be put in the St. Pauly Shed.

### ***Dessert and Lenten Study 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 are doing a Lenten Study with the book, “Turning Over Tables” by Kathy Escobar. This week we will finish with sections 4 and 5. On April 16, we begin a study of the Book of Revelation.

**Sunday, March 29 — Palm Sunday Lenten Cantata:** Our annual Lenten Cantata is being presented on Palm Sunday, March 29 at 9:30AM. Come, hear the story of Jesus’s last week in scripture and song.

### ***Rush UMC Choir***

*Sopranos:* Heather Clarke, Dawn Haas, Mackenzie Haynes, Barb Kingsley, Diane Van Lare  
*Altos:* Judy Blachowicz, Kristina Roehrig, Anita Steans, Gail Walker  
*Tenors:* Ed Croop, Geoffrey Furman  
*Basses:* Roger Haas, Kern Haynes, Richard Nereau, Stuart Walthour

### ***Rush UMC Chimes Choir***

Judy Blachowicz, Alethea Coulter, Sarina Furman Mackenzie Haynes, Barb Kingsley, Kellianne Williams

### ***Musa weNkosi Orphanage***

Today, 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 through the church website.

### ***Holy Week Schedule***

**Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday:** Join us for this special service at 7:00PM, where we break the communion fast in observance of the Last Supper.

**Friday, April 3 – Good Friday:** This will be a solemn service where we mourn the death of our Savior. The service begins at 7PM.

**Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday: 9:30AM:** Every Sunday should be Easter Sunday. But this will be Easter Sunday. A special time to again hear what God through his mighty act of resurrection fulfilled in the lives of us all. Come celebrate that the darkness of death has been replaced by the gift of eternal life. Come and help us all sense that truth. *Bring fresh cut flowers to the service to cover a large cross.*

### ***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 on the first Monday of each month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. The next luncheon is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026. If you would like to join Pastor Kyle for lunch this month, please let Barb Kingsley in the church office, or Cindy Gray know. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please call Cindy Gray at 585-362-6206 or contact her at [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com).

### ***Board of Trustees Meeting***

The Rush UMC Board of Trustees are meeting on Monday, April 6 at 7PM. Members of the board and those interested in helping are encouraged to attend. We will be planning what needs to be done on Saturday, April 11 during Spring Cleanup Day.

### ***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](mailto:office@rushumc.org).

### ***Activities & Meetings***

**Sunday, April 12: Laity Sunday: 8:30AM:** Adult Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; Steve Williams is preaching; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Second Sunday Brunch  
**Tuesday, April 14: 7PM:** PromiseLand Board Meeting  
**Wednesday, April 15: 9AM:** Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Gentle Yoga Class; **9:15AM:** A Meal & More Soup Kitchen; **1:30PM:** Staff Check-in; **6PM:** Rush Democratic Committee Meeting; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday, April 16: 1PM:** Dessert and Study with Pastor Kyle; **6PM:** Pack 171 Whittling – Dining Room  
**Thursday, April 16 -Thursday, April 23:** Barb Kingsley at PAUMCS Annual Conference  
**Saturday, April 18: 9AM:** Genesee Valley Handspinner's Guild  
**Sunday, April 19: 8:30AM:** Adult Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for April 26: John 10:1-10  
**Wednesday, April 22: 9AM:** Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Gentle Yoga Class; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday, April 23: 1PM:** Dessert and Study with Pastor Kyle; **5PM:** May Newsletter Article Deadline  
**Friday, April 24: 6PM:** Craft Show Set Up; **6PM:** Carpenter and Sons Pack2 Den Meeting  
**Saturday, April 25: 8AM:** Craft Show until 4PM  
**Sunday, April 26: Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday; 8:30AM:** Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; Communion; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for May 3: John 14:1-14

### ***Spring Work-Day – Help Needed!***

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a morning of fix-up and clean-up projects at the church, on Saturday, April 11, 8:00 – noon. All tools and materials – as well as snacks – will be provided. There are a large variety of tasks available, for all ages and skill levels. *Planning help is needed, too! There is a clipboard on "Eagle Island" with spaces for anyone to note a project they have noticed that needs to be addressed. We can't guarantee all of them will be able to get done that day, but it will bring them to the attention of the Trustees. Questions? Want more information? Contact Geoff Furman or Cindy Gray.*

### ***Laity Sunday***

On Sunday, April 12, we at Rush UMC will celebrate Laity Sunday to give Pastor Kyle time to be with Kris after her surgery. Steve Williams will bring the message. Join us as we welcome Steve.

### ***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](mailto:tbhunt13@gmail.com) or call the church office. A new list from January 11 – June 28, 2026, has been developed and was emailed to those we have an email address for. There are additional copies 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.

### ***We're Hiring PromiseLand Teachers!***

PromiseLand Childcare, a mission of Rush United Methodist Church is hiring full-time Lead teachers. Qualified candidates should have experience working in Early Childhood Education with a degree in this area. If you know of anyone who may meet these criteria, and is looking for a job, please encourage them to reach out. More information can be found by reaching out to [promiselandchildcare1996@gmail.com](mailto:promiselandchildcare1996@gmail.com).

### ***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 post-pandemic stronger than ever. ***You will fit right in!*** Kindly forward us your name and contact information to our Administrative Assistant, [barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org](mailto:barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org) or our Pastor, [kyle.roehrig@rushumc.org](mailto:kyle.roehrig@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](mailto:office@rushumc.org).

### ***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!***

### ***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.

## ***Youth!***

We have a small but enthusiastic and active youth group. They meet every other Wednesday from 6 - 8. 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](mailto:alethea.coulter@rushumc.org)), Interim 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, Interim Youth Ministry Director, [alethea.coulter@rushumc.org](mailto:alethea.coulter@rushumc.org).

## ***Worship Leaders Needed!***

**Read the Gospel?** Speak with Alethea Coulter (585.533.9246 or [alethea.coulter@rushumc.org](mailto:alethea.coulter@rushumc.org)).

**Sing in the choir!** See Kellianne Williams (585.507.1996 or [klkw1212@gmail.com](mailto:klkw1212@gmail.com))

**Greeters and Ushers?** Sign up with Barb Kingsley at 533.2170 or [barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org](mailto:barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org)

**Assist with Holy Communion?** Contact Judy Blachowicz at [jcrb@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jcrb@rochester.rr.com).

**Join the Tech Team.** Speak with Steve Williams at 585.807.3965 or [williasc@gmail.com](mailto: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: 03/22-03/28: \$3,215.00**

**Other income received: 03/22-03/28: \$165.15**

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

**Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$227,265.70.** (Includes \$11,270.00, non-pledge, designated for an electric sign and \$10,000.00 pledged for sign from PromiseLand)

**Total Spent as of March 27: \$164,446.69**

## ***Prayer Requests***

Health Concerns: Alison, Jason Engh, Bob and Linda Faugh, Buzz and Joan Grimm, Kevin Kinnally, Debra Kostiw, Kris Roehrig, Ray Smith, Joanne Walesmith

Kris, Kyle, Luke and Kayla Roehrig as they travel for Joshua's wedding

Tylere Weaver, heart concerns

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***

On March 22, we celebrated the baptisms of Easley Ann Modafferi and Remington Mark Kuhn Clendenning

March/April Birthdays and Anniversaries

## ***Homebound and Ill***

Ruth Baldoni, Jean Banker, Lynne Jacobs, Kevin Kinnally

### ***Our Military***

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

### ***Pastoral Staff***

Pastor Kyle Roehrig

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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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