

Weekly Announcements

November 23, 2025

This week

Sunday, November 23 – United Methodist Student Day Offering

– Pulpit Exchange with Geneseo UMC

– Return Red Bird Shoeboxes

8:30AM – Adult Book/Bible Study

8:30AM – Choir Rehearsal

9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook

9:30AM – Communion

9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class

10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour

Monday and Tuesday, November 24 and 25

– Decorating the Christmas Tree throughout the day

Wednesday, November 26

9:00AM – Super Sale preparation

9:00AM – Distribution and Mailing of the December Newsletter

9:00AM – Gentle Yoga Class

Thursday, November 27 – Happy Thanksgiving

– Church Office and PromiseLand Childcare are closed

– Miller Family Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28

– Church Office and PromiseLand Childcare are closed

Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday in Advent; Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday

8:30AM – Advent Study

8:30AM – Choir Rehearsal

9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook

9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class

10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour

11:00AM – Advent Study with Pastor Kyle

2:00PM – Living with Loss

Monday, December 1

12:30PM – Ladies Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, December 2

5:30PM – PromiseLand Family Christmas Activity Night

Wednesday, December 3

9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation

6:00PM – Youth Gathering

6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 4

1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle

7:00PM – Finance Ministry Team Meeting

Saturday, December 6

9:00AM – Holiday Super Sale

9:00AM – Choir Advent Cantata Rehearsal

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.” If you have questions, please speak to Gary Prok.

Giving to Rush UMC

Donations can be put on the offering plates in the church lobby on Sundays, dropped off at the church office during weekday business hours or mailed to the church. Giving envelopes are available on Eagle Island. Checks and cash are welcome. Secure online gifts may be made at <https://www.rushumc.com>

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.”

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:

November 23, 2025

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes
Usher: Leola Porter
Cookies: Kelly Barrett, Cindy Gray
Cleanup: Don Kingsley

November 30, 2025

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes
Usher: Leola Porter
Cookies: Juliet Johnson, Kellianne Williams
Cleanup: Don Kingsley

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30AM: Adult Bible/Book Study with Michelle Prok
8:30AM: Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM: Worship Service in person and on Facebook and YouTube
9:30AM: Communion is served on the 2nd and 4th Sundays 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 next meeting November 30

Adult Study Opportunities

Adult Bible/Book Study with Michelle Prok, Sundays at 8:30AM; on Sunday, November 30 we will begin the Advent study *"A Child is Born" A Beginner's Guide to Nativity Stories* by Amy-Jill Levine. Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle, Sundays at 11AM; on Sunday, November 30 we will begin the Advent study *"A Child is Born" A Beginner's Guide to Nativity Stories* by Amy-Jill Levine. Living with Loss grief support group every other Sunday; next gathering is November 2 Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle, Thursdays at 1PM, on Thursday, December 4 we will begin the Advent study *"A Child is Born" A Beginner's Guide to Nativity Stories* by Amy-Jill Levine.

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 lesson that will ground the sermon for the week to come. 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. On Sunday, November 30 we will begin the Advent study *"A Child is Born" A Beginner's Guide to Nativity Stories* by Amy-Jill Levine.

Living with Loss

A bereavement group, Living with Loss, is being offered at Rush United Methodist Church. The next meeting is November 30. We plan to meet at 2:00 on Sunday afternoons every other week. It is open to anyone dealing with an irreplaceable loss, recent or in the past. Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross wrote, "People who have experienced the crisis of death have found that communication is only difficult the first time and becomes simpler with gained experience." We hope for a safe place to process the difficult emotions of significant loss as we share and learn strategies for growth and recovery from one another. Facilitators: Pastor Kyle Roehrig and Erma Perkins

Wednesday Super Sale Preparation and December Super Sale

A dedicated group of people volunteer each Wednesday morning from 9 – 11AM to prepare donated items for our Super Sales. They are always looking for new people to join them. If you have some time available 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 them any Wednesday. Household donations can be brought after December 10. Clothing, linens and shoes can continue to be put in the St. Pauly Shed.

Choir Update

This is a great opportunity for anyone who enjoys singing and we would love to have some new members! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm and on Sundays at 8:30 am. If you have any questions, please contact Kellianne Williams at klkw1212@gmail.com or (585) 507-1996.

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. On Thursday, December 4 we will begin the Advent study *"A Child is Born" A Beginner's Guide to Nativity Stories* by Amy-Jill Levine. All are welcome.

Pulpit Exchange Sunday

Rush UMC and Geneseo UMC are exchanging pastors today, November 23. Pastor Kyle Roehrig will preach at Geneseo and Pastor Beth Malone will preach at Rush. Please join us as we welcome Pastor Beth to Rush.

Stewardship General Fund Campaign

Today is Celebration Sunday for our General Fund Stewardship Campaign. If you haven't presented your pledge card, you can today by putting it in the offering plate on Eagle Island. Additional pledge cards are on Eagle Island. Thank you to those who have presented their pledge card. Your commitment to Rush UMC is greatly appreciated.

An Opportunity to Give

Even though the government shutdown is over, there continues to be food insecurity in regions across the state and nation, including our local community, we must take action. We will once again begin collecting during our offering time in the service. However, it will not be a financial offering. During this tumultuous time, we will not only be supporting Rush Henrietta Area Food Terminal (RHAFT) we are expanding to ensure Rush Henrietta Kicking Hunger School Food Pantry is able to help the needs of our community. A list of the items they need the most is on the website announcement link, included in the Rush Tidings Announcement and was sent out in a Rush Tidings message on Friday. If you are able, please bring and keep bringing nonperishable food donations to church on Sundays.

2025 Red Bird Mission Shoeboxes

We are putting together and collecting shoeboxes for Red Bird Mission once again this year. Plastic boxes and a list of the items to be included are in the church lobby. There are two different styles of boxes, adult and children. Cash or checks are also appreciated to help with the cost of shipment. Please do not wrap the boxes. Boxes need to be returned to Rush UMC by Wednesday, November 12. All donated items will be picked up and transported to Endwell Methodist Church where they will be shrink wrapped. Our two 26-foot trucks are being packed on Saturday, November 29 for travel to Kentucky on December 1. Thank you for your participation in this mission project.

Church Office and PromiseLand Childcare are Closed

The Church Office and PromiseLand Childcare are closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving.

Musa weNkosi Orphanage

Next Sunday, November 30, 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. We will be wiring the funds collected over the past few months to the orphanage in hopes that it will help them with the purchase and installation of flush toilets.

Ladies' Lunch and Learn!

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, Dec. 1. If you would like to join Pastor Kyle 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.

PromiseLand Family Christmas Activity Night

PromiseLand is hosting an evening of food, family geared crafts, and a chance to meet Santa and you are all invited. This event will be held on Tuesday, December 2 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Please email Kellianne at Promiselandchildcare1996@gmail.com to let her know if you plan on attending so that we can ensure we have enough crafts and food. While crafts are geared toward families, all are welcome to join us.

Holiday Super Sale

Mark your calendars and tell your family and friends the church Super Sale is coming soon! The Annual Holiday Super Sale is Saturday, December 6, 9 am-3 pm with the half-price sale beginning at 1pm. The room is full of quality used name-brand clothing and shoes for men, women, and children, as well as toys, housewares, linens, vintage items, etc. As always, the sale would not happen without your help. Sign-up sheets are on the Eagle Island in the church lobby. Please volunteer to work a couple of hours, whether it is during the sale, for clean up after the sale or counting the money received. You are helping to keep this valuable ministry alive...you may even have fun! The deadline for houseware and toy donations was Wednesday, November 19. Clothing, shoes and linens can continue to be put in the St. Pauly Shed.

Upcoming Activities & Meetings

Sunday, December 7: Second Sunday of Advent; 8:30AM: Advent Study; **8:30AM:** Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Choir Advent Cantata; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Advent Study with Pastor Kyle

Wednesday, December 10: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation

Thursday, December 11: 1PM: Dessert and Advent Study with Pastor Kyle; **6:30PM:** Nurture Ministry Team Meeting

Saturday, December 13: 9AM: Genesee Valley Handspinner's Guild; **10AM:** Christmas Basket Assembly in the large conference room; **3PM:** Set up South Africa Market

Sunday, December 14: Third Sunday of Advent; 8AM: South Africa Market; **8:30AM:** Advent Study with Michelle Prok; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook;

9:45AM: One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Second Sunday Brunch; **11AM:** Advent Study with Pastor Kyle; **2PM:** Living with Loss; **3PM:** GRACE Choir and Pearce Choir present "The Messiah Has Come!" at Pearce Church, 4322 Buffalo Rd, North Chili

Wednesday, December 17: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **9:15AM:** A Meal & More Soup Kitchen; **6PM:** Youth Group Gathering; **6PM:** Rush Democratic Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 18: 1PM: Dessert and Advent Study with Pastor Kyle; **5PM:** January Newsletter Article Deadline; **6PM:** Carpenter and Sons Pack 171 Den Meeting

Friday, December 19: 8AM: HCS Christmas Party, Kitchen and Dining Room, until 2PM

Advent Cantata

Come and join us for our annual celebration of the preparation of our Lord's birth in song and scripture during the worship service on Sunday, December 6.

Christmas Cheer Bags

On Saturday, December 13 from 10-noon, we will be continuing our annual tradition of filling about 25 goodie bags to spread some cheer for our homebound, those in Senior Living facilities or those who need some extra cheer this holiday season. Volunteers are needed to provide homemade cookies, muffins, fruit, snack bags, Nutrigrain bars, candies and small ornaments. A fresh red carnation is added to each bag ordered from Chases Greenhouse. A card is enclosed as well from our church and PromiseLand. Sign-up sheets will be provided soon with all the details. Delivery people are needed to make this annual event a success. Names, addresses and phone numbers will be provided for you. Please pick up the bags on Saturday, December 13 before noon or any time on Sunday, December 14. You can deliver when convenient for you, but preferably, December 13-15 while the bags are fresh. Your items can be left in the church conference room on the table or chairs on Friday and before 10am on Saturday, December 13. Barb Kingsley may be able to store some items for you if the conference room is being used by Heritage Christian Services. I am happy to pick up your items from your home, if you cannot deliver them to the church. EXTRA BAGS will be available for you to deliver to a special friend or loved one. May you all have a safe, healthy and blessed Christmas season. Joyce & Ray Smith
joysm0314@gmail.com

Church Fellowship Second Sunday Brunch

On Sunday, December 14, enjoy a cup of coffee, a cookie and conversation then stay for our Second Sunday Brunch. Serving begins around 11AM. Meet families you haven't met before and get to know one another better. Enjoy a meal without having to fix it yourself! A donation of \$2 or \$3 per adult is appreciated. Child-friendly options are available.

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 15. There is also an order on Eagle Island.

As an alternative you may contribute to the Roof Replacement Loan Repayment, 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:

Red, White or Marble Poinsettias in 6½" pots: \$8.50

Red, White or Marble Poinsettias in 7½" pots: (2 plants): - \$13.50

Cyclamen in 6" pots: \$8.50

Christmas Cactus 6" pots: \$8.50

Bread and Baked Goods from Wegmans

PromiseLand and Rush UMC receive bread and baked goods from Wegmans every Thursday, and the first and second Saturdays 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 or our Pastor, kyle.roehrig@rushumc.org.

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 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), 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.

Baptism? Membership?

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

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!***

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: \$6,858.63

Needed weekly from pledged/non pledged income to meet expenses: \$4,593.27

Pledged/Non pledged received: 11/16-11/22: \$8,669.60

Other income received: 11/16-11/22: \$239.33

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

Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$216,754.69. (Includes \$11,270.00, non-pledge, designated for an electric sign and \$10,000.00 pledged for sign from PromiseLand)

Total Spent as of November 7: \$164,446.69

Prayer Requests

Health Concerns: Alison, Mary Callerame, Bob and Linda Faugh, Sara Fugate, Roger Haas, Kevin Kinnally, Debra Kostiwi, Ray Smith, Betty Stover, Al Sweet

Family and friends of Mary Anne Brice, who passed away on Tuesday, November 18

Mary Callerame is now on hospice; prayers for peace and comfort for May and her daughter, Beverly Joyce and Ray Smith's 2-month-old grandson Callan, had hernia surgery on November 20

Patti Weaver, pacemaker surgery on November 21

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. The Department of Social Development continues to threaten to close them down and this "is very stressful for everyone, especially the children," writes Elaine Charlton

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

Maureen Cronin's granddaughter, Lydia, has been cleared to resume normal activities

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Homebound and Ill

Ruth Baldoni, Jean Banker, Mary Callerame, Ernie Harrington, Lynne Jacobs, Kevin Kinnally, Gisela Rice, Betty Stover

Our Military

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

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2025 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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