



# His Faithful Followers

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## An Advent Note from Pastor Kyle

I was taught years ago a truth that perhaps I have already shared. Something I learned and have yet to master.

**NEVER PRAY FOR PATIENCE...**  
because you will surely be given the opportunity to practice.

Welcome back to the cycle of awaiting. We have entered the season of anticipation and expectation. We have entered the secular time known as the "holiday season." We have entered Advent.

Each year it seems we don't have to wait as long for the holiday season. Years ago I began to notice the commercials and meta-messages arriving on my TV and radio earlier and earlier. I can almost remember

in my early adulthood the rapid expanse of "Black Friday". This year a number of stores have been advertising "Black Friday" sales that began the first day of November. And let's not talk about how early we now hear Christmas music in the stores.

The season seems to come sooner and sooner every year. Why can we not simply be patient and give Halloween and Thanksgiving their due. Why do we have to rush into the preparation period so soon?

**"Therefore, be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into."**

**Matthew 24:42-43**

Please excuse me for wanting to raise a silly issue related to our holiday season... we celebrate a narrative that tells us that while we are sleeping; someone of stealth breaks into our house and leaves gifts. And we prepare for it by putting up a tree to establish a resting place for those gifts. Knowing that it takes great effort and work, we leave him milk and cookies. And then we rush our children to bed telling them that our guest will not arrive if we are awake and watching for him to arrive.

Historically, and many of you know this... there is great debate as to the actual date of birth for our Messiah. There is

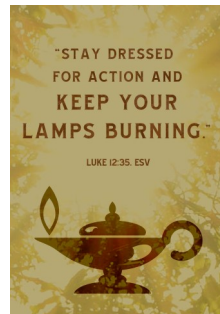
conversation related to if gifts came to him while he rested in a manger or if it were weeks or months...or even years later. There is constant debate related to these particular facts and many more.

One fact that is not in question though; two thousand years ago, our Messiah was born to Mary and Joseph. He launched a ministry and reinvigorated a movement. More than that, he - through his life, death and resurrection made possible our new relationship with God and one another.

**"Keep your shirts on; keep the lights on! Be like house servants waiting for their master to come back from his honeymoon, awake and ready to open the door when he arrives and knocks. Lucky the servants whom the master finds on watch! He'll put on an apron, sit them at the table, and serve them a meal, sharing his wedding feast with them. It doesn't matter what time of the night he arrives; they're awake—and so blessed!"**  
**Luke 12:35-38**

Perhaps we should less complain how early the holiday season arrives and celebrate more that we are in the season of waiting? Perhaps the church who long ago set up a "liturgical calendar" should recognize that advent is actually a 24-7 / 365 days type thing? Perhaps we today and all days need be reminded that we are always awaiting the fulfillment of our Messiah's promise to return. Always... until it happens. Until then God grant me more patience. **AMEN**

Pastor Kyle



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## Advent & Christmas Highlights

November 30, First Sunday of Advent; 9:30AM Worship Service; Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday; Advent Study with Pastor Kyle  
 December 1, Ladies' Lunch Bunch; 12:30PM  
 December 2, PromiseLand Family Christmas Activity Night; 5:30 – 7; Advent Study with Cindy Raymond, 7PM  
 December 4, Dessert and Advent Study with Pastor Kyle at 1PM  
 December 6, Holiday Super Sale, 9AM – 3PM  
 December 7, Second Sunday of Advent; 9:30AM Worship Service; Choral Advent Cantata; Advent Study with Pastor Kyle  
 December 9, Advent Study with Cindy Raymond, 7PM  
 December 11, Dessert and Advent Study with Pastor Kyle, 1PM  
 December 13, Holiday Hospitality Bags, 10AM  
 December 14, Third Sunday of Advent; 9:30AM Worship Service; Communion Served; Second Sunday Brunch; Advent Study with Pastor Kyle  
 December 16, Advent Study with Cindy Raymond, 7PM  
 December 18, Dessert and Advent Study with Pastor Kyle, 1PM  
 December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent; 9:30AM Worship Service; Children's Christmas Pageant; Advent Study with Pastor Kyle  
 December 23, Advent Study with Cindy Raymond, 7PM  
 December 24, Christmas Eve; 7PM Christmas Eve Service of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight; 11PM Christmas Eve Service of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight  
 December 25, Merry Christmas  
 December 28, Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday; 9:30AM Worship Service; Communion Served



## 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](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com), or call her at 585-362-6206.



## PromiseLand Christmas Activity Night

Join PromiseLand families for our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 2 at 5:30. We will have a pasta dinner, activities for families (or you can make some new friends), pictures with Santa and of course, cookies! All are invited to attend. If possible, please let either Cindy Gray or Kellianne Williams know so that we ensure there is enough food.



## Holiday Super Sale

Reminder:

The Annual Holiday Super Sale is Saturday, December 6, 9AM-3PM with the half-price sale beginning at 1pm. Please come shop the fabulous inventory!

A few spots for helpers, especially to clean out the room, are available. The sign-up sheets are on Eagle Island in the church lobby.



**Super Sale**

Thank you,

Cindy

## Choir Update

The choir has been working hard and is excited to share the Christmas Cantata with you again this year. The Cantata will be held on December 7 at 9:30am during our regular service. We hope you will join us in person. If you can't make it in person, it will also be streamed online.



## Christmas Cheer Bags

ON SATURDAY, DEC. 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 with all information are available in the church lobby.

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, Dec 13 before noon or any time on Sunday, Dec 14.** You can deliver when convenient for you preferably, Dec 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 Sat., Dec 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](mailto:joysm0314@gmail.com)



## A Merry Christmas for the Youth at Industry

We hope to make this another joyous holiday season. Your gift may be the only recognition the youth at Industry will receive this holiday season. Over the past 15 years, we at Rush Church have generously supported the Residential Center Advisory Board in the purchase of gifts to help brighten their Christmas day.

Due to the restriction of gifts allowed the youth, we suggest donating Walmart or Wegmans Gift cards, cash or checks made out to RUMC indicating "Industry Gift" in the memo. This ensures 100% of our donations will be used for the purchase of approved gifts.

We are grateful for your continued support of this project. The cutoff date is December 14th.

May you and yours have a Joyous Holiday,

Richard Nereau  
Advisory Board  
Member



## Second Sunday Brunch

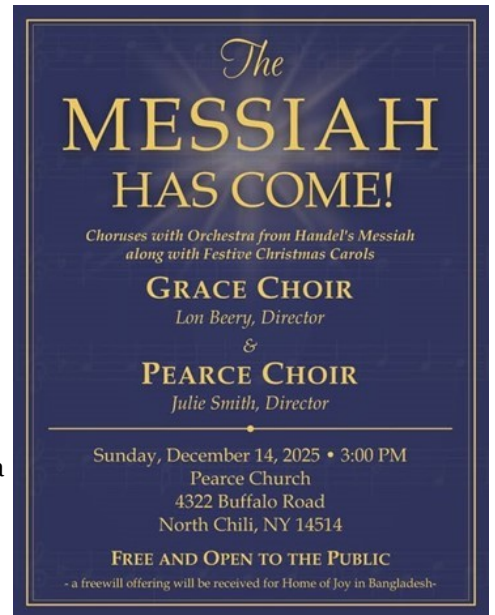
On Sunday, December 14, enjoy a cup of coffee, a cookie and conversation then stay for our Second Sunday Fellowship Brunch. Serving begins around 11AM. Meet families you haven't met before and get to know one another better. Enjoy a meal without having to fix it yourself! A donation of \$1 or \$2 per adult is appreciated. Child-friendly options are available.



## GRACE Choir Christmas Concert

GRACE Choir is a multi-denominational choir made up of people from at least 20 different churches around the Rochester area. We sing under Director, Lon Beery. We are singing the Christmas Cantata "The Messiah Has Come!" on Sunday December 14 at 3:00 at Pearce Church in North Chili. This concert is free and open to the public, although a free will offering may be taken. Come and enjoy an afternoon of Christmas music.

The  
**MESSIAH**  
**HAS COME!**  
Choruses with Orchestra from Handel's Messiah  
along with Festive Christmas Carols  
**GRACE CHOIR**  
Lon Beery, Director  
&  
**PEARCE CHOIR**  
Julie Smith, Director  
Sunday, December 14, 2025 • 3:00 PM  
Pearce Church  
4322 Buffalo Road  
North Chili, NY 14514  
**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
- a freewill offering will be received for Home of Joy in Bangladesh.



## 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](mailto: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 6 1/2" pots \$8.50
- Red, White or Marble Poinsettias in 7 1/2" pots (2 plants): - \$13.50
- Cyclamen in 6" pots \$8.50
- Christmas Cactus 6" pots \$8.50



## Children and Youth Christmas Play

On Sunday, December 21, the children and youth will be performing, "A Christmas Journey" by Rebecca Wimmer.

"It's the night before the big event, and Christmas is on a journey to the Holy Little City. He and the friends he meets up with along the way must arrive by morning, but the road isn't always easy."

The kids will be rehearsing during our Sunday school and youth group meetings. Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 20, 10a-12pm.



## Christmas Program

Alethea Coulter  
Children's Ministry Director  
[Alethea.coulter@rushumc.com](mailto:Alethea.coulter@rushumc.com)

## Christmas Offering

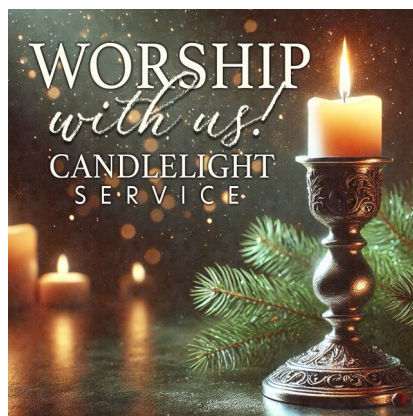
We invite you to prayerfully consider using a Christmas Offering envelope, mailing, bringing to church or making an electronic donation to help support ongoing missions of Rush United Methodist Church. Christmas Offering envelopes will be available on Eagle Island and on the ends of the pews on Sunday, December 21 and at the December 24 Christmas Eve Services.

For in truth, compared to most of the world, our Christmas will be abundant. This represents a small way we can share that abundance. Please indicate Christmas Offering on the check or envelope or with the electronic donation.



## Christmas Eve Services

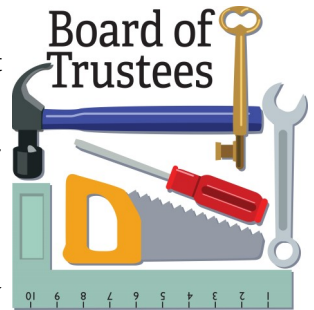
Join us for Christmas Eve! We will continue the tradition of hosting Christmas Eve Services of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight at 7:00PM and 11:00PM. Both services are in person and will be streamed live on Facebook and YouTube where they can also be viewed later at your convenience. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ our Lord.



## Board of Trustees Updates

The Board of Trustees is a small group of volunteers with a very big responsibility: to serve as Christian stewards of the property God has entrusted to our congregation. We are responsible for the oversight and care of all our church property, buildings, and equipment to further the mission of the church. Currently we are working on several different capital stewardship projects, as well as the day-to-day maintenance of the building.

We would like to put together a small group of "handypersons" who would meet at the church occasionally, enjoy coffee, treats, and fellowship – and take care of some of the "fix-it" needs in the church building. If you are interested in being part of this group or would like to learn more about what we are doing, please contact Cindy Gray at [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com).



## Roof Replacement Loan Repayment

	Date Paid	Amount Paid	Balance
Opening Balance			\$29,333.59
Interest at 3.25%			\$953.34
Loan plus Interest			\$30,286.93
Payment #49	01/20/2025	\$250.00	\$30,036.93
Payment #50	02/15/2025	\$250.00	\$29,786.93
Payment #51	03/15/2025	\$250.00	\$29,536.93
Payment #52	04/15/2025	\$250.00	\$29,286.93
Payment #53	05/15/2025	\$250.00	\$29,036.93
Payment #54	06/15/2025	\$250.00	\$28,786.93
Payment #55	07/15/2025	\$250.00	\$28,536.93
Payment #56	08/15/2025	\$250.00	\$28,286.93
Payment #57	09/15/2025	\$250.00	\$28,036.93
Payment #58	10/15/2025	\$250.00	\$27,786.93
Payment #59	11/15/2025	\$250.00	\$27,536.93
Payment #60			
Year End Payment from additional donations			
	Total Paid	\$2,750.00	



# Rush United Methodist Church Analysis of Revenues and Expenses

## General Operating Budget January–October 2025

Accounts	Annual Budget 2025	Year to Date Actual— 2025	Annual Budget Remaining	% of Annual Budget Used
<b>Revenues</b>				
Program Income	\$17,350.00	\$14,187.89	\$3,162.11	81.77%
Total Other Income	\$95,624.96	\$81,270.07	\$14,354.89	84.99%
Received Through Pledges	\$241,750.00	\$205,013.16	\$36,736.84	84.80%
Reimbursement of Expenses	\$22,467.00	\$16,808.64	\$5,658.36	74.81%
Total Revenues	\$359,841.96	\$303,091.87	\$56,750.09	84.23%
<b>Expenses</b>				
Board of Trustees	\$52,500.00	\$58,756.90	(\$6,256.90)	111.92%
Education	\$2,335.00	\$863.58	\$1,471.42	36.98%
Insurance	\$16,300.00	\$11,680.57	\$4,619.43	71.66%
Missions	\$29,246.00	\$23,955.00	\$5,291.00	81.91%
Office Expenses	\$12,000.00	\$11,318.74	\$681.26	94.32%
Clergy Salary	\$53,184.04	\$45,001.44	\$8,182.60	84.61%
Lay—Salaries	\$89,151.32	\$73,890.45	\$15,260.87	82.88%
Clergy Benefits	\$59,387.30	\$50,606.19	\$8,781.11	85.21%
Ministry Team Expenses	\$9,675.00	\$3,748.22	\$5,926.78	38.74%
Other Program Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,863.46	\$136.54	93.17%
Utilities	\$31,250.00	\$23,553.15	\$7,696.85	75.37%
PromiseLand	\$0.00	(\$2,623.01)	\$2,623.01	0.00%
Total Expenses	\$357,028.66	\$302,614.69	\$54,413.97	84.75%
Net Income	\$2,813.30	\$477.18	\$2,336.12	16.96%



# Capital Stewardship Campaign Update

As of Wednesday, October 29, 2025, we have received \$269,200.00 or 53.84% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$215,044.69 of which \$164,446.69 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, for repairs to gutters, as a deposit and finishing the drainage work in the parking lot and west side of the building and patching, sealing and striping the driveway and parking lot and for the permit, electronic sign and electrical work to install the sign. Twenty-one thousand two hundred seventy dollars (\$21,270.00), not pledged, of this total has been designated for the electronic sign. \$10,000.00 of this was donated by PromiseLand Childcare. Additionally, a deposit has been paid to repair and replace the board and batten siding to prepare it for staining in the spring. Pledges continue to be accepted. Even if you haven't made a pledge, donations to the Capital Stewardship Campaign are gratefully accepted.



## Properly Reporting Year-End Contributions

Sometimes confusion exists when year-end contributions are credited. Provided below are general guidelines for properly crediting contributions that are made at the end of 2025 and the beginning of 2026. If you have any questions, please email Barb Kingsley at [barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org](mailto:barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org).

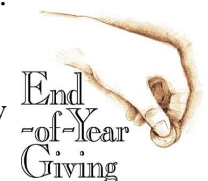
Checks written in December 2025 and put in the mail and postmarked December 2025 but not received by the church until January 2026 will be credited in 2025.

Checks written and brought to church December 2025, but "postdated" to January 2026 will be credited in 2025.

Checks written in December 2025 and brought to the church in January 2026 will be credited in 2026.

Checks written and brought to the church in January 2026 but backdated to December 2025 will be credited in 2026.

Checks written in December 2025, put in the mail in December 2025, but not postmarked until January 2026, will be credited in 2026.



# Prayer Concerns

Health Concerns: Alison, Mary Callerae, Bob and Linda Faugh, Roger Haas, Kevin Kinnally, Debra Kostiw, Ray Smith, Betty Stover, Al Sweet  
 Mary Callerae, is now on hospice; prayers for peace and comfort for Mary and her daughter, Beverly  
 Debra Kostiw and family, 4<sup>th</sup> stage liver cancer  
 Kris Roehrig's mom, still in the hospital with heart and breathing issues  
 Kyle Roehrig's mom, deciding whether to move to a senior living community or stay in her home  
 Rodney Stone, daughter, Jasmine, taking her driver's test for the 4<sup>th</sup> time  
 Della Wood for David Fraser  
 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  
 Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health  
 PromiseLand Childcare staff, children and families  
 Heritage Christian Services Rush Day Hab  
 Zululand Hospice  
 Unity and peace to come to our troubled land  
 Government Leaders  
 Aggressive diplomacy that will lead to peace and justice for Palestinians and Israelis  
 Israel, Ukraine and other conflicts around the world  
 The Jewish people  
 School Districts, Parents and Students  
 Families and friends of those affected by continued gun violence and mass shootings  
 Violence in places of Worship  
 Those struggling with addiction and alcoholism  
 For justice and health care to be deployed equally and evenly among all people  
 End to racism, inequality and injustice  
 Our Bishop, 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  
 Those who are incarcerated  
 Small Businesses  
 Hospital and Nursing Home Staff  
 Help us all to remember that in these times as always Jesus is with us, we're not alone  
 Prayers for our youth to find themselves and God in the process  
 Parents of New Drivers  
 Those looking for employment  
 Employers looking for people to hire  
 Our children, youth and church family  
 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  
 City of Rochester  
 International Students  
 People with disabilities, anxiety disorders, and depression

Colleges around the country

Those among our family who are homebound or in senior living facilities:

Ruth Baldoni  
 Mary Callerae  
 Lynne Jacobs  
 Gisela Rice  
 Betty Stover

Jean Banker  
 Ernie Harrington  
 Kevin Kinnally  
 Penny Schultheis

Members of our armed forces and reserves, especially those associated with our church family:

Phillip Banker  
 Ben Frederick  
 Jason McKnight  
 Isaiah Montana  
 Sgt. Joseph Sarmiento  
 Bryan Simpson  
 Matthew Simpson  
 Marcus Sydow

Jason Bello



Please help the church staff keep the prayer list current by informing us of any changes.

## Bereavement

Family and friends of Mary Anne Brice, who passed away on Tuesday, November 18  
 Linda Dimond's brother, Mike passed away  
 Wendy Kuhn's friend, Sara Fugate, passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2025



## Praises

Maureen Cronin's granddaughter, Lydia, has been cleared to resume normal activities  
 Joyce and Ray Smith's 2-month-old grandson Callan, had hernia surgery on November 20 and is doing very well  
 Patti Weaver, pacemaker surgery on November 21, home and doing well  
 Very successful Election Day Bake Sale for Musa weNkosi



## Share Some Joy

Bring some joy to a person who is ill, homebound or living in a skilled nursing facility this season. Send a card! Share the love of Christ in a personal way!

Ruth Baldoni

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Rush NY 14543

Jean Banker

1445 Rush Henrietta Rd  
Rush NY 14543

Mary Callerame

7210 Rush Lima Rd  
Honeoye Falls NY 14472

Robert and Linda Faugh  
PO Box 252

Rush NY 14543-0252

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Rush NY 14543

Ernie Herington

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Rush NY 14543

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Rochester NY 14623

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Penny Schultheis

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Avon NY 14414

Betty Stover

1545 Erie Station Rd Apt. 143

Henrietta NY 14467



## Mission and Outreach

As we prepare for Christmas, a celebration of God's gift to us, I am thinking of the many blessings we take for granted. Visits to South Africa remind me of so many things for which I am thankful.

We are blessed by living in a safe environment with little fear of being harmed. Our friends in South Africa live inside walls with locked gates. When Nurse Jane visited her son in Colorado she exclaimed, "Erma, people have furniture on their porches! Amazon leaves packages on their doorstep!" I can walk to the library without fear. Our homes are secure. The hovels we visit with Zululand Hospice cannot be locked, and do not have heat even though temperatures may be in the 50s or lower at times. There is no electricity for fans when the temperature soars above 100.

Our level of healthcare is excellent. In May 2024 we visited 3 women in their early 40's with cervical cancer, one had an appointment for chemo in September. All died within 2 months of our visit. A patient was using a child's sock to absorb drainage from a wound.

Most of us do not suffer from hunger. We are able to enjoy a meal in a restaurant and have numerous

choices - a diner, Italian, Thai, Korean, etc. One of the ways in which providing hospice care differs here is that Zululand Hospice provides nutrition for their patients. Our hospice staff does not need to load our vehicles with ice chests and food donated by Woolworths.

We have quality education for our children and transportation is provided. Many schoolchildren in the Kwa-Zulu Natal are transported in the back of pick up trucks. Accidents with multiple fatalities are common. We visited a school with many broken windows. The computer in the principal's office had been stolen in January, he had to balance on his chair as it was broken.

Musa weNkosi is appealing for funds to install flush toilets. Over half the world's population does not have a proper toilet in their home. We should be thanking the Lord with every flush!

"Praise the LORD!  
Because it is good to sing  
praise to our God! Because  
it is a pleasure to make  
beautiful praise! Psalms  
147:1

Erma Perkins



## November Activities



## Thank You!

Happy Holidays!

We wanted to take a moment to express our sincere appreciation for your continued trust and support as we begin to round out the year. Your partnership means the world to us, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity to work with you and have you as a member of the St. Pauly Textile family.

At St. Pauly Textile Inc., our mission has always been to provide the best service and ensure every experience you have with us is positive and rewarding. Partners like you inspire us to keep improving and striving for excellence every day.

Thank you once again for partnering with us and for being such an important part of our community. We look forward to continuing to partner with you as we continue to grow and expand our family.

From our family to yours, we want to wish you all a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

St Pauly Textile Ownership



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## Thank You

FISH/RHAFT, Inc

November 13, 2025

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth"

1 John 3:18

Just when the shelves were starting to look a little bare, suddenly there was box after box after box (!) of food waiting to be unpacked. The cupboard workers rejoice that Rush United Methodist Church had once again taken action to help their neighbors in need! With this year's rise in grocery prices and more and more people feeling anxious about food, this donation is truly a Godsend!

Sincere "Thank-You" to everyone who had a hand in making this extremely generous donation happen again this year! Thank you to the organizers and the donors and the packers and the deliverers! Thank you to those who prayed for the event to be successful! Thank you to those who felt it in their hearts and in their pockets! We could not continue to carry out our mission in the Rush-Henrietta community without dedicated people like you.

Thanks again for being a partner in helping families in need of food!

Debra A. Dewey

FISH/RHAFT, Inc. Financial Coordinator

P.S. By my "unofficial" records in our last fiscal year RHAFT Volunteers provided food on 238 occasions to 143 families facing an emergency shortage of food. Most families received help one or two times during the year; other families in difficult situations received help 3 to 6 times.

RHAFT is an all-volunteer organization, a mission of the Rush-Henrietta Interfaith League and a project of the Henrietta Chamber of Commerce and the Rush-Henrietta Rotary.

FISH (Friends In Service Here) provides transportation to medical appointments for those who no longer drive. FISH is an all-volunteer organization, a mission of the Rush-Henrietta Interfaith League and a member of LIFESPAN's Volunteer Transportation Consortium.



**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

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### *Sunday Worship Schedule*

8:30AM—Advent Study led by Michelle Prok  
 8:30AM—Choir Rehearsal  
 9:30AM—Worship Service - In-Person and on  
 YouTube and Facebook; Communion:  
 Second and Fourth  
 Sunday of each month  
 9:45AM—One Room Sunday  
 School Class for  
 Children  
 10:45AM—Rush UMC Coffee Hour  
 11:00AM—Advent Study with Pastor Kyle  
 2:00PM—Living With Loss



**Sunday  
Schedule**

### *Youth Group*



Youth in grades 6—12 meet a couple of times a month. Watch the bulletin and youth page on the website for dates and activities. All youth are welcome to come and invite a friend.

### *Leadership Ministry Team*

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome by email to any Leadership Ministry Team Members, contact information on page 9.

### *How to Reach Us*

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 Director of PromiseLand Childcare: ..... Kellianne Williams  
 Chancel Choir Director:..... Kellianne Williams  
 Accompanist:..... Chaeun Lee  
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