



His Faithful Followers

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A Note from Pastor Kyle

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. (Acts 8:26-28).

When was the last time an angel of the Lord directed your steps? When was the last time you listened for an angel to speak to you. Perhaps you are the one who would tell me... "All the time!" For the rest of us - it is a rare moment that we would consider an angel of the Lord's involvement in our lives; let alone our day-to-day steps. Let me give you a glimpse into an incredible truth that we all should know and yet each of us tends to ignore or forget - not all coincidences are coincidences.

I do not know why Philip would have been going from Jerusalem to Gaza... and no one who knew him told us differently. Therefore, it was an angel of the Lord that gave him cause to travel. Could you imagine - someone asks you why you went from Rush to Avon and your response was an angel of the Lord!

²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

Over the last few years, I have found myself alone in crowded areas (actually, this is not a new thing) and have had to work hard to not eavesdrop and infringe on the personal space of those passing by. However, do you really think it would be an acceptable excuse to say to someone, "Sorry... I don't mean to jump into your car and question you but... an angel of the Lord sent me!"

Yet so many years ago the Ethiopian Eunuch's response to this very activity was a heartfelt invitation: "Teach me!"

This does not only happen in the past; it can happen today. I believe that the Lord's angels are longing to send, push or drag us (kicking and screaming if need be) into a new era of discipleship and ministry growth. If we are intentional about our longing to be led AND intentional about our longing to lead; both of which God has placed before us. Being led means being a disciple... and leading means following through on the great commission found in Matthew 28: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them to obey everything I

have commanded you." Leading means making disciples.

The saying "disciples make disciples, leaders make leaders" highlights the distinction between focusing on personal growth and following a leader versus building a movement of discipleship. While leaders can certainly make disciples, the phrase emphasizes that disciple-making is primarily about **multiplying** followers who then become disciples themselves. This approach is rooted in Jesus' teaching which emphasizes the importance of mentoring, equipping, and empowering others to follow and share the Good News. For years, the Methodist movement has encouraged this understanding and appreciation of evangelism - multiplication. In the United Methodist Church multiplication refers to a strategy of intentionally creating new ministry as well as members to reach new people who will do the same. This is seen as a keyway to fulfill the Great Commission and expand the kingdom of God.

When was the last time you had the opportunity to share yourself and your faith/care/belief with someone you found yourself next to for no real reason at all? Perhaps you were led there by an angel of the Lord who knew that there was a fledgling disciple who needed your nudge, push or shove to get them into a new life? You, alongside the Holy Spirit, could be the multiplier the church needs.

Pastor Kyle



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May RHAFT Collection

Rush Church will be collecting donations in May for the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal (RHAFT). During this time of uncertainty, RHAFT is very busy distributing food to families in the Rush-Henrietta area.

RHAFT gratefully accepts all non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, and paper goods. However, the following items are especially needed: 100% Juice: bottles, boxes, packs; Jello and Pudding; Boxed Potato Flakes, Minute Rice, Hamburger Helper, Canned Chicken (large), Mayo and Condiments; Coffee: instant and ground (no K-cups); Fresh Vegetables; Canned Meat/Fish Products: Ham, Spam, Tuna, etc; Fruits: cans, jars, packs, etc; Toiletries/Bar Soap/Paper Goods.

You can bring items to the church Monday – Friday from 7AM – 5PM and leave them in the box in the vestibule or on Sundays. We will see they are taken to the center.

Cash donations are also appreciated for perishable food items such as meat and milk. Please make your check payable to Rush United Methodist Church, write in the memo area “RHAFT” and mail it to PO Box 49, Rush, NY 14543 or deliver it to the church. A check will be sent to them at the end of the month.

The need for emergency supplies of food, especially protein, personal hygiene products and paper goods is constant. Thank you for your continuing support of our community's emergency food cupboard.



Food Donations

The Ministry Support Team

Safe Sanctuary Training via Zoom

Registration is now open for the **May 3** basic Safe Sanctuaries training program. All Upper New York clergy and anyone working with children, youth, or vulnerable adults must complete the three-and-a-half-hour course. This applies to youth group leaders, Sunday School teachers, Vacation Bible School coordinators, music leaders, after-school program workers, home visitors, respite care workers, and more. This training session will be held on Zoom from 9AM-12:30PM. There is no charge to take the course.

[Register Here!](#)

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Alethea Coulter
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Native American Ministries Sunday—May 4, 2025

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 May 4. They will also be between the outside and inside doors from April 27 – May 11. Donations can be dropped off at church, mailed or made electronically on the church website, www.rushumc.com.



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 on the first Monday of each month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. The next month's luncheon is scheduled for Monday, May 5.

If you would like to join Pastor Kyle for lunch this month, please let Barb Kingsley, or Cindy Gray know. Reservations are not required, but it's very helpful to have a rough idea of how many are coming, in order to know how much food to prepare. 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



Spring Super Sale News

This May we are going to bring back the 2-day sale! The sale will be on Friday, May 9, noon -7pm and Saturday, May 10, 9am-3pm, half-price sale from 1-3pm. This of course means we will need your help more than ever! Sign-up sheets to work on the sale will be in the church lobby. There will be no clean-up this time as we will keep the inventory for the August sale.

Also, the sale room could use donations such as cookware, small appliances, home decor, and crafting items. We will also accept furniture in good condition. Please remember, no baby equipment can be accepted. Donations can be left in the hallway outside the sale room door. Please place all clothing, shoes and linens in the shed drop box. The cutoff date for bringing items for this sale is Sunday, April 27.

Sign-up sheets for the sale are on Eagle Island in the church lobby. Everyone's help is needed to make this sale a success.



Super Sale

Thank you,
Cindy Raymond

Family Fun Community Picnics

Family Fun Community Picnics are Back! We are excited to announce that we are planning to resume our community picnics, beginning Wednesday, May 28, at 5:30PM. Mark your calendars now. This is always a wonderful time of good food and fellowship in our church pavilion (weather permitting!). Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, beverages, and tableware are provided. You are welcome to bring a dish to share: salad, side dish, or dessert – **but it is not necessary!** Your presence is what we are looking for. Everyone is welcome, so tell your friends and neighbors to come, picnic with us, and enjoy the fellowship.

We need helpers! If you love to cook over a grill or want to help set up and/or clean up for the picnics, we 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 you can reach out at cgtgray1039@gmail.com, or call the church office.



Birthday Celebration

Jean Banker will be 100 years old on May 31, 2025. A birthday celebration is being held at the church on Saturday, May 31 from 1 – 5. **All are invited to come.** If you are not able to attend, cards would be welcomed and appreciated. Her address is: 1445 Rush Henrietta Townline Rd., Rush, NY 14543.



Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Join us for a fun evening of baseball, fireworks, and friends! Rush UMC has group tickets for the Friday, June 27 game (playing the Syracuse Mets) at 6:45pm. Tickets are \$16.00, and are located in the 100 level. For more information, see Leon Perkins!

If you own a red Rush Church T-shirt, this is the time to wear it! If you don't have one, order now! Order forms are available on the kiosk in the church lobby or see Cindy Gray.



High School Senior College Scholarship

Each year, Rush United Methodist Church awards a scholarship for graduating high school seniors who are pursuing further education at an accredited college or university. This scholarship is a way for Rush United Methodist Church to bless graduates on their journey of higher education. The recipient of the scholarship for 2025 will be acknowledged during worship on Sunday, June 29.

The scholarship of \$1,000 is given to a graduating High School senior who is an active member at Rush United Methodist Church.

The selection of scholarship recipient is based entirely on the candidate's written application. The Scholarship application is available on the church website, www.rushumc.com under "Links" and on Eagle Island. The deadline to submit a completed application via email is Tuesday, June 10, 2025.



High School and College Graduate Recognition

High School and College graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 29. If your student is graduating from high school or college, please fill out a Graduate Profile Form that is on the church website under "Links" and also on Eagle Island in the church lobby. The completed form can be either emailed to barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org or dropped off at the church office. This information will be included in the July newsletter.



True North VBS

We are excited to be doing Group's True North for our Vacation Bible Adventure this summer. This will be an awesome Alaskan Adventure with music, science, games and more! The dates are July 8 and 10, 6-8:30pm and July 12, 9am-3pm. A display will be in the foyer this month and there will be signup sheet for all interested. We can use help before the event with decorating, publicity, and during the event with crew leaders, stations, food preparation, and more. Put this on your calendars now!

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Calling All Golfers!

PromiseLand's Chipping for Children golf tournament will be held on July 20th 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. Thank you for your support.



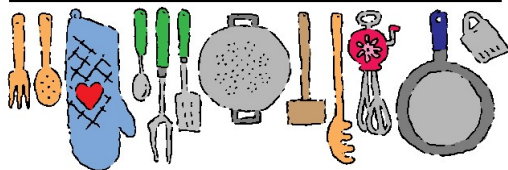
Choir and Special Music

Thank you to the choir for the beautiful Lenten Cantata, which was part of our worship experience on Sunday, April 13. It is a joy to work with the choir each week.



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

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE

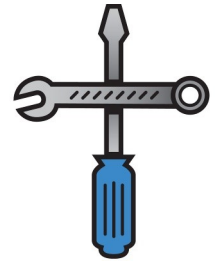


Board of Trustees

Our Rush Church building is 29 years old (!), and there is always an ongoing list of maintenance jobs to do, both big and small. Some of these include lawn mowing, gardening, painting, and "fix -it" odd jobs. If you are interested in learning how you can help keep our church building strong, safe, secure, and attractive; or if you would like to become a part of the planning team for this important committee, please contact Cindy Gray

(cgtgray1039@gmail.com) or Geoff Furman (geoff.furman@rochester.rr.com).

The next Board of Trustees meeting is Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:00PM.



**CHURCH
MAINTENANCE**

Nature is Calling!

Our Rush Church building is surrounded by beautiful green and growing things – and they all need tending. This means that we have lots of opportunities to enjoy nature, while helping keep our church grounds neat and healthy. We have flower gardens and vegetable gardens, both large and small. Some are already planted and just need regular upkeep; some need new plantings. Some of them have become completely overgrown – and need love! Whatever your ability or experience level, we need you!

The church vegetable garden, with the assistance and support of Jeff and Cole Werner, is getting a major facelift. There will be ongoing weeding, watering, and planting needs throughout the growing season. There will be a whiteboard in the pavilion area listing work needs. Just check the board when you are able. For more information about our new vegetable garden mission project, see Richard Nereau or Cindy Gray.

If you would like to adopt a garden area, either alone or with a team, or just want more information about the Rush Church landscape projects, please contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com.



Like to Bake? Like to Cook? Looking for Ways to Get Involved?

We have increasing numbers of opportunities to fellowship with our church and community members. Most of these fellowship opportunities involve food! If you would be interested in learning more about the ways you can help either by baking / cooking / or assisting in other ways – please contact Cindy Gray either at church, or email to cgtgray1039@gmail.com, or call or text to 585-362-6206. It is important to be a "Mary," but we also need many "Marthas" (Luke 10:38-42).

It's Lawn Mowing Season Again

Your thoughts on how well it has been working and ways to make it better are always welcome.

Do you love to mow? Is your lawn just not big enough? We are always looking for volunteers to help with the mowing and other grounds work. See me or any other mower for details.

Here is my boiler plate from past years....

IT'S LAWN MOWIN' SEASON AGAIN!!! We have a small but dedicated group of volunteers and a variety of lawn mowers to choose from. Are you interested in mowing or helping with maintenance? We can use the help. You would be surprised how relaxing an hour on the zero-turn is. Just don't get stuck in the mud.

HOW IT WORKS: The lawn is broken up into sections. We typically have preferred sections but cover for each other as necessary. It ends up being weekly-ish if you are a full-time mower. We coordinate scheduling by text. We have preferred days and times, but weather can throw us off. We do our best to cover each other and get around the weather.

MOWERS: We have 3 mowers based on your comfort level - Ex Mark commercial zero-turn for the big stuff, push mower for

the little stuff, garden tractor for the medium stuff. Where do you fit in?

TEMPS: Can't mow all the time? Can you fill in in a pinch? July is always difficult. Can we keep you on a temp list?

MAINTENANCE: Perhaps you can help with oil/filter changes or blade changing/ sharpening. Keeping track of hours on the zero-turn would be valuable. We have 5 or so 5-gallon gas cans that need to be kept filled. (Best if you have a trailer to move these all at once.)

WEEDWHACKERS: We haven't always kept on top of this. Perhaps this is your calling.

CHAIN SAWS: Do you have one? Can we put you on a list? Our trails along the creek can be very messy and can always use some attention.

TRAINING: Would you like to try the zero turn? I am always available by email, phone, or text or talk to another mower.

Thank you,

Geoffrey Furman

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March Community Wednesday Night Supper



2025 PAUMCS Annual Conference

I attended the 42nd Annual Conference of the Professional Administrators of The United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS) that was held at The Wesley Center, Woodworth, Louisiana on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 3, 4 and 5. The Louisiana Chapter and the Executive Committee of PAUMCS served as the conference host.

Those attending the conference worshipped, learned, and networked with other church professionals from across the denomination.

The theme of the conference was “Be Still and Know” The emphasis was on renewing our spirits to enhance our ministry. The setting for the conference was at the Louisiana United Methodist Annual Conference Retreat Center in central Louisiana.

Our first speaker on Thursday was Rev. JoAnn Cooper. The theme of her talk was “Balancing Your Life”. She gave us some tricks to use during the day to help us stay on task. One was to take a deep breath and remember that we are children of God – Yahweh, another is to be present at that time, and a third is to be where your feet are, be present. Our second speaker was Dr. Kelley Pears, who is a PTSD/Substance Use Disorders Specialist. His talk was on different kinds of stress and how to deal with them. Eustress is good stress. It can help us to perform, be motivating and adaptive. Distress is bad stress. It can cause us not to function or focus on tasks. Four intentional acts necessary for growth are Ignoring, Prayer, Taking Time and Being Still. He also gave us some tips and tools for relaxation. Our third speaker was Dr. Denise Lott. Her talk was on self-care as related to mental health and scriptural principles. She reminded us that breathing is necessary and can be used meditatively. Also, guided imagery, progressive muscle relaxation, prayer and meditation can all be used to help find balance in our life. “Where you put your heart, your mind will follow. Our next speaker was Todd Rosnagal who serves as Director of Communication Strategies for the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church. He talked about using email effectively, being concise, easy to read, ordered and clean. What time a message is sent doesn’t necessarily matter, communicate when you need to. Also, there is tremendous value in a good old-fashioned handwritten note! When using social media, pay attention to how you react to it, what draws your attention. Use this to guide how to use social media. Our last speaker was Rev. Katrena Porter King, Esq, the Executive Director of the Leadership Institute of Acadiana and a Deacon in the United Methodist Church and holds the title of Reverend. Her talk was on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). She spoke on conflict resolution, communication and relationships. We learned to set group ground rules, to listen to learn, to put yourself in another’s shoes, practicing “I” statements and try to find a middle way to peace.

We also worshipped, celebrated Holy Communion, ate meals together and had time for reconnecting with former friends and making new ones. These are all an important part of the conference.

The mission focus was Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services, a nonprofit with 120 years of experience dedicated to improving children and families’ mental health and overall well-being throughout the state of Louisiana.

PAUMCS is excited to announce the 2026 Annual Conference will be an Eastern Caribbean Cruise to Nassau, Bahamas and Labadee, Haiti on Saturday, April 18 – Thursday, April 23. It will include a visit a Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA) worship service in Nassau.

Established in 1982, the PAUMCS organization fosters individual growth, professional development, and spiritual enrichment for its members around the world. To learn more about the organization and certification as a church professional, visit www.PAUMCS.org.

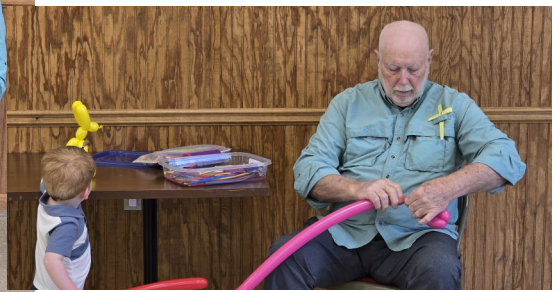
I have learned and grown in confidence and leadership skills during the 32 years I have been involved with PAUMCS and with your encouragement and God’s help will continue to do so.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend this conference each year. I praise God for all of you.

Barb Kingsley



Palm Sunday Lenten Cantata and April Second Sunday Brunch



Youth putting together UMCOR Hygiene Kits during a March Youth Meeting



Easter Sunday with the Rochester Korean United Methodist Church



Rush United Methodist Church

Analysis of Revenues & Expenses: General Budget

March 2025

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	Budget TD (This Year)
Revenues			
(1) Other Income/ Parsonage	\$21,798.15	\$34,783.45	\$37,166.69
Offerings	\$19,792.00	\$64,926.50	\$60,012.51
P/L & HCS Reimbursement	\$1,657.58	\$4,972.74	\$5,558.55
Total Revenues	\$43,247.07	\$104,682.69	\$102,737.75
Expenses			
Board of Trustees	\$16,372.53	\$40,136.82	\$12,625.02
Education	\$0.00	\$126.77	\$333.75
Insurance	\$2,553.50	\$3,893.52	\$4,075.00
(2) Mission	\$2,395.50	\$7,186.50	\$7,186.50
Office Expenses	\$1,029.33	\$2,595.12	\$2,875.01
Clergy Salaries	\$4,091.04	\$12,273.12	\$12,273.24
Lay Salaries	\$6,878.08	\$21,091.28	\$20,669.96
Clergy Benefits	\$4,546.51	\$14,361.11	\$15,184.35
Ministry Team	\$0.00	\$670.28	\$2,500.00
Other Program Expenses	\$29.22	\$258.11	\$474.98
Utilities	\$2,954.03	\$10,124.50	\$7,812.48
PromiseLand	\$220.32	(\$4,779.68)	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$41,070.06	\$107,937.45	\$86,010.29
Net Total	\$2,177.67	(\$3,245.76)	\$16,727.46

- Includes: Parsonage Endowment Transfer of \$837.88; Stock Revenue Transfer of \$20,000.00
- Shared Ministries: 75% Paid as of the end March

Capital Reserve Fund

Balance as of April 23, 2025:
\$52,292.89

Building Contingency Fund

Balance as of April 23, 2025:
\$5,082.46



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			
Payment #54			
Payment #55			
Payment #56			
Payment #57			
Payment #58			
Payment #59			
Payment #60			
Year End Payment from additional donations			
Total Paid		\$1,000.00	



Capital Stewardship Campaign Update

As of Wednesday, April 23, 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 \$196,128.49 of which \$134,558.69 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 and down deposit on the 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 an electronic sign. Ten thousand of this was donated from PromiseLand Childcare. Pledges continue to be accepted. Even if you haven't made a pledge, donations to the Capital Stewardship Campaign are gratefully accepted.



Prayer Concerns

Health Concerns: Alison, Bob and Linda Faugh, Mark Kellogg; Kevin Kinnally, Ray Smith
 Michele Cuatt's sister, Barb, in the hospital with an infection
 Jim Swanger, health concerns
 Al Sweet, health concerns
 Staff and Children at Musa weNkosi Orphanage as they face serious challenges from the Department of Social Development
 Those who are affected by fires, storms and mud slides
 Government employees who are facing layoffs
 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
 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
 Difficult marriages
 School Districts, Parents and Students
 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
 For justice and health care to be deployed equally and evenly among all people
 End to racism, inequality and injustice
 Zululand Hospice in South Africa
 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
 Small Businesses
 Hospital and Nursing Home Staff – stay healthy and strong to tend to the needs of patients and residents
 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
 Families affected by Alzheimer's, cancer and other terminal illnesses
 Parents of New Drivers
 Those looking for employment
 Employers looking for people to hire
 Elderly parents, youth, teens, young adults, those suffering from chronic pain, mental health problems depression and addiction
 Our children, youth and church family
 For all marriages and families
 Violence in places of Worship
 Campus Ministries
 All Volunteers who go on Missions
 UMCOR
 Refugee resettlement project and resettlement families
 City of Rochester
 International Students
 Those who are incarcerated
 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 Anne Brice
 Ernie Harrington
 Kevin Kinnally
 Penny Schultheis

Jean Banker
 Mary Callera
 Lynne Jacobs
 Gisela Rice
 Betty Stover

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



**PRAYER
LIST**

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

Bereavement

The family and friends of Jean Britton who passed away on April 13, 2025

The family of Jeffrey David Gruschow, Rob Gruschow's brother

Tanya and Jon Hunt and family, the death of Jon's father, Robert

Our Catholic friends and neighbors, the death of Pope Francis



Praises

Welcome Back! Kathryn Cook and son Kieren Ben Cuatt, recently celebrated his 31st birthday

PromiseLand staff and parents painted the downstairs pre-school classroom on Saturday, March 22

The birth of Raia Lynn Groth to Jenna and Donovan Groth on April 16, 2025. She was also welcomed by grandparents Tami and Brandon Czerwinski, great grandparents Linda and Steve Czerwinski and great-great grandmother Louise Miller
 May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Praises



sweet soil



This snack's layers mimic properties of our planet's crust.

What you need:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup nut butter (divided)
- ½ cup chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Silicone mini baking cups



What you do:

1. Combine the oats and ⅓ cup of the nut butter. Mix until oats stick together.
2. Place 2 teaspoons of oat mixture in each baking cup. Press with a spoon. Freeze for 10 minutes.
3. Spread remaining nut butter atop the cups. Freeze for 10 more minutes.
4. Microwave the chocolate chips 30 seconds. Stir and keep heating for 30-second intervals until melted.
5. Spread melted chocolate atop the cups. Freeze until chocolate is firm.
6. Remove from the molds and enjoy! Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.



May Church Fellowship Second Sunday Brunch

On Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day, stay for a cup of coffee, a cookie and conversation and then 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 \$2 or \$3 is appreciated but not necessary. Offered are child-friendly options.



Leadership Ministry Team Contact Information

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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
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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30AM— Bible/Book Study with Michelle Prok
8:30AM—Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM—Worship Service - In-Person and on
YouTube and Facebook; Communion:
May 11 and 25
9:45AM—One Room Sunday
School Class for
Children
10:45AM—Rush UMC Coffee
Hour
11:00AM—Lectionary Study
with Pastor Kyle
11:00AM—Second Sunday Brunch on May 11



**Sunday
Schedule**

How to Reach Us

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Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
Pastor:..... Rev. Kyle Roehrig
Administrative Assistant: Barbara Kingsley
..... Office Hours: 9AM - 4PM Monday- Friday
..... Remote work Tuesdays and occasionally on 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:..... Chaeun Lee
Lay Leaders: Worship: Steve Williams
Children, Youth and Families: Tanya Hunt
Mission and Outreach: Erma Perkins
Leadership Team: ... Kelly Barrett, Jan Funkhauser, Cindy Gray,
..... Geoffrey Furman, Dan Kingsley, Michelle Prok
..... Kyle Roehrig, Lisa Shingleton, Steve Williams

Youth Group



Youth in grades 6—12 meet two
evenings a month at 6:00PM. May
meeting dates are Wednesday May 7
and 21. 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 11.

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