



His Faithful Followers

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June 2026

A Note from Pastor Kyle

Over the last week or so, a memory and a truth have collided. The memory... my mom telling me to go outside and play. The truth... a number of you have reminded me that the summer seems to diminish the number of "duffs" in the pews.



I wanted to write a fun, sorta short, article talking about how what sounds negative is actually awesome. How (1) mom's need for calm and quite during a chaotic summer break actually put us kids into relationships with the neighborhood. And how (2) the added pew space this summer means that we too are out in relationship with our neighbors.

I wanted to write this sorta short article because I believe in the sentiment behind these possibilities. I pray that I am not just taking up space or electrons when in reality those of you who are reading this are doing so while sitting in your recliners at home skipping church because it is summer and you're on break. I hope that you too are inspired to get out and engage the neighborhood; spreading the love and nurtureship God provides.

Don't get me wrong... breaks are necessary. Don't get me wrong... your derrières and all other parts of your bodies should come to Sunday worship. But in short... I pray your summer be one where you and the neighbor become better acquainted. Thank you for taking a break from what you were doing to read this.

God's Blessing,
Pastor Kyle



Church Conference and Information Sessions

On Sunday, June 28, 2026, after the luncheon to honor Rev. Buzz Grimm, there will be a Church Conference to vote on a proposed restructuring of the Endowment Fund. Informational sessions will be held on Sunday, June 21 at 11AM and Wednesday, June 24 after the Family Community Picnic. This is the time to learn about what the restructuring is, ask your questions and raise your concerns.



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. The hourly rate is \$20.00. Please send a resume to office@rushumc.org.



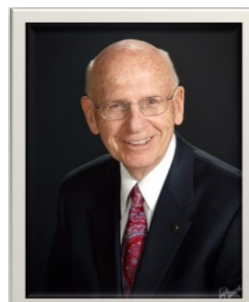
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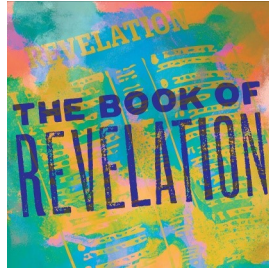
A Time to Honor the Rev. Dr. Charles (Buzz) Grimm

We will be honoring the Rev. Dr. Charles (Buzz) Grimm for his service to The United Methodist Church, Industry Residential Center, Rush Fire Department, Inc. and most importantly Buzz's family and friends during the 9:30 service on June 28, 2026. The Genesee Valley District Superintendent will be giving the message, and special guests will be honoring Buzz. A luncheon to honor Buzz will follow the service. Please join us on this special Sunday.



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. From now until June 4, we will be doing weekly studies on various topics. On June 11 we will begin a study on the Book of Revelation using a study guide by Jen Wilkin. If you would like to join us, please contact Barb Kingsley in the church office so enough books are ordered. They will be \$25.00 each. A digital version for \$24.99, is available through lifeway.com/revelation. Check with Barb Kingsley in the church office about ordering the eBook. All are invited to join us.



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. Unfortunately, our lovely front flower garden has been invaded by some very invasive weeds – and we need to do a major redo. Pat Boyes has created a lovely planting plan. If you are interested in helping, or just want to learn more about this project, contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com



Summer Special Music

Calling all musicians! If you are interested in providing special music during the summer, please let Kellianne Williams know. I can be reached by calling the church office or at klkw1212@gmail.com.



STAY
connected
THIS SUMMER

Children and Youth Sunday



Children and Youth

On Sunday, June 14, 2026, we will be celebrating our children, youth and high school and college graduates! The kids and youth will be participating in the worship service, and we will celebrate and recognize those that have answered the call to teach them.

Graduates will be recognized and the Senior High Scholarship will be presented. Please join us for this special service.

Alethea Coulter
Children's Ministry
Director
Alethea.coulter@rushumc.org



High School and College Graduate Recognition

High School and College graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 14 during the Worship Service. The High School Scholarships will also be awarded.

If your student is graduating from high school or college, please fill out a Graduate Profile Form that is available on the church website, www.rushumc.com under "Quick Links" on the home page. 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.



Second Sunday POTLUCK Brunch

Our June Second Sunday Brunch is going to be a little bit different. On Sunday, June 14, we will enjoy a Potluck Picnic Brunch! This is an opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal, meet families you may not have met before, and get to know others better.

We know there are great cooks in this congregation, and Methodists are known for their potlucks. We are requesting that people bring a side dish – or just bring yourself. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Serving will begin around 11:00am. Questions? See Don Kingsley or Cindy Gray.



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 12 game. If you purchased tickets, contact Leon Perkins to get them. If you haven't paid for them yet, see Barb Kingsley in the church office. *If you own a red Rush Church t-shirt, this is the time to wear it. If you don't have one and would like one, see Cindy Gray. I have a variety of size options available to purchase: some children's sizes, several small and medium adult sizes, and 2XL and 3XL sizes left!*



Erma and Makosi

MIGHTY CROSS

A Musical Celebration of the Tree of Life
presented by
Grace Choir
Lon Beery, Director

SATURDAY
June 13, 2026
7:30 pm
AT Rush United Methodist Church
6200 Rush Lima Road
Rush, NY 14543

SUNDAY
June 14, 2026
4:00 pm
AT Park Ridge Free Methodist Church
10 Straub Road
Rochester, NY 14626

BOTH ARE FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

GRACE Choir Presents the cantata, "Mighty Cross" on Saturday, June 13 at 7:30PM at Rush United Methodist Church, and Sunday, June 14 at 4:00PM at Park Ridge Free Methodist Church. GRACE Choir is a multi-denominational choir made up of people from 18+ different churches around the Rochester area. We sing under Director, Lon Beery. The concerts are free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken at both concerts.

There will be a reception after the concert at Rush UMC on Saturday. If you would like to donate two dozen cookies or help with set up or cleanup, please contact Kellianne Williams or Barb Kingsley.



Commissioning
2026 South
Africa Mission
Team:
Ellie Williams
Natalie
Johnstone
Erma Perkins

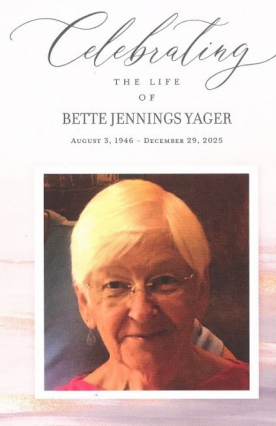


Family Fun Community Picnics

Family Fun Community Picnics are Back! The June picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. 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 cleanup 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.



August 3, 1946 – December 29, 2025

Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 11AM at Angelica Methodist Church

Afterward, we'll gather at one of her favorite places, the Dayville Campsite to share stories and remember.

Please feel free to pass this along to others.

Carnival VBS

I am ramping up for our summer children's event! On July 10 and 11, we will be having our Carnival VBS event. Music, games, crafts and more! Registration information is available on our website rushumc.com/vbs, and flyers will be available in the foyer. Please consider volunteering and advertising our event!

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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 want 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, July 6.

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 helpful to have a rough idea of how many are coming, so we 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



Sacred Roots

PromiseLand Daycare and Rush Church are working with the Sacred Roots Network to offer an opportunity for families to learn more about faith practices and rituals for young children. Sacred Roots exists to nurture deep connections between families, faith, and everyday life—creating meaningful experiences where children and caregivers grow together in love, curiosity, and spiritual grounding. This is specifically for parents and caregivers of children from birth to three years old (including expectant parents).

There will be a session at our church on July 14, 5-7pm. There is no cost, dinner will be provided, and children are welcome. We will have invitations and a sign-up available soon. We do ask that anyone interested in attending, please pre-register to make sure materials are available for everyone.

More information: <https://sacredrootsnetwork.com/>

Thank you,
Alethea Coulter
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PromiseLand Update

Calling all golfers! The PromiseLand golf tournament will be held on Sunday, July 26 at Wild Wood Country Club. Come support this important ministry of the church. If you are interested in signing up a foursome to play or being a sponsor, please see Kellianne or you can pick up a registration form in the church lobby. Your support is always appreciated!



*Rush United Methodist Church
Analysis of Revenues and Expenses
General Operating Budget
April 2026*

Accounts	Annual Budget 2026	Month to Date Actual 2026	Year to Date Actual— 2026	Annual Budget Remaining 2026	% of Annual Budget Used
Revenues					
Program Income	\$39,550.00	\$1,544.75	\$9,301.85	\$30,248.15	23.52%
Unrestricted Fund Transfer	\$50,089.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,089.00	0.0%
Received Through Pledges	\$244,300.00	\$16,087.50	\$89,838.50	\$154,461.50	36.77%
Reimbursement of Expenses	\$25,045.00	\$1,903.55	\$7,220.87	\$17,824.13	28.83%
Total Revenues	\$358,984.00	\$19,535.80	\$106,361.22	\$252,622.78	29.63%
Expenses					
Board of Trustees	\$59,763.00	\$5,666.49	\$12,982.54	\$46,780.46	21.72%
Education	\$7,737.00	\$257.26	\$448.18	\$7,288.82	5.79%
Insurance	\$18,735.00	\$2,613.75	\$3,795.27	\$14,939.73	20.26%
Missions	\$39,020.00	\$3,210.00	\$12,840.00	\$26,180.00	32.91%
Office Expenses	\$14,554.00	\$968.95	\$3,672.86	\$10,881.14	25.24%
Clergy Salary	\$55,311.00	\$6,382.05	\$19,146.15	\$36,164.85	34.62%
Lay—Salaries	\$93,266.00	\$10,759.08	\$31,159.00	\$62,107.00	33.41%
Clergy Benefits	\$59,755.00	\$4,371.45	\$17,935.80	\$41,819.20	30.02%
Ministry Team Expenses	\$5,525.00	\$270.47	\$516.65	\$5,008.35	9.35%
Other Program Expenses	\$9,855.00	\$1,076.72	\$1,511.35	\$8,343.65	15.34%
Utilities	\$33,271.00	\$2,558.07	\$10,128.93	\$23,142.07	30.44%
PromiseLand	\$0.00	\$6,279.68	(\$220.32)	\$220.32	0.00%
Total Expenses	\$396,792.00	\$44,413.97	\$113,916.41	\$282,875.59	28.71%
Net Total	(\$37,808.00)	(\$24,878.17)	(\$7,555.19)	(\$30,252.81)	0.00%



Capital Stewardship Campaign Update

As of Sunday, May 31, 2026, we have received \$269,200.00 or 53.84% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$231,835.83 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.



Prayer Concerns

Health Concerns: Alison, Jason Engh, Bob and Linda Faugh, Buzz and Joan Grimm, Kevin Kinnally, Ray Smith, Joanne Walesmith
 Dora Lee Alexander's niece, Cindy, surgery for a brain aneurysm, prayers for her recovery
 Michele Cuatt, replacement of her left knee replacement
 Geoffrey Furman, health concerns
 George and Cindy Gray's daughter-in-law's father, Gil Kramer, rapidly declining health, prayers for Gil and family
 Rob Gruschow, recovering from a procedure for a fib
 Erma Perkins asking for prayers for Makosi
 Leola Porter, pneumonia
 Safe travels for Pastor Kyle and Kris
 South Africa Mission Team
 May 3 was Bereaved Mother's Day, prayers to all the mothers who have lost a baby/child; prayers for comfort, peace, healing, etc
 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
 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
 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
 Elderly parents, youth, teens, young adults, those suffering from chronic pain, mental health problems depression and addiction
 Employers looking for people to hire
 Our children, youth and church family
 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	Jean Banker
Lynne Jacobs	Kevin Kinnally
Penny Schultheis	

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

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

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



Bereavement

Andrea Yancone, husband, Ronnie, passed away after a motorcycle accident



Praises

Rob Gruschow continues to recover at home
 Mackenzie Haynes is going to be an aunt, her sister Amanda is pregnant
 Paul Kingsley had successful prostatectomy surgery on Monday, May 18, he is home recovering
 Kayla Roehrig is graduating from college on May 17, 2026
 Kris Roehrig received a good report from her surgeon, and she has returned to work
 Elise (Browning) Weis, is home recovering from gallbladder surgery
 I thank the Lord for lawn mowers and new fence builders!
 June Birthdays and Anniversaries



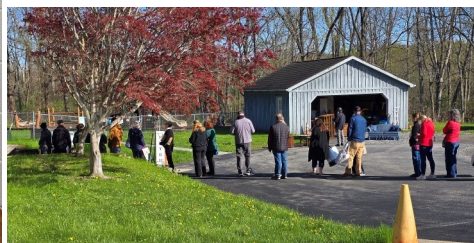
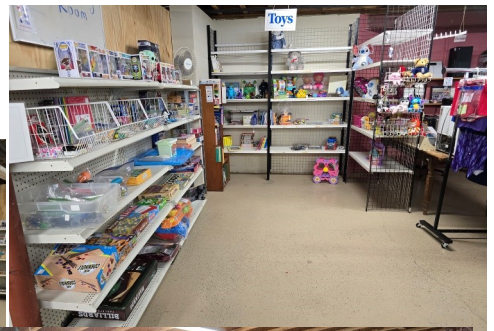
Thank You

Thank you for all your prayers and expressions of concern for my recent prostate cancer diagnosis and surgery. I am recovering remarkably well from the surgery and hope to be back to 100% in the next few weeks.

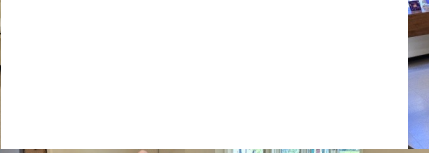
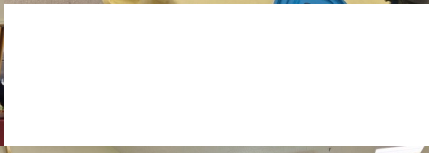
Paul Kingsley



2026 Spring Super Sale



May Mother's Day Second Sunday Brunch



Super Sale News

The Back-to-School Super Sale is Saturday, August 15, 9am-3pm with half-price sale 1-3pm.

The sale room is taking donations now through August 5. Leave your donated items in the hallway near the sale room. Place all clothing, shoes and linens in the shed drop box as we sort items from the shed daily.

The May sale brought in over \$7,700 to the church general funds and offered quality, affordable items and clothing to the community. The success of this church ministry is achieved through many dedicated volunteers. The people who donate items, the Wednesday morning volunteers, the daily shed sorters, the sale day helpers and of course, the shoppers!

We invite you to consider joining and help grow this vital ministry.

Please look for the sign-up sheet in the lobby as we near the sale date. Thank you!



Super Sale

Cindy Raymond

Puzzle!

A Father's Love

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

Shem, Ham & Japheth = M	John the Baptist = N
Solomon = O	Jacob & Esau = A
Jonathan = I	Cain, Abel & Seth = O
Jesus = C	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar,
Rachel & Leah = S	Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad,
Isaac & Ishmael = P	Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = S

God:	"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."	_____
Adam:	God gave him another son because the older killed the younger.	_____
Noah:	His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth.	_____
Abraham:	God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons.	_____
Isaac:	His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn.	_____
Laban:	He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob.	_____
Jacob:	Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter.	_____
Saul:	His son was David's best friend.	_____
David:	He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple.	_____
Zechariah:	His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance.	_____

As a father has _____
on his children, so the LORD has
_____ on those who
fear him. *Psalm 103:13, NIV*



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Board of Trustees

Our Rush Church building is 30 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 (furman@rochester.rr.com).



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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

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Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8:30AM — Adult Book Study led by Michelle Prok
- 9:30AM — Worship Service - In-Person and Streaming
- 9:30AM — Communion served on the 2nd and 4th Sunday
- 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
- 2:00PM — Living With Loss, 2nd and 4th Sunday



Sunday Schedule

How to Reach Us

- Church Telephone: 585-533-2170
- Church Fax: 585-533-1978
- Pastor Kyle Telephone: 585-533-2170
- PromiseLand Telephone: 585-533-2475
- Web Site: www.rushumc.org
- Email Address: runc@rushumc.org
- Rush Tidings Address: runcnews@rushumc.org



- Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
- Pastor:..... Rev. Kyle Roehrig
- Administrative Assistant: Barbara Kingsley
- Office Hours: 9AM - 4PM Monday- Friday
- .. Working Remotely Tuesday or Wednesday, occasional 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, Natalie Johnstone, Dan Kingsley
- ... Michelle Prok, Kyle Roehrig, Lisa Shingleton, Steve Williams

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.

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