

Weekly Announcements

January 11, 2026

This week

Sunday, January 11

- 8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Communion
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 11:00AM – Second Sunday Brunch
- 11:30AM – South Africa Trip Planning Meeting
- 2:00PM – Living with Loss

Monday, January 12

- 6:00PM – Derby Workshop

Tuesday, January 13

- 7:00PM – PromiseLand Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 2:30PM – Staff Check-in
- 6:00PM – Derby Workshop
- 6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 15

- 1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle
- 7:00PM – MLK Celebration

Saturday, January 17

- 9:00AM – Genesee Valley Handspinner's Guild

Looking Ahead

Sunday, January 18

- 8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok; 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 – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for January 25: Matthew 4:12-23
- 11:00AM – SPRC Meeting

Monday, January 19

- 7:00PM – Worship Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 20

- 7:00PM – Endowment Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 21

- 9:00AM – Super Sale preparation
- 9:15AM – A Meal & More Soup Kitchen
- 6:00PM – Youth Group Gathering
- 6:00PM – Rush Democratic Committee Meeting
- 6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 22

- 1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle
- 5:00PM – February Newsletter Article Deadline

Friday, January 23

- 6:00PM – AWANA Pinewood Derby

Saturday, January 24

- 9:00AM – AWANA Pinewood Derby

Announcements

The Mission of Rush UMC: “to live and share the love of Jesus”; **Our Vision:** “to be more like Jesus.” **Our missional priorities:** “excellence in worship; ministries for children, youth, adults and families and mission and outreach”

Yellow Prayer Cards

Yellow Prayer Cards are in the pew holders and on Eagle Island. These are available for you to write prayers concerns or praises on. They can be given to the usher to be included in the Pastoral Prayer or placed in the offering plate on Eagle Island. These will be included in the next bulletin and the next issue of “His Faithful Followers.”

Hearing Loop

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

Giving to Rush UMC

Use this QR Code to give electronically. Giving envelopes are available on Eagle Island. Checks and cash are welcome. Donations can be put in the collection plates in the church lobby or mailed to the church.



Newsletter/Upper Room/Announcements

Additional Announcements, the Weekly Calendar and the current newsletter are on the website and through Rush Tidings. Copies of the current Newsletter and Upper Room are on the shelf in the vestibule. To send a prayer request or joy to Rush Tidings or to sign-up for Rush Tidings, send an email to: rumcnews@rushumc.org. You can also sign up on the website at www.rushumc.com.

Sunday Assistants:

January 11, 2026

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Judy Blachowicz, Erma Perkins

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

January 18, 2026

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Nancy Miller, Kelly Barrett

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30AM: 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, 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month

Adult Study Opportunities

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

Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle, Sundays at 11AM

Living with Loss: grief support group; 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle, Thursdays at 1PM. We will be finishing a video study, "Basic" by Francis Chan. We are not meeting on Thursday, January 22. When it is done, we will be studying the Book of Revelation.

Living with Loss

The Living with Loss group will meet today January 11, 2026, at 2PM. All in different stages of grief are invited and encouraged to come. "What grieving people of all sorts need is love, a feeling of safety and acceptance, the presence of others and social support." Cody Delistraty. We will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Facilitators: Pastor Kyle Roehrig and Erma Perkins

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.

Wednesday Super Sale Preparation

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.

Dessert and Advent Study with Pastor Kyle

Come, spend some time talking about God, sharing a dessert, and learning a bit more about one another on Thursdays at 1PM. We are finishing a video study by Francis Chan. When we are finished, we will begin studying the Book of Revelation. All are welcome.

Church Fellowship Second Sunday Brunch

Today, Sunday, January 11, 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.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

The 19th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 7PM at the St. Marianne Cope Parish at Guardian Angels Church, 2061 E Henrietta Rd., Rochester, 14623, for the Rush and Henrietta Communities. The theme is "Becoming Peacemakers Together." It promises to be inspiring and uplifting, with greetings from the towns, school district, and houses of worship, as well as Keynote Speaker Jonathan Jones from the Gandhi Center, and remarks from the Love Overcomes Scholarship winner and the two runners-up. An offering will be taken to support the scholarship for 2027, and a reception will follow the service in the parish hall. All are welcome. This event is sponsored by The Rush and Henrietta Interfaith Community Collaborative, The Towns of Henrietta and Rush and the Rush -Henrietta Central School District.

Cookies for Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

The Rush-Henrietta Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration is on Thursday, January 15 at 7PM at Henrietta United Church of Christ. Rush UMC has offered to bring 200 cookies for the celebration. If you would be able to donate 2-3 dozen cookies, please tell Pastor Kyle or Barb Kingsley.

Staff/Parish/Relations

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is meeting on Sunday, January 18 at 11AM in the Brooks/St. Helen's Room. All team members are encouraged to attend.

Activities & Meetings

Sunday, January 25: Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday; Buzz Grimm

Recognition; 8:30AM: Adult Study with Michelle Prok; **8:30AM:** Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Communion; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for February 1: Matthew 5:1-12; **2PM:** Living with Loss

Wednesday, January 28: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **6PM:** Derby Workshop; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 29: 9AM: Distribution and Mailing of the February Newsletter; **1PM:** Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle

Sunday, February 1: 8:30AM: Adult Study with Michelle Prok; **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; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for February 8: Matthew 5:13-20

Monday, February 2: 12:30PM: Ladies Lunch Bunch; **7PM:** Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, February 4: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Gentle Yoga Class; **6PM:** Youth Group Gathering; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 5: 1PM: Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle

Worship Ministry Team

The Worship Ministry Team is meeting on Monday, January 19 at 7PM. All involved with the production of worship services are welcome to attend. We will be reviewing the liturgy and special Sundays from January—June 2026.

Endowment Ministry Team

An Endowment Ministry Team meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20 at 7PM. At the beginning of the meeting, we will meet with Dan Dovan, our investment advisor. The meeting will continue with the discussion about realigning the team. All team members are encouraged to attend.

Newsletter Article Deadline

Please submit articles for the February issue of "His Faithful Followers" to Barb Kingsley at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org by Thursday, January 22. It will be distributed on Thursday, January 29.

Cookie Bakers

Cookie bakers are needed for Sundays to provide 3-4 dozen, either homemade or store bought, after the service each week. If you are not currently on the list and would like to provide cookies, please contact Tanya Hunt at tbhunt13@gmail.com or call the church office. A new list from January 11 – June 28, 2026, has been developed and was emailed to those we have an email address for. There are additional copies on Eagle Island if you didn't receive the email or would like a paper copy. As an alternative to cookies, fruit or veggies can also be provided.

We're Hiring PromiseLand Teachers!

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

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.

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.

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We love children!

Children and parents are encouraged to come forward and enjoy the special message and take part in Holy Communion. A quiet room for children off the lobby is available for your use. Questions about all children's ministry opportunities? Ask our Director of Children's Ministry, Alethea Coulter, at 585-533-9246.

Youth!

We have a small but enthusiastic and active youth group. They meet every other Wednesday from 6 - 8. Watch the bulletin or Youth page on the website for dates and information. Any youth Grade 6 and older are welcome to come. Contact Alethea Coulter (alethea.coulter@rushumc.org), 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.

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.

Baptism? Membership?

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

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: \$6,903.54

Needed weekly from pledged/non pledged income to meet expenses: \$4,698.08

Pledged/Non pledged received: 01/04-01/10: \$15,145.50

Other income received: 01/04-01/10: \$427.06

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

Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$219,514.69. (Includes \$11,270.00, non-pledge, designated for an electric sign and \$10,000.00 pledged for sign from PromiseLand)

Total Spent as of December 24: \$164,446.69

Prayer Requests

Health Concerns: Alison, Mary Callerame, Bob and Linda Faugh, Buzz and Joan Grimm, Roger Haas, Kevin Kinnally, Debra Kostiw, Ray Smith, Al Sweet

Joanne Walesmith, full recovery from fall and strength for the New Year

Michele Cuatt's mother-in-law, in hospice

PromiseLand Childcare, Children and Staff

Heritage Christian Services Rush Day Hab

Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health

Unity and peace to come to our troubled land

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

Mary Ann David, birth of her great granddaughter, Amelia Mae Trigg to Holly and Frenkie on January 1, 2026

Kris and Kyle Roehrig, many happy and healthy years; congratulations on your 30th anniversary

Nicole and Zach Yates, birth of their son, Alex on December 19, 2025

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Homebound and Ill

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

Our Military

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

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2026 Leadership Ministry Team at Rush United Methodist Church

Please seek out Leadership Ministry Team members with any questions or concerns. Their names and email addresses are listed below.

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