

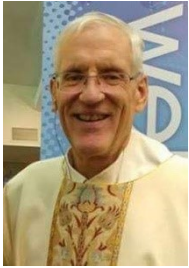


His Faithful Followers

A publication of Rush United Methodist Church

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A Note from Pastor Todd



The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a profound influence on my life and call to ministry. A statue dedicated to his memory and legacy is located outside the doors of Marsh Chapel at Boston University School of Theology. Exiting the doors and seeing this monument dedicated to peace and justice quickened within me a call to ordained ministry.

44 years later, I find myself privileged to serve a congregation in a wonderfully diverse community, served by thoughtful town leaders, school district administrators, and many ecumenical communities of faith. In celebration of Dr. King's legacy, we host a community celebration. This year marks our 17th annual celebration, featuring the Rev. Dr. Marlowe Washington as our keynote speaker. Our celebration will be held January 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the St. Marianne Cope Parish at Guardian Angels Church, 2061 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14623.

Please make every effort to attend! If you are able, bring cookies to share.

Our collaborative, diverse planning team solicits essays from students in the Rush-Henrietta School

District that relate to Dr. King's life, actions, and writings. Up to three scholarships are awarded at this celebration for the best essays. All who submit essays reap the lifetime benefit and commitment for justice, peace, and building strong communities. I am better for serving on this amazing team and reading all of these essays.

The Rev. Dr. Marlowe Washington serves as the Senior Diversity Officer for St. John Fisher University. He is also the pastor of the Seneca United Methodist Church in Irondequoit, NY. I count Marlowe as a trusted colleague and friend. He is a great preacher and I have every expectation that he will do a great job keeping our focus on Dr. King and his legacy of justice and peace.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Stay afterwards and make new friends. Over coffee, fruit juice, and cookies find a friend, make a friend, become friends with our neighbors in the Rush-Henrietta community.

Blessings for a happy and prosperous New Year!

With pastoral love,

Todd R. Goddard

The Rev. Todd R. Goddard, Pastor



From the
PASTOR

Human Relations Sunday

A special offering for Human Relations Sunday will be taken on Sunday, January 14, 2024. The Human Relations Sunday it is a Special Sunday that calls all United Methodist churches to participate in helping all God's children, particularly those that are marginalized, to realize their potential. It is a day to help nurture at-risk youth, strengthen communities' self-improvement efforts, and advocate for the oppressed. The funds raised offer support to Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services programs related to the General Board of Global Ministries and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program, General Board of Church and Society. This is one of six special offerings United Methodist Churches take each year. Your donation can be mailed or dropped off at church or be made electronically. Please indicate "Human Relations Offering" on your check, envelope, or electronic donation.



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Our 2024 Rush UMC Leaders!

Leadership Team

Class of 2024: Michelle Prok, Steve Williams (chair)
Class of 2025: Dan Kingsley, Lisa Shingleton
Class of 2026: Kelly Barrett, Geoffrey Furman, Cindy Gray

Thank you for your service: Erin Bills

Board of Trustees

Class of 2024: Patti Weaver, Rob Gruschow, Geoffrey Furman
Class of 2025: Paul Kingsley, Chris Chamot, Gary Prok
Class of 2026: Cindy Gray (chair), Cindy Raymond, Roger Haas

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Class of 2024 Jan Funkhauser
Class of 2025 George Gray
Class of 2026 Anita Steans
Class of 2027
Class of 2028 Dan Kingsley

Thank you for your service: Erin Bills

Finance Committee

Class of 2024: Ken Graham, Jim Comstock
Class of 2025: Michelle Prok (chair)
Class of 2026: Tanya Hunt
Class of 2027: Peter Fackler
Ex-officio: Barb Kingsley, Spencer Haynes

Endowment Fund

Class of 2024: Casey Beebe
Class of 2025: Gary Edom, Ken Graham
Class of 2026: Tanya Hunt (chair)
Class of 2027: Jan Funkhauser

Memorial Committee

Barb Kingsley, Tanya Hunt.

Lay Leaders

Tanya Hunt (children, youth, and families)
Steve Williams (worship)
Erma Perkins (mission and outreach)

Lay Member to Annual Conference

Leon Perkins

New members to the teams are

Kelly Barrett, Lisa Shingleton, Cindy Raymond, Roger Haas, George Gray, Anita Steans, and Peter Fackler



Church Leadership

Choir Update

Thank you to the choir for blessing us with the gift of the Cantata! It was beautiful and I couldn't ask for better people to work with.

Regular Choir rehearsals will start back up on Wednesday, January 3, at 6:30pm and on Sunday, January 7, at 8:30am. We welcome new members. Feel free to just come to a rehearsal or reach out to Kellianne at klkw1212@gmail.com.



Ladies' Lunch Bunch - Please Note Date Change!

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch is a time of fellowship for older women who are single, widowed, divorced, or separated. They meet the first Monday of each month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. *Please note date change:* this month's luncheon is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024 due to the New Years' holiday.

If you would like to join Pastor Todd for lunch this month, please let Barb Kingsley, or Cindy Gray know. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com, or call her at 585-362-6206.



Second Sunday Brunch


On Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 11AM, plan to stay for the Second Sunday Fellowship Bunch. This is a time for fellowship and a meal. Meet families you haven't met before and/or families in your child's Sunday School class. Get to know them better. Enjoy a meal without having to fix it yourself! The cost is \$1.00 per person. Child-friendly options are available.





Winter Wednesday Community Family Supper

Mark your calendars, and plan to join us in the church Fellowship Hall as we resume our monthly Wednesday Night Suppers, on Wednesday January 31, 2024 at 5:30pm. This month's menu is Turkey and Gravy on mashed potatoes, with a side of squash (thanks to the Turkey Dinner!). Beverages and tableware are provided – just bring your appetite. Desserts to share are welcome, but NOT required. This is a great way to connect with PromiseLand families and members of the church. Bring your family and your friends; come for supper and stay for a laid-back evening of fellowship and fun. Board games and activities will be available!





Gathering in Unity

**17th Annual
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Celebration**
for the Henrietta & Rush Communities

Thursday, January 11, 2024 • 7:00p.m.

★
Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Marlowe Washington

★
St. Marianne Cope Parish
at Guardian Angels Church

★
2061 E. Henrietta Road
Rochester, NY 14623

ASL interpreting will be available.

This event is sponsored by the Interracial Clergy Council and the Interfaith League of Henrietta and Rush, the Town of Henrietta, and the Rush-Henrietta Central School District.

Adult Sunday School Class Opportunity

The Tuesday night Advent Book Discussion group completed their study, and is looking forward to starting a new book. We are considering several options, including a “Fast Track” Disciple Book study of the Old Testament, or an in-depth study of the Gospel of John. At the current time we are planning to continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm, once we have chosen a topic.

In addition, several people have spoken to me about the possibility of doing a morning book study. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please sign up on the list on the kiosk, in the church lobby, or contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com or 585-362-6206.

Two adult classes meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30AM. One is titled “Chaos or Hope and Purpose” and is led by Rob Gruschow. They meet in the Adult Class Room in the lower level. The second is led by Michelle Prok and meets in the Large Conference Room on the main level. This is either a Bible Study or a Book Study, depending on the decision of the group.

All adults are welcome to join either group at any time. If you have questions please speak to Michelle or Rob on a Sunday morning.

ADULT Sunday School

PromiseLand update:



PromiseLand continues to be a thriving ministry of the Rush United Methodist Church. We currently have 30+ children with more scheduled to start over the next several months. Our projects for the new year include updating and expanding the toddler playground, updating furniture and supplies in the classrooms and continuing to train our staff to

continue meeting the needs of the children and families we serve. Your continued prayers and support are so important to this ministry.

Thank you to our volunteers who help with grocery shopping, children’s church, building repairs, and community events. You are all a blessing!



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. Our new year’s projects include reupholstering the sanctuary chairs and researching and installing an electronic sign in front of the church. We also have a LARGE list of maintenance projects to work on.

We are very pleased to welcome two new members to this group, who were elected at our last church conference. Cindy Raymond is a long-time member of this congregation, and currently serves as chair of the Super Sale. Roger Haas is a recent new member of this congregation. He is a part of our very important lawn mowing crew, and he and his wife, Dawn, both sing in the choir.

We are currently looking for individuals who are willing to help on an occasional basis with the myriad of fix-it and maintenance issues that occur in our church building. If you would like to learn more, please contact Cindy Gray at

cgtgray1039@gmail.com. Our January meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8 at 7:00pm, at the church.



Happy New Year

Mission and Outreach

A New Year is about to begin! My *Morning and Evening Prayerbook*, (a gift from a special friend) for January 1 asks, "Favor us with such a sense this year of Thy preciousness, that from the first to its last days we may be glad and rejoice in Thee".

I begin planning for the next visit to South Africa at this time and it



brings me great joy. The relationships we've built with the staff of Zululand Hospice Association (ZHA) and Musa weNkosi as well as our hosts, Eddie, Gavin, and Jenny, are full of memories of good times. The reality of having these wonderful experiences along with the support we are able to provide brings immense satisfaction and blessing.

I have a long list of scriptures and quotes that have become meaningful as a result of these partnerships. Here are a few:

Matthew 25:31-40 is one. We watch the ZHA staff providing the donations of food from Woolworths. As I witnessed a frail young woman with HIV and TB receive a bucket of fresh vegetables, fruit and meat, I thought it would be worth our support if this were the only thing they provided. But in addition, they



monitor the health status, provide medication, emotional and spiritual support and more. Titus 3:14 "But our people should also learn to devote themselves to doing good in order to meet pressing needs, so they aren't unproductive."



Philippians 2:4 "Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others."

The Rev. James Forbes, "Nobody gets to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor!"

"The Christian church, as

members of the global kingdom of God, needs to be far more itinerant and far less nationalistic if we are actually to spread the good news of the kingdom." Myron Augsberger, The Robe of God

Let me know if you are interested in learning to know and care about "the least of these" we meet in the Kwa-Zulu Natal. We usually travel in May on the 15-day visit.



Erma Perkins,
Lay Leader, Mission and Outreach,
ermaperkins@me.com

What to Do In Bad Weather?

The weekday winter weather closing policy of Rush United Methodist Church is: if Rush Henrietta Schools have closed for the day or close during the day because of inclement weather, all activities at Rush UMC will be cancelled. A message will be on the church's voice mail, website, Facebook page, and an email will go out on Rush Tidings.

Sunday services will be held unless Monroe County declares a state of emergency or Pastor Todd cannot get to the church. Again, the message will be on the church's voice mail, website, Facebook page and an email will go out on Rush Tidings.

If in doubt and travel seems risky – stay home!



A Meal & More Soup Kitchen Thank You

Christ Church and our team wish to thank everyone who "anonymously" donated so generously to "A Meal & More" Soup Kitchen this Christmas season.

The ADVENT food collection of juices boxes, gallon juice bottles, canned veggies and fruit and a few cans of coffee helped replenish the shelves at Christ Church.

Jan Corey's beautiful, crocheted hats were added to the holiday bags that were recently handed out.

Here is our current team (Lois Jones-Pres, Jay Conyard, Bill Hughes, Jim Scheib, Craig See, Leon Perkin, and me), who volunteer every 3rd Wednesday of the month to serve our community in the city. The numbers served have decreased quite a bit since COVID, but approximately 60 guests come in to sit down on Wednesdays and more come on Sundays. Take out bags filled with sandwiches and juice boxes available as well.

Joyce Smith



Rush United Methodist Church

Analysis of Revenues & Expenses Summary Actual

November 2023

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	Budget To (This Year)
Revenues			
Other Income	\$4,820.67	\$24,675.98	\$19,227.50
Offerings	\$14,923.52	\$184,253.17	\$190,725.37
P/L & HCS Reimbursement	\$2,112.33	\$16,465.74	\$16,401.97
Total Revenues	\$21,856.52	\$225,394.89	\$226,354.84
Expenses			
Board of Trustees	\$2,436.26	\$35,934.01	\$34,530.87
Education	\$0.00	\$653.77	\$1,149.89
Insurance	\$0.00	\$9,730.00	\$8,600.00
(1) Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Office Expenses	\$961.72	\$10,733.12	\$10,852.50
Clergy Salaries	\$7,257.09	\$58,056.72	\$58,056.92
Lay Salaries	\$8,838.89	\$66,709.45	\$69,184.60
Clergy Benefits	\$4,350.93	\$47,377.18	\$46,044.79
Ministry Team	\$595.00	\$4,239.66	\$3,970.76
Other Program Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,454.44	\$6,049.63
Utilities	\$1,892.99	\$19,443.75	\$22,545.37
PromiseLand	\$4,999.00	(\$1.00)	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$31,331.88	\$254,331.10	\$261,485.33
Net Total	\$9,751.03	(\$19,460.86)	(\$23,618.93)

1. Shared Ministries: \$1,500.00 paid to end of December

Capital Reserve Fund

Balance as of December 28, 2023:
\$66,536.90

Building Contingency Fund

Balance as of December 28, 2023:
\$5,081.48



FINANCE REPORT

Roof Replacement Loan Repayment

	Date Paid	Amount Paid	Balance
Opening Balance			\$37,685.36
Interest at 3.25%			\$1,224.77
Loan plus Interest			\$38,910.14
Payment #25	01/20/2023	\$249.42	\$38,660.72
Payment #26	02/23/2023	\$249.42	\$38,411.30
Payment #27	03/11/2023	\$249.42	\$38,161.88
Payment #28	04/28/2023	\$249.42	\$37,912.46
Payment #29	05/10/2023	\$249.42	\$37,663.04
Payment #30	06/16/2023	\$249.42	\$37,413.62
Payment #31	07/17/2023	\$249.42	\$37,164.20
Payment #32	08/15/2023	\$249.42	\$36,914.78\$
Payment #33	09/15/2023	\$249.42	\$36,665.36
Payment #34	10/15/2023	\$249.42	\$36,415.94
Payment #35	11/15/2023	\$249.42	\$36,166.52
Payment #36	12/15/2023	\$249.42	\$35,917.10
Year End Payment from additional donations	12/30/2023	\$4,025.00	\$31,892.10
	Total Paid	\$7,018.04	



Capital Stewardship Campaign Update

As of Wednesday, December 27, we have received \$269,200.00 or 53.84% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$125,142.54 of which \$22,716.23 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 and for repairs to gutters. Five thousand (\$5,000.00), not pledged, of this total has been designated for an electronic sign. Pledges continue to be accepted. Even if you haven't made a pledge, donations to the Capital Stewardship Campaign are gratefully accepted.



Capital Campaign



Remember Your Pledge

Prayer Concerns

Maureen Cronin's sister and her husband, Fay and Tim
 Michele Cuatt's brother-in-law, Jim, cancer; Nicole,
 granddaughter's mother, new sobriety
 Gail Hubbard, good friend of Erma Perkins, health
 concerns
 Those traveling this holiday season
 Alison Raoici, health
 Julie Sanderson, Covid
 Savannah, she needs healing, 1 Yr. ago her full-term baby,
 Dream, immediately left to be with God
 Those recently diagnosed with Covid, RSV and the flu
 Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss,
 illness, or deteriorating health
 The United Methodist Church
 Aggressive diplomacy that will lead to peace and justice
 for Palestinians and Israelis
 Israel and the conflicts around the world
 The Jewish people
 Difficult marriages
 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
 People of Ukraine
 PromiseLand Childcare
 School Districts, Parents and Students
 Peace to come to our troubled land
 Government Leaders
 For justice and health care to be deployed equally and
 evenly among all people
 End to racism and inequality
 Musa weNkosi Orphanage and Zululand Hospice
 Our Bishop and 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
 For those who suffer in silence, please be with them and
 bless them with strength
 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
 Employers looking for people to hire
 Super Sale now and future
 Our homebound and ill
 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
 Haiti and Government leaders; root out corruption, bring
 about justice, lessen poverty
 Peace, stability in Venezuela; Syria, South Sudan, Middle
 East
 Victims of terrorism and survivors of world violence

Injustice in the USA
 City of Rochester
 RCSD and Board of Education
 International Students
 Members in Military, especially those in Kuwait
 Those who are incarcerated
 People with disabilities, anxiety disorders, and depression
 For people to get along and not be so divided in America!!
 Colleges around the country

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

Ruth Baldoni	Jean and Walt Banker
Mary Anne Brice	Mary Callerame
Trudy Corio	Craig Crowell
Ernie Harrington	Louise Harris
Jim Hughes	Lynne Jacobs
Kevin Kinnally	Bessie Luft
Hubert Koloseike	Gisela Rice
Dave Smith	Betty Stover

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

Phillip Banker	Jason Bello
Ben Frederick	Michael Kurvach
Steven Kurvach	Jason McKnight
Isaiah Montana	James Rice
Bryan Simpson	Matthew Simpson
Marcus Sydow	

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

PRAYER
list...

Bereavement

Family and friends of John David who passed away on
 December 5, 2023

Family and friends of Paul
 Macauley, who passed away
 on December 10, 2023

Family and friends of Meg
 Kinnally, who passed away
 on December 21, 2023

Anita Stean's neighbor and
 best friend in Texas, Ila,
 loss of her husband, Dale Gandy



Praises

Anthony Gonzalez, satisfying job, graduated with BS in
 Biochemistry from SUNY Brockport

Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Bags
 Beautiful Choir Cantata on Sunday, December 10

The wonderful children and youth production of the
 Christmas

Pageant on
 Sunday,
 December 17

January Birthdays
 and Anniversaries



Christmas Pageant Thank You

Thanks to all the children, youth, teachers, and volunteers who helped with the pageant this year. We worked over the past month during our Sunday school and youth times to get everything ready. The kids did an amazing job, and I am very proud of all of them!

Alethea Coulter
Children's Ministry Director
Interim Youth Ministry Director



December Second Sunday Brunch



Thank You from Joyce Smith

I wish to thank all those who baked, supplied fruit, snack bags, candy, ornaments and contributed toward red carnations from Chases Greenhouse to fill about 35 bags on December 9.

Thank you to all those who helped deliver the "goodie bags" to spread some cheer for our homebound, those in senior living facilities, and for those who have lost a loved one in the past year.

This annual event would not be possible without your help.

May you all have a safe, healthy, and peaceful holiday season.

Joyce Smith



Thank You from Industry Residential Center

2023 brought many changes to the facility including an increase in the number of youth in our care.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Merry Christmas!

Industry Residential Center



2023 Advent Cantata



New Members

Kelly Barrett and Peter Fackler joined Rush United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Kelly joined by transfer from the Hilton United Methodist Church and Peter by Profession of Faith. Kelly is a new member of the Leadership Ministry Team and one of the chefs for the Second Sunday Brunch. Peter is a new member on the Finance Ministry Team and frequently reads the Scripture on during the Sunday Worship Experience.



Thank You

My thanks to all the wonderful people at Rush UMC who prepared the wonderful Christmas Bags.

Trudy Corio

Thank you Choir for the beautiful Cantata. Thank you also for the pleasant surprise of receiving the Christmas Hospitality Bag full of goodies. The assortment and amount were wonderful and greatly appreciated. We are both enjoying them very much.

Thank you again,

Bob and Linda Faugh



Thank You

To the Church Family,

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas Bag I received. It was a wonderful surprise and is greatly appreciated. I hope you all have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Hubert Koloseike

Thank You

Chaplin Grimm and I wish to thank all who contributed to the Christmas fund for the boys at the State school at industry in Rush.

Your response was overwhelming!!! Your generosity enabled the Advisory board to provide gifts that include sporting goods, games, sweet treats, personal hygiene products, calendars, cross word puzzle and sudoku books.

This was a critical Christmas as the population grew from 45 in 2022 to 90 plus this year.

The staff at the school was very appreciative of your efforts and the continued support of RUMC.

May you and yours have a joyous holiday season.

Blessings,

Chaplin Grimm
Richard Nereau



FISH/RHAFT Thank You

I recently received a flyer from “Feeding America” which states, “Neighbors facing hunger urgently need our help”. We are so blessed in the Rush-Henrietta community to have people like you who are always aware of this need and are regularly ready to step up to help!

Please know that we are extremely grateful for each delivery you make to RHAFT throughout the year. It takes time, money, and dedication to collect items to be shared with your neighbors in need and get them delivered to the food cupboard.

We thank the member of Rush United Methodist Church for being a great partner in helping us to fulfill our mission. Your large donation at the beginning of November came at a particularly crucial time, when our supplies were running very low. We couldn't do it without you.

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

Debra A Dewey
RHAFT Financial Coordinator

By my “unofficial” records in our last fiscal year RHAFT Volunteers provided food on 299 occasions to 173 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.



A Meal & More, Inc Thank You

Dear Rush Church,

On behalf of the Board of A Meal and More, I write to express our gratitude for your generous donation of \$649.53 (ck #21422). We very much appreciate the support.

Our kitchen serves hot nutritious meals on Sunday and Wednesday each week. This would not be possible without the grants and donations from our generous supporters. Our guests include the homeless of all ages, the disabled, unemployed, and elderly. So many express their appreciation for the care we provide.

Your donation will help us to continue to prepare nutritious meals for many hungry people in the Rochester area.



Sincerely,

Joyce P. Smith
Assistant to the Board

Leadership Ministry Team Contact Information

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OUR MISSION, VISION and



PRIORITY STATEMENTS

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”

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30AM— “Chaos or Hope and Purpose” Study
 8:30AM—Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok
 8:30AM—Choir Rehearsal
 9:30AM—Blended Worship
 Experience - In-Person
 and on YouTube and
 Facebook
 10:45AM—Rush UMC Coffee Hour



**Sunday
 Schedule**

How to Reach Us

Church Telephone: 585-533-2170
 Church Fax: 585-533-1978
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 PromiseLand Telephone: 585-533-2475
 Web Site: www.rushumc.com
 Email Address: rushumc@rochester.rr.com
 Rush Tidings Address: rushumcnews@rochester.rr.com



Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
 Pastor:..... Rev. Todd Goddard
 Administrative Assistant: Barbara Kingsley
Office Hours: 9:00AM - 4:00PM Monday - 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:..... Spencer Haynes
 Lay Leaders: Worship: Steve Williams
 Children, Youth and Families: Tanya Hunt
 Mission and Outreach: Erma Perkins
 Leadership Team: Kelly Barrett, Geoffrey Furman,
 Todd Goddard, Cindy Gray, Dan Kingsley,
 Michelle Prok, Lisa Shingleton, Steve Williams

Youth Group



Youth in grades 6—12 meet
 each month on Wednesdays at
 6:00PM. Check the youth page
 on the church website for
 meeting nights. All youth are
 welcome to come and invite a friend.

Leadership Ministry Team

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome
 by email to toddgoddard@gmail.com or
rushumc@rochester.rr.com or to any of the
 Leadership Ministry Team, contact information on
 page 9. The next Leadership Ministry Team Meeting
 is to be determined. Watch the bulletin for a date.

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