

**May 17, 2026**

**Welcome!**

**9:30AM**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Judy Blachowicz, piano

Call to Worship

\*Praise Song

*“Trading My Sorrows”*

Praise Band

Children’s Moment

Ms. Wendy

\*Hymn

*“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”* TFWS No. 2223

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Musical Reflection

*“Glorify Thy Name”*

Judy Blachowicz, piano

\*Praise Song

*“Yes I Will”*

Praise Band

Joys/Concerns/Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Epistle Lesson

Acts 1:1-11 (NRSV)

Reader: Chris Chamot

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:44-53 (NRSV)

Reader: Chris Chamot

Message

Cindy Gray

\*Hymn

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

UMH No. 664

\*Benediction

**Yellow/Italicized Print on Screens Indicates All Say Together**

**\*Indicates an invitation for you to stand, in body or in spirit.**

### ***Hearing Loop***

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

### ***Welcome to Rush UMC—We’re Glad You’re here***

Are you new or a visitor? Great! You’ll fit right in! Kindly forward your name and contact information to Pastor Kyle at, [chaplinroehrig@gmail.com](mailto:chaplinroehrig@gmail.com) or our Administrative Assistant at [office@rushumc.org](mailto:office@rushumc.org).

### ***Prayer Requests***

Health Concerns: Alison, Jason Engh, Bob and Linda Faugh, Buzz and Joan Grimm, Kevin Kinnally, Ray Smith, Joanne Walesmith  
Paul Kingsley, prostatectomy surgery on Monday  
Erma Perkins asking for prayers for Makosi  
Leola Porter, pneumonia  
Safe travels for Pastor Kyle and Kris South Africa Mission Team  
Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health  
PromiseLand Childcare, Children and Staff  
Heritage Christian Services Rush Day Hab  
Please continue to pray for the children and staff of the Children’s Home, Musa weNkosi.  
Zululand Hospice in South Africa  
Those serving in the Military: home or abroad  
Family members and friends who are homebound or in senior living facilities

### ***Praises***

Rob Gruschow continues to recover at home  
Kayla Roehrig is graduating from college today  
Elise (Browning) Weis, is home recovering from gallbladder surgery  
May Birthdays and Anniversaries

### ***Announcements***

#### ***Guest Preacher***

Please welcome Cindy Gray who is bringing the message today, May 17 while Pastor Kyle is out of town at Kayla’s college graduation.

#### ***Pastor Kyle Out of the Office***

Pastor Kyle is traveling back home on Monday, May 18 after visiting his mother in Texas and attending Kayla’s graduation in California. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact Pastor Kyle at 805-478-2526.

#### ***Church “Picture Day” (!?)***

Our third “Picture Day” is scheduled for today, May 17, immediately following the church service. The backdrop will be set up in the Fellowship Hall, and all you have to do is show up and smile! What is this for? Our “current” Church Directory is from 2017. People have come and gone, addresses and contact information have changed, and we want to have an information guide to help us know names and faces, as well as where to send a card or just say hello.

### ***Sunday Childcare Position***

It is with great excitement that the Rush UMC 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, and the hourly rate is \$20.00. Please send a resume to [office@rushumc.org](mailto:office@rushumc.org)

#### ***Barb Kingsley Out of the Office***

Barb Kingsley will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and 19, and working from home for the remainder of the week. She can be reached by email at [office@rushumc.org](mailto:office@rushumc.org).

#### ***Newsletter Article Deadline***

Please submit articles for the June issue of “His Faithful Followers” to Barb Kingsley by Thursday, May 21 at [barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org](mailto:barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org).

#### ***Church Office and PromiseLand are Closed***

On Monday, May 25, Memorial Day, the Church Office, and PromiseLand Childcare are closed.

#### ***Dessert and Discussion***

Come, spend some time talking about God, sharing a dessert, and learning a bit more about one another on Thursdays at 1PM. 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 are \$25.00 each. A digital version for \$24.99, is available through <https://lifeway.com/revelation>.

#### ***Family Fun Community Picnics***

Family Fun Community Picnics are back—and we can’t wait to see you! Join us Wednesday, May 27, at 5:30PM for great food and warm fellowship in our church pavilion (weather permitting). We’ll supply hot dogs, baked beans, chips, drinks, and tableware. If you’d like, bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend or neighbor and enjoy the evening! *We need helpers* to cook over a grill or help set up or clean-up for the picnics. 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](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com).

## Activities & Meetings

### Sunday, May 17

- 8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; Cindy Gray is bringing the Message
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 10:45AM – Taking Pictures for Directory

### Tuesday, May 19

- 7:00PM – PromiseLand Childcare Board Meeting

### Wednesday, May 20

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 9:00AM – Gentle Yoga Class
- 9:15AM – A Meal & More Soup Kitchen
- 3:00PM – Communion at Willow Ridge Senior Living Facility at Erie Station Rd
- 6:00PM – Rush Democratic Committee Meeting

### Thursday, May 21

- 1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle
  - 5:00PM – June Newsletter Article Deadline
- ### Sunday, May 24 – Memorial Sunday
- 8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok
  - 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming
  - 9:30AM – Communion
  - 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class
  - 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
  - 11:00AM – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for May 31: Matthew 28:16-20
  - 2:00PM – Living with Loss

### Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day

- Church Office and PromiseLand Childcare are closed

### Wednesday, May 27 – Saturday, May 30

- Pastor Kyle attending Upper NY Annual Conference in Syracuse

**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”

## Sunday Assistants

### May 17, 2026

- Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes
- Usher: Leola Porter
- Cookies: Nancy Miller, Barb Kingsley
- Cleanup: Don Kingsley

### May 24, 2026

- Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes
- Usher: Leola Porter
- Cookies: Nicole Yates, Erma Perkins
- Cleanup: Don Kingsley

## 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.”

## 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](mailto:rumcnews@rushumc.org).

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*Luke 24:44-53*

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