

Weekly Announcements

December 14, 2025

This week

Sunday, December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:30AM – South Africa Market Fundraiser; Advent Study
- 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
- 11:00AM – Advent Study with Pastor Kyle
- 2:00PM – Living with Loss
- 3:00PM – GRACE Concert at Pearce Church in North Chili

Monday, December 15

- 5:00PM – Deadline to order Christmas Plants
- 7:00PM – Leadership Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, December 16

- 7:00PM – Advent Study

Wednesday, December 17

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 9:15AM – A Meal & More Soup Kitchen
- 6:00PM – Youth Gathering; Rush Democratic Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 18

- 1:00PM – Dessert and Advent Study with Pastor Kyle
- 5:00PM – January Newsletter Article Deadline
- 6:00PM – Carpenter and Sons Pack 171 Den Meeting

Friday, December 19

- 8:00AM – HCS begins preparing for Christmas Party, until 2PM

Saturday, December 20

- 9:00AM – Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent; Children's Christmas Pageant

- 8:30AM – Advent Study
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook
- 9:45AM – Children's Christmas Pageant
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 11:00AM – Advent Study with Pastor Kyle

Tuesday, December 23

- 7:00PM – Advent Study

Wednesday, December 24

- 9:00AM – Super Sale preparation
- 12:30PM – PromiseLand Childcare closes
- 7:00PM – Christmas Eve Service of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight
- 11:00PM – Christmas Eve Service of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight

Thursday, December 25 - Merry Christmas

- Church Office and PromiseLand Childcare are closed

Friday, December 26

- Church Office and PromiseLand Childcare are closed

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”

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

Donations can be put on the offering plates in the church lobby on Sundays, dropped off at the church office during weekday business hours or mailed to the church. Giving envelopes are available on Eagle Island. Checks and cash are welcome. Secure online gifts may be made at <https://www.rushumc.com>

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.”

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:

December 14, 2025

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Judy Blachowicz, Joyce Smith

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

December 21, 2025

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Nancy Miller, Mary Ann David

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30AM: Advent Study with Michelle Prok

8:30AM: Choir Rehearsal will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2026

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: Advent 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 next meeting November 30

Adult Study Opportunities

Advent Study with Michelle Prok, Sundays at 8:30AM; *“A Child is Born” A Beginner’s Guide to Nativity Stories* by Amy-Jill Levine.

Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle, Sundays at 11AM; *“A Child is Born” A Beginner’s Guide to Nativity Stories* by Amy-Jill Levine.

Living with Loss grief support group every other Sunday; next gathering is November 30

Advent Study *“A Child is Born” A Beginner’s Guide to Nativity Stories* by Amy Jill Levine on Tuesdays at 7PM at Cindy Raymond’s home

Dessert and Advent Study with Pastor Kyle, Thursdays at 1PM, *“A Child is Born” A Beginner’s Guide to Nativity Stories* by Amy-Jill Levine.

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.

Living with Loss

The Living with Loss group will meet on December 14, when we will talk about dealing with the holidays when it’s hard to be “merry and bright.” We will not meet on December 28. Our first meeting in 2026 will be January 11 at 2:00 PM. “What grieving people of all sorts need is love, a feeling of safety and acceptance, the presence of others and social support.” Cody Delistraty. Facilitators: Pastor Kyle Roehrig and Erma Perkins

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 reading and discussing the Advent study *“A Child is Born” A Beginner’s Guide to Nativity Stories* by Amy-Jill Levine. All are welcome.

Stewardship General Fund Campaign

Although our General Fund Stewardship Campaign has ended and we are excited to share that we have received over \$185,000 in pledges, we are still receiving pledges. This is a wonderful start and a sign of how God is moving among us. If you haven’t presented your pledge card, you can today by putting it in the offering plate on Eagle Island. Additional pledge cards are on Eagle Island. Thank you to those who have presented their pledge card. Your commitment to Rush UMC is greatly appreciated.

Church Fellowship Second Sunday Brunch

On Sunday, December 14, 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.

An Opportunity to Give

We will continue to collect food during our offering time in the service. We are supporting both Rush Henrietta Area Food Terminal (RHAFT) and Rush Henrietta Kicking Hunger School Food Pantry. A list of the items they need the most is on the website announcement link and is included in the Rush Tidings Announcement. If you are able, please bring and keep bringing nonperishable food donations on Sundays through Advent. They can also be dropped off on weekdays during the day.

GRACE Choir Christmas Concert

GRACE Choir is a multi-denominational choir made up of people from at least 20 different churches around the Rochester area. We sing under Director, Lon Beery. We are singing the Christmas Cantata "The Messiah Has Come!" on today December 14 at 3:00 at Pearce Church in North Chili. This concert is free and open to the public, although a free will offering will be taken. Come and enjoy an afternoon of Christmas music.

Christmas Memorial Plants

We will be ordering plants from Chase's Greenhouses for our Christmas Eve services. If you would like to provide a memorial plant, please email Barb Kingsley at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org by Monday, December 15. There is also an order on Eagle Island. As an alternative you may contribute to the Roof Replacement Loan Repayment, Landscape or Capital Stewardship Funds. Please tell Barb in your email or on the order form. The plants available and price, which includes a sleeve over the pot, are: Red, White or Marble Poinsettias in 6½" pot: \$8.50
Red, White or Marble Poinsettias in 7½" pot: (2 plants): - \$13.50
Cyclamen in 6" pot: \$8.50; Christmas Cactus 6" pot: \$8.50

Upcoming Activities & Meetings

Sunday, December 28: Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday; 9:30AM: Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Communion; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle

Monday, December 29: 9AM: Distribution of January Newsletter

Monday – Friday, December 29 – January 2: PromiseLand Childcare is closed

Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2: Church Office is closed

Sunday, January 4: 8:30AM: Adult Study with Michelle Prok; **8:30AM:** Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle

Monday, January 5: 12:30PM: Ladies Lunch Bunch; **7PM:** Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, January 6: 7PM: Endowment Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 7: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **6PM:** Youth Group Gathering; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 8: 1PM: Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; **6:30PM:** Nurture Ministry Team Meeting

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 9, 10 and 11: 5PM Friday – 2PM Sunday; Troop 410 Youth Leader Training Retreat

Sunday, January 11: 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:** Second Sunday Brunch; **2PM:** Living with Loss

Tuesday, January 13: 7PM: PromiseLand Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 14: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **2:30PM:** Staff Check-in; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 15: 1PM: Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; **5PM:** February Newsletter Article Deadline; **7PM:** MLK Celebration

Children and Youth Christmas Play

On Sunday, December 21, the children and youth will be performing, "A Christmas Journey" by Rebecca Wimmer. "It's the night before the big event, and Christmas is on a journey to the Holy Little City. He and the friends he meets up with along the way must arrive by morning, but the road isn't always easy." The kids will be rehearsing during our Sunday school and youth group meetings. Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 20, 10AM-12PM. Alethea Coulter, Children's Ministry Director.

Christmas Offering

We invite you to prayerfully consider using a Christmas Offering envelope to mail, bring to church or make an electronic donation to help support ongoing missions of Rush United Methodist Church. Christmas Offering envelopes will be available on Eagle Island and the ends of the pews on Sunday, December 21 and at the December 24 Christmas Eve Services. For in truth, compared to most of the world, our Christmas will be abundant. This represents a small way we can share that abundance. Please indicate Christmas Offering on the check or envelope or with the electronic donation.

Christmas Eve Services

Join us for Christmas Eve! We will continue the tradition of hosting Christmas Eve Services of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight at 7:00PM and 11:00PM. Both services are in person and will be streamed live on Facebook and YouTube where they can also be viewed later at your convenience. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ our Lord.

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 or call the church office. A new list from January 11 – June 28, 2026, is being developed.

Closed

The Church Office is closed on Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26. It will be open on Monday, December 29 and Wednesday, December 31. Barb plans to work from home on Tuesday, December 30. The office is closed on Thursday and Friday, January 1 and 2, 2026. PromiseLand Childcare closes at 12:30PM on Wednesday, December 24 and reopens on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:30AM.

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.

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.

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.

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 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!***

Baptism? Membership?

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

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.

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: \$6,858.63

Needed weekly from pledged/non pledged income to meet expenses: \$4,593.27

Pledged/Non pledged received: 12/07-12/13: \$8,178.00

Other income received: 12/07-12/13: \$523.78

Holiday Super Sale: 12/06/2025: \$5,775.30

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

Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$217,914.69. (Includes \$11,270.00, non-pledge, designated for an electric sign and \$10,000.00 pledged for sign from PromiseLand)

Total Spent as of November 7: \$164,446.69

Prayer Requests

Health Concerns: Alison, Mary Callerame, Bob and Linda Faugh, Roger Haas, Kevin Kinnally, Debra Kostiwi, Ray Smith, Betty Stover, Al Sweet
Buzz Grimm was in the hospital for pain and a recurrence of cancer, he has since returned home
Joanne Whalen-Smith has moved to the Jewish Home for rehab from a fall
Michele Cuatt's husband, Dan, was traveling frequently last week
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. 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

A successful Holiday Super Sale—Thank you
December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Homebound and Ill

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

Our Military

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

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2025 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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