



His Faithful Followers

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A Note from Pastor Kyle



Let me start by saying... our Stewardship Campaign has not yet begun. Or – rather - let me continue by saying that stewardship is always an important consideration in the life of any community.

Has your family ever gathered around the kitchen table to look at your household budget. If so, I would guess it was less a conversation about mere numbers or lines on a spreadsheet. Perhaps it instead was a conversation about values, security, and vision. Was it about deciding how to use limited resources to care for the people you love, pay your debts, keep a roof overhead, and perhaps save for a summer vacation or a child's education? A healthy family budget is not a restriction on life; it is a blueprint for thriving.

When we look at church stewardship, we are looking at the exact same picture, just on a larger scale. The church is not a business, a club, or a charity we occasionally support. As scripture reminds us, the church is the household of God. We are a family. Just like any healthy family, living responsibly within our means requires intentionality, sacrifice, and a shared commitment.

In a household, every member relies on a budget to create stability. If a family spends it wildly without looking at their bank account, stress moves in. Arguments break out, bills go unpaid, and the future becomes insecure. Conversely, when a family creates a healthy budget, they align their spending with their deepest priorities. They ensure that necessities come first, followed by investments in the future and generosity toward others.

When the church talks about giving to and managing the church's resources, we are talking about our collective household budget. God has blessed our church family with a beautiful home—our sanctuary, our ministries, and our community. But maintaining this home requires a shared responsibility. When we give faithfully, we ensure the lights stay on, the staff is supported, our children have materials to learn about faith, and our local outreach programs can feed the hungry. We create the stability necessary for our spiritual family to grow. And as you will read more about later... it is more than just a shared financial responsibility.

However, a healthy budget is never just about survival. It is about purpose. A family does not save money just to look at a high balance in a bank account; they manage money so they can live out their mission. Maybe that mission is hospitality, or outreach or fellowship or in our case all rolled into one. Too often,

what organizations do is dictated by the budget. However, the budget should serve the mission.

And, an oversimplified but true statement - our church budget serves our highest mission: to love God and love our neighbors. Every dollar dropped into the offering plate or given online translates directly into ministry. It becomes the bread and juice of Communion. It becomes the air conditioning that welcomes a grieving family during a funeral. It becomes the financial backing for what we hope are future youth retreats where teenagers encounter Christ. Stewardship is the fuel that allows our family to open its doors wide and say to the world, "Come inside, there is room for you here."

Living responsibly according to a healthy budget also requires honest conversations about sacrifice and teamwork. In a household, a budget only works if everyone is on board. If one person saves while another spends carelessly, the system breaks down. It takes teamwork. Our teamwork has a framework that helps keep us in line. Furthermore, it requires every person to contribute according to their ability. In a family, a teenager with a part-time job might contribute a small amount to household chores or grocery money, while the primary earners carry the heavier financial load. I never asked my kids to pay for dinner, but I expected them to clean the dishes.

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The body of Christ functions the same way. We do not all have the same financial capacity, and God does not expect equal giving, but rather equal sacrifice. Each and every week I repeat the same truth... stewardship is not only about money... it is about giving back with the resources we have been given. Whether you can give a substantial monthly offering or a few dollars a week, every single gift matters to the health of the household. And - often the gift of time is so much more valuable than dollars.

God Bless,

Pastor Kyle

Many Hands Make Light Work: Kitchen Prep Volunteers Needed!

Our **annual turkey dinner** is just around the corner, and we need your help to get our kitchen shining and ready! We are hosting quick, focused prep sessions to clean and sanitize the space before the big event.

Because we work as a team, each session only takes a **couple of hours**—many hands truly make light work!

What We Will Be Doing

- **Wiping down** all kitchen surfaces, counters, and high-touch areas.
- **Running dinnerware** (plates, cups, flatware, and service pieces) through the sanitizer.
- **Organizing and staging** the kitchen so everything is ready for cooking day.

Join a Prep Session

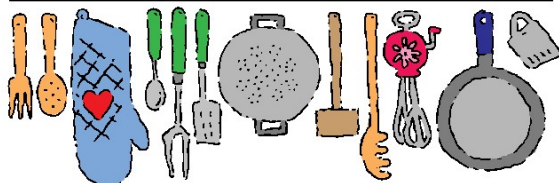
- **Dates & Times:** Wednesday Sept 30 - after family dinner, Tuesdays October 6 and 13, 5:30-7:30 and Sunday October 11AM after our Second Sunday Brunch!
- **What to bring:** Just your energy and a helpful spirit!

Whether you can spare one hour or two, your help ensures we provide a safe, clean, and wonderful meal for our community.

Contact Kelly Barrett @ kjbarrett92@gmail.com to let us know you're coming!

Also, if you have any serving dishes or supplies that you may have left in the kitchen from a recent event - please pick them and take them home.

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



Rush Henrietta Area Food Terminal Donation Opportunities in October

Rush Church will be collecting donations in October for the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal (RHAFT). Baskets for your donations are in the lobby and on the platform in the sanctuary. There are still hungry people in the Rush and Henrietta areas. RHAFT continues to need our support.

RHAFT gratefully accepts all non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, and paper goods. However, the following items are especially needed: Macaroni and Cheese; Instant Mashed Potatoes (box); Canned Meat/Fish products: Chicken, Ham, Spam, Turkey, Tuna, etc.; Mixed Pasta: elbows, shells, spirals, penne, etc.; Canned Fruits and Applesauce; Mayo and Other Condiments; Milk: Powdered and Shelf-stable; Small Cans of Food Items (single serve); Cereal: hot and cold; Coffee: instant and ground (NO K-cups); Paper Towels; Bar Soap; Shampoo and Shaving Cream.

Help the food cupboard make more effective and efficient use of your generous donations...No out-of-date (expiration, best-by, use before, etc.) food items, please.

Cash donations are also appreciated for perishable food items such as meat and milk. Please make your check payable to Rush UMC, write in the memo area "RHAFT" and mail it to or drop it off at the church or you can donate on-line through the church website using "Other" and put RHAFT in the memo section. A check will be sent to them at the end of the month.

We WILL be collecting food and nonperishable items for RHAFT during the Turkey Dinner; however, your donations are always needed.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the R-H families RHAFT serves.



Food Donations

Mission and Outreach Ministry Team

Youth Group Walk

The youth will be participating in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, "Out of Darkness Community Walk". It will be held on Saturday, October 3rd. There is a link on the youth page of our website to donate. We welcome anyone interested to join us as well for the walk.

I am also including the link here for those who are interested.
<https://afspwalks.donordrive.com/participants/3613807>

Thanks,

Alethea Coulter
Youth Director



World Communion Sunday!!!!

October 4 is World Communion Sunday. This is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations. It promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on the observance of the Eucharist.

The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomas Kerr in an attempt to bring churches together and to remind us how each congregation is interconnected with one another.

A special World Communion Sunday offering is taken in United Methodist congregations worldwide on this day. The offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

As a sign of our unity in Christ, every member is encouraged to give at least \$1 to this special offering. Special offering envelopes will be available on the kiosk on October 4. For an on-line donation use "Other" with the explanation in the memo box.



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 want an opportunity for a good meal and conversation!* They gather on the first Monday of the month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. The luncheon this month is scheduled for Monday, October 5.

If you would like to join Pastor Kyle for lunch this month, please let Barb Kingsley know. Reservations are not required, but it's helpful to have a rough idea of how many are coming, in order to know how much food to prepare!



Fall Craft Shows

Community Craft Shows on November 14, 2026 and December 12, 2026 from 10-3pm at Rush United Methodist Church

Lots of Homemade items, gifts, home décor, and more!

Bring the Whole Family!

Please bring a non-perishable item for the less fortunate



Touchdown! October's Second Sunday Brunch is Tailgate Themed!

Get ready to rally, because our next **Second Sunday Brunch on October 11th** is turning into the ultimate game-day tailgate! We are bringing the stadium energy right to our Rush United Methodist, so skip the jerseys on the couch and come celebrate with us.

The kitchen staff is tearing up the playbook to bring you slow-cooked **pulled pork for sandwiches** alongside a crowd-pleasing, **kid-friendly mac and cheese**.

How You Can Make the Roster

- **Bring a dish to share:** We need you to fill out the rest of our game-day spread! Think savory baked beans, crunchy chips and dip, your favorite finger foods, or touchdown-worthy **desserts**.
- **Represent your team:** Ditch the formal clothes and **wear your favorite sports team gear**—whether it's college, pro, or local high school teams!

Game Day Details:

- **Date & Time:** Sunday, October 11, 2026, 11AM
- **Location:** The Fellowship Hall / Dining Area

No matter who you are rooting for this season, we can all agree on great food and fantastic company. See you at the tailgate!



Save the Date - Trunk or Treat

This year's Trunk or Treat will be happening October 24th, 4-6pm. It's a lot of fun and a well-attended community event. We hope you will join us this year in decorating a table, assisting with refreshments or crafts, assisting with games and much more! This year I am planning on setting up tables in the lobby area the night before due to another group that is using the dining room on Saturday.

Help with that will be needed as well.

Alethea Coulter
Children's Ministry Director



82nd Annual Turkey Dinner

Sign-up sheets are now available on Eagle Island in the church lobby for the **82nd Annual Turkey Dinner**, which is scheduled for **Saturday, October 17, 2026**. We still need many volunteers to cook and bake, as well as serve at the event – and everyone is welcome! This year's dinner will have sit-down and takeout options and runs from 4:30-6:30pm (or until sold out). We will also be holding a bake sale during the dinner to benefit PromiseLand Child Care, which runs 4-7 pm.

If you have already signed up – thank you! We ask that you please add your email address to the sign-up sheet so we can communicate schedules and answer questions quickly and easily. Please feel free to send any questions to RUMCTurkeyDinner@gmail.com or speak with Dan or Kathy Kingsley.

There are also volunteer opportunities in the days leading up to the dinner – baking pies, squash and dressing, preparing takeout room food and setting up the dining room and so much more. Many hands make light work!

You can also help support this outreach program through monetary donations to help purchase supplies for the dinner. Checks can be made out to Rush United Methodist Church and dropped off to Barb Kingsley in the main office



PromiseLand Bake Sale

Once again, PromiseLand Childcare will be hosting a bake sale during the Turkey Dinner. We need bakers to help make this event a success. Homemade baked goods can be brought in on Friday, October 16, during the day or by 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 17. Please bring items in sellable packaging. No need to price items. We will take care of that. Questions, contact Kellianne Williams at 585-533-2475 and thank you for any help you can give!



Wednesday Night Community Dinners

Our Community Dinners will be on hiatus during the fall months. They will resume in January. Please note that in October, on Saturday, 10/17, Rush Church will host its annual Turkey Dinner, so please plan on taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity for fellowship – whether by working at the event or enjoying the meal!



Turkey Dinner Workers Information

Sign-up sheets to cut bread and make dressing, make a cash donation for cranberries and potatoes, bake squash, bake dressing, make apple or pumpkin pies, and help set up, carve turkeys, work in the kitchen, wait on tables, clean up, or direct traffic are on Eagle Island in the lobby.

The State School at Industry has graciously agreed to roast all our turkeys. We are using prepared gravy this year.

The schedule for preparing the week of the dinner is as follows:

- Wednesday, October 14 at 10:00AM - Cut bread for dressing.
- Thursday, October 15 at 9:30AM - Make dressing
- Friday, October 16 time to be determined – carve turkeys
- Friday, October 16 at 3:00PM - Set up dining room, kitchen, and lobby for dinner
- Friday, October 16 at 3:30PM – Wrap silverware and place on tables
- Friday, October 16 at 6:00PM – Table Décor Setup, add centerpieces and numbers to tables
- Friday, October 16 at 6:30PM - Prepare bags for take-out dinners, if not already done, and set up take-out room

Saturday, October 17:

- 10:00AM - Turkey carvers and pie cutters arrive
- 11:00AM – Dining Room Prep
- 2:00PM – Take out room crew arrives for final prep
- 3:00PM - Kitchen workers, Announcer, Host/ Hostesses, Ticket Taker arrive
- 3:30PM – Parking Lot Attendant arrives
- 4:00PM - Dining Room Workers Arrive (black slacks, white top)
- 4:00PM - Ticket Sales begin and Bazaar opens
- 4:30PM - Begin serving dinner
- 7-9:30PM – Kitchen Clean up Crew, Dining Room Clean up Crew, Takeout Room Cleanup
- 9-10PM – Dining Room Mopping, additional miscellaneous clean up



If you have any questions about the dinner, please contact Barb Kingsley in the church office or Dan or Kathy Kingsley, deltakilo@gmail.com, kathy.laluk@gmail.com or rumcturkeydinner@gmail.com.



Rush United Methodist Church
Analysis of Revenues and Expenses
General Operating Budget
August 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	\$6,245.74	\$29,136.87	\$10,413.13	73.67%
Received Through Pledges	\$244,300.00	\$18,372.50	\$171,531.20	\$72,768.80	70.21%
Reimbursement of Expenses	\$25,045.00	\$1,782.44	\$14,350.63	\$10,694.37	57.30%
Total Revenues	\$308,895.00	\$26,400.68	\$215,018.70	\$93,876.30	69.61%
Expenses					
Board of Trustees	\$59,763.00	\$8,173.69	\$34,004.67	\$25,758.33	56.90%
Education	\$7,737.00	\$32.59	\$3,971.68	\$3,765.32	51.33%
Insurance	\$18,735.00	\$1,181.51	\$8,772.07	\$9,962.93	46.82%
Missions	\$39,020.00	\$3,210.00	\$25,680.00	\$13,340.00	65.81%
Office Expenses	\$14,554.00	\$1,006.25	\$9,788.02	\$4,765.98	67.25%
Clergy Salary	\$55,311.00	\$4,254.70	\$36,164.95	\$19,146.05	65.38%
Lay—Salaries	\$93,266.00	\$5,566.07	\$56,530.22	\$36,735.78	60.61%
Clergy Benefits	\$59,755.00	\$4,602.39	\$37,968.84	\$21,786.16	63.54%
Ministry Team Expenses	\$5,525.00	\$208.33	\$2,424.74	\$3,100.26	43.89%
Other Program Expenses	\$9,855.00	\$527.03	\$2,973.93	\$6,881.07	30.18%
Utilities	\$33,271.00	\$2,229.60	\$17,785.64	\$15,485.36	53.46%
PromiseLand	\$0.00	(\$138.14)	(\$6,858.46)	\$6,858.46	0.00%
Total Expenses	\$396,792.00	\$31,254.02	\$229,206.30	\$167,585.70	57.76%
Net Total	(\$87,897.00)	(\$4,853.34)	(\$14,187.60)	(\$73,709.40)	0.00%

As per the budget, \$21,000.00 of unrestricted funds were transfer from savings to the checking account to be used against the budget.



***Capital
Stewardship
Campaign
Update***

As of Wednesday, September 23, 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 \$242,080.69 of which \$204,696.69 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, the project to repair and replace the board and batten siding has been finished and paid in full. Even if you haven't made a pledge, donations to the Capital Stewardship Campaign are gratefully accepted.



Prayer Concerns

Health Concerns: Alison, Bob and Linda Faugh, Buzz and Joan Grimm, Kevin Kinnally, Leola Porter, Penny Schultheis, Ray Smith
 Linda and Chris Chamot's daughter's pregnancy with twins
 Wendy Kuhn's nephew and niece and their pregnancy with twins
 Those in the region who are dealing with storms and flash flooding
 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 deny them the ability to take more children
 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
 Kevin Kinnally
 Penny Schultheis

Lynne Jacobs
 Leola Porter

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

Phillip Banker
 Ben Frederick
 Isaiah Montana
 Bryan Simpson
 Matthew Simpson
 Marcus Sydow

Jason Bello
 Jason McKnight
 Sgt. Joseph Sarmiento



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

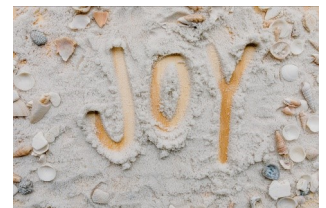
Bereavement

Cheryl Barraco's family and friends, she passed away last week, she was a friend and Girl Scout Mentor of Michele Cuatt



Praises

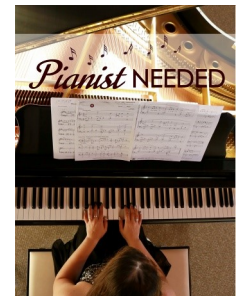
Michele Cuatt's dad, Buddy, after over a year, he's getting back into his home
 Good fellowship and food at Stony Brook State Park Labor Day weekend
 October Birthdays and Anniversaries



Choir/Pianist update

While we continue our search for a new pianist, the choir will not meet. There are, however, opportunities for special music during this time. We will be utilizing the hand chimes for special music several times this fall. This does require that you are able to read music and keep up with a faster paced practice. We are also looking for soloists or small ensembles to play or sing. If you are interested in providing special music or being a part of the chimes choir, please reach out to Kellianne Williams at klkw1212@gmail.com.

If you know of a pianist who may be interested in our open position, please have them contact me.



Holiday Super Sale

The Holiday Super Sale is December 5, from 9AM-3PM, half price 1-3pm. We are accepting donations of housewares, home decor, toys, kitchen items, etc, until November 19. They can be put in the downstairs hall by the sale room. Please put all clothing and linens in the St. Pauly shed. A sign-up sheet for the sale will be on Eagle Island Sunday, November 1.



Mission and Outreach

I have been in touch with Jane Ashburner, Nurse Manager at Zululand Hospice and Elaine Charlton from Musa weNkosi today so I will share from our emails and WhatsApp. One of my queries to Elaine was answered within a minute!



Praises

Jane reports they received great donations for Mandela Day. Each family received a blanket, toiletry pack and food pack. I see an increase in efforts to publicize their work and the resulting support of the local community. Some of the credit goes to Dawn Haas and her work with Engela, the fund-raiser.

Elaine reported on Minenhle, my sponsored young man. He had been living with a foster family. When I saw him in May he was quite unhappy as they treated him poorly. He is now living with his aunt who is good to him. His social worker said, "Thank your supporting him, he could have committed suicide, but he is now enjoying himself."

Prayer Needs

Nurse Siza, Careworkers Happiness and Noreen care for 55-60 patients a month. They have 5 children on the list. Many of their patients have overwhelming physical, mental and spiritual challenges.

Jane reports Dr. Rebekah Charlton Cooper has not been well. She has taken a 2 month sick leave. She volunteers for hospice, has her own practice, prepared the craft items for several hundred children for Musa



weNkosi's Bible Club and is wife and mother of 2 boys.

Please pray that Christ Jesus "will himself restore, empower, strengthen and establish," Rebekah. I Peter 5:10b

Musa WeNkosi continues to wait for permission from the DSD to admit children. They have children at the Nselini feeding site from 3 families with many problems. They ask for wisdom on how to help.

The 2027 prospective South Africa Visit Team will likely be too large for Zululand Hospice to accommodate easily. We have asked Elaine Charlton about assisting with their Bible Club and she replied, "That would be lovely." Early planning is to have some of the travelers participate in the Bible Club at the Nselini site the week of June 28. They have about 200 children who attend. Let me know if you are open to experiencing the following quote from Trevor Hudson,

"When we share personally with those who suffer, put names to faces, listen to life stories, receive the gifts they offer, it creates a climate in which we learn to see differently. These personal encounters help pilgrims see the suffering neighbor as a brother or sister made in the image of God in whom Christ dwells. Such recognition and awareness generate a new way of relating that makes genuine compassion possible."

A Mile in My Shoes

Erma Perkins, ermaperkins@me.com



Stony Brook State Park - Labor Day 2026



Ten families and friends from Rush United Methodist Church camped at Stony Brook State Park in Dansville, NY, Labor Day weekend. We held a worship service in the morning and had a potluck picnic for supper on Sunday, September 6. Visitors were Ed Croop, and Erma and Leon Perkins. A fun time was had by all.

The families that camped: Jim and Sue Comstock, Paul and Barb Kingsley, Dan, Kathy William and Benjamin Kingsley, Kellianne, Steve, Rhys and Ethan Williams, Brandon and Tami Czerwinski and Liesl Groth, Gary and Michelle Prok, Cory Prok, Matthew, Tonia, Parker, Quinn and Avery Prok, Alethea Coulter and Geoffrey and Sarina Furman, and Kyle and Kris Roehrig.

We would welcome new families next year. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Barb Kingsley in the church office. Barb can be reached at 533-2170 or 507-1993 or by email at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org.

Reservations can be made around Thanksgiving for Labor Day weekend, 2027. If you are new to the park, please speak to one of the families above for a suggested site.



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in" Matthew 25:35



82nd Annual Turkey Dinner

Food and Non-perishable items to benefit the
Rush Henrietta Area Food Terminal (RHAFT)
October 17, 2026, 4:30 - 'til
Bake Sale 4-7PM

Doors Open at 4PM

Sit Down and Take Out Meals Available

Menu: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Squash, Cranberry Sauce, Coleslaw, Roll and Butter, Apple or Pumpkin Pie

Rush United Methodist Church
6200 Rush Lima Road, Rush (Route 15A)

As in recent years, we feel led by God to share this meal with the community. The purpose of this dinner is to feed the hungry either directly or through donations to RHAFT. We ask you to bring a goodwill offering, a bag of non-perishable food/ personal care items or simply your own hunger. The non-perishable food will support RHAFT. The net profit will support Rush United Methodist Church Kitchen Upgrades.



If this is your first dinner with us, or your 82nd, we are pleased to share God's blessings with you and through you.

New Members

On Sunday, September 20, we welcomed Nate and Hannah McFarlin and their daughter, Evelyn, into this family of Christ called Rush United Methodist Church. Hannah joined by transfer from Pendleton Center United Methodist Church and Nate by Profession of Faith. Please welcome Nate, Hannah and Evelyn when you see them.



Rally Day and September Second Sunday Brunch



RUMC Directory Update

The Nurture committee has been working on creating an updated church directory. This will be an "in-house" printed book and will NOT be put on-line. We still need family pictures! If you have not had your picture taken, there is still time – OR you can give a recent family photo to any of the Nurture members: Mackenzie Haynes, Tanya Hunt, Don Kingsley, Michelle Prok, or Cindy Gray. We plan to have a draft of the address list available on Rally Day, so we can double-check our information. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome! We are looking forward to completing this project, to help us all better communicate with each other.



Rush Church Advent Booklet Plans

We are excited to be in the planning stages of a Rush UMC Advent booklet, but your help is needed. We are asking anyone who is interested to contribute something for this: either a poem, quote, part of a hymn, or a piece of scripture. We need something for each day of Advent. With your suggestion, we are also asking you to share why the piece is significant to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Nereau, Michelle Prok, or Cindy Gray. Submissions can be emailed to the church office and are requested to be sent in by October 31.

ADVENT

A Season of Preparation

Sunday School Children's Class

The children have started back meeting in our one-room Sunday school class during the worship service. This is a time where we explore the Bible stories and do some related games and crafts. We decided last spring to donate the offering to an organization. Any money collected will be donated to Begin Again Horse Rescue at the end of the year.

If anyone has any questions about children's ministry or would like to get involved, please contact me!

Alethea Couter
Children's
Ministry Director



October 18, 2026 Is Children's Sabbath Sunday

Marian Wright Edelman is an American activist for civil rights and children's rights. She is the founder and president emerita of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF). She influenced leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Hillary Clinton. As leader and principal spokesperson for the CDF, Edelman worked to persuade the United States Congress to overhaul foster care, support adoption, improve childcare and protect children who are disabled, homeless, abused or neglected. As she expresses it, "If you don't like the way the world is, you have an obligation to change it. Just do it one step at a time."

To that point, she calls on people of faith to pray for children, to learn about how children are doing, and then to take action on their behalf. Just as each faith community looks and acts a bit differently, so too should their actions and interventions be in regards to the children they encounter. However, three needs unify us all: prayer, education, and action.

Unlike traditional Children's Sundays which empower children to lead worship and participate in a visible way to spur on inclusion, Children's Sabbath specifically focuses on public awareness, community building, and fighting issues like child poverty. Part of our work is acknowledging that we have not consistently responded faithfully and lovingly to the cries of the children in our communities. The Children's Sabbaths Celebration is an annual event but after this service perhaps we can focus our prayers, be educated and take action more often than that. Invite a neighbor, a parent, or any stranger on the street to come worship with us.



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OUR MISSION, VISION and

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—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
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 Children, Youth and Families: Tanya Hunt
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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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