

Weekly Announcements

April 28, 2024

This week

Sunday, April 28 - Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday

- 8:30AM – Adult Bible Study led by Michelle Prok
- 8:30AM – NO Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Blended Worship Experience – In-Person, on YouTube and Facebook
- 9:30AM – Communion
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class for Children
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 10:45AM – “Resist Chaos by Anchoring Yourself in God’s Truth” led by Rob Gruschow

Monday, April 29

- 11:00AM – Rush UMC Visitation Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 30

- 7:00PM – Adult Book Study

Wednesday, May 1

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 11:00AM – Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom
- 6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 3

- 10:30AM – Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1

Saturday, May 4

- 9:00AM – Spring Super Sale until 3:00PM; half-price sale 1 – 3PM

Looking Ahead

Sunday, May 5

- 8:30AM – Adult Bible Study led by Michelle Prok
- 8:30AM – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Blended Worship Experience – In-Person, on YouTube and Facebook
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class for Children
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 10:45AM – “Resist Chaos by Anchoring Yourself in God’s Truth” led by Rob Gruschow

Monday, May 6

- 7:00PM – Ladies’ Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, May 7

- 7:00PM – Adult Book Study

Wednesday, May 8

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 11:00AM – Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom
- 1:00PM – Staff Meeting
- 6:00PM – Youth Group Meeting
- 6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

- 7:00PM – Nurture Ministry Team Meeting

Friday, May 10

- 10:30AM – Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM
- 6:00PM – GVHG Shepherd’s Wool Market Room Preparation

Saturday, May 11

- 7:00AM – Genesee Valley Handspinner’s Guild Shepherd’s Wool Market, open from 10AM – 4PM

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.

Sunday Assistants

April 28

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Nancy Miller, Cindy Gray

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

May 5

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Kelly Barrett, Tanya Hunt

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

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 receive Rush Tidings sign up at: rushumcnews@rochester.rr.com.

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30AM: Adult Bible Study led by Michelle Prok in the large Conference Room

8:30AM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

9:30AM: Blended Worship Experience 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, in the large Conference Room

10:45AM: “Chaos or Hope and Purpose” led by Rob Gruschow, in the large Conference Room

10:45AM: Rush UMC Coffee Hour, in the Fellowship Hall

11:00AM: Second Sunday Brunch on the second Sunday of each month, in the Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School Opportunities

Adult Book/Bible Study led by Michelle Prok at 8:30AM. They meet in the large Conference Room.

“Resist Chaos by Anchoring Yourself in God’s Truth” led by Rob Gruschow at 10:45AM. They meet in the large Conference Room.

Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service

All are invited to participate in the Mid-Week Prayer Service on Wednesdays at 11AM via Zoom. This is a time to gather together to learn of prayer concerns and pray for each other, our church, our neighbors, our country, and our world. Contact Pastor Todd for the zoom link.

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 this Wednesday.

Choir Rehearsals

Choir Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30PM and Sundays at 8:30AM in the Sanctuary. Interested in singing with the choir on Sundays? You are welcome to come to either rehearsal. Questions, please contact Kellianne Williams, choir director, at klkw1212@gmail.com.

General Conference 2024

General Conference is from April 23—May 3 in Charlotte, NC. Looking for a brief explanation of how the General Conference makes the decisions it does? Want to stay up to date with the latest news, decisions, and celebrations from this global gathering? Visit the UMC website, umc.org and click on Visit GC Site for the latest information.

Musa weNkosi Orphanage Offering

Next Sunday, April 28, we are supporting Musa weNkosi Orphanage in South Africa with a special offering. Donations can be put in the offering plate on Eagle Island, dropped off at or mailed to the church or sent electronically securely through the church website.

Rush UMC Visitation Team

The Rush UMC Visitation Team is meeting on Monday, April 29 at 11AM to review the list of members and friends with whom we want to keep in contact. If you would like to join this group, please contact Erma Perkins at ermaperkins@me.com.

Spring Super Sale

The Spring Super Sale is Saturday, May 4 from 9AM – 3PM. The half-price sale is from 1 – 3. Sign-up sheets are on Eagle Island in the lobby. The deadline for bringing items for the sale was Wednesday, April 24. Please continue to put clothing in the St. Pauly Shed, and hold household items, toys, games, puzzles, books, etc. until after the sale.

Upcoming Activities & Meetings

Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day; 8:30AM: Adult Bible Study led by Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Blended Worship Experience – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Communion; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class for Children; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **10:45AM:** Adult Class: "Resist Chaos by Anchoring Yourself in God's Truth"; **11AM:** Special Mother's Day Second Sunday Brunch
Monday, May 13: 7PM: Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, May 14: 7PM: PromiseLand Board Meeting; **7PM:** Adult Book Study
Wednesday, May 15: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **9:15AM:** A Meal & More Soup Kitchen; **11AM:** Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom; **6PM:** Rush Democratic Committee Meeting; **6:30PM:** Last Wednesday Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 16: 5PM: June Newsletter Article Deadline

Friday, May 17: 10:30AM: Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM

Saturday, May 18: 9AM: Genesee Valley Handspinner's Guild Meeting

Sunday, May 19: 8:30AM: Adult Bible Study led by Michelle Prok; No Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Blended Worship Experience – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class for Children; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **10:45AM:** Adult Class: “Resist Chaos by Anchoring Yourself in God’s Truth”

Monday, May 20: 7PM: Leadership Ministry Team Assessment Meeting

Tuesday, May 21: 7PM: Adult Book Study

Wednesday, May 22: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **11AM:** Rush UMC Mid Week Prayer Service; **1PM:** Individual Staff Time; **6PM:** Youth Group

Friday, May 24: 10:30AM: Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM

Sunday, May 25: Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support; 8:30AM: Adult Bible Study led by Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Blended Worship Experience – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Communion; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class for Children; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **10:45AM:** Adult Class: “Resist Chaos by Anchoring Yourself in God’s Truth”

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch is a time of food and fellowship for women in our church community who are single, separated, widowed, divorced, *or who just want an opportunity for conversation and a good meal!* The next luncheon is Monday, May 6 at 12:30PM. If you would like to lunch with, please let Cindy Gray know. Reservations are not required, but it's helpful to have a rough idea of how many are coming.

Nurture Ministry Team Meeting

The Nurture Ministry Team is meeting Thursday, May 7 at 7:00PM at the church. We will be planning future events for the church and community. If this is of interest, please join us.

Church Fellowship Special Mother's Day Second Sunday Brunch

On Sunday, May 12, enjoy a cup of coffee, a cookie and conversation then stay for our Special Mother's Day Second Sunday Brunch. Serving begins around 11. Enjoy a meal without having to fix it yourself, meet families you haven't met before and get to know others better. A per adult donation of \$1 or \$2 is appreciated but not necessary. Offered are child-friendly options. This will be a special celebration of Mother's Day.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Rush UMC Board of Trustees meeting is Monday, May 13, at 7PM at church. Our projects include researching and installing an electronic sign in front of the church and working on a LARGE list of maintenance items. All members of the board and those interested in helping with any of the projects are encouraged to attend.

Newsletter Article Deadline

Please submit all articles (email preferred) for the June issue of “His Faithful Followers” to Barb Kingsley by 5PM, Thursday, May 16. Email address: barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org. The newsletter will be distributed on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

Youth Group Assistance Needed

We have a small but active youth group that meets twice a month on Wednesday evenings. To stay in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary policy, two adults are required to be present. If you are available and interested, please let me know, Alethea Coulter (alethea.coulter@rushumc.org), Interim Youth Ministry Director.

Sunday school Assistance Needed

We have a one room class that meets every Sunday. In order to make that happen, we need to have 2 people in the classroom each week per our Safe Sanctuary policy. With such a wide range in ages, it is helpful to have someone available to assist with the class activities and help the younger kids to fully participate. If you are available and interested, please let me know, Alethea Coulter (alethea.coulter@rushumc.org), Children's Ministry Director

Nature is Calling and Your Assistance is Needed

Our Rush Church building is surrounded by beautiful green and growing things – and they all need tending. This means that we have lots of opportunities to enjoy nature, while helping keep our church grounds neat and healthy. We have flower gardens and vegetable gardens, both large and small. Some are already planted and just need regular upkeep; some need new plantings. Some of them have become completely overgrown – and need love! Whatever your ability or experience level, we need you! If you would like to adopt a garden area, either alone or with a team, or just want more information about the Rush Church landscape projects, please contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com. Also needed are volunteers to mow our lawns. We have a variety of mowers and sections of the property to be mowed. Contact Geoff Furman at furman@rochester.rr.com if you would like to help. Training on any of the mowers is available.

Seeking Pastor Care or Guidance?

Contact Pastor Todd at 585-703-9235 or toddgoddard@gmail.com

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 at the kiosk in the lobby, speak aloud your prayer request, or forward your prayers to Barb Kingsley at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org

Cookie Bakers

Cookie bakers are needed for Sundays to provide 2-3 dozen cookies, 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 will be available soon.

Jump into Missions and Outreach

We have opportunities for everyone to serve! Speak with Erma Perkins at 585-750-0136. If you would like to assist with our Super Sale, contact Cindy Raymond (585-727-8774). ***Find your niche.***

First Time Here?

Welcome! Are you new or a visitor? Great! We're building back post-pandemic stronger than ever. ***You'll fit right in!*** Kindly forward us your name and contact information to our Administrative Assistant, barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org or our Pastor, toddgoddard@gmail.com, or 585.703.9235.

Baptism? Membership?

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

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.

We love children!

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.

Called to Ministry?

Is God calling you into ordained ministry? How would you know? Who would you ask? To start the process of discernment, speak with pastor Todd. Call or email him at: 703-9235 or toddgoddard@gmail.com.

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)

Morning Greeter 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 williasec@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: \$5,966.73.

Needed weekly from pledged/non pledged income to meet expenses: \$3,762.50.

Pledged/Non pledged received 04/21-04/27: \$1,731.00.

Other income received 04/14-04/20: \$269.73.

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

Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$145,569.21. (Includes \$5,620 (non-pledge) designated for an electric sign)

Total Spent as of April 26: \$22,716.23.

Prayer Requests

Bob Faugh, at Wesley Gardens for rehabilitation

Pastor Todd, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Louise Harris, at SMH being treated for pneumonia

Raymer Ottman, surgery at Roswell Park Cancer Center on Monday, April 22

Ray Smith, moved to the acute rehab center at Strong

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

The United Methodist Church and General Conference

Rush UMC Transition Team

Pastor Kyle as he prepares to come to Rush UMC

PromiseLand Childcare, Children and Staff

UNY Conference Bishop and DS's as they begin to make Pastoral appointments for the coming year.

Musa weNkosi Orphanage and 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

Don Barrett is now home recovering from his fall and surgery

April/May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Homebound and Ill

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

Our Military

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

Pastoral Staff

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2024 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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