

Announcements

March 15, 2026

This week

Sunday, March 15 – UMCOR Sunday

- 8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 11:00AM – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for March 22: John 11:1-45

Wednesday, March 18

- 9:00AM – Super Sale preparation
- 9:00AM – Gentle Yoga Class
- 9:15AM – A Meal & More Soup Kitchen
- 1:30PM – Staff Check-in
- 6:00PM – Rush Democratic Committee Meeting
- 6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19

- 1:00PM – Dessert and Lenten Study, *“Turning Over Tables”* with Pastor Kyle
- 5:00PM – April Newsletter Article Deadline

Friday, March 20

- 4:30PM – Avon UMC Lenten Fish Dinner until 7PM or sold out

Saturday, March 21

- 9:00PM – Genesee Valley Handspinner’s Guild

Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 22

- 8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Baptism of Easley Modafferi
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 11:00AM – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for March 28: John 11:1-45
- 2:00PM – Living with Loss

Monday, March 23

- 6:00PM – Carpenter and Sons Pack 291 Den Meeting

Wednesday, March 25

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 9:00AM – Gentle Yoga Class
- 5:30PM – Winter Community Dinner
- 6:00PM – Youth Group Gathering
- 6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

- 9:00AM – Distribution and Mailing of April Newsletter
- 1:00PM – Dessert and Lenten Study, *“Turning Over Tables”* with Pastor Kyle

Friday, March 27

- 4:30PM – Avon UMC Lenten Fish Dinner until 7PM or sold out

Saturday, March 28

- 8:30AM – Lenten Cantata dress rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Genesee District United Women of Faith Communion Brunch

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”

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.”

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

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. You can also sign up on the website at www.rushumc.com.

Sunday Assistants:

March 15, 2026

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

March 22, 2026

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes
Usher: Leola Porter
Cookies: Erma Perkins, Sherri Haynes
Cleanup: Don Kingsley

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30AM: Bible/Book Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM: Worship Service in person and on Facebook and YouTube
9:30AM: Communion is not served during Lent
9:45AM: One Room Sunday School Class for Children
10:45AM: Rush UMC Coffee Hour, in the Fellowship Hall
11:00AM: Lectionary 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, 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month

Adult Study Opportunities

Adult Book/Bible Study with Michelle Prok, Sundays at 8:30AM

Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle, Sundays at 11AM

Living with Loss: grief support group at 2:00PM on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Dessert and Lenten Study with Pastor Kyle, Thursdays at 1PM.

All are invited and welcome to attend any of these studies.

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 that will ground the sermon for the week to come. The Gospel will be listed in the bulletin in the “Activities and Meetings” section. 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 today, February 8, at 2PM. All in different stages of grief are invited and encouraged to come. “What grieving people of all sorts need is love, a feeling of safety and acceptance, the presence of others and social support.” Cody Delistraty. We will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Facilitators: Pastor Kyle Roehrig and Erma Perkins

Wednesday Super Sale Preparation

A dedicated group of people volunteer each Wednesday morning from 9 – 11 to prepare donated items for our Super Sales. They are always looking for new people to join them. If you have some time 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 us any Wednesday. We are collecting household items for the May sale. Clothing, shoes and linens can be put in the St. Pauly Shed.

Dessert and Lenten 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 began a Lenten Study with the book, “Turning Over Tables” by Kathy Escobar. The book is available on Amazon, either paperback or Kindle. We welcome new members anytime.

UMCOR Sunday Offering

When you give on UMCOR Sunday, March 15, 2026, you help cover the annual operational costs for UMCOR. Your gift allows UMCOR to apply 100% of other donations directly to relief efforts as well as long-term education and support. Together, we do more. UMCOR provides compassion and relief services to people and nations in crisis. Even now, we have relief workers on the ground all over the world helping people recover from past and recent hurricanes, civil wars, mudslides, floods. This is what we call love in action. Envelopes are on Eagle Island, or you can mail or drop off your donation to the church or give electronically through the church website.

Avon UMC Lenten Fish Dinner Information

For those of you who have been asking, the Avon UMC Friday Lenten Fish Dinners are being serviced, either eat in or take home, on Fridays, March 20 and 27 from 4:30 - 7PM or sold out. The meal includes Baked or Batter-Fried Haddock, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Roll and Scrumptious Desserts! Optional Hot Dog available for children. Adults \$18.00, Children 4-11 \$10.00, 3 and under free. Avon UMC, 130 Genesee St. Avon, NY 226-8600

Sunday Morning Childcare Position

It is with great excitement that the Rush United Methodist Church 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.

Newsletter Article Deadline

Please submit articles (email preferred) for the March issue of "His Faithful Followers" to Barb Kingsley by Thursday, March 19 at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org. The newsletter will be distributed on Thursday, March 26.

Easter Memorial Plants

To celebrate the Resurrection and remember/honor a loved one, why not order an Easter Plant? Flowering plants will grace our Worship Center with their beauty on Easter Sunday, April 5. The form for ordering "Memorial/In Honor of" plants is on the Eagle Island in the lobby, or you can call the church office at 533-2170. Orders must be placed on or before Wednesday, March 25. If no one answers the phone, please leave a message with your name and phone number and I will return your call or send an email to barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org. The prices are as follows: Lilies, 5+ Blooms: \$9.50; Lilies, 8" pot Doubles: \$19.25; Hydrangeas: 3+ blooms: \$17.25; Hyacinths, 6" pots: \$7.25; Tulips, 6" pots: \$7.25; and Daffodils, 6" pots: \$7.25; The price includes foil pot covers. When you order, please clearly print the information you would like in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. An alternative to a plant is a donation to the Capital Stewardship Fund. Your name and family member(s) being memorialized or honored will be included in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Activities & Meetings

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday; Lenten Cantata; Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday; 8:30AM: Adult Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Lenten Cantata; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for April 5: John 20:1-8 or Matthew 28:1-10

Wednesday, April 1: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **6PM:** R-H Community Meeting – Proposed School Budget

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday: 1PM: Dessert and Lenten Study, "Turning Over Tables" with Pastor Kyle; **7PM:** Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3: Good Friday; 7PM: Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday: 8:30AM: Adult Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for April 12: Luke 24:13-35

Monday, April 6: 12:30PM: Ladies Lunch Bunch; **7PM:** Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, April 8: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **3PM:** Communion at Willow Ridge Senior Living Facility at Erie Station Rd; **6PM:** Youth Gathering; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 9: Kris Roehrig's surgery; **6:30PM:** Nurture Ministry Team

Saturday, April 11: Baby Shower

Sunday, April 12: Laity Sunday: 8:30AM: Adult Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Communion; Steve Williams is preaching; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour

Target Pest Control

As a small "Thank You" for our business, Target Pest Control is offering a 10% discount to our congregants on any of their Residential services. Please contact Mike Higgins directly via email at targetpcMike@gmail.com or phone 585-314-1672.

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 at tbhunt13@gmail.com or call the church office. A new list from January 11 – June 28, 2026, has been developed and was emailed to those we have an email address for. There are additional copies on Eagle Island if you didn't receive the email or would like a paper copy. As an alternative to cookies, fruit or veggies can also be provided.

We're Hiring PromiseLand Teachers!

PromiseLand Childcare, a mission of Rush United Methodist Church is hiring full-time Lead teachers. Qualified candidates should have experience working in Early Childhood Education with a degree in this area. If you know of anyone who may meet these criteria, and is looking for a job, please encourage them to reach out. More information can be found by reaching out to promiselandchildcare1996@gmail.com.

Bread and Baked Goods from Wegmans

PromiseLand and Rush UMC receive bread and baked goods from Wegmans every Thursday, and the second Saturday 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.

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!***

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.

Baptism? Membership?

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

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 off the lobby 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.

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: \$6,903.54

Needed weekly from pledged/non pledged income to meet expenses: \$4,698.08

Pledged/Non pledged received: 03/08-03/14: \$5,170.00

Other income received: 03/08-03/14: \$187.68

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

Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$225,507.70. (Includes \$11,270.00, non-pledge, designated for an electric sign and \$10,000.00 pledged for sign from PromiseLand)

Total Spent as of March 12: \$164,446.69

Prayer Requests

Health Concerns: Alison, Jason Engh, Bob and Linda Faugh, Buzz and Joan Grimm, Kevin Kinnally, Debra Kostiw, Kris Roehrig, Ray Smith, Joanne Walesmith

Michele Cuatt's friend, Denise's mom, broken tailbone and Alzheimer's, was in the hospital, now in rehab then back to the nursing home

Nancy Miller's sister, Alice, prayers that this round of chemo is successful, and she gets her appetite to return

Julie Sanderson fell and broke her wrist

Diane Van Lare's son, Doug, return of cancer

Our President and Government, Our Country, Our World

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

Family members and friends who are homebound or in senior living facilities.

Those serving in the Military: home, or abroad.

Praises

Joanne Walesmith has returned home from rehabilitation, March 11 was her birthday

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Homebound and Ill

Ruth Baldoni, Jean Banker, Ernie Harrington, Lynne Jacobs, Kevin Kinnally

Our Military

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

Pastoral Staff

Pastor Kyle Roehrig

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2026 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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