

**February 15, 2026**

**Welcome!**

**9:30AM**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude arr by Naylor Callaway  
*“There Is a Redeemer/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*  
Judy Blachowicz, piano

Call to Worship

\*Praise Song Praise Band  
*“10000 Reasons”*

Children’s Moment Ms. Wendy

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

Praise God Through Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings Thank you for your generosity!  
Donations are gratefully accepted at the offering plates in the church lobby, by mail,  
dropped off at the church office or securely online at [www.rushumc.com](http://www.rushumc.com)

Special Music arr by Tornquist  
*“Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)”*  
Judy Blachowicz, piano

\*Praise Song Praise Band  
*“My Savior My God”*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Old Testament Lesson Reader: Maureen Cronin  
Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSV)

Gospel Lesson Reader: Maureen Cronin  
Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)

Sermon Pastor Kyle Roehrig

\*Hymn UMH No. 170  
*“O How I Love Jesus”*

Reception of New Members

\*Benediction

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

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

Hearing Loop: working in the Sanctuary, set your hearing aids to “hearing loop mode”

***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 our Pastor, [kyle.roehrig@rushumc.org](mailto:kyle.roehrig@rushumc.org), or our Administrative Assistant, [office@rushumc.org](mailto:office@rushumc.org). There are purple papers in the pew holders to write your information on.

***Prayer Requests***

Health Concerns: Alison, Mary Callerame, Bob and Linda Faugh, Buzz and Joan Grimm, Roger Haas, Kevin Kinnally, Debra Kostiw, Ray Smith Rob Gruschow’s dad and stepmom, heart concerns

Kris Roehrig, benign brain tumor  
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***

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

***Announcements***

***Third Sunday Brunch Mardi Gras***

This year the February brunch will be held today February 15, in order to appropriately enjoy some great Mardi Gras foods! Enjoy a cup of coffee, a cookie and conversation then stay 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.

***Ash Wednesday***

All are welcome to attend and participate in our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 18, signifying the beginning of Lent. A season when we are invited to reflect and repent as we spiritually prepare ourselves for the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will begin at 6:30PM in the pavilion to burn last year’s dried palm branches, reducing them to ashes for use during the service. The service begins at 7PM in the sanctuary. Ashes will be imposed on the forehead or hand of the willing.

***Newsletter Article Deadline***

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

***Basic Safe Sanctuaries Training***

The next district training will be Saturday, February 21, 9-12:30pm via Zoom. This is open to anyone but especially for those working with children, youth or vulnerable adults. There is no cost to take the basic course. Please visit the district page to register:  
<https://www.unyumc.org/resources/safe-sanctuaries-training-opportunities>. If you have any questions, please let me know. Alethea Coulter, Children’s Ministry Director

***Genesee Valley District Learning Day: Back to Basics for Lay and Clergy***

Leadership Opportunities for you to grow as a leader in your church! Plan to join your district in person for valuable knowledge in skills in helping move your church forward. Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Rush UMC from 8:30am-2pm. The schedule is: 8:30-9 Register and Snacks; 9-9:30 Worship Service; 9:45-10:30 Session I; 10:45-11:30 Session II; 11:45-12:30 Light Lunch Provided; 12:45-1:30 Session II; 1:40-2 Closing Prayer. The Sessions Offered are SPRC, Trustees, Stewardship/Finance, Lay Leader, Dismantling Racism; click here to register at <https://bit.ly/informedtotransform>.

***Living with Loss***

The Living with Loss group will meet February 22 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 meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month.

## ***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](mailto:office@rushumc.org).

## ***Activities & Meetings***

### **Sunday, February 15**

8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok  
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 – Third Sunday Brunch – Mardi Gras

### **Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday**

9:00AM – Super Sale preparation  
9:15AM – A Meal & More Soup Kitchen  
6:00PM – Rush Democratic Committee Meeting  
6:30PM – Burning Ashes  
6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal  
7:00PM – Ash Wednesday Worship Service

### **Thursday, February 19**

1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle  
5:00PM – March Newsletter Article Deadline

### **Saturday, February 21**

9:00AM – Genesee Valley Handspinner's Guild

### **Sunday, February 22: Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday**

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  
11:00AM – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for March 1: John 3:1-7 or Matthew 17:1-9  
2:00PM – Living with Loss

## ***Sunday Assistants***

### **February 15, 2026**

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

### **February 22, 2026**

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes  
Usher: Leola Porter  
Cookies: Mary Ann David, Mackenzie Haynes  
Cleanup: Don Kingsley

**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”

### ***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.

### ***Hearing Loop***

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

### ***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). You can also sign up on the website at [www.rushumc.com](http://www.rushumc.com).

### ***Pastoral Staff***

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*... his face shone  
like the sun,  
and his clothes became  
white as light.*

**MATTHEW 17:2, ESV**

*Rush United Methodist Church*

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*Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)*