

## **Weekly Announcements**

February 1, 2026

This week

### **Sunday, February 1**

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 February 8: Matthew 5:13-20

### **Monday, February 2**

12:30PM – Ladies Lunch Bunch  
7:00PM – Board of Trustees Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 3**

3:00PM – Calling Hours for Al Sweet, until 5PM  
6:00PM – Calling Hours for Al Sweet, until 8PM

### **Wednesday, February 4**

9:00AM – Super Sale preparation  
9:00AM – Gentle Yoga Class  
11:00AM – Al Sweet Funeral Service  
6:00PM – Youth Group Gathering  
6:30PM – NO Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, February 5**

1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle

Looking Ahead

### **Sunday, February 8 – “Souper” Bowl Sunday**

8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok; 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 – Chili Cook-off  
11:00AM – SPRC Meeting  
2:00PM – Living with Loss

### **Tuesday, February 10**

7:00PM – PromiseLand Board Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 11**

9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation  
9:00AM – Gentle Yoga Class  
2:30PM – Staff Check-in  
6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, February 12**

1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle  
6:30PM – Nurture Ministry Team Meeting

***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”

## Announcements

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

### **Sunday Assistants:**

#### **February 1, 2026**

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Kellianne Williams, Michele Cuatt

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

#### **February 8, 2026**

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Judy Blachowicz, Julie Sanderson

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 served on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Sunday of each month.

**Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle**, Thursdays at 1PM. We are finishing a video study,

"Basic" by Francis Chan. When "Basic" is finished, we will be studying the Book of Revelation.

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

## ***Living with Loss***

The Living with Loss group will meet on January 25, 2026, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. Facilitators: Pastor Kyle Roehrig and Erma Perkins

## ***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.

## ***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. We are again collecting household donations for the May sale. Clothing, shoes and linens can be put in the St. Pauly Shed.

## ***Dessert and Discussion 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 finishing the study “Basic” by Francis Chan. When finished, we will be studying the Book of Revelation. We welcome new members anytime.

## ***Ladies’ Lunch Bunch***

The Ladies’ Lunch Bunch is a time of fellowship for older women who are single, widowed, divorced, or separated – or just want the opportunity for fellowship! They meet on the first Monday of each month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. The next luncheon is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2026. If you would like to join Pastor Kyle for lunch this month, please let Barb Kingsley in the church office, or Cindy Gray know. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please call Cindy Gray at 585-362-6206 or contact her at [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com).

## ***Board of Trustees Meeting***

The Rush UMC Board of Trustees are meeting on Monday, February 2 at 7PM. Members of the board and those interested in helping are encouraged to attend.

## ***Funeral Arrangements for Al Sweet***

Calling Hours are Tuesday, February 3 at Rush UMC from 3 – 5 and 6 – 8PM; The Funeral Service is on Wednesday, February 4 at Rush UMC 11:00AM. See Al’s obituary at [mertonkaysfuneralhome.com](http://mertonkaysfuneralhome.com).

## ***“Souperbowl” Collection for RHAFT***

Youth group will be sponsoring a collection of non-perishable food items for RHAFT. Please bring in your items on or before February 8<sup>th</sup>. On that Sunday, there will be soup pots by the sanctuary to place your donations. If you drop them off before that date, you can place them in the trunk or entryway.

## **Chili Cook-Off**

Our annual Chili-Cook off will be on February 8. Please bring in a pot of chili to share and participate in some friendly judging to see who will be crowned this year's chili champion! We will have winners for Best Overall, Best Classic (traditional meat and bean) and Best Non-traditional (chicken, vegetarian, or other) and a special certificate for Spiciest. Flyers and rules will be posted around the church for additional information. Please invite your family and friends to join us. There will also be macaroni and cheese All donations go to support Youth Ministry.

## **Nurture Ministry Team Meeting**

The Nurture Ministry Team is meeting on Thursday, February 12 at 6:30PM at church. We will be planning future events for the church and community. Interested? Please join us.

## **Activities & Meetings**

**Sunday, February 15: 8:30AM:** Adult Study with Michelle Prok; **8:30AM:** 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:** Third Sunday Brunch – Mardi Gras

**Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday;** **9AM:** Super Sale Preparation; **9:15AM:** A Meal and More Soup Kitchen; **6PM:** Burning Ashes; **6PM:** Rush Democratic Committee Meeting; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal; **7PM:** Ash Wednesday Worship Service

**Thursday, February 19:** **1PM:** Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; **5PM:** March Newsletter Article Deadline

**Saturday, February 21:** **9AM:** 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; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for March 1: John 3:1-7 or Matthew 17:1-9 ; **2PM:** Living with Loss

**Monday, February 23:** **6PM:** Derby Workshop

**Tuesday, February 24:** **7PM:** Endowment Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, February 25:** **9AM:** Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Gentle Yoga Class; **5:30PM:** Winter Community Dinner; **6PM:** Youth Group Gathering; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 26:** **9AM:** Distribution and Mailing Newsletter; **1PM:** Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle

**Saturday, February 28:** **9AM:** Genesee Valley District Informed to Transform Learning Day

## **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. Please send a resume to [office@rushumc.org](mailto:office@rushumc.org).

## **Third Sunday Brunch – Mardi Gras**

The February brunch will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, in order to appropriately enjoy some great Mardi Gras foods! *Please note: this month's brunch will be held on Sunday, February 15!*

## **Ash Wednesday Service**

All are welcome to attend and participate in Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, February 18, signifying the beginning of Lent. During this season 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 at the pavilion to burn last year's dried palm branches, reducing them to ashes for use during the service. Our service will begin at 7:00PM in the church sanctuary. Ashes will be imposed on the forehead or hand of the willing. Communion will be served.

## **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>.

## **GRACE Choir Concert**

GRACE Choir Presents "Psalms" (with the Rochester Jewish Chorale!) on Sunday, March 1 at 4:00PM at Catherine of Siena Church, Mendon and Saturday, March 7 at a Jewish Temple (TBD) at 7:30PM. GRACE Choir is a multi-denominational choir made up of people from 18+ different churches around the Rochester area. We sing under Director, Lon Beery. The concerts are free and open to the public, although a free will offering may be taken.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:promiselandchildcare1996@gmail.com).

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:alethea.coulter@rushumc.org).

## **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](mailto:barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org) or our Pastor, [kyle.roehrig@rushumc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **Worship Leaders Needed!**

**Read the Gospel?** Speak with Alethea Coulter (585.533.9246 or [alethea.coulter@rushumc.org](mailto:alethea.coulter@rushumc.org)).

**Sing in the choir!** See Kellianne Williams (585.507.1996 or [klkw1212@gmail.com](mailto:klkw1212@gmail.com))

**Greeters and Ushers?** Sign up with Barb Kingsley at 533.2170 or [barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org](mailto:barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org)

**Assist with Holy Communion?** Contact Judy Blachowicz at [jcrb@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jcrb@rochester.rr.com).

**Join the Tech Team.** Speak with Steve Williams at 585.807.3965 or [williasc@gmail.com](mailto: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: 01/25-01/31: \$5,170.00**

**Other income received: 01/25-01/31: \$224.95**

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

**Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$221,854.69.** (Includes \$11,270.00, non-pledge, designated for an electric sign and \$10,000.00 pledged for sign from PromiseLand)

**Total Spent as of December 24: \$164,446.69**

## **Prayer Requests**

Health Concerns: Alison, Mary Callerame, Bob and Linda Faugh, Buzz and Joan Grimm, Roger Haas, Kevin Kinnally, Debra Kostiw, Ray Smith  
Michele Cuatt's nephew Darryl and Amanda, infertility, Dad, still waiting for home to be finished, Our Law Enforcement, Our Country, Our World  
Bill Dresnack, doing tests for an undiagnosed health concern  
Teri and Gary Edom and family, death of Teri's father, Gerald DeWinde  
Charlene and Justin Kramerz, daughter and son-in-law of Chris and Linda Chamot, Justin lost his mother this past week, prayers for the family  
Kris and Kyle Roehrig and family, death of Kris's mom  
Nancy Sweet and family, death of Al, January 25  
PromiseLand Childcare, Children and Staff  
Heritage Christian Services Rush Day Hab  
Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health  
Unity and peace to come to our troubled land  
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**

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

## **Homebound and Ill**

Ruth Baldoni, Jean Bunker, Mary Callerame, Ernie Harrington, Lynne Jacobs, Kevin Kinnally

## **Our Military**

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

## **Pastoral Staff**

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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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