

Announcements

October 18, 2026

This week

Sunday, October 18 – Children’s Sabbath

- 8:30AM – Adult Book/Bible Study with Michelle Prok
- 8:45AM – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class for children age 5 through 6th grade
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 11:00AM – Annual Safe Sanctuary Discussion

Sunday, October 18 – Wednesday, October 21

- 11:00AM – Pastor Kyle in Texas for Celebration of Life Service for Corrine

Wednesday, October 21

- 9:00AM – Super Sale preparation
- 9:00AM – Yoga Class
- 6:00PM – Youth Group
- 6:00PM – Rush Democratic Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 22

- 1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; study book: “Turning the World Upside Down”
- 5:00PM – November Newsletter Article Deadline

Saturday, October 24

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

Looking Ahead

Sunday, October 25 – Musa weNkosi Orphanage Sunday; 1st Sunday of Stewardship Campaign

- 8:30AM – Adult Book/Bible Study with Michelle Prok
- 8:45AM – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; Communion
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class for children age 5 through 6th grade
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 11:00AM – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for November 1: Matthew 5:1-12
- 4:00PM – Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, October 27

- 8:00AM – Polling Machines delivered between 8AM and 4PM

Wednesday, October 28

- 9:00AM – Super Sale preparation
- 9:00AM – Yoga Class
- 6:30PM – Investment Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 29

- 9:00AM – Distribution of November Newsletter
- 1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; study book “Turning the World Upside Down”

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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." We also have Auracast headphones available. Please ask Gary Prok or Steve Williams for a set of headphones. 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:

October 18, 2026

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher:

Cookies: Nancy Miller, Barb Kingsley

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

October 25, 2026

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher:

Cookies: Erma Perkins, Sherry Haynes

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

9:30AM: Worship Service in person and Streaming

9:30AM: Communion served on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month

9:45AM: One Room Sunday School Class for children age 5 - 6th grade

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

Adult Study Opportunities

Adult Book/Bible Study with Michelle Prok, Sundays at 8:30AM; resumes September 13

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 Discussion with Pastor Kyle, Thursdays at 1PM, studying the book "Turning the World Upside Down".

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, 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 excellent 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.

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 clothing, shoes, and linens for the next sale in early December, they can be put in the St. Pauly Shed. Household items, puzzles, games and toys, etc. can be put in the hallway outside the Super Sale room. The deadline for bringing household items is Wednesday, November 4. Clothes can continue to 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 studying the book “Turning the World Upside Down” Steady Faith for Anxious Times by Michael Bsughman, Ashley Boggan and Aleze M Fulbright. The book is \$20.00 and the Kindle eBook is \$10.00. If you would like to join the group, please let Barb Kingsley in the church office know so a book can be ordered.

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.

Choir update

Wednesday Choir rehearsals will not start back up until we have an accompanist. Judy Blachowicz and Kellianne and Steve Williams will continue to provide music for the Sunday services. We are in the process of searching for an accompanist. If you know of anyone who could fill the position, please contact Kellianne Williams at klkw1212@gmail.com. The choir will meet at 8:45AM on Sunday mornings to go through the hymns and learn the harmony for one of them to sing for the congregation.

Children’s Sabbath Sunday

Next Sunday, 18 October 2026 we will celebrate Children's Sabbath Sunday. 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. We will see children being empowered to lead and serve during this service... but we will also be challenged to take seriously the issues that often go less noticed in an affluent community. I pray this Children’s Sabbath Celebration becomes an annual event to help us focus our prayers, be educated by the conversation and act more often. Invite a neighbor, a parent, or any stranger on the street to come worship with us.

Annual Safe Sanctuary Discussion

Right after the worship service this Sunday, October 18, we will be meeting in the sanctuary for our annual Safe Sanctuary gathering. Anyone who has completed the Safe Sanctuary 3-hour training should plan on attending. If you are unable to attend or have any questions, let me know. Thanks, Alethea Coulter, alethea.coulter@rushumc.org.

Newsletter Article Deadline

Please submit articles (email preferred) for the November issue of "His Faithful Followers" to Barb Kingsley by Thursday, October 22 at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org. The newsletter will be distributed on Thursday, October 29.

Musa weNkosi Orphanage

On Sunday, October 25, we are supporting Musa weNkosi Orphanage in South Africa with a special offering. Donations can be put in the offering plate on the kiosk, dropped off at or mailed to the church, or sent electronically through the church website.

2027 General Budget Stewardship Campaign

Our annual Stewardship Campaign for the General Budget begins Sunday, October 25. Watch for more information and please be thinking about how you can support your church through your gifts, prayers and financially. Pledge cards will be collected on Sunday, November 15 with Celebration Sunday being November 22. Watch your mail for the initial Stewardship Letter.

Save the Date - Trunk or Treat

This year's Trunk or Treat will be happening Sunday, October 25, 4-6pm. It's a lot of fun and a well-attended community event. We hope you will join us this year by decorating a table, assisting with refreshments or crafts, assisting with games and much more! There will be games, crafts, a haunted house, Halloween music and more! Help is needed after church to set up everything. A sign-up sheet for tables will be on Eagle Island soon.

Investment Committee Meetings

The Rush UMC Investment Committee is meeting on Wednesdays, October 28 at 6:30PM in the Main Conference Room. All team members are encouraged to attend.

Advent Booklet

We want your help! Poems, hymn verses, short essays, etc. about Advent and/or the Christmas Season. Make sure to give your name and what your submission means 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.

Coming up Activities & Meetings

Sunday, November 1: All Saints Sunday; 8:30AM: Adult Book/Bible Study with Michelle Prok; **8:45AM:** Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class for children age 5 through 6th grade; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for November 8: Matthew 25:1-13
Monday, November 2: 12:30PM: Ladies Lunch Bunch; **7PM:** Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, November 3: 6AM: General Elections; Building open from 5AM – 10PM
Wednesday, November 4: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Yoga Class; **6PM:** Youth Group
Thursday, November 5: 1PM: Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; studying the book "Turning the World Upside Down"
Sunday, November 8: 8:30AM: Adult Book/Bible Study with Michelle Prok; **8:45AM:** Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; Communion; **9:45AM:** One

Room Sunday School Class for children age 5 through 6th grade; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Second Sunday Brunch

Tuesday, November 10: 6:30PM: Finance Ministry Team Meeting; **7:PM:** PromiseLand Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 11: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Yoga Class; **3PM:** Communion at Willow Ridge Senior Living Facility at Erie Station Rd

Thursday, November 12: 1PM: Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; studying the book "Turning the World Upside Down"; **6:30PM:** Nurture Ministry Team Meeting

Saturday, November 14: 10AM – 3PM: Fall Craft Show

Sunday, November 15: Turn in Your Pledge; 8:30AM: Adult Book/Bible Study with Michelle Prok; **8:45AM:** Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class for children age 5 through 6th grade; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for November 22: Matthew 25:31-46.

Wednesday, November 18: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Yoga Class; **1:30PM:** Staff Check-in; **6PM:** Youth Group Meeting; **6PM:** Rush Democratic Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 19: 1PM: Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; studying the book "Turning the World Upside Down"; **5PM:** December Newsletter Article Deadline

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 1, we are celebrating those in our church family who have gone to be with the Lord in the past year. The families have been invited to worship with us. As the names are read, a bell will chime, a candle will be lit by a family or church member and if one is available, a photo will be shown on the screen. Please join us on this special Sunday to remember our Saints.

What is a "Pray-Ground"

Children are welcome here, voices and wiggles and all! Children learn to love liturgy by seeing it, by being around it. The Pray-ground at the front of the sanctuary is a space for children where they can play quietly, worship, and participate as they are able. All children and those who love them are welcome. We hope our kids will love the Pray-ground! We encourage adults to be a kind and loving presence to the kids in the Pray-ground, whether you are related to them or not. For more information, contact Cindy Gray or Alethea Coulter. More information is in the July Newsletter.

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. The next list from now until January 3, 2027 has been developed and emailed to those we have an email address for. Additional copies are 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.

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 stronger than ever. You will fit in! Kindly forward us your name and contact information to our Administrative Assistant, barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org or our Pastor, chaplainroehrig@gmail.com.

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!***

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 sporadically during the summer. 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), 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, Youth Ministry Director, alethea.coulter@rushumc.org.

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.

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.

Prayer Requests

Health Concerns: Alison, Bob and Linda Faugh, Buzz and Joan Grimm, Kevin Kinnally, Leola Porter, Penny Schultheis, Ray Smith

Brian Gray, son of George and Cindy Gray, had spine surgery on October 13 at RGH

Wendy Kuhn's brother, TJ suffered a heart attack while visiting from out of state, he is at Strong Hospital

Jim and Shiela Swanger, declining health

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

“Thank God I Do”, last Sunday’s Musical Reflection was given in memory and honor of Elio Modafferi’s birthday a year ago

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Homebound and Ill

Ruth Baldoni, Lynne Jacobs, Kevin Kinnally

Our Military

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

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