



His Faithful Followers

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A Note from Pastor Kyle



The storm has passed, leaving a quiet and broken landscape. Trees missed my house and barn but scattered debris across my property and the village around me. To my knowledge, there is no official word on the level of storm that did so much damage in Victor. The National Weather Service (NWS) reported an EF-1 tornado touched down Saturday the 18th of July in the Southern Tier, but they had not heard anything official about the storm in Victor.

I was curious, growing up in Texas and hearing every summer of similar storms throughout the south... how likely is it that Victor and its surrounding region would see two similar storms in less than 2 years? So; the annual average is 9–10 tornadoes across New York State, with recent decades tracking higher averages (around 16+ per year since 1990). Most recorded systems are weak, categorized as EF-0 or EF-1 with lower wind speeds compared to southern storms. Ironically, 2024 set a modern record with 33 confirmed tornadoes – you guessed it... one right after I got here... right after I arrived. I wonder if God is saying something to us?

Have you ever noticed the “calm after the storm?” The sudden silence after the wind stops often feels heavy and strange. After the storm... fear is often replaced by anxiety... and anxiety replaced by dread of what may lie ahead. Scripture reminds us that God speaks in these exact quiet moments. In 1 Kings 19:11-12, Elijah experiences a powerful



wind, an earthquake, and a fire, but the Lord is not in them. Instead, God comes to him in a gentle whisper—a still, small voice. God is with us in this quiet time, affirming the continued and sustained hope promised in our past. This is when we should take a deep breath and look around at what awaits us in the future.

Cleaning up the mess takes hard work. I like hard work. And it has so far been great... a few of you have had the tools I needed to get me going on it. However, I also have problems folded into my hard work plan. I have been told by some, I need to stop every 30 minutes for water, Gatorade and rest. Others have provided me alternative designs for my clean up approach. Sharing tools, time, and kind words helps carry the heavy load. At times though... this support slows progress. That is ok. I have long come to the conclusion that doing something alone and simply for yourself is not what we were created to do. We were created to maintain the garden as partners with one another. No one must or in fact should face recovery alone; because we are neighbors and family.

I love looking forward, I love expecting tomorrow to be different from today. And I believe that my and our best days are ahead of us. Let's be honest... the fallen trees behind my house compare little with the power of that still small voice speaking after the earthquake, the wind and the fire. The fallen trees compare little to the power of the one who was raised for us and calls us into service to one another.

God Bless,
Pastor Kyle



Board of Trustees: “Handypersons Needed!”

If you enjoy fixing things, and have some skills, Rush Church needs you! From little jobs (attaching door stops, patching dry wall / ceilings), to bigger jobs: painting, plumbing, our church building could use some love. If you are looking for a way to help out, without a big time commitment, we can help! We'll even provide coffee and snacks, and especially the thanks of the Rush Church congregation. Want to know more? Contact Cindy Gray or Geoffrey Furman.

If you are interested in learning more about what the Board of Trustees is doing, please contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 3, at 7:00pm at the church.



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Back-to-School Super Sale

We are planning to have a Back-to-School Super Sale, Saturday, August 15, 9am-3pm. The half-price sale will be from 1-3pm. Per usual, we need your help to make this happen. Volunteer sign-up sheets are on Eagle Island in the lobby. Please sign up at your earliest convenience so we can determine if we will have enough helpers.

The deadline for bringing items for this sale is Wednesday, August 5. Please put your donations of housewares, games, puzzles, books, and small appliances in the hallway outside the sale room. Clothing, linens and shoes can be put in the St. Pauly shed anytime.



Super Sale

Thank you,

Cindy Raymond

Family Fun Community Picnic!

Our next summer picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26. Mark your calendars now. This is always a wonderful time of good food and fellowship in our church pavilion. Hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips, beverages, and tableware are provided. You are welcome to bring a dish to share: salad, side dish, or dessert – but it is not necessary! Your presence is what we are looking for. Everyone is welcome, so tell your friends and neighbors to come, picnic with us, and enjoy the fellowship.

If you would like to help with this event, or for more information, see Cindy Gray, send an email to

cgtgray1039@gmail.com or call the church office.



Like Working in the Great Outdoors!

We are grateful to all the volunteers who help with the various gardens and lawn maintenance opportunities on our church property. However, this is not a one-day job – grass and weeds grow by the minute (Yikes!), and volunteers are regularly needed to mow, trim, and weed.

If you would like to join our dedicated group of lawnmowers, please contact Geoff Furman and he will be happy to get you started. Training can be provided! If you would like to learn more about our church vegetable garden, contact Emily Modafferi or the church office. We encourage everyone to check the vegetable garden regularly, and feel free to pick what is ripe, to enjoy or share with the church



Labor Day Weekend

Several family and friends from Rush UMC are camping at Stony Brook State Park on Labor Day Weekend.

On Sunday, September 6 at 10:30AM and 5:30PM at Stony Brook State Park, we plan to have an informal worship service and potluck supper. Come for the service and spend the afternoon hiking or relaxing and spending the day in God's beautiful creation. Bring lawn chairs, meat to grill and a dish to pass for the picnic.



Stony Brook State Park is located south of Dansville, NY on State Route 36. Use the south entrance at the top of the hill to the camping area. Parking is available near the Shawmut Shelter, follow the road markers. It is a short walk from there down the hill to the campground. Most of our group is at the bottom of the hill along the creek and on the opposite side of the road.

Campers: reservations for Labor Day weekend 2027 can be made beginning 9 months prior to your first day of camping. Come, join those of us who camp, whether it is in a 5th Wheel, trailer, pop up or tent, for a weekend of fun, community and fellowship at Stony Brook State Park on Labor Day Weekend, September 3-6, 2027. If you have questions, please contact Barb Kingsley in the church office. New families are always welcome to camp with us. Stony Brook also has sleeping cabins available.



Upcoming Events in September

- Thursday, September 3, 10, 17, 24: Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle at 1PM
- Friday, September 4 – Monday, September 7: Labor Day Camping Weekend at Stony Brook State Park
- Sunday, September 6: Worship at 10:30 and Picnic at 5:30 at Stony Brook State Park; Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming at 9:30 at Church
- Monday, September 7: Church Office and PromiseLand Childcare are closed for Labor Day
- Wednesday, September 9: Choir Rehearsal begins at 6:30PM
- Sunday, September 13: Rally Day, Second Sunday Brunch; One Room Sunday School Class begins; Adult Study with Michelle Prok begins
- Monday, September 14: Ladies' Lunch Bunch at 12:30PM, Board of Trustees Meeting at 7PM
- Thursday, September 17: October Newsletter Article Deadline
- Sunday, September 27: Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday
- Wednesday, September 30: Family Fun Community Picnic at 5:30PM



Choir update

Choir rehearsals will start back up on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join or just try it out. If you have questions, please reach out to Kellianne at klkw1212@gmail.com. I hope you'll consider joining us.



Second Sunday Brunch Returns

Second Sunday Brunch returns on September 13. Please join us for this family-friendly event after worship at 11AM. Enjoy a cup of coffee, a cookie and conversation then stay for our brunch. 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 \$2 or \$3 is appreciated but not necessary. Offered are child-friendly options.



Ladies' Lunch Bunch

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch is a time of fellowship for women in our church community who are single, widowed, divorced, or separated – or who just may need an opportunity for a good meal and conversation! They meet the first Monday of each month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall.

Our next luncheon is scheduled for September 14! Please note there is no Ladies' Lunch Bunch scheduled for August.

If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com, or call her at 585-334-0110.



82nd Annual RUMC Turkey Dinner

Mark your calendars for the 82nd Rush United Methodist Church Turkey Dinner to benefit RHAFT and the Rush UMC missions. It will be held on Saturday, October 17 at the church. We will be holding interest/input meetings in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye out for Rush Tidings and newsletter announcements. The first of these meetings is Sunday, September 13 during the Second Sunday Brunch.



Promiseland Thank You

A huge thank you to those who supported the PromiseLand Chipping for Children golf tournament. We had a great day and raised around \$3,000 for the PromiseLand ministry!



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. The hourly rate is \$20.00. Please send a resume to office@rushumc.org.



July 5 Worship Service



Pray Garden



Rhys and Ethan Williams send off to summer Church Camp

Choir Chimes Choir Prelude



Mission and Outreach

My GUIDE TO PRAYER this week states, "It is unthinkable that we would try to live a faithful life without the gifts offered in a faithful community of Jesus." Reuben P. Job

I am incredibly grateful for the support, encouragement, guidance, comfort and hope provided by RUMC. I'm



sure many of you benefit from the "gathering in His Name" at Super Sale prep, Ladies Lunch, Bible studies, Second Sunday Bunch, coffee hour and various other missions, committees, etc.

We read a lot about loneliness today. The NIH reports, "A growing body of longitudinal research indicates that loneliness predicts increased morbidity and mortality." It is reported that widespread loneliness in the U.S. poses health risks as deadly as smoking up to 15 cigarettes daily!

As a child, I remember a series of Revival Meetings held at my church. Bishop Raymond Charles gave us a memory verse each night, and the last night was "I will come again." He promised to check how many of the 2 weeks of verses we would remember when he came back. One of those was Hebrews 10:24, 25. The CEB version reads, "Let's also think about how to motivate each other to show love and to do good works. Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing."

If your days are not already full of responsibilities, I encourage you to consider additional ways to "to do good

works." Super Sale is in need of more



workers on Wednesday mornings. Working alongside the Grays and Don Kingsley for

coffee time and clean up is an opportunity to serve and build friendships. Participating in the Super Sale on August 15 is an opportunity to learn to know your RUMC siblings better and spread God's love to the shoppers. Opportunities to work with the kitchen crew for Wednesday evening community gatherings and 2nd Sunday brunch can build friendships. I'm sure we will be hearing from Kathy and Dan Kingsley regarding turkey dinner before long.

Watch the Sunday morning announcements for additional

opportunities to "show love and do good works."

According to the NIH "In addition to physical presence, humans need relationships that provide mutual value and trust and promote communication and collaboration toward common goals." Rush UMC has many opportunities to provide for our spiritual and physical health. If you are unable to participate in these opportunities and would like a visit in your home, please contact Pastor Kyle, 805-478-2526, chaplainroehrig@gmail.com or me, 585-750-0136, ermaperkins@me.com.

Erma Perkins



July Community Picnic



Rush United Methodist Church
Analysis of Revenues and Expenses
General Operating Budget
June 2026

Accounts	Annual Budget 2026	Month to Date Actual 2026	Year to Date Actual— 2026	Annual Budget Remaining 2026	% of Annual Budget Used
Revenues					
Program Income	\$39,550.00	\$1,153.38	\$19,868.26	\$19,681.74	50.24%
Unrestricted Fund Transfer	\$50,089.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$29,089.00	41.93%
Received Through Pledges	\$244,300.00	\$27,558.00	\$135,262.70	\$109,037.30	55.37%
Reimbursement of Expenses	\$25,045.00	\$1,782.44	\$10,785.75	\$14,259.25	43.07%
Total Revenues	\$358,984.00	\$51,493.47	\$186,916.71	\$172,067.29	52.07%
Expenses					
Board of Trustees	\$59,763.00	\$6,819.53	\$23,589.18	\$36,173.82	39.47%
Education	\$7,737.00	\$2,039.67	\$2,487.85	\$5,249.15	32.16%
Insurance	\$18,735.00	\$2,613.75	\$7,590.56	\$11,144.44	40.52%
Missions	\$39,020.00	\$3,210.00	\$19,260.00	\$19,760.00	49.36%
Office Expenses	\$14,554.00	\$1,020.14	\$5,526.37	\$9,027.63	37.97%
Clergy Salary	\$55,311.00	\$4,254.70	\$27,655.55	\$27,655.45	50.00%
Lay—Salaries	\$93,266.00	\$6,173.47	\$43,970.65	\$49,295.35	47.15%
Clergy Benefits	\$59,755.00	\$6,225.87	\$28,764.06	\$30,990.94	48.14%
Ministry Team Expenses	\$5,525.00	\$807.76	\$1,616.46	\$3,908.54	29.26%
Other Program Expenses	\$9,855.00	\$78.70	\$2,191.13	\$7,663.87	22.23%
Utilities	\$33,271.00	\$1,905.18	\$13,626.68	\$19,644.32	40.96%
PromiseLand	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$220.32)	\$220.32	0.00%
Total Expenses	\$396,792.00	\$35,148.77	\$176,058.17	\$220,733.83	44.37%
Net Total	(\$37,808.00)	\$16,344.70	\$10,858.54	(\$48,666.54)	0.00%



***Capital
Stewardship
Campaign
Update***

As of Wednesday, July 29, 2026, we have received \$269,200.00 or 53.84% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$235,937.68 of which \$204,696.69 has been spent on fabric to reupholster the sanctuary chairs, for the materials and installation of the carpet and baseboard in the lobby, sitting area and halls, for repairs to gutters, as a deposit and finishing the drainage work in the parking lot and west side of the building and patching, sealing and striping the driveway and parking lot and for the permit, electronic sign and electrical work to install the sign. Twenty-one thousand two hundred seventy dollars (\$21,270.00), not pledged, of this total has been designated for the electronic sign. \$10,000.00 of this was donated by PromiseLand Childcare. Additionally, the project to repair and replace the board and batten siding has been finished and paid in full. Pledges continue to be accepted. Even if you haven't made a pledge, donations to the Capital Stewardship Campaign are gratefully accepted.



Prayer Concerns

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

Michalia Frisk and her mother for health and emotional concerns

Michele Cuatt's brother-in-law, Jeff, motorcycle accident, prayers for healing

Geoffrey Furman, upcoming aortic valve replacement surgery on August 13

Margie Lasiewicki

The Musa weNkosi staff held a Holiday Club in June at the Nselini site and the following week at the Children's Home. They expect 200 children to attend each site.

Please pray for the leaders and each child as they hear stories of Jesus, His healing and His love for them

There will be less staff at Musa weNkosi, please pray for energy

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

PromiseLand Childcare staff, children and families

Heritage Christian Services Rush Day Hab

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

Unity and peace to come to our troubled land

Government Leaders

Aggressive diplomacy that will lead to peace and justice for Palestinians and Israelis

Israel, Ukraine and other conflicts around the world

The Jewish people

School Districts, Parents and Students

Families and friends of those affected by continued gun violence and mass shootings

Violence in places of Worship

Those struggling with addiction and alcoholism

For justice and health care to be deployed equally and evenly among all people

End to racism, inequality and injustice

Our Bishop, Clergy and Lay leaders

Hospice Houses near and far

RHAFT and FISH

A Meal & More Soup Kitchen and homeless served by them

Staff and Young Men at State School at Industry

Those who are incarcerated

Small Businesses

Hospital and Nursing Home Staff

Help us all to remember that in these times as always Jesus is with us, we're not alone

Prayers for our youth to find themselves and God in the process

Parents of New Drivers

Those looking for employment

Elderly parents, youth, teens, young adults, those suffering from chronic pain, mental health problems depression and addiction

Employers looking for people to hire

Our children, youth and church family

Campus Ministries

All Volunteers who go on Missions

UMCOR

Refugee resettlement project and resettlement families

City of Rochester

International Students

People with disabilities, anxiety disorders, and depression

Colleges around the country

Those among our family who are homebound or in senior living facilities:

Ruth Baldoni

Kevin Kinnally

Penny Schultheis

Lynne Jacobs

Leola Porter

Members of our armed forces and reserves, especially those associated with our church family:

Phillip Banker

Jason Bello

Ben Frederick

Jason McKnight

Isaiah Montana

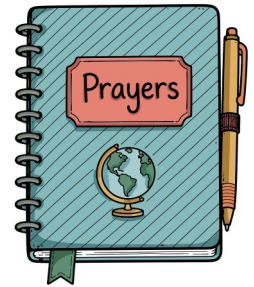
Sgt. Joseph Sarmiento

Bryan Simpson

Matthew Simpson

Marcus Sydow

Please help the church staff keep the prayer list current by informing us of any changes.



Bereavement

Gayle Barrett and family, recent death of her brother, Dana Schillinger

Ryan Blood and family, death of their infant son, Gage Asher Blood



Praises

Elaine Carlton of Musa weNkosi reported there were 206 children at the Holiday Club last Friday

Jim and Sue Comstock celebrated their 46th Anniversary on July 12
Louise Miller, celebrating her 95th birthday on July 20

August Birthdays and Anniversaries



Thank You

To all the members of Rush Church,

Thank you. Your support of our family has been steadfast and welcomed.

We have lived most of our growing, maturing and developing years in your care.

We appreciate all of you and your kindness. Thank all of you for all you have given us.



The family of Walter and Jean Banker

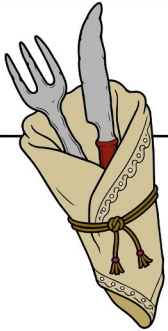
Honoring Rev. Dr. Charles (Buzz) Grimm



Carnival—Saturday, July 11



Puzzle!



A MIRACLE DINNER

Matthew 14:15-21 & John 6:1-14
is a Bible story about a special dinner.
Below is a poem about that story.

Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

then / men	rest / quest
true / you	began / ran
late / ate	faces / spaces
lunch / bunch	done / ton

Jesus was tired and went to find _____,
So away from the crowd he started his _____.
It came to an end before it _____,
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and
they _____.
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at
their _____—five thousand men, plus families
filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they
all _____.
Jesus said, “Yes, that is certainly _____,
and feeding this crowd is now up to _____.”
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____!
What would they do? They’d need a
whole _____!
But then a young boy came and offered
his _____—five loaves and two fish to
feed this big _____.
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____
it fed all the women, the children and _____!

Answers: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men



Thank You

Dear Rush United Methodist Team,

Thank you so much for welcoming my family and I into your church family! Your love and support means so much to me as I make this daunting transition. Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift and monetary support. My future friends will greatly appreciate that I can do my laundry!



Thanks again,

Sarah McLaughlin

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The mission of the Rush United Methodist Church
is “to live and share the love of Jesus.”

Our vision is “to be more like Jesus.”

Our missional priorities are “excellence in worship;
ministries for children, youth, adults and families; and
mission and outreach”

OUR MISSION, VISION and



PRIORITY STATEMENTS

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Summer Sunday Worship Schedule

- 9:30AM — Worship Service - In-Person and Streaming
- 9:30AM — Communion served on the 2nd and 4th Sunday
- 10:45AM — Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 11:00AM — Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle
- 2:00PM — Living With Loss, 2nd and 4th Sunday



Sunday Schedule

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 Pastor: Rev. Kyle Roehrig
 Administrative Assistant: Barbara Kingsley
 Office Hours: 9AM - 4PM Monday- Friday
 .. Working Remotely Tuesday or Wednesday, occasional Friday
 Director of Children's Ministries: Alethea Coulter
 Interim Director of Youth Ministries: Alethea Coulter
 Director of PromiseLand Childcare: Kellianne Williams
 Chancel Choir Director: Kellianne Williams
 Accompanist: Chaeun Lee
 Lay Leaders: Worship: Steve Williams
 Children, Youth and Families: Tanya Hunt
 Mission and Outreach: Erma Perkins
 Leadership Team: ... Kelly Barrett, Jan Funkhauser, Cindy Gray,
 Geoffrey Furman, Natalie Johnstone, Dan Kingsley
 ... Michelle Prok, Kyle Roehrig, Lisa Shingleton, Steve Williams

Youth Group



Youth in grades 6—12 meet occasionally during the summer.. Watch the bulletin and youth page on the website for dates and activities. All youth are welcome to come and invite a friend.

Leadership Ministry Team

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome by email to any Leadership Ministry Team Members, contact information on page 9.

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