

Announcements

May 17, 2026

This week

Sunday, May 17

- 8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; Cindy Gray is bringing the Message
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 10:45AM – Taking pictures for Directory

Tuesday, May 19

- 2:00PM – Target Pest Control in the Pavilion – Bees, Wasps, Ants
- 7:00PM – PromiseLand Childcare Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 20

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 9:00AM – Gentle Yoga Class
- 9:15AM – A Meal & More Soup Kitchen
- 3:00PM – Communion at Willow Ridge Senior Living Facility at Erie Station Rd
- 6:00PM – Rush Democratic Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 21

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

Looking Ahead

Sunday, May 24 – Memorial Sunday

- 8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok
- 9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming
- 9:30AM – Communion
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 11:00AM – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for May 31: Matthew 28:16-20
- 2:00PM – Living with Loss

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day

- Church Office and PromiseLand Childcare are closed

Wednesday, May 27 – Saturday, May 30

- Pastor Kyle attending Upper NY Annual Conference in Syracuse

Wednesday, May 27

- 9:00AM – Super Sale preparation
- 9:00AM – Gentle Yoga Class
- 5:30PM – Family Community Picnic in the Pavilion
- 6:00PM – Youth Gathering

Thursday, May 28

- 9:00AM – Distribution and Mailing of the June issue of “His Faithful Followers” Newsletter

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: runcnews@rushumc.org. You can also sign up on the website at www.rushumc.com.

Sunday Assistants:

May 17, 2026

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

May 24, 2026

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

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30AM: Bible/Book 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
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, Second and Fourth 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 Discussion 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, 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. 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 next on May 24, at 2PM. All in various 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 next sale. Clothing, shoes, and linens can be put in the St. Pauly Shed. The August Back to School Sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 15 from 9AM – 3PM.

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. From now until June 4, we will be doing weekly studies on assorted topics. On June 11 we will begin a study on the Book of Revelation using a study guide by Jen Wilkin. If you would like to join us, please contact Barb Kingsley in the church office so enough books are ordered. They will be \$25.00 each. A digital version for \$24.99, is available through lifeway.com/revelation. Check with Barb Kingsley in the church office about ordering the eBook. All are invited to join us.

Guest Preacher

Please welcome Cindy Gray who is bringing the message today, May 17 while Pastor Kyle is out of town at Kayla’s college graduation.

Pastor Kyle Out of the Office

Pastor Kyle is traveling back home on Monday, May 18 after visiting his mother in Texas and attending Kayla’s graduation in California. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact Pastor Kyle at chaplainroehrig@gmail.com or 805-478-2526.

Church “Picture Day” (!?)

Our third “Picture Day” is scheduled for today, May 17, immediately following the church service. The backdrop will be set up in the Fellowship Hall, and all you have to do is show up and smile! What is this for? Our “current” Church Directory is from 2017. People have come and gone, addresses and contact information have changed, and we want to have an information guide to help us know names and faces, as well as where to send a card or just say hello. This is NOT going to be an online resource. It will be a printed spiral bound booklet created in-house. Our photographer is a congregation member, Sue Comstock, so no one will be trying to sell you anything. We have already held two picture day events and will continue to work to make this opportunity available for everyone. This is a Nurture Committee project, so if you have any questions, please contact Michelle Prok or Cindy Gray.

Barb Kingsley Out of the Office

Barb Kingsley will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and 19. I will be working from home the remainder of the week and can be reached by email at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org.

Newsletter Article Deadline

Please submit articles (email preferred) for the June issue of “His Faithful Followers” to Barb Kingsley by Thursday, May 21 at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org. The newsletter will be distributed on Thursday, May 28.

Church Office and PromiseLand are Closed

On Monday, May 25, Memorial Day, the Church Office, and PromiseLand Childcare are closed.

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.

Activities & Meetings

Sunday, May 31: Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday; Peace with Justice

Sunday; 8:30AM: Adult Study with Michelle Prok; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson: June 7: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Monday, June 1: 12:30PM: Ladies Lunch Bunch; 7PM: Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, June 3: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Gentle Yoga Class

Thursday, June 4: 1PM: Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle

Sunday, June 7: 8:30AM: Adult Study with Michelle Prok; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson: June 14: Matthew 9: 35-10:8

Tuesday, June 9: 7PM: GRACE Choir dress rehearsal for Saturday’s concert; **7PM:** PromiseLand Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 10: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Gentle Yoga; **3PM:** Communion at Willow Ridge Senior Living Facility at Erie Station Rd; **6PM:** Youth Gathering

Thursday, June 11: 1PM: Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; **6:30PM:** Nurture Ministry Team Meeting

Friday, June 12

6:45PM – Red Wing Game at ESL Ballpark

Saturday, June 13

3:00PM – Pack 291 Moving Up Ceremony

7:00PM – Pack 291 Campout in the Pavilion and Outdoor Worship Area

7:00PM – GRACE Choir Concert; “Mighty Cross”

Family Fun Community Picnics

Family Fun Community Picnics are back—and we can’t wait to see you! Join us Wednesday, May 27, at 5:30 PM for great food and warm fellowship in our church pavilion (weather permitting). We’ll supply hot dogs, baked beans, chips, drinks, and tableware. If you’d like, bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share (optional). Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend or neighbor and enjoy the evening! *We need helpers!* If you love to cook over a grill or want to help set up and/or cleanup for the picnics, we have a job for you! This is a wonderful way for us to share with our community. Please consider being a part of these picnics. See Cindy Gray or you can reach out at cgtgray1039@gmail.com or call the church office.

Musa weNkosi Orphanage

On Sunday, May 31, 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.

Celebrate Peace with Justice Sunday

One of our denomination's six Special Sundays with offering, Peace with Justice Sunday is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. The offering will be taken on Sunday, May 31. This Special Sunday in The United Methodist Church supports peace with justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the annual conferences. When you support Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift becomes a voice for advocacy around the world. Envelopes are on Eagle Island or you can mail or drop off your donation to the church or give electronically through the church website.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Join us for a fun evening of baseball, fireworks, and friends! Rush UMC has group tickets for the Friday, June 12 game at 6:45pm. The tickets are \$16.00 each and must be reserved by Sunday, May 31. For more information, see Leon Perkins!

GRACE Choir Concert

GRACE Choir Presents the cantata, "Mighty Cross" on Saturday, June 13 at 7:30PM at Rush United Methodist Church, and Sunday, June 14 at 4:00PM at Park Ridge Free Methodist Church. 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. A free will offering will be taken at both concerts.

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.

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 July 5 – December will be developed in the middle of June and will be emailed to those we have an email address for. Once it is developed, additional copies will be 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.

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.

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.

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: 05/10-05/16: \$4,290.50

Other income received: 05/10-05/16: \$119.70

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

Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$230,173.70. (Includes \$11,270.00, non-pledge, designated for an electric sign and \$10,000.00 pledged for sign from PromiseLand)

Total Spent as of May 15: \$164,446.69

Prayer Requests

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

Paul Kingsley, prostatectomy surgery on Monday

Erma Perkins asking for prayers for Makosi

Leola Porter, pneumonia

Safe travels for Pastor Kyle and Kris

South Africa Mission Team

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

Rob Gruschow continues to recover at home

Kayla Roehrig is graduating from college today

Elise (Browning) Weis, is home recovering from gallbladder surgery

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Homebound and Ill

Ruth Baldoni, Jean Banker, 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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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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