



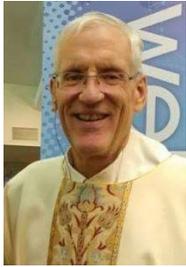
His Faithful Followers

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A Note from Pastor Todd

“My child, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.” – Proverbs 23:26



Raising children is an awesome journey! Just watch them grow. Feed, shelter, nurture, and love them. Teach by word and example how to socialize, communicate, think critically, explore, and question. Read to your children. Every age is the beginning of a new developmental phase: newborn to infant, infant to toddler, toddler to children, children to adolescence, adolescence to youth, youth to young adult.

Jesus tells his disciples to teach newly baptized disciples. Teach “... them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:20) Our commission is to teach. Teach the words and ways of Jesus. Christian education must be intentional, developmentally appropriate, and lifelong. The story of Jesus’ immaculate conception and the visitation of Mary by the angel Gabriel is a neat story to a child. It becomes a curious narrative to a youth going through puberty. Then, it becomes a story about the arc of God’s salvation history to the young adult.

Get your kids to Sunday school, worship, and youth fellowship! You promised you would when you brought your child forward for baptism. You only get one shot at it, so don’t blow it.

“Sports have taken our kids away,” I’ve heard for too many years. Instead of complaining about it, perhaps we need to go where our kids are; to the gridiron, baseball or lacrosse field, or gymnasium. Get in the stands and cheer! Parents: forward to Barb in the church office your kid’s game schedule so it can be included in the newsletter and bulletin.

Investing in our children is essential; our time (volunteer to teach), our talent (seek to improve your teaching skills), and our treasure (pay it forward for a good Christian education for our kids, just as others paid it forward for you). Connect with Alethea Coulter or Tanya Hunt to get off the sidelines and into the game.

Too often, our investment ends at high-school graduation. We send our youth to college, trade schools, or to the job market with a wish and a prayer that they’ll end up in church somewhere. Talk about lame.

I was a hungover Freshman in college forty-three years ago when a United Methodist campus minister looked me in the eyes and asked me what I was doing with my life. That was the first seed planted that started the process in my call to ordained ministry.

The years 18 to 22 are essential to spiritual development. The Church shouldn’t allow these years to

be wasted. Is your kid in college? Encourage them to connect with campus ministries. Include your kid and contact information in the church newsletter and bulletin. If you don’t have kids in college, send a care package to one of the college students from our church. Enclose an encouraging note. Or send a donation to support the chaplain on campus at the University of Rochester: <https://geneseareacampusministries.org/>

The 18 to 40 somethings are missing in action. For some of us, I’m talking about our adult children, present company included. Other than complain, when is the last time you did something to bring them back into the church family? Cindy Gray and Michelle Prok are working on two, new initiatives: 1) a strategy to get people back to church, and 2) a strategy to nurture all members of our church family. Interested? Connect with Cindy and Michelle.

As the author of Proverbs observed, our children are watching. Be certain both our words and actions come from the love of Jesus in your heart.

God loves you, and so do I.

The Rev. Todd R. Goddard



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"A Way Forward" Revised Schedule



As the United Methodist Church is dividing over the issue of inclusion and sexuality, the future of individual congregations will be decided by voting members of local churches. The faithful will discern God's will and direction through prayer, devotions, listening and learning, all the while avoiding conflict resulting from attempts to change the minds of those with

deeply seated beliefs and values. Faithful Christians can respectfully disagree while living in peace.

Several ways have been recommended for every member of Rush UMC to become better informed. There is a list on the kiosk in the church lobby or look under "A Way Forward" tab on the church website. One of the ways is to attend "A Way Forward" educational townhall dish-to-share dinners on Sundays at 5PM. We discussed our baptismal and membership vows at the first two session. The remaining dates and topics of our educational series are:

9/25 The Wesleyan Quadrilateral, Grace, and Perfection

10/2 "Money and Faithful Living," and "Slavery and Racism"

10/16 "Science, the Church, and Social Discourse," "Women in the Life of the Church," and "Politics and the Church"

10/23 Our Current Status, Congregational Options

10/30 Review of the Global Methodist Church, The Reconciling Network, and Other Options



World Communion Sunday!

October 2 is World Communion Sunday. This is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations. It promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on the observance of the Eucharist.

The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomas Kerr in an attempt to bring churches together and to remind us how each congregation is interconnected with one another.

A special World Communion Sunday offering is taken in United Methodist congregations worldwide on this day. The offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

As a sign of our unity in Christ, every member is encouraged to give at least \$1 to this special offering. Special offering envelopes will be available on the kiosk on October 2. For an on-line donation use "Other" with the explanation in the memo box.



Rush Henrietta Area Food Terminal Donations

Rush United Methodist Church will be collecting donations in October for the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal (RHAFT). Baskets for your donations are between the outside and inside doors at the church and on the platform in the sanctuary. There are still hungry people in the Rush and Henrietta areas. RHAFT continues to need our support.

RHAFT gratefully accepts all non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, and paper goods. However, the following items are especially needed: Macaroni and Cheese; Instant Mashed Potatoes (box); Canned Meat/Fish products: Chicken, Ham, Spam, Turkey, Tuna, etc.; Mixed Pasta: elbows, shells, spirals, penne, etc.; Canned Fruits and Applesauce; Mayo and Other Condiments; Milk: Powdered and Shelf-stable; Small Cans of Food Items (single serve); Cereal: hot and cold; Coffee: instant and ground (NO K-cups); Paper Towels; Bar Soap; Shampoo and Shaving Cream.

Help the food cupboard make more effective and efficient use of your generous donations...No out-of-date (expiration, best-by, use before, etc.) food items, please.

Cash donations are also appreciated for perishable food items such as meat and milk. Please make your check payable to Rush UMC, write in the memo area "RHAFT" and mail it to or drop it off at the church or you can make a donation on-line through the church website using "Other" and put RHAFT in the memo section. A check will be sent to them at the end of the month.

Since we will not be collecting food at the Turkey Dinner this year, our donations during the month of October are even more important.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the R-H families RHAFT serves.



Food Donations

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch is a time of fellowship for older women who are single, widowed, divorced, or separated. As the group hadn't met in the last two years, due to the pandemic, we are happy to finally be able to offer this time of fellowship again. Mark your calendars now, and plan to join us on Monday, October 3, at 12:30pm in the church dining room.

If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, or have any questions, please contact Cindy Gray.



Annual Church Conference

The annual church conference of the Rush United Methodist Church is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Honeoye Falls United Methodist Church, located at 31 East St, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472. It will be chaired by our District Superintendent, Rev. Ted Anderson, or by one of his two District Associates, Rev. David Underwood or Rev. Penni Farrington.

The agenda will include

- The formal reception of a \$15,000 unrestricted major gift
- A proposal from the Board of Trustees for the repair or replacement of the church boiler
- Nominations and election of church Trustees and leaders
- Confirmation of a 2023 pastoral compensation package

Members of the Rush United Methodist Church are invited to attend and have the privilege of voice and vote.



Trunk or Treat

The Youth Group sponsored Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022, 4-6pm. Plan your vehicle decorations now and help us spread the word by inviting your family, neighbors, and friends! The hope is to always have it outside, but we will watch the weather and alter plans if necessary. You are always welcome to set up in the pavilion or inside the building if that works better for you. As was the case last year, we will plan on having cider and donuts, movies, and crafts in the Fellowship Hall. It is always a fun time so plan on joining us!



Alethea Coulter
Interim Youth Director

Red Bird Mission Shoeboxes

There are two different styles of shoeboxes: adult and children.

Boxes are available at Rush United Methodist Church.

All boxes must be at the church by November 6 and Please do not wrap the boxes.

Items needed for the adult shoe boxes (**please mark for a man or woman**) include a comb/brush, shampoo, hand lotion, deodorant, toothbrush and paste, chap stick, full-size bath soap, washcloth, mittens, disposable razors, shaving cream, scarves and hats, nail-care supplies, socks, and work gloves.

Items for the children's shoe boxes include two or three toy items, two or three school items, bar soap, children's toothbrush, children's toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, washcloth, comb/brush, chapstick, mittens, hats, socks, and small flashlights. Christian bookmarks, wristbands, and other spiritual items are also appreciated.



Garden Workday Scheduled

The Garden Information Meeting originally scheduled for Thursday evening has been changed to a Saturday workday on September 24, beginning at 9:00AM. All volunteers are welcome to come and help us clean up our church front gardens. If enough people come, we can extend that to some of the other outdoor areas!

Some garden tools will be provided, but if you have your own, please bring them. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Cindy Gray
Rush Church Board of Trustees



Family Community Picnic

Our final outdoor community picnic for the year is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, at 5:30pm. Mark your calendars now. This is a wonderful opportunity to share good food and fellowship in our church pavilion. Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, and tableware are provided, and we will have water available to drink. You are invited to bring a dish to share: salad, side dish, or dessert.

Everyone is welcome, so tell your friends and neighbors to come and picnic with us!



Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is a small group of volunteers with a very big responsibility: to serve as Christian stewards of the property God has entrusted to our congregation. We are responsible for the oversight and care of all our church property, buildings, and equipment to further the mission of the church. In addition to day-to-day maintenance and upkeep, we are currently also responsible for overseeing the use of the money raised in the Capital Stewardship drive.

There are many decisions to be made. There are things that need fixing, weeded, painted,... If you are interested in being part of this group, or just wish to learn more about the opportunities that are available, please contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com.



Calling all Knitters!

I am reviving an old custom we have done at Rush UMC. In December and January, we can "decorate" a mitten tree with homemade or purchased mittens to be distributed in the cold months to local missions. Our soup kitchen friends could especially use adult mittens (and even hats). Thanks for anything you can do!

Nancy Miller



Rally Day and Sunday School

While the weather wasn't as nice as we'd hoped, the kids who were there certainly enjoyed themselves on the slides! Thanks to the lunch crew for putting together a meal and thanks to those who were able to assist in setting up the activities. Children's Sunday school classes are underway during the second service, so I look forward to seeing everyone join us.

Alethea Coulter
Children's Ministry Director



Mission and Outreach News

At a family gathering this summer, I referenced the rich man who tore down

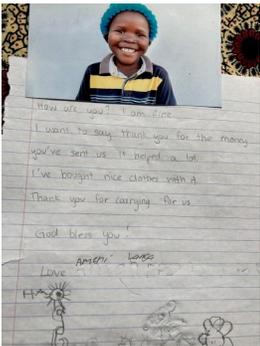
his barns to build bigger ones "But God said to him, "Fool, tonight you will die.' This is the way it will be for those who hoard things and are not rich toward God."

I asked what that means. Is giving 10% and keeping 90% of our income qualify as being rich toward God? A nephew spoke of our righteousness due to

Christ's dying for us as all that we need. But does our righteousness through faith in God change the way we live? When John the Baptist preached, he said, "Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives." How have our lives changed as we grow in faith?

The following paragraph is from Church of the Resurrections' GPS:

"Jesus said, "A city on top of a hill can't be hidden." He meant for his followers' actions to be visible and attractive. But that visibility was not a way to gratify ego, unlike the PR campaigns we see aimed mainly at acquiring fame, money or market share. Jesus said we let our light shine for a specific reason—so that people who see what we do will praise God. If our ultimate purpose is to lead people to praise God, how must that shape our efforts to make our church's actions visible?"



Who do I know whose lives I could brighten with a visit, - locally or far away, an encouraging card, a donation of food or money to bring the light of God's love and hope into their

life?

Here are a few opportunities to consider: visiting members who are no longer able to attend church, bake cupcakes once a month for

Meal and More, (see Joyce Smith), sponsor an orphan, (see Erma Perkins) assist with the coffee shop at Pieter's Family Life, (see Pastor Todd), teach children's Sunday School, (see Alethea Coulter), assist with the many tasks required to keep our building and grounds in working condition, (see Geoff Furman or Cindy Gray), assist with 2nd Sunday lunch, (see Don Kingsley), contribute to the Christmas Mitten Tree, (see Nancy Miller), volunteer for a short-term assignment in areas affected by disasters and hardships (contact Kristina Clark at (315-898-2066 or kristinaclark@unyumc.org).



"But our people should also learn to devote themselves to doing good in order to meet pressing needs so they aren't unproductive." Titus 3:14

Erma Perkins, Lay leader Mission and Outreach, ermaperkins@me.com

Sunday Volunteer Opportunities

Our Sunday Service Assistants are very important to our ongoing Sunday ministry. We have openings in several areas waiting to be filled.

Sunday Morning Greeters

One or two people who are interested in greeting members, friends and visitors to Rush UMC on Sunday mornings are needed. The responsibility is to greet as many as possible with a smile, a welcome and good morning and good to see you. Additional conversation is not necessary, although if initiated by the person being greeted, is a good way to get to know them better.



Sunday Service Ushers

Ushers for both the 8:30 and 10:45 services. One person is needed for each service, serving on a rotating basis. The frequency is dependent upon the number of volunteers. Please speak to Louise Miller for the 8:30 service and Barb Kingsley for the 10:45 service. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Arriving at least 15 minutes before the service
- Lighting the candles on the altar and chancel area
- Wearing a nametag; they are found in the office on the wall next to the door
- Standing at the door to the sanctuary and handing out bulletins
- Assisting with seating whenever appropriate
- Being open and available to answer questions for new families/individuals
- Being aware of and knowing where the nursery and quiet rooms are for families with young children; bulletins and busy bags are also available for young children.
- Counting the number of attendees in the service, annotate number on small slip found near the collection plates, and either hand in with the collection plates or place on Barb Kingsley's desk



Communion help is needed

Judy Blachowicz is coordinating communion while Erin Bills is away and needs your help. With the start of 2 services, she is looking for 2 people every week.

These are the responsibilities:

- 8:30 service: 1 loaf of uncut bread for the altar table; arrive early to set up before the service (10-15 minutes); do a partial set up for the 10:45 service
- 10:45 service: 1 loaf of uncut bread for the altar table; arrive early to finish set up before the service; clean up following the service.
- Judy will train you, and all of the directions are posted in the communion prep room.
- Other than 1 loaf of bread, everything is provided.



Judy's email is:
jcrb@rochester.rr.com.

Coffee Fellowship Time

Cookie and coffee hour is a time for fellowship and enjoying cookies and coffee, tea or hot chocolate after each of the services! Please contact Tanya Hunt if you are willing to be a part of this ministry. 3-4 dozen cookies, freshly made or store bought, are needed for each service. Please note anything containing nuts. Email Tanya at tbhunt13@gmail.com, call or text her at 585-698-8949.



Coffee Time Setup and Cleanup

Don Kingsley is coordinating a group of volunteers to setup and cleanup on Sunday mornings before the 8:30 service and after coffee and fellowship time at the 10:45 service. Don has a list of responsibilities to share and there is also one under the coffee kiosk in the sitting area. If you can help, please contact Don at 585-507-2460 or Barb Kingsley in the church office, 585-533-2170 or barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org.



Choir Update

Choir rehearsals have begun! The choir sings most Sundays at the 8:30 service between September and June. We are always open to having new members join us. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Worship Center. Not looking to make a full year commitment? Join us for the Christmas Cantata. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, November 2. I look forward to seeing you there!



Special music

Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord! If you are interested in providing special music for either the 1st or 2nd service this fall, please let Kellianne know at klkw1212@gmail.com or 585-507-1996.



Second Sunday Lunch

We prepare lunch the second Sunday of every month. We can use help shopping, setting up tables & chairs and setting tables, preparing lunch, making dessert, serving lunch, cleaning up, and washing dishes. If you're interested in helping in any way, let us know. You can reach out to Don Kingsley at mrdak725@gmail.com.



Prayer Concerns

Gertrude Burr, continued prayers for strength
Marilyn Chase, moved to hospice care
Alethea Coulter, recovery from recent foot surgery
Ellen Dale's brother, Louis
Alberta Greer, moved to hospice, prayers for peace
Regina Jones, medical problems; HCS Rush UMC Day
Hab Staff Person
Katie, delivery of baby by c-section in Guatemala
Raymer Ottman
The O'Neal family, PromiseLand family whose youngest
child is struggling with significant health complications
Gary Prok, recovery from recent surgery
Allison Radici, prayer knees up and hips - spasms
Friends and members to return to in person worship at
Rush UMC
Those struggling with addiction and alcoholism
People in Eastern Kentucky, floods and heat
Families of 9/11 and the people of England
People of Puerto Rico, Bermuda and other countries in
the path of Hurricane Fiona
Heat, storms, flooding and fires across the country and
world
Families and friends of those affected by gun violence
Positions open for hiring: Youth Leader, PromiseLand
Childcare Teacher
Servant Leadership Position: Church Directory
Coordinator
People of Ukraine
PromiseLand Childcare
School Districts, Parents and Students
Peace to come to our troubled land
Government Leaders
For justice and health care to be deployed equally and
evenly among all people
End to racism and inequality
Musa weNkosi Orphanage in South Africa
Zululand Hospice in South Africa
Our Bishop and 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
Young people, children and youth lacking social
interactions
Hospital and Nursing Home Staff – stay healthy and
strong to tend to the needs of patients and residents
Help us all to remember that in these times as always
Jesus is with us, we're not alone
For those who suffer in silence, please be with them and
bless them with strength
Prayers for our youth to find themselves and God in the
process
Families affected by Alzheimer's, cancer and other
terminal illnesses
Keep remembering the school kids and help find solutions
to the violence
Parents of New Drivers
Small Businesses
Those looking for employment
Super Sales now and future
Our children, youth and church family
For all marriages and families
Our homebound and ill

Elderly parents, youth, teens, young adults, those
suffering from chronic pain, mental health problems and
depression
Violence in places of Worship
Those who life has changed: death of loved one,
relationships broken, families separated; give them love,
courage and strength
Church worldwide is under attack; help God save your
people
Campus Ministries
The United Methodist Church
All Volunteers who go on Missions
UMCOR
Refugee resettlement project and resettlement families
Haiti and Government leaders; root out corruption, bring
about justice, lessen poverty
Justice to flow down like water in the US, Syria, South
Sudan, Middle East
Victims of terrorism and survivors of world violence
Injustice in the USA
City of Rochester
RCSD and Board
International Students
Members in Military, especially those in Kuwait
Those who are incarcerated
People with disabilities, anxiety disorders, depression,
addictions
For people to get along and not be so divided in America!!
Colleges around the country

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

Ruth Baldoni	Jean and Walt Banker
Kathy Belik	Mary Anne Brice
Gert Burr	Marilyn Chase
Trudy Corio	Craig Crowell
Alberta Greer	Jim Hughes
Meg Kinnally	Hubert Koloseike
David Phillips	Durwood Raplee
Gisela Rice	

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

Phillip Banker	Jason Bello
Ryan Blood	Ben Frederick
Michael Kurvach	Steven Kurvach
Jason McKnight	Isaiah Montana
James Rice	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.



Stony Brook State Park - Labor Day 2022



Eleven families and friends from Rush United Methodist Church camped at Stony Brook State Park in Dansville, NY, Labor Day weekend. Although the weather was not the best, we were able to hold a worship service and potluck supper and a fun time was had by all.



The families that camped: Jim and Sue Comstock, Paul and Barb Kingsley, Dan, Kathy and William Kingsley, Kellianne, Steve, Rhys and Ethan Williams, Kathy, Rich, Elijah and Micah Pittenger, Brandon and Tami Czerwinski and Liesl Groth, Gary and Michelle Prok, Cory Prok, Matthew, Tonia, Parker and Quinn Prok, Erma and Leon Perkins, Alethea Coulter and Geoffrey and Sarina Furman.



We would welcome new families next year. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Barb Kingsley in the church office. Barb can be reached at 533-2170 or 507-1993 or by email at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org. Reservations can be made around Thanksgiving for Labor Day weekend, 2023. If you are new to the park, please speak to one of the families above for a suggested site.



How to Help Bring Water to South Sudan - Making "Change"

On Sunday, September 11, Rush Church celebrated Rally Day with a water fun event. That same day we were privileged to have a visitor from the Water for South Sudan project, AJ Agok. Water for South Sudan is a program that raises money to install wells and teach basic hygiene throughout the rural areas of South Sudan.

We live in a world where clean tap water is taken for granted, and we can pour water from a hose just to play in. Worldwide, one in three people do not have access to safe drinking water and two out of five people do not have a basic handwashing facility with soap and water. Water for South Sudan (WFSS) works in remote villages in the Bahr el Ghazal region of South Sudan. These isolated villages have extremely limited access to clean water, and often can



only access contaminated water that will lead to sickness or even death. Girls typically walk miles to and from a contaminated surface water source and carry 40 lbs. of water home on their head twice a day. It can be a dangerous journey. They cannot go to school and education is key to women having some control and to population control.

WFSS works with local governments and community leaders to determine the placement of wells. The goal is to create sustainable systems, incorporating well maintenance and training as part of the installation of a well. WFSS has drilled 557 wells to date and rehabilitated hundreds of non-producing wells. They have installed latrines in two schools. Children then learn to use them and teach their parents about their value for prevention of spreading disease.

We can help change the lives of the people in South Sudan by contributing our change to this project. A special container to collect our coins will be placed on the kiosk in the church lobby, with information about the program. Gary Prok, one of our church members, is the Operations Support Coordinator for WFSS, and works directly with the operations team in South Sudan to support the WFSS program. His dedication to this effort led to our opportunity to meet AJ and learn more about this important project. Bring your change to church and help make a change (folding money accepted also)!



New Members

On Sunday, September 18, 2022, we received the following persons into Membership at Rush UMC.

Linda Dimond, transferring from Lincoln UMC, Lincoln, MO

Dawn Haas, transferring from Asbury First UMC, Rochester, NY

Roger Haas, transferring from Asbury First UMC, Rochester, NY

Richard Dimond was also recognized as a retired United Methodist Elder who is retaining his membership in the Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church



Pieters Family Life Coffee Shop

Dear friends and colleagues in the Rush-Henrietta community-

Stop in for a cup of coffee, fellowship, to volunteer, and to learn more about our international ministries taking place in Guatemala!

Please share with your community of faith, family, and friends. All are welcome!

Pieters Family Life Coffee Shop - Re-Opening!

10:30am – 1:00pm.

Fridays, September 23, 30.

Monday - Friday, starting October 3, 2022

Daily Devotions at 12:00 noon

Proceeds Supporting Heritage Christian Services International Ministries

A Mission of the Rush United Methodist Church

Interested in Volunteering Your Group or Church to

Operate the Coffee Shop? Contact Rev. Todd Goddard toddgoddard@gmail.com 585.703.9235

Blessings,

Todd

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OUR MISSION, VISION and



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.”

PRIORITY STATEMENTS

Our missional priorities are “excellence in

worship; ministries for children, youth, adults and families; and mission and outreach”

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Praises

Casey Beebe, recovering from Covid and reaction to medication

Ed Croop, recovering from his procedure

Meg Kinnally is being treated for sepsis, the breast lump is benign, and the bile duct stone is being broken up; she is home and glad to be there

Randy, successful cancer surgery and quick recovery

Little girl's safe return to her family in South Africa

Linda and Chris Chamot

welcome Jackson Ryan born to Nikole and Greg Chamot

on August 29, 2022, 10lbs

5oz

Thanks to Pat Boyes for providing Communion Table flowers all summer; she is a great gardener



*Rush United Methodist
Church
Analysis of Revenues &
Expenses*

August 2022

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)
Revenues			
Other Income	\$5,036.81	\$14,028.24	\$32,342.08
Offerings	\$15,422.67	\$156,227.66	\$159,656.16
(2) Carry Over from 2021	\$2,524.00	\$20,192.00	\$20,192.00
P/L Expense Reimbursement	\$952.63	\$7,648.27	\$7,653.36
Total Revenues	\$23,936.11	\$198,096.17	\$219,843.60
Expenses			
Board of Trustees	\$1,288.07	\$27,314.36	\$29,795.36
Education	\$110.50	\$337.28	\$1,283.36
Insurance	\$0.00	\$6,211.91	\$6,212.00
(1) Mission	\$1,326.50	\$10,612.50	\$11,112.00
Office Expenses	\$866.59	\$8,417.85	\$9,397.72
Clergy - Salary	\$4,437.04	\$37,714.84	\$39,933.36
Lay – Salaries	\$5,003.99	\$44,790.85	\$45,999.18
Clergy Benefits	\$3,906.92	\$26,168.56	\$28,506.69
Ministry Team Expenses	\$0.00	\$2,031.65	\$3,198.00
Other Program Expenses	\$54.60	\$874.71	\$483.33
Utilities	\$1,523.39	\$16,269.31	\$17,346.87
PromiseLand	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$18,517.60	\$180,743.32	\$193,267.87
Net Total	\$5,418.51	\$17,352.85	\$26,575.73

1. Shared Ministries 34.87% paid to end of August
2. Carry Over from 2021 Donations and PPP Grant



AmazonSmile

You can now donate to Rush UMC while shopping on-line through AmazonSmile. Go to smile.amazon.com on your mobile device or computer and enter Rush United Methodist Church as your charity. Each quarter, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. Since May 2021 we have received \$36.58 from purchases made through Amazon Smile. It does work!



*Roof Replacement Loan
Repayment*

	Date Paid	Amount Paid	Balance
Opening Balance			\$41,140.96
Interest at 3.25%			\$1,337.08
Loan plus Interest			\$42,478.04
Payment #13	01/20/2022	\$274.39	\$42,203.65
Payment #14	02/23/2022	\$274.39	\$41,929.26
Payment #15	03/11/2022	\$274.39	\$41,654.87
Payment #16	04/28/2022	\$274.39	\$41,380.48
Payment #17	05/10/2022	\$274.39	\$41,106.09
Payment #18	06/16/2022	\$274.39	\$40,831.70
Payment #19	07/15/2022	\$274.39	\$40,557.31
Payment #20	08/15/2022	\$274.39	\$40,282.92
Payment #21	09/15/2022	\$274.39	\$40,008.53
Payment #22	10/15/2022		
Payment #23	11/15/2022		
Payment #24	12/15/2022		
Year End Payment from additional donations	12/30/2022		



*Capital Stewardship
Campaign Update*

As of Tuesday, September 20, we have received \$267,200.00 or 53.44% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. A total of \$65,673.39 has been received in pledged and non pledged donations. Pledges continue to be accepted. Whether or not you made a pledge, donations to the Capital Stewardship Campaign are gratefully accepted.



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Sunday Worship and Programs

- 8:00AM Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30AM In-Person Traditional Worship Service
also on YouTube and Facebook
- 9:45AM Bible Study
- 9:45AM Adult Sunday School Class
- 9:45AM Adult Current Issues Discussion Class
- 10:45AM In-Person Contemporary
Worship Service
also on YouTube
and Facebook
- 11:00AM One Room Sunday
School Class
- 12:00PM Rush UMC Coffee Time



Sunday Schedule

Leadership Ministry Team

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome by email to toddgoddard@gmail.com or rushumc@rochester.rr.com or to any of the Leadership Ministry Team (contact information on page 3). The next Leadership Ministry Team Meeting is Saturday, December 10 at 8:30AM.

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- Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
- Pastor:..... Rev. Todd Goddard
- Administrative Assistant: Barbara Kingsley
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- Director of Children's Ministries: Alethea Coulter
- Direct of Youth Ministries: Alethea Coulter
- Director of PromiseLand Childcare: Kellianne Williams
- Chancel Choir Director: Kellianne Williams
- Accompanist:..... Spencer Haynes
- Lay Leaders: Worship: Steve Williams
- Children, Youth and Families: Tanya Hunt
- Mission and Outreach: Erma Perkins
- Leadership Team: Erin Bills, Jan Corey, Todd Goddard,
 Geoffrey Furman, Cindy Gray, Michelle Prok,
 Lynda Wanzenried, Patti Weaver, Steve Williams

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