

November 19, 2023

9:30AM

Blended Worship Experience

Welcome back!

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Spencer Haynes

*Opening Praise Song *“Every Move I Make”* Praise Band

*Call to Worship On Screen

*Hymn *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” vs 1, 3, 4* UMH No. 694

Children’s Moment Miss Wendy

Praise God Through Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings Thank you for your generosity!
Donations are gratefully accepted at the offering plates in the church lobby, by mail, dropped off at the church office or securely online at www.rushumc.com

Offertory *“Give Thanks to the Lord”* Allen/arr by Allen
Rush UMC Choir

New Testament Lesson Philippians 2:1-5

*Praise Song *“10000 Reasons”* Praise Band

*Community Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Gospel Lesson Matthew 20:20-28 Reader: Richard Nereau

Message Pastor Meg Vosburgh
“Alpha or Omega Church: that is the question”

*The Peace

*Closing Hymn *“The Gift of Love”* UMH No. 408

Benediction

Yellow/Italicized Print on Screens Indicates All Say Together

* Indicates an invitation for you to stand, in body or in spirit.

The Hearing Loop is working in the Sanctuary, set your hearing aids to “hearing loop mode”.

Prayer Requests

Pastor Todd, patience and strength as he continues to heal
Michele Cuatt’s brother-in-law, Jeff, back surgery was successful; Michele, traveling back from Michigan
Cheryl Miller Van Son, health concerns
Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health
The United Methodist Church

The people of the Middle East—may the war stop!
PromiseLand Childcare, Children and Staff
Our Government and Cooperation!
Musa weNkosi Orphanage and Zululand Hospice in South Africa
Those serving in the Military: home, or abroad
Family members and friends who are homebound or in senior living facilities

Praises

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

2024 Pledge Cards

Now due: 2024 Pledge Cards! They can be left in the collection plate on the kiosk Sunday morning or dropped off at or mailed to church any time during the week. The Stewardship Letter and extra forms are on the kiosk.

Holiday Super Sale

Mark your calendars and tell your family and friends the church Super Sale is coming! The Annual Holiday Super Sale is Saturday, December 2, 9 am-3 pm with the half-price sale from 1—3pm. The room is full of quality used name-brand clothing and shoes for men, women, and children, as well as toys, housewares, linens, vintage items, etc. As always, this sale would not be successful without your help. A sign-up sheet is on Eagle Island in the church lobby for both working during the sale and cleaning up the room afterwards. ***The cutoff date to bring household items, toys, puzzles, books, etc. has passed.*** Please hold your items until after the sale. Clothing can continue to be put in the St. Pauly shed. Please volunteer a couple hours, whether it’s during the sale or clean up after, you are helping to keep this valuable ministry alive...you may even have fun!

PromiseLand Poinsettia and Wreath Sale

PromiseLand is selling poinsettia plants in a variety of colors and sizes, as well as beautiful 20” decorated wreaths, as a fundraiser. The plants and wreaths are provided by Chase’s greenhouse. They make both beautiful gifts and wonderful holiday decorations for your home. If you are interested in ordering, please fill out an order form on Eagle Island by November 20. Payment is requested with the order. These will be available for pickup at the church the week of December 5.

Annual Church Conference

The Rush UMC’s Annual Church Conference is scheduled for Sunday, December 3 at 11:00AM at Rush UMC. The agenda includes: 1) Election of Church Trustees; 2) Confirmation of 2024 Pastoral Compensation Package. All are encouraged to attend, to vote one must be a member.

Hearing Loop

The Hearing Loop is working! Set your hearing aids to “hearing loop mode”. If you have questions, please speak to Gary Prok.

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.

Giving to Rush UMC

Donations can be put on the offering plates in the church lobby on Sundays, dropped off at the church office during weekday business hours or mailed to the church. Giving envelopes are available on Eagle Island. Checks and cash are welcome. Secure online gifts may be made at <https://www.rushumc.com>.

Sunday Assistants

November 19

November 26

Greeter:		Greeter:	
Usher:	Leola Porter	Usher:	Leola Porter
Cookies:	Nancy Miller	Cookies:	Barb Kingsley
	Wendy Kuhn		Michele Cuatt
Cleanup:	Don Kingsley	Cleanup:	Don Kingsley

Advent Book Study

If you would like the opportunity to be part of a small group Bible book study, this may be your chance. We will be studying Adam Hamilton's book, Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist. Adam Hamilton is a best-selling author and pastor, and this study explore the Advent themes of John's life and ministry, and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming. Michelle Prok's Adult Sunday school class will be using the same book. A sign-up sheet will be available on a clipboard on the kiosk in the church lobby. If you are interested in learning more about this study, sign your name with your contact information, and check the time frame that would be most convenient for you. We will be looking to start the book study the week after Thanksgiving. For more information see Cindy Gray.

Holiday Hospitality Baskets

Our tradition of creating Hospitality baskets for those needing a bit of cheer this holiday season will continue! If you have the name and address of anyone needing this treat, please give the information to Barb Kingsley in the church office or Joyce Smith. Delivery dates are Saturday and Sunday, December 9 and 10. Sign up sheets to provide treats and make deliveries will be in the lobby.

Activities & Meetings

Sunday, November 19: United Methodist Student Day ; Red Bird Mission Boxes Returned; 8:30AM: "Chaos or Hope and Purpose" led by Rob Gruschow; Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Blended Worship Experience—In-Person, and on YouTube and Facebook; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class for Children; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour
Tuesday, November 21: 6:30PM: Rush Hometown Team Meeting
Wednesday, November 22: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **11AM:** Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom
Thursday, November 23: Happy Thanksgiving; 12:30PM: Miller Family Thanksgiving
Friday, November 24: 10:30AM: Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center
Sunday, November 26: Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday Offering; 8:30AM: "Chaos or Hope and Purpose" led by Rob Gruschow; Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Blended Worship Experience – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Communion; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class for Children; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour
Wednesday, November 29: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Gentle Yoga; **11AM:** Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom; **6PM:** Youth Group; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 30: 9AM: December Newsletter Distribution
Friday, December 1: 10:30AM: Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center
Saturday, December 2: 9AM: Holiday Super Sale until 3PM; Half Price Sale from 1—3PM

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Welcome to Rush Pastor Meg

Pastor Meg Vosburgh has been filling in while Pastor Todd recovers from his injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Pastor Meg is a retired pastor in the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. Her husband, Dana, has been attending also. Please extend a warm welcome to Pastor Meg and Dana.

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 receive Rush Tidings signup at:
rushumcnews@rochester.rr.com.



Welcome Friends!
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