Announcements

November 22, 2026

This Week

Sunday, November 22 – Consecration Sunday; United Methodist Student Day Offering
8:30AM – Adult Book/Bible Study with Michelle Prok
8:30AM – 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 29: Mark 13:24-37
Tuesday, November 24
9:00AM –Begin making reservations for Stony Brook State Park Camping Labor Day Weekend
Wednesday, November 25
9:00AM – Super Sale preparation
9:00AM – Yoga Class
6:00PM – Clear out PromiseLand Downstairs Rooms and Super Sale Hallway
Thursday, November 26 – Happy Thanksgiving
– Church Office and PromiseLand Childcare are closed
Friday, November 27
– Floors in PromiseLand Classrooms and Downstairs Hallways Cleaned
9:00AM – Distribution of December Newsletter
Saturday, November 28
9:00AM – Church Workday and Restoration of PromiseLand Classrooms and Downstairs Hallways

Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 29 – First Sunday of Advent; Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support
8:30AM – Adult Book/Bible Study with Michelle Prok
8:30AM – Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming
10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
11:00AM – Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for December 6: Mark 1:1-8
Tuesday, December 1
6:00PM – Youth Group Meeting
6:30PM – Finance Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday, December 2
9:00AM – Super Sale preparation
6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM – Investment Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 3
1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; study book: "The Pursuit of Holiness"
Saturday, December 5
9:00AM – Holiday Super Sale until 3PM; half-price sale begins at 1PM

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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:
November 22, 2026
Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes
Usher:
Cookies: Kathy Kingsley, Julie Sanderson
Cleanup: Don Kingsley

November 29, 2026
Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes
Usher:
Cookies: Mary Ann David, Mackenzie 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.
Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle, Sundays at 11AM.
Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle, Thursdays at 1PM, we will begin a study of the book *"Pursuit of Holiness"* by Jerry Bridges on December 3. The book is available on Amazon or let Barb Kingsley in the church office know you would like to join the group.
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, 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. Please hold household items until after the sale. Clothes can continue to be put in the St. Pauly Shed. The Holiday Sale is Saturday, December 5 from 9AM – 3PM with half-price sale from 1 – 3PM. The signup sheet for volunteering at the sale is on Eagle Island.

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 will begin a study of the book *"Pursuit of Holiness"* by Jerry Bridges on December 3. The book is available on Amazon or let Barb Kingsley in the church office know you would like to join the group.

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.

Announcements for the week of November 22

2027 General Budget Stewardship Campaign
Today is Consecration Sunday for our General Budget Stewardship Campaign. If you haven't decided on a pledge, please be thinking about how you can support your church through your gifts, prayers and financially and put your pledge in the offering plate on Eagle Island. Commitment Cards are included with the bulletins, are on Eagle Island and are on the church website.

Red Bird Mission Shoeboxes
We are putting together and collecting shoeboxes for Red Bird Mission once again this year. Plastic boxes and a list of the items to be included are in the church lobby. Please do not wrap the boxes. Boxes need to be returned to Rush UMC today, Sunday, November 22.

United Methodist Student Day Offering
On Sundays, November 22 and 29, a special offering that provides future leaders with the opportunity to achieve their potential for a lifetime of service is taken. It provides the funds for more than two thousand undergraduate scholarships for students attending United Methodist-related schools. A brochure/envelope is on Eagle Island.

Angel Tree Ministry
It's that time of the year when our church is blessed with the ability to help families. For those of you that are unfamiliar, the Angel Tree Ministry is a program run by the Salvation Army to help children in need by fulfilling their Christmas wish list. Each Angel tag has a child's name, age, and some specific items the child would like for Christmas. If you would like to participate, I will have the Angel tags hanging on a tree in the lobby this Sunday, November 22nd. Participants may sign out a tag from the tree after the church service. The return date for the tags will be Sunday, November 29th. Please bring the unwrapped gifts back to church in bags with the Angel tags attached. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out! Thank you so much! Danielle Raymond, danielleraymond06@gmail.com

Reservations for Labor Weekend Camping at Stony Brook State Park
It is time again to make your reservations for camping at Stony Brook State Park on Labor Day Weekend. The reservation window is 9 months before your first day of camping. If you are beginning on Friday, September 3, 2027, you can make your reservation on Friday, December 4. See Barb or Paul Kingsley if you have any questions.

Choir Update
Wednesday Choir rehearsals have started! We meet at 6:30PM on Wednesdays. The choir also rehearses at 8:30AM on Sundays. We welcome new members at any time. We have started rehearsals for the Advent Cantata. The dress rehearsal is Saturday, December 12 at 9:30AM. If you have any questions, please contact Kellianne Williams. We are not rehearsing on Wednesday, November 25

Floor Waxing: Furniture Movers Needed
On Friday, November 27, the floors are being stripped and waxed in the PromiseLand classrooms and the Super Sale hallway. We are looking for volunteers to help move furniture out of the rooms on Wednesday November 25 in the evening from 6-7 and restore the rooms on Saturday morning November 28. That Saturday morning from 9-12 is also our church workday for winter prep and setup of our Christmas tree. It is bound to be an exciting day.

Thanksgiving Holiday Closing
The Church Office and PromiseLand Childcare will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. We will reopen on Monday, November 30

Finance Ministry Team Meeting
The Finance Ministry Team is meeting on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30PM. We will be reviewing the current state of the finances of the church and planning for the 2027 budget. All team members are encouraged to attend.

Holiday Super Sale
The Holiday Super Sale is December 5, 9AM-3PM, half price 1-3pm. The downstairs sale room hallway is accepting donations of houseware items, home decor, toys, kitchen items, etc now until November 19. Please put all clothing and linens in the St. Pauly shed. A sign-up sheet for the sale is now on Eagle Island.

Coming up Activities & Meetings
Sunday, December 6: Second Sunday of Advent; 8:30AM: Adult Book/Bible Study with Michelle Prok; **8:30AM:** 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 December 13: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, December 7: 12:30PM: Ladies Lunch Bunch; **7PM:** Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, December 8: 5:30PM: PromiseLand Family Christmas Dinner and Activity night
Wednesday, December 9: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **3PM:** Communion at Willow Ridge Senior Living Facility at Erie Station Rd; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 10: 1PM: Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; **6:30PM:** Nurture Ministry Team Meeting
Saturday, December 12: 9AM: Craft Show; **9:30AM:** Advent Cantata Rehearsal; **10AM:** Christmas Cheer Bag Preparation
Sunday, December 13: Third Sunday of Advent; 8:30AM: Adult Book/Bible Study with Michelle Prok; **8:30AM:** Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; Advent Cantata; 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, December 15: 7PM: Leadership Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday, December 16: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **1:30PM:** Staff Check-in**; 6PM:** Youth Group; **6PM:** Rush Democratic Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 17: 1PM: Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle
Saturday, December 19: 9AM: Genesee Valley Handspinner's Guild; **10AM:** Children/Youth Play Practice
Sunday, December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent; 8:30AM: Adult Book Study with Michelle Prok; **8:30AM:** Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming; Children/Youth Christmas Play; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class for children age 5 through 6th grade; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Second Sunday Brunck

Ladies' Lunch Bunch
The Ladies' Lunch Bunch is a time of fellowship for older women who are single, widowed, divorced, or separated – or just want the opportunity for fellowship! They meet on the first Monday of each month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. The next luncheon is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2026. If you would like to join Pastor Kyle for lunch this month, please let Barb Kingsley in the church office, or Cindy Gray know. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please call Cindy Gray at 585-362-6206 or contact her at cgtgray1039@gmail.com.

Board of Trustees Meeting
The Rush UMC Board of Trustees are meeting on Monday, December 7 at 7PM. Members of the board and those interested in helping are encouraged to attend.

Christmas Activity Night
PromiseLand will be hosting an evening of food, family geared crafts, and a chance to meet Santa on Tuesday, December 8 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. You are all invited. Please email Promiselandchildcare1996@gmail.com to let Kellianne know if you plan on attending so that we can ensure we have enough crafts and food. While crafts are geared toward families, all are welcome to join us.

Christmas Cheer Bag Preparation
On Saturday, December 12 from 10-noon, we will be continuing our annual tradition of filling about 25 goodie bags to spread some cheer for our homebound, those in Senior Living facilities or those who need some extra cheer this holiday season. Volunteers are Needed to provide homemade cookies, muffins, fruit, snack bags, Nutrigrain bars, candies and small ornaments. A fresh red carnation is added to each bag ordered from Chases Greenhouse. A card is enclosed as well from our church family and PromiseLand. Sign-up Sheets will be provided before Thanksgiving with all information. Delivery People are needed to make this annual event a success. Names, addresses and phone numbers will be provided for you. **Please pick up the bags on Saturday, December 12 or any time on Sunday, December 13 (dining room).** You can deliver whenever convenient for you from December 13-15 while the bags are fresh.

Children/Youth Christmas Play
On Sunday, December 20, the children and youth will be performing a Christmas play during the 9:30 service. The kids are rehearsing during their Sunday school time and part of the youth group meetings. Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 19, from 10AM-12PM. If you are available to help in any way, please let me know. Alethea Coulter, Children's Ministry Director, alethea.coulter@rushumc.org.

Christmas Eve Services
Join us for Christmas Eve! We will continue the tradition of hosting Christmas Eve Services of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight at 7:00PM and 11:00PM. Both services are in person and will be streamed live on Facebook and YouTube where they can also be viewed later at your convenience. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ our Lord.

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
Wendy Kuhn's brother, TJ open heart surgery
Katie and Jeff Robertson, their son Alex Matthew Roberton, was born sleeping on November 7, they are the daughter and son-in-law of Revs Cathy and Matthew Stengel
Kris Roehrig, surgery on Monday, November 23
Shiela Swanger and Beth Malone and family, death of their husband and father, Jim Swanger
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
November 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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