

October 18, 2026

Welcome!
Children’s Sabbath Sunday

9:30AM

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“As the Deer/All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

arr by Callaway
Judy Blachowicz piano

Call to Worship

Praise Song

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Praise Band

Children’s Moment

Ms. Wendy

*Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

UMH No. 64

Choir will sing verses 1 and 2, All will sing verses 3 and 4

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

Reflection Music

“God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”

Judy Blachowicz, piano

Praise Song

“Your Love Never Fails”

Praise Band

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 33:12-23 (NRSV)

Reader: Maureen Cronin

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSV)

Reader: Maureen Cronin

Message

Pastor Kyle Roehrig

*Hymn

“We Will Glorify”

TFWS No. 2087

Reception of New Members

*Benediction

Yellow/Italicized Print on Screens Indicates All Say Together
***Indicates an invitation for you to stand, in body or in spirit.**

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.

Welcome to Rush UMC—We’re Glad You’re here

Are you new or a visitor? Great! You’ll fit right in! Kindly forward your name and contact information to Pastor Kyle at, chaplinroehrig@gmail.com or our Administrative Assistant at office@rushumc.org.

Prayer Requests

Health Concerns: Alison, Bob and Linda Faugh, Buzz and Joan Grimm, Kevin Kinnally, Leola Porter, Penny Schultheis, Ray Smith
Brian Gray, son of George and Cindy Gray, had spine surgery on October 13 at RGH
Wendy Kuhn’s brother, TJ suffered a heart attack while visiting from out of state, he is at Strong Hospital
Jim and Shiela Swanger, declining health
Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health
PromiseLand Childcare, Children and Staff
Heritage Christian Services Rush Day Hab
Musa weNkosi Orphanage in South Africa, that they will be able to admit children
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

“Thank God I Do”, last Sunday’s Musical Reflection was given in memory and honor of Elio Modafferi’s birthday a year ago
October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

Children’s Sabbath Sunday

Today, 18 October 2026 we are celebrating Children's Sabbath Sunday. Unlike traditional Children's Sundays which empower children to lead worship and participate in a visible way to spur on inclusion - Children's Sabbath specifically focuses on public awareness, community building, and fighting issues like child poverty. We will see children being empowered to lead/serve during this service, but we will also be challenged to take seriously the issues that often go less noticed in an affluent community.

Annual Safe Sanctuary Discussion

Right after the worship service this Sunday, October 18, we will be meeting in the sanctuary for our annual Safe Sanctuary gathering. Anyone who has completed the Safe Sanctuary 3-hour training should plan on attending. If you are unable to attend or have any questions, let me know. Thanks, Alethea Coulter.

Newsletter Article Deadline

Please submit articles (email preferred) for the November issue of “His Faithful Followers” to Barb Kingsley by Thursday, October 22 at barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org. The newsletter will be distributed on Thursday, October 29.

Musa weNkosi Orphanage

On Sunday, October 25 we are supporting Musa weNkosi Orphanage in South Africa with a special offering. Donations can be put in the offering plate on the kiosk, mail to church, or sent electronically through the church website.

Choir update

Wednesday Choir rehearsals will not start until we have an accompanist. Judy Blachowicz and Kellianne and Steve Williams will continue to provide music for the Sunday services. We are in the process of searching for an accompanist. If you know of anyone who could fill the position, please contact Kellianne Williams at klkw1212@gmail.com. The choir will meet at 8:45AM on Sundays to go through the hymns and learn the harmony to sing for the congregation.

2027 General Budget Stewardship Campaign

Our annual Stewardship Campaign for the General Budget begins on Sunday, October 25. Watch for more information and please be thinking about how you can support your church through your gifts, prayers and financially.

Trunk or Treat

Our Halloween event, Trunk or Treat, will be held on October 25 from 4-6pm at the church. In addition to the individual tables, we have music, games, crafts, and snacks. There is a signup sheet on Eagle Island if you plan to have a trunk or table. If anyone can’t do a table but can help with the other activities, please let me know. Alethea Coulter, alethea.coulter@rushumc.org

Advent Booklet

We want your help! Poems, hymn verses, short essays, etc. about Advent and/or the Christmas Season. Make sure to give your name and what your submission means to you. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Nereau, Michelle Prok, or Cindy Gray. Submissions can be emailed to the church office and are requested to be sent in by October 31.

Activities & Meetings

Sunday, October 18 – Children's Sabbath

8:30AM – Adult Book/Bible Study

8:45AM – Choir Rehearsal

9:30AM – Worship Service – In-Person and Streaming

9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class for children age 5 through sixth grade

10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour

11:00AM – Annual Safe Sanctuary Discussion

Sunday, October 18 – Wednesday, October 21

11:00AM – Pastor Kyle in Texas for Celebration of Life Service for Corrine

Wednesday, October 21

9:00AM – Super Sale preparation

9:00AM – Yoga Class

6:00PM – Youth Group

6:00PM – Rush Democratic Committee Mtg

Thursday, October 15

1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle

5:00PM – Newsletter Article Deadline

Saturday, October 24

9:00AM – Genesee Valley Handspinner's Guild

Sunday, October 25 – Musa weNkosi Orphanage Sunday; 1st Sunday of Stewardship Campaign

8:30AM – Adult Book with Michelle Prok

8:45AM – 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 1: Matthew 5:1-12

4:00PM – Trunk or Treat

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”

Sunday Assistants

October 18, 2026

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher:

Cookies: Nancy Miller, Barb Kingsley

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

October 25, 2026

Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes

Usher:

Cookies: Erma Perkins, Sherry Haynes

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

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.”

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.

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"GIVE TO CAESAR
WHAT IS CAESAR'S,
AND TO GOD
WHAT IS GOD'S."

MATTHEW 22:21, NIV



*Rush United Methodist Church
Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSV)
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