Announcements

November 8, 2026

This week

**Sunday, November 8**
8:30AM – Adult Book/Bible Study 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 15: Matthew 25:14-30
**Monday, November 9**
8:00AM – Sprinkler System Inspection
12:30PM – Ladies Lunch Bunch
**Tuesday, November 10**
8:30AM – Fire System Inspection
6:30PM – Finance Ministry Team Meeting
7:00PM – PromiseLand Board Meeting
**Wednesday, November 11**
9:00AM – Super Sale preparation
9:00AM – Yoga Class
3:00PM – Communion at Willow Ridge Senior Living Center at Erie Station Rd
**Thursday, November 12**
1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; study book "Turning the World Upside Down"
6:30PM – Nurture Ministry Team Meeting
**Saturday, November 14**
9:00AM – Craft Sale

Looking Ahead

**Sunday, November 15 – Turn in Your Pledge**
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
11:00AM – 3rd Sunday Brunch; Return Pledge Forms
2:00PM – Jim Swanger Memorial Service at Geneseo UMC
**Wednesday, November 18**
9:00AM – Super Sale preparation
9:00AM – Yoga Class
1:30PM – Staff Check-in
6:00PM – Youth Group
6:00PM – Rush Democratic Committee Meeting
6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM – Investment Committee Meeting
**Thursday, November 19**
1:00PM – Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle; study book: "Turning the World Upside Down"
5:00PM - December Newsletter Article Deadline
**Saturday, November 21**
9:00AM: Genesee Valley Handspinner's Guild
11:00AM – Annual Church Conference at Geneseo UMC

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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 8, 2026**
Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes
Usher:
Cookies: Judy Blachowicz, Kellianne Williams
Cleanup: Don Kingsley
**November 15, 2026**
Greeter: Mackenzie Haynes
Usher:
Cookies: Nancy Miller, Juliet Johnson
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, studying the book "Turning the World Upside Down". 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. The deadline for bringing household items is Wednesday, November 19. 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 are studying the book "Turning the World Upside Down" Steady Faith for Anxious Times by Michael Baughman, Ashley Boggan and Aleze M Fulbright.

***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.

***2027 General Budget Stewardship Campaign***
Our annual Stewardship Campaign for the General Budget has begun. The initial letter and pledge form are on Eagle Island in the church lobby. Please be thinking about how you can support your church through your gifts, prayers and financially. Next Sunday, November 15, we will be shifting our November brunch from the 2nd Sunday to the 3rd Sunday. It will also be a Potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share along with your pledge card.

***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, November 9 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.

***Finance Ministry Team Meeting***
The Finance Ministry Team is meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30PM. We will be reviewing the current state of the finances of the church and working on the tentative budget for 2027. A copy of the tentative budget will be available to all team members at the service today. See Barb Kingsley for your copy. All team members are encouraged to attend.

***Nurture Ministry Team Meeting***
The Nurture Ministry Team is meeting on Thursday, November 12 at 6:30PM at church. We will be working on the Advent Book along with planning future events for the church and community. Interested? Please join us.

***Fall Craft Shows***
November 14, 2026 and December 12, 2026 from 10-3pm at Rush United Methodist Church. Many Homemade items, gifts, home décor, and more! Bring the Whole Family! Please bring a non-perishable item for the less fortunate. Organized by Community Crafters.

***Jim Swanger Memorial Service***
Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 2:00PM at Geneseo United Methodist Church, 4520 Genesee St., Geneseo, NY 14454. Gifts in Jim's name may be given to Livingston County Habitat for Humanity, or a gift of Peanut Butter to your local Food Pantry.

***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.

***Annual Church Conference***
The annual church conference of Rush UMC is scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 11AM at Geneseo UMC. The agenda includes: 1) Election of Church Trustees; 2) Confirmation of 2026 Pastoral Compensation Package; 3) Affirming the Ministry Team Reports. The members of Rush UMC are invited to attend and have the privilege of voice and voting.

***Coming up Activities & Meetings***
**Sunday, November 22: 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; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for November 29 Mark 13:24-37
**Tuesday, November 24:** Begin making reservations for Stony Brook State Park Camping on Labor Day Weekend
**Wednesday, November 25: 9AM:** Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Yoga Class; **9AM:** Distribution of December Newsletter; **3PM:** Communion at Willow Ridge Senior Living Facility at Erie Station Rd; **6PM:** Clear out PromiseLand Downstairs Rooms and Hallway
**Thursday, November 26: Happy Thanksgiving;** the Church Office, PromiseLand Childcare and Heritage Christian Day-Hab are closed
**Friday, November 27:** the Church Office, PromiseLand Childcare and Heritage Christian Day-Hab are closed; PromiseLand, Super Sale Hallway and Lower Bathroom Floors Striped and Waxed
**Saturday, November 28: 9AM:** Restoration of PromiseLand Rooms and Hallway
**Sunday, November 29: First Sunday of Advent; Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday; 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; **11AM:** Lectionary Study with Pastor Kyle; Gospel Lesson for December 6 Mark 1:1-8
**Wednesday, December 2: 9AM:** Super Sale Preparation; **6PM:** Youth Group; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal; **6:30PM:** Investment Meeting
**Thursday, December 3: 1PM:** Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Kyle

**Saturday, December 5: 9AM:** Holiday Super Sale until 3PM; Half price sale begins at 1PM
**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

***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
Linda Dimond's brother, Jeff Smith, diagnosed with cancer
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

***Pastoral Staff***
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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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