

## **Weekly Announcements**

September 24

This week

### **Sunday, September 24 – Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday**

- 8:30AM – “Chaos or Hope and Purpose” led by Rob Gruschow
- 8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok
- 8:30AM – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Blended Worship Experience - In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook, Communion
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School for Children
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour
- 10:45AM – Turkey Dinner Planning Meeting

### **Tuesday, September 26**

- 7:00PM – SPRC Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 27**

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 11:00AM – Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom
- 1:00PM – Individual Staff Time
- 5:30PM – September Community Family Picnic
- 6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, September 29**

- 9:00AM – Chair Aerobics
- 10:30AM – Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM

### **Saturday, September 30**

- 1:00PM – Town of Rush Hundred Acres Nature Park Dedication at the park on at 250 Rush Scottsville Rd

Looking Ahead

### **Sunday, October 1 – World Communion Sunday**

- 8:30AM – “Chaos or Hope and Purpose” led by Rob Gruschow
- 8:30AM – Adult Study with Michelle Prok
- 9:30AM – Blended Worship Experience - In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook, Communion
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School for Children
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour

### **Monday, October 2**

- 12:30PM – Ladies Lunch Bunch

### **Tuesday, October 3**

- 6:30PM – Rush Hometown Team Meeting

### **Wednesday, October 4**

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 9:00AM – Gentle Yoga
- 11:00AM – Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom
- 6:00PM – Youth Group
- 6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, October 6**

- 9:00AM – Chair Aerobics
- 10:30AM – Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM

## Announcements

### ***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>.

### ***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.

### ***Hearing Loop***

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

### ***Sunday Assistants***

#### ***September 24***

Greeter:

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Nancy Miller, Joyce Smith

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

#### ***October 1***

Greeter:

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Julie Sanderson, Sherry Haynes

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

### ***Adult Sunday School Opportunities***

“Chaos or Hope and Purpose” led by Rob Gruschow at 8:30AM. This class meets in the pavilion, when the weather permits, or in the adult Sunday School room downstairs.

Bible Study led by Michelle Prok at 8:30AM. This class meets in the Large Conference Room.

### ***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](mailto:rushumcnews@rochester.rr.com).

### ***Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service***

All are invited to participate in the Mid-Week Prayer Service on Wednesdays at 11AM via Zoom. This is a time to gather together to learn of prayer concerns and pray for each other, our church, our neighbors, our country, and our world. Contact Pastor Todd for the zoom link.

### ***Fall Worship Schedule***

The result of an informal verbal survey is that the preference is to continue with one blended service at 9:30AM for the foreseeable future. This decision will be periodically reevaluated.

The worship schedule for the fall is as follows:

8:30AM: Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok; “Chaos or Hope and Purpose” led by Rob Gruschow

8:30AM: Choir Rehearsal

9:30AM: Blended Worship Experience, Communion will be served on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

9:45AM: One Room Sunday School Class for children

10:45AM: Rush UMC Coffee Hour

### ***Turkey Dinner and Planning Meetings***

The 79th Annual Turkey Dinner is Saturday, October 21st, 2023. Signup sheets for various tasks are on Eagle Island in the church lobby. Help from everyone would be greatly appreciated! Attention all Turkey Dinner volunteers (and anyone interested in learning more). We will be holding an informal meeting on **today** to discuss the timeline for the upcoming Turkey Dinner. Dan or Kathy Kingsley will be present to walk everyone through the preparation timeline, answer questions and receive feedback about this year's dinner. We encourage you to come to the meeting if you are able. RHAFT has an abundance of canned solid pumpkin, pumpkin pie filling and evaporated milk that they have donated to Rush UMC for Turkey Dinner pumpkin pies. They are in the dining room on the back wall by the pantry. If you are making pumpkin pies, please take what you need.

### ***Musa weNkosi Orphanage Offering***

Today, September 24, we are supporting Musa weNkosi Orphanage in South Africa with a special offering. Donations can be put in the offering plate on Eagle Island, dropped off at, mailed to the church, or sent electronically securely through the church website.

### ***September Wednesday Family Community Picnic***

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Wednesday, September 27 at 5:30PM for our family community picnic in the pavilion. This is always a wonderful time of good food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome, so tell your friends and neighbors to come and picnic with us. Hot dogs, chips, tableware, and beverages are provided. All are welcome to bring a dish to share: salad, side dish or dessert.

### ***Town of Rush Hundred Acres Nature Park Dedication***

The dedication for the Town of Rush Hundred Acres Nature Park is Saturday, September 30 at 1PM. Refreshments, giveaways, and a tour will be available after the dedication. The park is at 250 Rush Scottsville Rd. Meet at field #1, closest to the Genesee River on Route 251. The rain date is Friday, October 6 at 4PM. Sponsored by the Rush Recreation and Park Association.

### ***Sunday school Assistance Needed***

As our children's Sunday school class is starting up again after the summer break, we need some additional people to help support this ministry. We have a one room class that meets every Sunday. In order to make that happen, we need to have 2 people in the classroom each week per our Safe Sanctuary policy. If you would be available to either co-teach on a Sunday or to just assist with the class activities, please let me know. Our Rally Day and teacher dedication is set for September 10, and I'd love to have a few more people able to work with the kids. If you have any questions, please let me know. Alethea Coulter, Children's Ministry Director

### ***Choir Rehearsals***

Choir Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30PM and Sundays at 8:30AM in the Sanctuary. Interested in singing with the choir? You are welcome to come to either rehearsal. If you have any questions, please contact Kellianne Williams, choir director, at [klkw1212@gmail.com](mailto:klkw1212@gmail.com).

### ***Upcoming Activities & Meetings***

**Sunday, October 8: 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; **11AM:** Second Sunday Brunch; **2PM:** Rush Hometown Indigenous Peoples' Day

**Monday, October 9: 6PM:** Rush Democratic Committee Meeting; **7PM:** Board of Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday, October 10: 7PM:** PromiseLand Board Meeting

**Wednesday, October 11: 9AM:** Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Gentle Yoga; **11AM:** Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom; **1PM:** Staff Meeting; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, October 13: 9AM:** Chair Aerobics; **10:30AM:** Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM

**Saturday, October 14: 9AM:** UNY Conference: Special Session

**Sunday, October 15: 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

**Tuesday, October 17: 6:30PM:** Rush Recreation and Parks Association Candidates Night

**Wednesday, October 18: 9AM:** Super Sale Preparation; **9AM:** Gentle Yoga; **9:15AM:** A Meal & More Soup Kitchen; **10AM:** Cutting Bread for Dressing; **11AM:** Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom; **6PM:** Youth Group; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 19: 5PM:** November Newsletter Article Deadline

**Friday, October 20: 10:30AM:** Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM; **3PM:** Start setting up for Turkey Dinner

**Saturday, October 21:** Turkey Dinner

### ***World Communion Sunday - October 1***

This special Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model the radical diversity among God’s children as we celebrate our unity in Christ with Christians around the world. A special offering is taken to support the United Methodist division of chaplains and ministries, Crusade Scholarships, and the scholarship fund for minority youth. Offering envelopes are on the kiosk or a check can be written putting World Communion on the memo line.

### ***Not Your Normal Pancake Breakfast***

Saturday, October 7 from 8 – 11AM at the Firemen’s Field, Auxiliary Food Building, 1971 Rush Mendon Rd, Rush during the Rush Fall Festival. Sponsored by the Rush Firemen’s Ladies Auxiliary. Come enjoy a selection of pancakes with sausage or bacon and their famous breakfast sandwiches. Also, lunch from 11 – 3. Menu includes Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pulled Pork and Chili.

### ***Church Fellowship Second Sunday Brunch***

Come after the 9:30 service on October 8. Meet families from the opposite service and get to know one another better. Enjoy a meal without having to fix it yourself! A donation of \$1 or \$2 per adult is appreciated but not necessary. Offered are child friendly, gluten free and vegetarian options.

### ***Indigenous Peoples’ Day Ceremony and Proclamation***

Everyone is welcome to be a part of the Fourth Annual Indigenous Peoples’ Day in the Town of Rush on Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 2:00PM at Rush United Methodist Church. Proclamation: Rush Town Supervisor Gerald Kusse will read the Proclamation. Bradley Powless, Council Member of the Onondaga Council and Onondaga Eel clan will speak about “The Effect of Residential Schools”. Canadian and U.S government forcibly attempted to assimilate Indigenous children by removing them from their parents and educating them in residential schools. Often, the children never returned; mass graves at some schools are being discovered. Residential school operated from early 1800’s to 1960. Bradley Powless has taught third and sixth grades and is the cultural leader at the K-8 Onondaga Nation School in Nedrow, NY. In the past, Brad has spoken to Rush Boy Scout Troup 134. Sponsored by the Rush Historical Society & Rush History Office.

### ***Special Music***

If you are interested in providing special music during a service, please let Kellianne Williams know. We are happy to hear your gift to and from God. [Klkw1212@gmail.com](mailto:Klkw1212@gmail.com) or (585) 507-1996.

### ***PromiseLand bake sale!***

Calling all bakers! We will once again be holding a bake sale during the Turkey Dinner. We will be looking for donations of baked goods (pies, cookies, breads, cakes, cupcakes, brownies...) that we can sell. Items can be brought to the church on Friday, October 20, between 6:30am and 5:00pm or on Saturday before the sale starts at 3:30. Please package your items ready to sell but without pricing we will do that before the sale. For more information, please contact Kellianne Williams at 533-2475 or [promiselandchildcare1996@gmail.com](mailto:promiselandchildcare1996@gmail.com).

### ***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 lists and would like to provide cookies, please contact Tanya Hunt, or call the church office.

### ***Saturday Service? Ideas Wanted!***

One of the ideas the Nurture Ministry team is exploring is the possibility of holding a regular Saturday evening service at the church. We are looking for ideas, suggestions, any type of feedback as we consider this idea. Please feel free to join us at our next Nurture meeting (7/22, 8:30am at the church), or contact either Chris Chamot, Cindy Gray, or Michelle Prok with your ideas.

### ***Jump into Missions and Outreach***

We have opportunities for everyone to serve! Speak with Erma Perkins at 585-750-0136. If you would like to assist with our Super Sale, contact Cindy Raymond (585-727-8774). ***Find your niche.***

### ***Battle of the Bands?!***

The Nurture Ministry team is looking at ideas for potential community events. We want to find ways to bring new people into our church building! One idea that was suggested was the possibility of holding a Battle of the Bands at the church. If you would like to be part of a planning team for this event, or if you have ideas or suggestions, please contact Cindy Gray at 585-334-0110, or [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com)).

### ***Jerusalem Fund***

Several years ago, Morley Maxwell led our church to establish the Jerusalem Fund with this opening appeal to the members: "Remember the poor, that is the charge that Peter, James, Cephas, and John gave to Paul for his evangelism to the Gentiles (Galatians 2:10). Also, we read in the Gospels that the churches took up a collection and sent it to Jerusalem for the needy." The Jerusalem Fund is a second mile giving opportunity for us to directly assist those in need. It is a pastoral discretionary fund meant to financially assist members of our church family that are experiencing short-term economic need. The Jerusalem Fund has been drawn down to a minimum level and is in need of replenishment. Please consider a contribution to the Jerusalem Fund, in the same spirit of Christian love and generosity that Morley modeled many years ago. Thank you for your thoughtful attention. (A more detailed description of Morley's vision is in the August Newsletter.).

### ***Family Picture Wall***

We are creating a church family wall on the bulletin board in the dining room, to help both new and old church members learn each other's names and to see those people we may not see often (or haven't seen in a while). The pictures do not have to be formal, or professional. We welcome selfies and fun family pictures – as long as the people in them are identifiable! If you would like someone to take a snapshot of your family, contact Cindy Gray (585-334-0110, [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com)) and we can make that happen. If possible, we'd like to have the pictures up by the end of March. We look forward to seeing you on our church wall. Our Church Directory is also in need of updating, if you would like to help make this happen, please contact Barb Kingsley in the church office.

### ***Seeking Pastor Care or Guidance?***

Contact Pastor Todd at 585-703-9235 or [toddgoddard@gmail.com](mailto:toddgoddard@gmail.com)

### ***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 at the kiosk in the lobby, speak aloud your prayer request, or forward your prayers to Barb Kingsley at [barbking@rochester.rr.com](mailto:barbking@rochester.rr.com)

### ***Aspiring Photographers Wanted!***

We need an updated picture of the exterior of our church building, so we are holding a contest! Everyone is invited to take pictures and submit them – the deadline is Saturday, Sept. 16. Pictures must be printed, and no larger than 8 x 10. They can be left at the church office or given to Cindy Gray – be sure your name and contact information is included with the photo. The pictures will then be placed on display for 2 weeks to the church congregation, and all members of the congregation will be encouraged to vote for their choice (1 vote / person). The winner will be announced in October, and the winning photograph will be used for church promotion materials with credit given to the photographer. Start snapping pictures now! If you have any questions, please see Cindy Gray, or contact her at [cgtgray1039@gmail.com](mailto:cgtgray1039@gmail.com).

### ***First Time Here?***

Welcome! Are you new or a visitor? Great! We're building back post-pandemic stronger than ever. ***You'll fit right in!*** Kindly forward us your name and contact information to our Administrative Assistant, [barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org](mailto:barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org) or our Pastor, [toddgoddard@gmail.com](mailto:toddgoddard@gmail.com), or 585.703.9235.

### ***Baptism? Membership?***

If God is calling you to explore baptism or membership, ***welcome aboard!*** To join the conversation, speak with Pastor Todd after worship.

### ***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 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.

***We love children!***

### ***Youth!***

We have a small but enthusiastic and active youth group. They are meeting off site for special summer activities. 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 ([acoulter@rochester.rr.com](mailto:acoulter@rochester.rr.com)), Interim Youth Director with any questions.

### ***Called to Ministry?***

Is God calling you into ordained ministry? How would you know? Who would you ask? To start the process of discernment, speak with pastor Todd. Call or email him at: 703-9235 or [toddgoddard@gmail.com](mailto:toddgoddard@gmail.com).

### ***Worship Leaders Needed!***

**Read the Gospel?** Speak with Alethea Coulter (585.533.9246 or [acoulter@rochester.rr.com](mailto:acoulter@rochester.rr.com)).

**Sing in the choir!** See Kellianne Williams (585.507.1996 or [klkw1212@gmail.com](mailto:klkw1212@gmail.com))

**Morning Greeter and Ushers?** Sign up with Barb Kingsley 533.2170 or

[barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org](mailto:barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org)

**Assist with Holy Communion?** Contact Judy Blachowicz at [jcrb@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jcrb@rochester.rr.com).

**Join the Tech Team.** Speak with Steve Williams at 585.807.3965 or [williasc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### ***Weekly Financial Report***

Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. Colossians 2:7

**Needed weekly to meet all expenses: \$5,441.51.**

**Received 09/17 - 09/23: \$5,657.00**

**Total Pledged for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$269,200.00.**

**Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$116,352.54 (\$5,000 designated for electronic sign)**

**Total Spent as of July 21: \$22,416.23.**

### **Prayer Requests**

Pastor Todd, recovering from auto accident injuries

Rev. Bill Pegg, health concerns

Church family and friends recently diagnosed with Covid

The victims of 9/11 as they continue to grieve

The church, pray for all.

PromiseLand Childcare, Children and Staff.

More people come back to GOD; we all need his help!!

Those who continue to struggle with addiction.

Our Bishop, Clergy and Lay leaders.

Musa weNkosi Orphanage and Zululand Hospice in South Africa.

Our Nation and Leaders and Peace to come to our troubled land.

Family members and friends who are homebound or in senior living facilities.

Those serving in the Military: home, or abroad.

### **Praises**

Raymer Ottman, thank you for Patricia Fussell prayer

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

### **Homebound and Ill**

Ruth Baldoni, Jean and Walt Banker, Mary Anne Brice, Mary Callerame, Trudy Corio, Craig Crowell, Ernie Harrington, Louise Harris, Jim Hughes, Lynne Jacobs, Meg and Kevin Kinnally, Bessie Luft, Hubert Koloseike, David Phillips, Gisela Rice, Dave Smith, Betty Stover

### **Our Military**

Phillip Banker, Jason Bello, Ryan Blood, Ben Frederick, Michael Kurvach, Steven Kurvach, Jason McKnight, Isaiah Montana, James Rice, Bryan Simpson, Matthew Simpson, Marcus Sydow

### **Pastoral Staff**

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### **2023 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/phone number are listed below.

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