

10:00 Worship

September 20, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

“Stand only in spirit. Speak and sing in the quiet imagination of your mind. Thank you for following the greeters and ushers directions, reducing our risk of exposure to illness, and loving one another enough to care for each other’s health and safety.”

Prelude *“Be Thou My Vision”* arr by Koerts
Judy Blachowicz and E-Na Song, piano duet

Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-8

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Opening Praise Songs *“Happy Days”*
“You Never Let Go”

Opening Prayer from Philippians 1:21-30
On this Sabbath day, may our worship be worthy of the Gospel. We are standing firm, standing in one spirit, standing side by side, with one mind and one faith to give you all glory and praise, O Lord; in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Children’s Moment Wendy Weaver Kuhn

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Offertory Praise Band

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer from Philippians 1:21-30

Special Music *“Thy Word is a Lamp”*
Judy Blachowicz and E-Na Song, piano duet

The Gospel Message Matthew 20:1-16 The Johnson Family
Pastor Todd Goddard

Closing Hymn *“God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”* UMH No. 122

Benediction 1 Corinthians 15:58

Prayer Requests

Martha Ann and Casey Beebe’s granddaughter’s friend, Marie Smith and family, death of 6 year old daughter from an auto accident
Michael, health concerns
Norm Miller
Charlotte Sanford, second eye surgery, first surgery went very well and was successful
School Districts, Parents and Students
Turkey Dinner planning
Peace to come to our troubled land
For justice and health care to be deployed equally and evenly among all people
End to racism and inequality
Musa weNkosi Orphanage and Zululand Hospice
Our Bishop and Clergy and Lay leaders
Church finances
Those serving in the Military, home or abroad
Family members and friends who are homebound or in senior living facilities

Praises

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday Assistants

September 20 at 10:00AM

Greeter: Bill Stambaugh
Ushers:
Site Safety Monitor: Erin Bills

September 27 at 10:00AM

Greeter: Bill Stambaugh
Ushers:
Site Safety Monitor: Tanya Hunt

Sunday School Classes via Zoom

The children are invited to join Ms. Alethea for online Sunday school classes. These will be held before and after church on Sunday. The preschool-K class will meet at 9:15am and grades 1-5 will meet at 11:15am. We will be learning about Abraham and his journeys. The link is on the Sunday School page of the church website, www.rushumc.com

Activities & Meetings

Sunday, September 20: 10AM: In-Person Worship Service also on YouTube Live and Facebook Live; **1PM:** Zoom: Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **5PM:** Youth Group in the Pavilion; **7PM:** Psalm 117 and 53 Study and Holy Communion
Tuesday, September 22: 10AM and 7PM: Zoom: Rush UMC Connections
Wednesday, September 23: 1PM: Individual Staff Meetings
Thursday, September 24: 9AM: Distribution of October Newsletter
Sunday, September 27: Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday; 10AM: In-Person Worship Service also on YouTube Live and Facebook Live; **1PM:** Zoom: Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **5PM:** Youth Group in the Pavilion; **7PM:** Bible Study and Holy Communion
Tuesday, September 29: 10AM and 7PM: Zoom: Rush UMC Connections
Sunday, October 4: World Communion Sunday; 10AM: In-Person Worship Service also on YouTube Live and Facebook Live; **1PM:** Zoom: Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **5PM:** Youth Group in the Pavilion; **7PM:** Saoirse Gilroy’s baptism
Monday, October 5: 7PM: Zoom Church Conference to discuss and approve expenditure of funds to repair the church roof
Tuesday, October 6: 10AM and 7PM: Zoom: Rush UMC Connections
Saturday, October 10: 8:30AM: Leadership Ministry Team Meeting

Turkey Dinner Menu

Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed potatoes, Gravy, Cole Slaw, Cranberries, Dinner Roll, Pumpkin Pie. We will need help with cutting bread, making the season for stuffing plus baking the stuffing. Pat Boyes will need one person to help with coleslaw. More to follow.

Additional Announcements/Calendar/Newsletter and the Upper Room

Additional Announcements, the Weekly calendar and the September Newsletter are available on the web site and through Rush Tidings. Copies of the September Newsletter and the current Upper Room are on the shelf between the outer and inner doors.

Attending In-Person Worship

If you would like to attend in person worship, reservations are required. Please call or email Joyce Smith at 585-356-5310 or jpsmith@rochester.rr.com. They need to be made by Friday at 5PM. Visit the church website, www.rushumc.com, for more information.

Psalm 117 and Psalm 53 Study and Holy Communion

Join us on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm for a brief study of Psalm 117 and Psalm 53 and Holy Communion. All are welcome!

Outdoors: Gather under the pavilion. Bring lawn chairs. Throw a blanket on the grass. Or, just remain in your car. Thank you for wearing a mask and maintaining safe physical distancing.

Psalm 117 and Psalm 53: These Psalms are an anchor of assurance and promise. Find refuge in the shelter and shadow of God. Listen for words directly from God.

Holy Communion: Bring your own bread and fruit of the vine for consecration and consumption. Safely gather and share the blessing of the Psalms and Sacrament.

Volunteers Needed for In-Person Worship

Our Opening In-Person Worship Ministry team has worked hard to bring us into compliance to open for in-person worship. Have you been anxiously waiting for Rush UMC to reopen to in-person worship? We need you to sign up to volunteer to serve as an usher or greeter or cleaner/sanitizer. If we do not have volunteers, a service will be cancelled. Even if you would prefer to wait, you can pray for our success. Everyone can do something! Call the church office, 585-533-2170, to volunteer. Please leave a message if no on answers.

Creek Side Chapel Repair

We are proceeding with a project to replace and repair the benches and altar at the Creek Side Chapel. We need some financial support. The site is to be used for individual prayer or small group gathering. Our goal is to have it completed for fall use. We need about \$200 for the project. We currently have some commitments and donations. If you would like to contribute, mark your check memo or envelope Creekside repair project. If contributing online, mark other for Creekside repair. Thank You in advance for your help. The project was approved by the Leadership Team on September 12, 2020.

Un-Bake Sale

We church folk like nothing better than a Bake Sale! We can't have one right now because of the you-know-what. So I'm inviting you to an Un-Bake Sale. Sit down, relax and put up your feet. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and send the money you would have donated to Rush UMC Box 49 Rush NY 14543. Note Un-Bake Sale in the memo. You will be blessed! (Pastor) Shiela

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The mission of the Rush United Methodist Church is "to live and share the love of Jesus."

Our vision is "to be more like Jesus."

Our missional priorities are "excellence in worship; ministries for children, youth, adults, and families; and mission and outreach."

Cancelled or Postponed Due to the Coronavirus

All in-person group meetings, events and activities at Rush UMC have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.

The church website, www.rushumc.com, has information on meetings and events being held on Zoom and links to services on YouTube Live and Facebook Live. The current guidelines for reopening are also on the website.



“What’s in a Name?”

Matthew 20:1-16

Welcome Home!
Rush United Methodist Church
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