

Pandemic Response Plan

Rush United Methodist Church

Updated: 15 June 2020

Beloved members and friends of the Rush United Methodist Church,

Our Leadership Team has agreed on a common sense, measured response to the coronavirus pandemic, based on information from Monroe County Department of Public Health (<https://www2.monroecounty.gov/health-coronavirus>), the New York State Department of Health (<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/ReligiousandFuneralServicesMasterGuidance.pdf>), and the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church (<http://www.unyumc.org/about/uny-covid-19-response>).

We will reopen for in-person worship as soon as we are safe and in compliance with the law.

Our Buildings and Ground Team are working to bring us into compliance as quickly as possible. They will need the congregations total support. Please contact Chris Chamot (585.746.4699) or Rob Grouschow (585.410.2665) to volunteer.

This response includes:

Worship

- We are suspending in-person worship. Please do not attend unless you are a worship leader or if you are involved in the supporting production.
- We will continue with regular worship and scheduled special services.
- IN PERSON
 - Only worship leaders and technology support individuals are encouraged to attend
 - Commitment to good person hygiene, wearing masks, social distancing
 - Willing to assist with ongoing building disinfectant (bring wipes, share wipes, use wipes)
- ONLINE worship for the congregation
 - Encouraged for all

- Online video worship is streamed at: <https://www.rushumc.com/live-stream>
- Online video (live and archived) hosted on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2CkCxUcHfzi8Uwq3ktE2oQ?view_as=subscriber
- Online video (live and archived) hosted on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/rushumc/>
- Online attendance will be tabulated, based on number of people watching the live stream and the number of clicks on YouTube videos.
- Initially, worship will be unchanged. Changes may be made in the future to better accommodate the worship needs of our people, given the unique needs and abilities of live video.

Meetings, Classes, Devotionals

- We continue with currently scheduled small group gatherings, encouraging attendance by Zoom Video.
 - Easy to use. Just click the link!
 - Mute / Unmute audio as needed
 - Works on PC / Apple / Desktop / Laptop / Tablet / Phone Nearly every platform with a camera.
- Contact Pastor Todd, Alethea Coulter, or Peter Lagueras for orientation or launching a Zoom Video meeting or class.
- *Rush UMC Connections*
 - Checking in with one another twice a week for prayer, devotions, assessing needs, coordinate a response to needs
 - Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Click on this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87177410871?pwd=NWF3K3NhUHQvTk9nektrRmR5VnMyZz09>
 Meeting ID: 871 7741 0871, Password: 229665
 - Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Click on this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87808954706?pwd=MEV1YStBdlUvTm5tbk5TSEQxUIR0dz09> Meeting ID: 878 0895 4706, Password: 264149
- *Rush UMC Children's Ministries*, Lessons, plans, and resources:
<https://www.rushumc.com/children-s-ministry>
- *Rush UMC Coffee Hour*, Sundays at 1:00 pm. Click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82543922618?pwd=UHhROXhrcIZ1d3U3aTgyVkFSc25uUT09> Meeting ID: 825 4392 2618, Password: 647233

- *Rush Hour Youth Fellowship*, Sundays at 5:00 pm. Click on this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/237748567>

Resources, devotionals, curriculum for youth:

<https://www.rushumc.com/rush-hour-youth>

- Stay tuned for additional information as it becomes available.

Events

- Gatherings of 10 or more are being discouraged at this time. Events will either be postponed or cancelled, based on the best information available and common sense.
- The situation is being monitored continuously, adjustments will be made accordingly, information will be communicated clearly.

PromiseLand Childcare

- PromiseLand is licensed by New York State Department of Health and will comply with their directives and actions.

Finance and Stewardship

- Regular income and expenses continue. We anticipate greater need. We are thankful for your ongoing financial support. Online contributions may be made at: https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JlDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbe52UFPdGI-Cgm7oKNbmyqOXHubq5Z7ap5JVmPErc4ZeYHCKCZhESjGNQmZ5B-6dx-cxKI6wasoc_3gou-0RcW4=&ver=3

In all cases, we hope to hold our church family close together with love and care. Be kind with one another.

We plan on frequent, but not overwhelming communication. We will keep the church webpage updated, send out Rush Tidings emails, and conduct regular video gatherings. Please take the extra step to reach out to others ... send a card, make a telephone call, check in with a text, say a prayer, ask what needs others are having and do your best to meet those needs.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!

Love the Lord. Trust the Lord. Follow the Lord. God loves you, and so do I –

Todd R. Goddard

Pastor Todd

Coronavirus spreads just like the flu.

Take the same steps to keep yourself healthy:



Wash your hands often with soap and water **for at least 20 seconds**, especially before eating.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Stay home when you are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.