



Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church

## *SLATE and STONE*

*July 2016*

Called to Worship ††† Empowered to Serve  
A Mission Church  
Bringing Members In, Sending Disciples Out

### ***Waiting***

There are some things I'm pretty good at doing and some things I fail at accomplishing. One of the things I fail to do well is wait. Husband Zack comments on that occasionally. 'Maggie, you're not a good waiter.' I confess, he's right! I want computers to come on immediately, I want food to cook faster, and I want this presidential election to be over!

Meanwhile, I realize I am not following God's lead on waiting, for I believe that part of resting in the arms of God is allowing everything to happen in God's time. Just when it seems it's been too long, usually that which is waited for happens – ever noticed that?

Rumple has been waiting...waiting...for the next big chapter to happen – the new minister or teaching elder or whatever you'll call your new pastor to arrive.

You understand the process – an interim comes to shepherd in the 'in between times'. Then the Pastor Nominating Committee begins their learning curve, then they spend months processing the dozens of Pastor Information Forms (PIFs), and the hard work of discernment of who God is calling here, all in a confidential, quiet climate away from the congregation.

In your case, you've not had ONE interim, but TWO! Has that made the waiting for you harder or easier? As the second of the two interims, I can't help but wonder about that.

And have Charlie and I prepared the way for the new pastor to have the space he/she needs to lead as the Holy Spirit has led her/him? That's our job, you know, to change the worship service from the 'we've always done it this way' way, as well as change perspectives on problem solving and shake up things a little. That way, when the new pastor comes, everything is not down pat, but rustled and shoveled enough to give the 'new pastor's way' space for rooting.

All this is happening in the waiting time.

I wanted to thank you for being open to some new ideas and approaches while you wait. You've been remarkably flexible! I think that's good news for the pastor the Holy Spirit is sending you. And when that day comes, suddenly, the waiting will be over! And your new pastor will be mightily blessed because you have waited so well and will be ready for the next chapter. May God bless you for keeping your beloved home church so healthy and ready to warmly welcome the shepherd who is surely on the way!

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

*Maggie Lauterer*

# Youth Activities

***A great big SURF SHACK thank you to all those who made VBS 2016 a huge success and big fun for 26 children.***

Special thanks to these volunteers: Debbie Brenner, Patti Curtis, Sally Gunn, Beth Harris, Tim Harris, Bill and Jewel Magee, Linda Mauldin, Lou Moore, Jim and Carolyn Nelson, Ann Rhyne

Teen Helpers: Evy Aldridge, Carlton Dyer, Riley Kiker, Molly Kirkland, Reagan Womack  
ASU Leaders: Madelyn Kahn, Lydia Smith, Darby Teander





Thank you to all of you who donated to the **Youth Auction** and to those of you who bid on items. It was a fun and exciting afternoon. The youth were able to raise \$4,000 for their summer conferences and service projects.

Be in prayer for our High School Youth and their leaders, as they travel to the **Montreat Youth Conference on July 10**. Those attending include: (Leaders) Natasha Schoonover, Mike Steele, Darby Teander (Youth) August Carter, Maggie Gilleskie, Molly Gilleskie, Emma Hudspeth, Emma Liesegang, Breanna Meadows, Emily Smith, Morgan Smith.

### **Bible Study on ACTS**

Join us for a summer “Lunch and Learn” 10 week series on the book of ACTS. The class will be taught by Rene Cuthill and will meet in our church library. Participants are invited to bring a bagged lunch.

**June 14 – August 16**  
**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Cost of a participant’s book is \$10 and can be purchased from Cameron Womack

## ***Summer Salt Shakers and Lunch Bunch Update***

The Salt Shaker program is one of the most important fellowship opportunities in the church. All the Salt Shaker groups reported outstanding June meetings. Being better acquainted in an informal setting brings out closeness of our church parishioners.

The Lunch Bunch had a successful initial meeting. This program permits those who prefer not to get out at night to participate in a more intimate setting. Don't miss these opportunities in the future.  
Ellen Gregory

## **Rumple Presbyterian Women**

### ***Circle News and Meetings***

- Circle I** will meet again Monday August 1 at 6:00 in the Rumple House.  
**Circle II** will meet on Tuesday July 12 at 2:00 at the home of Mary Lentz.  
**Circle III** will meet Monday July 18 at 10:30 at the home of Leslie Novilla.  
**Circle IV** will meet Monday July 11 at the Rumple House. Janet Stout will be our Hostess and Betty Womack will lead in Chapter 4 in *Stupid Won't Fix Stupid* in Max Lucado's *You'll Get Through This: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times*.  
**Circle V** will meet Wednesday, July 6, in the Rumple House at 9:30.

## **Compassionate & Capable Caregiving**

*Skills and tools for congregational care*

**Sunday, July 24, 2016 at Rumple**

**12:15 – 3 pm Lunch provided**



Topics covered:

Theological/Scriptural basis for caregiving	Tips for making hospital visits
Sacred art of listening	Dealing with hard questions
Self-care	

Presenter: Rev. Melanie Childers, Director of Pastoral Care, Watauga Medical Center

Please join us: All are invited to attend!

**RSVP by Monday, July 18th: Annie Tarbutton**

**[atarbutton@skybest.com](mailto:atarbutton@skybest.com) 828-297-1514**

### **About our Speaker:**

*Rev. Melanie Childers is Director of Pastoral Care at Watauga Medical Center, where she has worked since 1998. She provides crisis intervention, bereavement support, and spiritual assessment for patients, families, and staff at the healthcare facility. She trains staff in diversity and sensitivity, co-chairs the hospital's Ethics Committee and coordinates the Palliative Care program. She is ordained by the United Church of Christ, and is a Board Certified Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains. She was named Chaplain of the Year in 2004 by the North Carolina Chaplains' Association.*

*Event hosted by Congregational Care at Rumple Memorial Presbyterian*

# RUMPLE on A Mission



I can't do it all...but I  
can do something

Did you know that the Hunger and Health Coalition was founded by a former Rumble member, Joan Chater? Did you know that its Board currently consists of two Rumble Members and numerous members have served over the years? Did you know that two of our members work to help improve the health of our community as employees of HHC? Did you know that many of our members have been regular volunteers?

Rumple has had close ties with HHC and supported their efforts for years. This month, we want to highlight the various ways that you can be involved. While we house a food pantry at Rumble, we will collect shelf-stable items for their pantry. The pharmacy at HHC always needs empty prescription bottles that have the labels removed. There is a blue collection barrel in the lobby for any that you can share. (This will be an on-going collection.) During the winter, our community in need can receive firewood donated to HHC for that purpose. If you are cutting trees this summer, please consider donating to their log lot. HHC has a room for sharing clothing and for a professional wardrobe...maybe you've been meaning to clean out your closet?! They currently need a group to clean out a trailer for them...maybe a Rumble group can fill this need. They are always looking for groups to help pack food boxes for satellite locations and backpack programs during school. If you want to help, please contact Debora Smith, 773-1966 or [deborawsm@gmail.com](mailto:deborawsm@gmail.com). To read much more about HHC and for more ways to help, [Click here](#). Thank you for serving in our community as

**Rumple goes *On A Mission*.** Luke 4:18

## ***Second Sunday Lunch—July 10 Donations will benefit the Habitat Faith Build***

Plan to attend the Second Sunday Luncheon which will feature a variety of salads (chicken, tuna, tossed green, pasta, potato, black-eye pea, green bean, fruit, cabbage, seven-layer, broccoli) and bread. The proceeds of this luncheon will benefit Habitat for Humanity Faith Build so please give generously.

The ground breaking for the **Love family's Habitat** house has been rescheduled for Sunday, July 17 at 2:00 p.m. It will take place at their lot in the Greenwood Development. I will provide a reminder with a map for the bulletins on July 12 and 17.

Tim Harris

## Session Digest – June 27, 2016

At the June 27 Stated Meeting of the Session, your ruling elders, in addition to regular monthly committee items:

- The meeting was called to order by Rev. Maggie Lauterer.
- Opening Devotional on “Our Father’s presence, knowledge and the help He continually day by day provides”.
- Natasha Schoonover requested Rumble to be her sponsor during the next two years toward her candidacy studies for ordination. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.
- Minutes for May were approved.
- Rev. Lauterer gave her report on many visits, attending meetings, counseling, preaching and teaching, wedding of members Sarah Renshaw and Beau Stanley during the month of June.
- Cameron Womack reported on the successful Bible School, Youth Auction, Acts Bible Study the possibility of another class being planned later this summer.
- During Old Business report, a “love offering” of over \$3,700.00 had been sent to Rev. Charlie Landreth, and over \$3,900 was donated/earned at the Youth Auction for their projects this summer.
- During New Business, the request from the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church was presented for the transfer of Grover and Marianne Gore’s membership. With many words of regret, but understanding and love, the motion was made, seconded and approved.
- The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Lauterer

Mary Lentz, Clerk of Session-



### Notes from the Pastor Nominating Committee...

The PNC is grateful for the support, prayers, hope, and patience of the congregation during this time of waiting. We have unanimously chosen a candidate, but now Salem Presbytery and their Committee on Ministry must interview and approve the choice of the Rumble PNC prior to the assent of our congregation. We must be sensitive to the confidentiality of our candidate and his or her congregation, so until all steps have been achieved, we must keep all other information about our candidate confidential. We enthusiastically wait for that day in August, following the Presbytery's COM and Examination on July 28th, when we are able to share the information about our new pastor with you at a congregational meeting. Again, we thank you for your continued patience and prayers.

### Southern Ireland Tour

Interested in world travel? An opportunity has been made available to members and friends of Rumble to join in a tour of Southern Ireland, September 19 - 29, 2016. This is a tour that is offered through Mountain Home Music. More information can be found in the display case at church or contact Bill or Jewel Magee who will be traveling with this group.

## Concerns and Cares

We pray for: Molly Bowden, James Burgess at BR Rehab after recent procedure; Charlie Landreth, Brian Womack's brother, Jay; Martha Spann after surgery, Randy Stevens; Barbara Wright; Peggy Bissette, now in the health center of The Pines (400 Avinger Lane, Room 167, Davidson, NC 28036); Mary Goodwin at the Deerfield Ridge Assisted Living, 287 Bamboo Rd, Boone, NC

Fred and Donna Whitt's son and family, Daniel, Whitney and Lucy Jane who are in Nepal serving as missionaries for an extended period. Please keep them in your prayers.

**We grieve with** Skip Pearson in the death of her husband, A.B. Pearson on June 24.

**If you go to the hospital** and would like the church office to know, please remember to call or ask the hospital to call the church office. Your name and hospitalization is not shared with the congregation unless you give permission.

**Congregational Care** - If you or someone you know in the congregation would like a visit, please share this information with one of the Elders, or contact the Church Office.

**Charlie Landreth** is settled into the facility in Florida where he is receiving rehabilitative care. We are told he has good spirits and a positive outlook. Please continue to pray for him as he undergoes therapy. Please feel free to send cards to Pastor Charlie at this address.



### Charlie Landreth

25 State Road 13, Apt F22  
Saint Johns, FL 32259-2842

**Congregational Care** - We are all in this together! Rumple's Congregational Care Committee is focused on making our congregation aware of Christ's love and the church's support as we make our faith journey through the high and lows of this life. We need your help in volunteering for service with our Contact sub-committee, a group committed to reaching out through calls, notes and visits to Rumple folks in need. We even have a freezer stocked with goodies to share! We want to celebrate 90th birthdays and 50th anniversaries and other happy events!

The CCC is also developing a Prayer list that will be updated weekly and printed in the bulletin. Its accuracy will only be as good as the collective knowledge of all Rumple members, so we kindly ask that you notify the church office (rmcp123@bellsouth.net), Jim Ruff (jimruff@gmail.com), or Karen Gaddy (Karen.gaddy@gmail.com).

### Rotary Blood Drive at

**Rumple** Tuesday, July 19 by appt. only Call Joe Kiker for appointment. 295-6684

### Session

#### Class of 2016

Wayne Holliday  
Jim Ruff  
Rita White  
Donna Whitt

#### Class of 2017

Audrey Gurkin  
Brenda Lentz  
Jimmy Smith  
Bill Thorn

#### Class of 2018

Mike Rhyne  
Mary Lentz  
Barbara Julien  
Danny Kirkland

**Reminder** There is a **Medical Supply Loaner Closet** in the Rumple House with medical supplies to be used by anyone as needed. Walkers, crutches, bedside commodes, raised toilet seats, cervical collars and reachers.

## July Birthdays

Each month birthdays will be listed (the day only!) if you wish to remember someone with a card or phone call. Our birthday list is not complete so if your July birthday is not here, please let us know. We hope that for every year that you've been blessed, a dollar you'll endow. It goes into investment funds for future and for now. When you receive your birthday greeting from Rumple, please consider honoring yourself with a gift to the Rumple Memorial Church Endowment Fund.

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Martha Spann      | 23 Janice Robinson      |
| 2 Kent Leonard      | 24 Kenneth Wright       |
| 5 Toni Robinson     | 27 Tracy Lentz Markland |
| 7 Jim Nelson        | 28 Mike Capristo        |
| 8 Debra Brenner     | 29 Ken Humphries        |
| 9 Lou Moore         | 29 Martha Ameika        |
| 10 Joe Ruppe        | 29 Jimmy Jones          |
| 10 Bill Thorn       | 31 Karen Clabough       |
| 11 Sally Gunn       |                         |
| 11 Dennis Crisp     |                         |
| 14 Eula Calvin      |                         |
| 15 David Maner      |                         |
| 15 Danny Kirkland   |                         |
| 15 Joe Alexander    |                         |
| 16 Mary Holstein    |                         |
| 16 Walt Baggstrom   |                         |
| 16 Bob Moore        |                         |
| 18 Maggie Gilleskie |                         |
| 20 Kathryn Holliday |                         |
| 20 Lorraine Mann    |                         |
| 22 Sylvia Tarleton  |                         |



## HELP RESTORE THE FURNISHINGS IN RUMPLE HOUSE

Work has begun to preserve and protect the antique furnishings in the parlor. The settee is being recovered and other items have been identified as needing attention. A fund was started last year by the Acquisitions and Archives Committee. Circles IV and V have made contributions but more money is needed.

A Circle IV Bake Sale will be held Saturday, July 16. The Circle is parking cars that day for Art in the Park. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will go toward the cost of reupholstering.

Please consider helping us to be good stewards of the gifts we've been given by contributing to the care and upkeep of the furnishings in Rumple House. For more information contact Rita White.

## Reserve the date!

August 12, 6-7:30 PM

Norma S. Suddreth Art  
Exhibit

"Holy Land Revisited"

Hickory Museum of Art,  
Hickory, NC

## Message from the Stewardship Committee

### One Hundred-Plus Supporting God

We need one hundred plus families (or individuals) to support God's work at Rumple. In 2013 107 of our over 250 families were making a financial commitment to support God's work at Rumple. Now there are only 74 families making a financial commitment. This may seem like a small number to support our programs, but remember about one-fourth of our members are affiliates, many of whom do not make a written financial commitment at Rumple.

Those 74 families and individuals who have continued to generously support the work of God in this Church have been faithful stewards during a trying period. We have disagreements about same-sex marriage and had two unexpected changes in our pastor. Don't think by this that we are in trouble. We are not! We have adequate reserves to fall back upon. However, think of what could be done if more of our members were making a financial commitment and supporting God's work with their time and talents.

Why should my family make a financial commitment to God's work at Rumple? This is a question each of us must answer based on our own belief. The Biblical answer is God has told us to support His work through the use of our time, talents, and treasure. You may be interested in a particular program of the church, such as; music, mission, compassion, etc. You may wish to only give to one program of the church and not make an overall financial commitment, but when you do this remember that all of our programs use the general resources of the church. Restricting the use of your financial contribution may result in a reduction of other programs which are important.

What are these general resources? They include the professional and non-professional staff, our buildings, our equipment, etc. Our budget is made up of: personnel costs about 60%, property costs about 20%, mission costs about 10% and programs about 10%.

What would happen if over 100 families made a financial commitment to God's work at Rumple? The first thing would be the finance committee would need to ask our program committees how to use these extra funds. Each of these committees has dedicated members who need to allocate resources, which it is our job to provide. Will you be one of the 100+ families making a financial commitment to do God's work at Rumple this year?

Hebrews 10:24-25 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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### *Thank You to our Volunteers*

#### Nursery Volunteers for July

July 3	Patti Curtis
July 10	Jackie Kirkland
July 17	Laura Carter
July 24	Judy Carr
July 31	Shirley Harris

#### Children's Church Volunteers for July

July 3	Jim and Carolyn Nelson
July 10	Jerry and Mary Hutchens
July 17	Darby Teander
July 24	Wes and Lynne Waugh
July 31	Lou Moore and Susan Kiker



**FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED**

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