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**NOVEMBER 2019**

**A Missional Church  
Called to Worship Empowered to Serve  
Inspiring Disciples, Creating Community**

Dear Rumple Family,

It seems hard to believe that it is almost November. 2019 seems to have flown by. The other day, I was looking through the pictures saved in our enewsletter program. It was a great way to look back over the past year of ministry at Rumple- and I was amazed. What a wonderful year of mission and ministry it has already been- from the Epiphany service to Rise Against Hunger, from beautiful Easter worship and music to the Puerto Rico Mission Team, from welcoming the cast of From the Mountain-top, to the bluegrass music and picnic on Grandfather Sunday, from Habitat work days to Food for Families, from the Visiting Scholar to the recent Alzheimer’s workshop, from Music and Mission camp to Wednesday afternoon programs for children. The list could go on and on. All this has happened as we continue to welcome new members, have more and more folks offer to serve in many areas of church life, and find our church financials as healthy as they have been in many, many years. There is a lot to celebrate as we continue to make an impact in the name of Jesus Christ in the High Country and beyond. We head into this final month of the church year - advent begins on December 1 - with so much to be thankful for here at Rumple and so much to look forward to.

One particular thing I am looking forward to is the installation of a retractable screen and a projector in the sanctuary. (This is happening while I write this article, actually. This project, approved by the Worship Committee and Session, was made possible by both a special gift and by increased giving to Rumple in 2019. This new equipment will enable us to easily project images and slide shows (no more people walking out carrying a large white board while someone is maneuvering a cart in the center aisle,) share congregational meeting information through images, and make our sanctuary more versatile for bible school, presbytery meetings, youth events, and more. Extreme care was taken to preserve the integrity of the beautiful Rumple sanctuary. I look forward to the opportunities this new equipment will enable just as expanded wifi, a new phone system, and the updated sound system have done for us already.

Another huge area of ministry that I am excited about is the work of the Implementation Team. The team met for the first time in mid-October. This group of 11 folks (plus me) will continue to work with the Vision Team’s Report that was adopted by the session early in the summer and has been shared widely with the congregation. As the Implementation Team prioritizes the “big dreams” in the plan, they are going to need your help! In order to put these big dreams in place we will need the continued guidance of God’s Holy Spirit and the willing and able hands and hearts of many Rumple members, affiliates, and friends. I hope when you are called upon to help, you will respond positively. If you have questions about the process, please feel free to speak to Jim Crowell and Maurice Ewing who are heading up this process for Rumple.

In this month of November our focus is often on gratitude. I know I am very grateful for this Rumple family and for all that I believe God is doing in and among us. I continue to be very grateful to be your pastor.

As the days grow shorter and the nights grow cooler, the pews at Rumple grow a bit more empty. I know many of you have already returned to warmer climates and we, who remain in Blowing Rock all year, do miss you and look forward to your return in the spring and summer.

In gratitude to God for our many blessings,  
Kathy

# Composer's Weekend at Rumble

**Composer's Weekend at Rumble:** We are delighted to host our first composer's weekend at Rumble featuring Molly Ijames (pronounced "Iams"). We have enjoyed Molly's composition skills in several worship services over the past few years. We are delighted she has agreed to come and share her talents and insights on being a composer/arranger with our adult choir on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, and our congregation on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> during worship where our adult choir will feature some of Molly's choral anthems and an instrumental Euphonium solo featuring our own, Eric Luke. Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss it!  
Dave

Molly Ijames is a native of Flint, Michigan, and holds a B.S. in Music Education from Bob Jones University. Her love for sacred music began as a church pianist in her teenage years, and now as an adult, her ministry as an accompanist expands to church and community choirs, Christian camps, schools, and local congregations. She spent seven years working for Sound Forth Publishing, as her compositions blossomed into mainstream publication. She is widely recognized for her sacred compositions and arrangements in various catalogs with over 200 choral anthems, several seasonal cantatas, multiple piano solo and duet collections, keyboard magazines, and instrumental ensemble pieces in publication. She is frequently called upon to teach at music conferences and Christian schools, play in local churches, plan corporate worship, and accompany congregational and choral singing. Molly resides in Davison, Michigan, and continues her ministry as a commissioned composer and teacher.



# Children's & Youth Ministry

## Intergenerational Advent Sunday School Class

Join us on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30am for a special Advent Sunday School class for all ages. We will have a lesson on Advent and then work on Advent art projects.

## Christmas Caroling Save the Date!!!!

The Wednesday After School program is going Christmas caroling at the Foley Center on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30pm. All church members who love to sing carols are invited to join us!

Please email

Stephanie Hankins for details, [parishassociate@rumplechurch.org](mailto:parishassociate@rumplechurch.org).

## Wednesday After School Program

You may notice some heart art on the bulletin board at church. That is because the Wednesday After School program has been learning the Ten Best Ways (the Ten Commandments) to love God and love our neighbors. In November we will learn about the Advent season and for our monthly service project we will make cards for the Elderberry Project.

**Asheville Youth Missions Weekend** Two weeks ago 11 youth and the 3 youth interns ventured on a mission trip to Asheville. While we were in there we did yard work at Black Mountain Children's Home, cleaned and scrubbed 12 Baskets Cafe (Asheville's version of FARM Cafe in Boone). We also went on a Walk Of Awareness and had a guest speaker come and tell her story of homelessness. It was a God-filled weekend where our perceptions of homelessness were challenged and our world views were widened.



# Around Rumble

## Tax Planning While Helping the Mission of Rumble Church

Recent tax legislation has impacted the treatment of some individual's charitable contributions. Regardless of whether or not you have been impacted, there are still ways to reap tax benefits while helping the mission of the church. Please remember what follows is a general discussion. How these rules apply to your specific situation should be discussed with your tax advisor.

### Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) from an IRA

If you are 70 1/2 or older you must take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA. Under current tax law you can distribute your annual RMD directly to a 501(c)(3) public charity (Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church) enabling you to avoid paying income taxes on the amount you contribute (Up to \$100,000). For many individuals, under the current tax provisions, this can result in lower reportable income and as a result lower taxes than if a payment is made directly to Rumble from other savings. The group that administers your IRA can provide the paperwork necessary to make a direct payment from your IRA to Rumble.

### Gifting Appreciated Stock

If you have appreciated security holdings in a personal account, selling these shares will normally result in income that you must report on your tax return. If you gift these shares directly to Rumble, you are allowed a charitable tax deduction equal to the full value of the shares gifted but are not required to report any income associated with the shares' appreciation on your tax return. This approach may result in better tax consequences than if the shares are sold and then a cash contribution is made to Rumble.

If you wish to make a gift or meet your pledge with stock, mutual funds, or other tradable assets, please use the following procedures:

Inform the Rumble office manager[rumplechurch393@gmail.com] with your name & email, the name of the asset, the broker transmitting it, and expected delivery date.

Provide your investment representative with the following information:

Receiving brokerage name – First Citizens Bank

Account # - 4KV174445

DTC # - 0443

You will be notified when the securities have been received in the RMPC brokerage account and the amount received after the securities have been sold.

## Session Notes- October 2019

Kathy opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Steele provided devotions reading from James 3 verse 3 "If we put bits into the mouths of horses that they may obey us, we guide their whole bodies." He stated that it is important as is written in James that we tame our tongue and we use it to praise not poison.

Kathy shared concerns of members of Rumble and friends of Rumble.

A request was made for a called Session meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> to welcome new members.

Kathy mentioned a summer reading program that has been in place with Boone United Methodist and she will be learning more for her DMin studies. It could be an idea to consider this being replicated at Rumble.

Session discussed the formation of a Creation Care Team to look at developing some ideas presented by our visiting scholar in September.

Session heard reports from several committees including a good financial report as of 9/30, from the Finance Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,

Curt Salthouse, clerk

**New Realm App Replacing Church Directory-** Thanks to everyone who has created their log in and password. We will be having a learning session soon to help others who haven't. Once we get everyone logged in we will go to the next steps. We appreciate everyone's patience on this!!!



## Around Rumble

### OPEN HOUSE FOR CAMILLE 11/16 FROM 4:00-6:30

Please come to say hi to our wonderful summer intern. Camille will be delivering the sermon on 11/17, and will be staying with Trish and Ed Cumber for the weekend. Please feel free to stop by 506 Crystal Mountain Rd. in Boone on Saturday, 11/16 4:00-6:30, for beverages and light refreshments. Please drop an email to: [pcummer2004@gmail.com](mailto:pcummer2004@gmail.com) if you're planning to stop by.



### Presbyterian Women Circle News and Meetings Moderator Linda Mauldin 295-3327 Co-Moderator Lynn Henderson 289-9938

All women who are church members, visitors and friends are invited to join other women at our circle meetings and mission experiences throughout the year. Specific information about when and where the circles meet is detailed below, on the website and a flyer in the information tray in the lobby. A directory of women attending Rumble is in a pink booklet also in the tray. See more information in the article 'Around Rumble'. We look forward to having 'girl time' together as we continue to live a loving and compassionate life with God's grace.

**Circle I**—meets the first Monday of the month August through May at 6:00 in the Rumble House.  
Teresa Lentz (295-3276 or [lentzt@gmail.com](mailto:lentzt@gmail.com))

**Circle II** meets the second Monday of each month at 2pm in the home of Mary Lentz (295-7289 or [marylentz41@gmail.com](mailto:marylentz41@gmail.com))

**Circle III** meets the third Monday each month May through October at 10:00 in the Rumble House or at members house please contact  
Jean Baskin (295-0901) or [ge-nieb37@yahoo.com](mailto:ge-nieb37@yahoo.com))

**Circle IV** meets the second Monday of the month April through December at 1:00 in the Rumble House.  
Mary Holstein(828-295-4561) or [marybholstein@gmail.com](mailto:marybholstein@gmail.com)

**Circle V** meets the first Wednesday of the month April through December at 9:30 in the Rumble House.  
Kathy Earley (263-0255 or [kathyearley50@gmail.com](mailto:kathyearley50@gmail.com))

**ENTER YOUR FAMOUS CHILI** on November 10th in Rumble Chili Cookoff. Compete to win prizes and bragging rights to the best chili for 2019. Space is limited for 10 contestants. Sign up sheet is on Jessica's desk You can also email Jessica at [office@rumplechurch.org](mailto:office@rumplechurch.org) Whether you want to cook or compete You're bound to have a whole lotta fun!!!!



**ADVENT WORKSHOP** On Sunday, November 24th please join us for an intergenerational community workshop to begin the Advent Season. The workshop will be from 9:30am-10:45am in the Fellowship Hall. It will include an Advent lesson and opportunities to create art to share with our local community. Refreshments provided.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE OFFERINGS

**North Carolina Council of Churches Symposium *Embracing the Body, Renewing the Mind, Engaging the Spirit.*** (Presentations on aging, the opioid crisis, mental health, healthy eating, Creation care, and self-care.)

**When:** Friday, November 8, 8:30-1:00 p.m.

**Where:** First United Methodist Church, Hickory

**Cost:** \$10 including continental breakfast and a full lunch. (No cost to attend, \$10 covered by Rumble) If you are interested in attending, please contact Annie Tarbutton at [atarbutton@skybest.com](mailto:atarbutton@skybest.com) or 770-301-4127 asap to register! To date, we already have five individuals planning to go. We will be carpooling to the event.

### Congregational Care Visitation Team Training

**When:** Sunday, Nov. 10th during the Sunday School Hour 9:45-10:45 a.m.

**Where:** Rumble Upstairs Adult Classroom

**Facilitator:** Rev. Lance Perry, Chaplain at Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care

If you would like to become a member of our newly formed Visitation Team, we invite you to participate in our first training event. Lance has agreed to meet with us quarterly. We have already assembled some members from our Cong. Care Committee, but welcome all who may be interested. Please contact Annie Tarbutton at [atarbutton@skybest.com](mailto:atarbutton@skybest.com) or 770-301-4127 to attend.

## Rumble on a Mission

### MISSIONS NEWS FOR FALL

*For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors; Thank you, God. – from A Litany of Thanksgiving PC(USA) Book of Common Worship*

### HOLIDAY MISSIONS

#### Thanksgiving Food4Families

Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. and Rumble will provide food for local families with children at Blowing Rock School for Thanksgiving and the Thanksgiving break. If you would like to shop, pack, and/or deliver food, please contact Tim Harris, [timharris2@charter.net](mailto:timharris2@charter.net).

#### Angel Tree and Elderberry

The Angel Tree, decorated with paper angels including the names, ages, and clothing sizes of children needing our help, will be displayed in the church lobby starting Nov. 24. You also have the option of providing grocery food cards for families. Any questions about this ministry may be directed to Susan Suddreth, 263-0821, or Teresa Lentz, 295-3276. We will also host the Elderberry ministry again this year to support local elderly in need. We will collect grocery gift certificates, stockings, and other gifts for local elderly identified by the Hunger and Health Coalition. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please contact Eula Calvin, 264-8426 or Ann Rhyne, 295-5039.

#### Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. 1st Sunday Collection

The Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. food pantry is open for clients on Mondays from 9 am to noon right here at Rumble. The most needed items are Canned Veggies (preferably no salt added), Canned Diced Tomatoes (preferably no salt added), Boxed Macaroni & Cheese, Boxed Dry Spaghetti, Canned Pasta Sauce (with or without meat), Boxed Pancake/Waffle mix, Syrup, and Toilet Paper. Please bring your items on November 3<sup>rd</sup> or anytime during the month and place them in the shopping cart located in the church lobby.

#### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Aid for the Bahamas and Texas

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the hurricane and flooding devastation in the Caribbean and United States. The immediate need is for financial donations. You can give online at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org). Rumble Missions will continue to explore ways to respond to this disaster and keep the congregation informed.

#### Hurricane Relief Trip to Eastern NC

The Missions Committee is offering a mission trip to Wilmington on November 10-16 to assist homeowners still suffering from the effects of flooding from last year's hurricane season. Volunteers will be partnering with North Carolina Baptist Men's Disaster Relief to work on sites with the greatest need. Accommodations for the week are provided by First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. For further details, please contact Stu Whiddon at [stuartwhiddon@gmail.com](mailto:stuartwhiddon@gmail.com) or 336-430-6922.

#### Diaper Collection

Rumble will collect diapers during the month of December to donate to the Children's Council of Watauga County. Believing that "all children deserve equal care and basic necessities," the Council supplies free diapers to local families in need through their "Who Needs a Change?" program. We will collect diapers of all sizes throughout the month of December and at both Christmas Eve services.

The Missions Committee is dividing into four new subgroups as a new means of managing the growing number of ways Rumble serves:

**Local Hunger/Food Insecurity  
Healthcare/Housing/Trauma/Elderly  
Youth Care/ Education Needs  
Beyond Local Missions**

New members are always welcome! For more information, contact David Hardage or Rita White.

During this month of Thanksgiving, Rumble Missions would like to offer our sincere thanks to all of our volunteers, committee members, those who offer their time and financial resources, and the entire Rumble congregation for your ongoing support of Rumble Missions.

THANKS to this generous congregation, we collected \$4,000 for the **Hospitality House Founders Challenge!**

THANK YOU to the **Habitat work crews and lunch volunteers** for successful work days at the Fickling home!



## Around Rumple

### JOIN US FOR NEW FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!

A new group called "Threads" will start gathering on the first and Thursday of every month. At 1:00 in the Rumple House. This group will consist of individuals who enjoy needlework projects. Bring your projects and ideas. For more information on this please contact [Sandi Wells](mailto:wellsjupiter@gmail.com) at wellsjupiter@gmail.com or [Bonnie Ewing](mailto:bonnieewing@icloud.com) at bonnieewing@icloud.com



**WOMEN TOGETHER** is a new group for women under 50 at Rumple. The group will gather on November on Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00 at the manse, 121 Laurel Drive (Kathy's house, right across from the church parking lot.) We'll enjoy a simple soup and salad dinner, good conversation, and time to share joys and concerns. Childcare will be provided if needed- speak to Kathy or Stephanie. We'll explore the future schedule for this group as well.



**ALL SAINTS DAY** Rumple will celebrate All Saints' Day Sunday on November 3. During the worship service we will take time to give thanks for those from the Rumple family who have joined the saints of light since last All Saints' Day. We will also have space and time to give thanks for all the saints who have blessed our lives and gather with them around the communion table.



**Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry** would like to thank Circle 5 for hosting us for the fifth annual soup supper on October 22. The students loved getting to know the church members through our intentional conversation questions including "What was your best Halloween costume ever?" We appreciate all the love and support from Circle 5 and Rumple!



### PECM FALL SERVICE TRIP

Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry traveled to Washington DC for our Fall Break Service Trip. We stayed in the heart of DC at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church. Our service projects included collecting seeds at Arlington National Cemetery and serving breakfast to about 300 people at SOME (So Others May Eat). We also worshipped at The National Cathedral, visited the African American History and Culture Museum and met with the Presbyterian Office for Public Witness. This year we are especially grateful for Davis Hankins who served as our chaperone and van driver



THE CHURCH LIBRARY IS BEING REORGANIZED SO WE REQUEST THAT NO DONATIONS OF MEDIA MATERIALS BE LEFT THERE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! THE MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET IS ALSO FULL SO NO DONATIONS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

## Around Rumple

### Concerns and Cares

Linda Jerger, Jon Calbert; Wes Thompson (now at the Foley Center); Mark Walker, brother of Eula Calvin; Oliver Julien; David Brenner; Bill Goodman; Cherrie Hamrick; Lucy Aldridge; Jonathan Asbell; Barbara Leon's aunt; Wes Waugh; Adele Dunbar's sister-in-law, Wilkie Pitman; Eric Luke's father; Cassidy Nooner's grandfather; Don Saunders; Jim Ruff; AdaLis Andujar, Sammy Andujar; Leslie Novilla's daughter and friends, Sara, Meg and Barbara; Bob Young; Gus Newton; Vicki Cawthorne; Margaret Townsend; David Bartlett; Ruth George; Byron and Charleen Logan; Jim Burgess; Jim and Barbara Scott; Recie Craig; Bill and Pat Magruder; Erin Tobin, serving in US Army; Drew Taylor, active duty with the Coast Guard; Bettye Johnson,; Gus and Miriam Newton's son in law, David; Carol Capristo's mother, Ruby Vin-cent; Jan McClure, Holly Bannan's mother; Grover Gore, Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey; Ellen and Al Smith, communities in Dallas after tornadoes; missionaries in Russia, Germany, communities in California affected by wildfires.



ONE OF RUMPLE'S MEMBERS  
SPENCER ROBBINS, WAS  
RECENTLY  
HONORED WITH NCGCOA GOLF  
LEADER AWARD!  
CONGRATULATIONS, SPENCER!

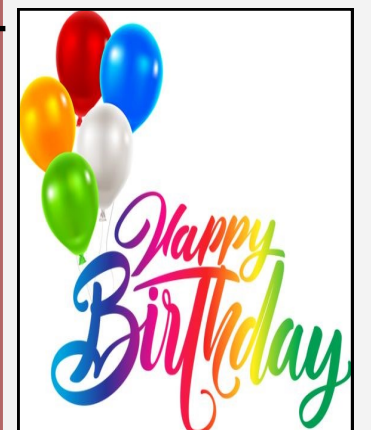
### CHRISTMAS PARADE RUMPLE WILL PARTICIPATE

On Saturday, November 30th our church will participate in the Blowing Rock Christmas parade! Everyone is invited to participate as we represent Rumple in our community. The parade is from 2:00-3:00pm. Wearing some of Rumple's Christmas costumes (or a Christmas sweater) is encouraged! Contact Stephanie to participate and for more details about the day of the parade [parishassociate@rumplechurch.org](mailto:parishassociate@rumplechurch.org).

**GRATEFUL RUMPLE** continues to make an impact in the name of Jesus Christ. At the end of October, Rumple had received time and talent forms from over 85 family units (families and individuals.) With the campaign not yet complete, this marks a significant increase over 2019 commitments. The estimate of giving totals, with 80 estimates received, is nearing \$300,000. Again, this represents an increase over 2019 commitments. It's not too late to join your commitment of time, talent, and treasure, to support the ministry and mission of Rumple for 2020. Together we can continue to make an impact in the name of Jesus Christ in the High Country and beyond. Please contact Jessica in the church office if you need a time and talent form or a estimate of giving card.

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Sara Bartlett
1. Jana Groothuis
7. Linda Steen
7. Ed Tausche
8. Billy Worsham
9. Norma Suddreth
10. Susan Whitten
11. Jim Graham
12. Joe Kiker
13. Martha Broeker
13. Mack Gaddy
13. Lee Ann Myers
14. Jane Rogers
15. Andie Waugh
17. Karen Gaddy
17. Janie Beach-Verhey
18. Linda Mauldin
20. Carolyn Cline
20. Tim Harris
21. David Bartlett
22. Jeff Stewart
23. Maurice Ewing
24. Charles Wilson
25. Vernon Dunn
26. Kim Rogers
26. Bill Suttle
27. David Baskin





# Hymn for NOVEMBER by Dave McCollum

Certainly not for fame or glory, the work of a hymn writer, whether text or tune, is more often a labor of love than a quest for glory. This was the case for hymn text writer Isaac Watts. “Watts’s ambition, according to his own words, was as follows: ‘My design was not to exalt myself to the rank and glory of poets, but I was ambitious to be a servant to the churches, and a helper to the joy of the meanest Christian.’”

What Watts lacked in worldly attributes, he was frail in health and grotesque in appearance, described as five feet tall with a big head and a long-hooked nose, he made up for in many different scholarly fields. His writings included essays, discussions of psychology, three volumes of sermons, catechisms, twenty-nine treatises on theology, textbooks on logic, and a variety of other works. The last thirty years of his life was spent as “an invalid at the home of his friend, Sir Thomas Abney, where Watts devoted himself in comfortable and happy surrounding to the writing of many of the fine hymns still used today.”

Though he never married, Watts often wrote for children. In fact he wrote an entire hymnal for children in 1715 entitled, *Divine Songs for Children*. Watts’s addresses the layers of meaning that can be found in any given hymn text in his preface to this hymnal: “... children of high and low degree, of the Church of England or dissenters, baptized in infancy or not, may all join together in these songs. And I have endeavored to sink the language to the level of a child’s understanding, and yet to keep it, if possible, above contempt, so I have designed to profit all, if possible, and offend none.”

Our hymn this month, “I Sing the Mighty Power of God,” is a straight forward hymn of praise that uses multiple examples from the creation story to point our gaze toward a God whose power is evident at every turn. Stanza one begins by praising the God who made the mountains, seas, and skies, but quickly turns from mere creation to the wisdom of God and the order of nature. Here is the text: I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies, I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey. Often sung as an opening hymn in worship, we are immediately reminded that God is God and we are not. In our individual worlds where we are accustomed to calling all the shots, this timely thought sets our worship in motion by putting us in our place and God in God’s place.

After we are comfortably or perhaps uncomfortably in our place, Watts outlined God’s providence for us. Here is the text: I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where-e’er I turn my eye: If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky! If we slow down enough to see the wonders of creation whether on the ground or in the sky, there is no limit. The infinite universe is ours to gaze. We constantly learn more of the expanse of galaxies and the seemingly infinite miniscule particles that make up all matter. We take our place as large in comparison to molecules and tiny compared to the universe. Of course our perspective is ever changing to God’s creation and the only constant is “wonder.”

Finally, Watts turns creation back toward God. To further secure our place, the final stanza refers to our life as “borrowed,” assuring the worshiper that God is in control. Here is the final stanza: There’s not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known; And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne; While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care, And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, are present there. The editors of our “Glory to God,” hymnal change the last line to remove the male-dominated language. It reads, “And everywhere that *we* can be, Thou, God, are present there. The change works to include all those who worship. As the perfect bookend to the first stanza, Watts puts us in our place in God’s world regardless of our time and space. I suggested earlier that this hymn often functioned as a hymn of praise at the beginning of worship. Assuming that function, as we conclude this opening hymn of praise, we are now ready to open our hearts and minds to God’s word confident of not only who we are but whose we are. Thanks be to God!

Dave

# Some of Rumble’s Newest Members



## Rusty and Donna Hamrick

Rusty and Donna Hamrick have four children and two grandchildren. They spend their time in coastal South Carolina and Blowing Rock. Rusty sings in the choir. They were married at Rumble in January of 2019.



## Doug, Laurie and Sam Nixon

have lived in Blowing Rock for nearly 10 years, having moved from Huntersville, NC. Laurie is a chemistry teacher at Watauga High School and Doug is a financial planner, working in Caldwell, Burke, Catawba, and Watauga counties. Their son, Sam, is an eighth grader at BRS, and has been an active member of Rumble youth.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OR AFFILIATE MEMBER OF RUMPLE?** Rumble received members and affiliates (those who retain membership in their church elsewhere but who “affiliate” themselves with Rumble in an official way too) throughout the year. New members may join at the monthly Session meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evening of each month or after a Welcome Class on Sunday mornings. The next Welcome Class and Tour will be held on 12/8 at 9:30. Please call or email Jessica in the office if you plan to attend, [office@rumplechurch.org](mailto:office@rumplechurch.org)Next welcome class and tour on 12/8 at 9:30

# NEWS TO SHARE

The Rumble Session and Personnel Committee are excited to share that we now have three interim, part-time staff members helping to fill the position of our former Director of Discipleship. **Rev. Stephanie Hankins** continues as our part-time parish associate minister helping on Wednesday afternoons, supervising our youth ministry staff and program, coordinating with adult education, and backing Kathy up on pastoral care.

**Becca Vickrey**, who began in August, is now working 10 hours a week for Rumble. She coordinated the children’s programs on Wednesday afternoon and is helping to plan big events like the Advent Workshop, Christmas Parade, and the child friendly service on Christmas Eve. She has also put together some great new worship bags for kids of all ages! Becca comes to Rumble with years of experience in both church preschools and public school as an art teacher. She is an App State grad who moved back to Boone with her husband and two children a few years ago.



Becca with kids on Wednesday afternoon

**Debbie Swartzel** began her service to Rumble in October for 5 hours a week. She is the administrative coordinator for all children’s ministry volunteers (nursery, time with the children, children and youth liturgists, and more) and coordinates communication for children’s ministry. She will also oversee training of all our volunteers in our child protection/safe sanctuary policy. Debbie spent 26 years as a teacher and director of church preschools. She and her husband Richard joined Rumble in the spring and divide their time between Blowing Rock and Hickory. They have two children and a new grandson.



Richard and Debbie with new grandson

Around Rumple and In the Community

“Who’s In The Pews”

Called to Worship-Empowered to Serve-A Missional Church-Inspiring Disciples- Creating Community

There are thirteen words in the Rumple Vision statement...taken individually they are just words but linked together, a compelling impact. Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church has a wealth of individuals that live this vision. Each month will feature a group or individual within the church that is inspired to carry out God’s wish for us. This month we feature Andy Groothuis.

Andy is the son of Rumple members Peter and Jana Groothuis. After moving to Boone at a young age from Pennsylvania, Andy was home schooled then earned his bachelor’s degree in Graphic Arts and Imaging Technology from ASU. His hobbies include hiking, drawing and studying history.

While visiting his grandparents in Michigan, he saw mounds of items being thrown away during the town’s spring cleaning. He knew something could be done to reduce this waste, began thinking about repair and the idea was hatched for “Repair Hub”. Andy reasoned “we used to be a society that fixed almost everything. Since then, we have become more of a throw away culture. Repair Hub is a new non-profit that will teach you how to fix your items and create community through repair”.

The Repair Hub kicked off on October 5, 2019 with a popup evet at the Watauga Library that encouraged folks to bring in their broken or torn items for repair instead of throwing them away. On arrival, visitors were paired with a qualified volunteer that assisted in the repair of the item. The value was created with that individual leaving with their item refreshed while also gaining a new skill.

Although this is a new service in Boone, similar groups have been active in the Netherlands, Australia and also here in the United States. Repair Hub has an educational component with workshops that fol-low the reduced waste theme.

Andy’s grandfather instilled the ability to fix things at an early age. I asked him to elaborate on the fixing concept and he stated, “Repair comes in the reuse part of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. When you repair an item, you save on resources it would take to replace, whether that be money or raw materials and en-ergy.” He mentioned even the most challenging items can produce value stating “There is a safety fea-ture used in steam cleaners so the caps do not come off under pressure. I have worked and worked on this small appliance at home and that cap will not come off. It was a few models back so the company did not offer repair so I cut its long electrical cord and used that for a fan repair.”

Intrigued, I asked Andy what his hopes and dreams are for the future of this endeavor? He replied “I will be adding workshops at the beginning of 2020. These will go into more detail of repairs and repurposing items. In the future I hope to have a permanent location to house tools and provide a drop-in for people to repair items.”

I look forward to sharing another “Who’s In The Pews” inspiring snapshot of our church members and the implementation of the Vision for the Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church next month.

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Jeff Stewart



CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2019

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Reformation Sunday Stephanie Hankins Preaching 9:30 AM WOMEN TOGETHER 9:30 AM Worship 101 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship	28 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Elder training 5:30 PM Session Meeting	29 7:00 AM Senior High Youth Breakfast	30 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Youth & Children 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Choir	31 Reformation Day	1 All Saints Day	2
3 COMMUNION -ALL SAINTS DAY Daylight-Saving Time Ends 8:30 AM Christian Education Cte 9:30 AM Worship 101 Class 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship	4 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Elder Training 6:00 PM Circle 1	5	6 9:30 AM Circle 5 9:30 AM Fellowship Committee 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Garden Club 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Youth & Children 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Choir	7 1:00 PM THREADS	8	9 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM COMPOSERS WEEKEND 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM COMPOSER LUNCH
10 COMPOSERS WEEKEND 9:30 AM Worship 101 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Visitation Team Training (Congregational Care) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship 12:00 PM 2nd Sunday Lunch 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship	11 Veterans Day 1:00 PM Circle 4 2:00 PM Circle 2	12 7:00 AM Youth Breakfast	13 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Youth & Children 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Choir	14 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer Shawl	15	16
17 Camille Loomis Preaching 9:30 AM Worship 101 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship	18 10:00 AM Circle 3 4:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	19	20 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Youth & Children 5:00 PM Worship committee 5:00 pm Missions Committee 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Choir	21 1:00 PM THREADS	22	23
24 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM ADVENT WORKSHOP & BREAKFAST 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship	25 5:30 PM Session Meeting	26 7:00 AM Senior High Youth Breakfast	27 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Youth & Children 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Choir	28 Thanksgiving Day- office closed	29 CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK- office closed	30 CHRISTMAS PARADE- YOUTH PARKING LOT

L—Library  
RH—Rumple House FH— Fellowship Hall  
MP—Memorial Park  
ACU-Adult Class Room Upstairs