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***September 2019***

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

Dear Rumple Family,

As I write this cover article I am reflecting on the wonderful experience of the "gratitude parade" we shared during 11:00 worship this past Sunday. I am grateful to Carolyn Nelson who had the vision for the parade and to Vicki and Billy Worsham, Jerry Hutchens, Becca Vickrey, Stephanie Hankins, and the 50+ people who were in the "parade." What a great visual representation of the many, many ways Rumple is making an impact in the name of Jesus Christ through the time, talents and treasure of so many of you. My heart was truly filled with joy as folks continued to process into the sanctuary as Vicki and Billy read the many, many missions and ministries of this church family! Members and affiliate members should have received a mailing this past inviting you to consider how you can dedicate some of your talents and a portion of your treasure to Rumple's continued efforts to "make an impact" in 2020. I hope you will give this your prayerful consideration as we join together in continued ministry in the High Country and beyond. 2019 has been an exciting year in our life together and I look forward to 2020 as we begin to implement some of the big ideas and dreams outlined in the Vision Plan adopted by the session this summer. The banners that Becca created will continue to hang in the corners of the sanctuary, reminding us that "Rumple is a missional church, called to worship, empowered to serve, inspiring disciples, creating community."

As we begin the fall in ministry and mission I am excited for us to welcome, and to welcome back, some new staff. Reverend Stephanie Hankins has agreed to continue as our Parish Associate helping lead our children's ministries and supporting our youth staff. Cassidy Nooner continues as our youth intern through December when she will head off to complete an internship for her Music Therapy major. As a result she has two "understudies" this fall who will take over leading in January- Evan Adair and Lottie Godsey. Both Evan and Lottie have been volunteers with the youth for two years so our youth are really blessed to have sustained relationships with all three of these adults! We have also hired a new Nursery Assistant, Anna Cheek, who is a student at ASU and a member of First Presbyterian of High Point. She has been at Rumple many times with her youth group who come to stay with Joanne and Jimmy Jones and always join us for worship too. We have also hired Becca Vickrey (mentioned above) to assist with our Wednesday after school program, specifically to teach art with the children and youth. She will help them create art that the whole congregation will then enjoy in worship. And, we are in the process of interviewing folks to serve as "children's choir director" for the fall. All the while, the Director of Discipleship search committee continues to interview candidates.

I look forward to fall although, I am not sure I was ready for the air to cool off so quickly this past weekend! It has been a reminder that fall is coming. I hope you'll read about this year's visiting scholar, Dr. Norman Wirzba, whose visit with us is something I am really looking forward to this month of September.

Every blessing!

Kathy



## Visiting Scholar

**Annual VISITING SCHOLAR event September 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> !**  
**Dr. Norman Wirzba of Duke Divinity School** will be with us that weekend.

His theme for us here at Rumble will be **“Sabbath and Sustenance: Living Faithfully in God’s World.”** **“Discovering Sabbath – Discovering Life”.**

Come hear how the Sabbath answers the deepest questions about the meaning and purpose of life. Discover how this teaching can be of immense practical significance in your own life.

Here is the *Visiting Scholar* schedule with Dr. Wirzba:

- September 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School Q & A session, 9:30 AM, in the Rumble Fellowship Hall, Dr. Davis Hankins, Moderator
- 11 AM Sunday service, Dr. Wirzba will preach
- 5 PM on Sunday, Dr. Wirzba will offer a lecture/discussion in the Fellowship Hall, childcare provided
- Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> another lecture/discussion will be held in our Fellowship Hall, starting at 9:30 AM.



**“The Spirituality of Eating”**, another theme Dr. Wirzba will focus on. Come hear how eating is much more than just fueling our bodies – it is instead, *“our way of participating in God’s healing and celebratory ways with the world.”*

**Join us to hear Dr. Wirzba’s message, won’t you !!??**

## Youth/ Children’s Ministry

### Youth Calendar

- September 1st - No evening youth (Labor Day Weekend)
- September 8th - Evening Youth 5-6:30
- Tuesday, September 10th - ALL Youth Breakfast @ SUNNY ROCK at 7am!!!
- September 15th - Evening Youth 5-6:30
- September 22nd - Movable Feast w/ Norma, Jack and Cristy!
- Tuesday, September 24th - High School Youth Breakfast at Stick Boy @ 7am
- September 29th - Service Day



\$50 nonrefundable deposit for the Asheville Youth Missions trip is due September 1st!

### WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Starting Wednesday, September 4th all students grades K-8 are invited to the Wednesday After School Program at Rumble. This year the after school program will include: Bible study, music, monthly service projects and art classes. If you would like to sign up your student please contact Stephanie Hankins, [parishassociate@rumplechurch.org](mailto:parishassociate@rumplechurch.org) or call the church office.

Middle and High school youth began their Sunday night gatherings, for the school year, Sunday August 18th, at The Manse (the pastor's house.)



## Around Rumble

**Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry (PECM)** has started again with a great group of new and returning students. PECM meets at 3rd Place every Tuesday from 6:00-8:00pm for dinner and programs including: worship, TED Talks, service projects and Moveable Feasts. PECM also has Bible study every Friday at 3rd Place. You can support PECM by making a meal, financial contribution or by praying for our students. And you are always welcome to come and visit on a Tuesday night! Please contact Stephanie Hankins, [scoblehankins@gmail.com](mailto:scoblehankins@gmail.com) for more information

### RUMPLE OFFERS SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR ADULTS EACH SUNDAY MORNING FROM 9:45-10:45AM.

Everyone is welcome to attend these classes! The **Carter Lentz Men’s class** and the **Women’s Class** are studying “The International Sunday School Lessons.” Starting in September they will be studying “Responding to God’s Grace; Honoring ; Justice and the Prophets” and “The Many Faces of Wisdom”. The Men’s Class meets in the Rumble House in the rocking chair room. The Women’s Class meets in the Rumble library and is taught by Mary Lentz. **The Discoverers Class**, taught by Kim Rogers is studying Max Lucado Unshakable Hope. This book and class video discusses the promises of God through scripture study and class discussion. Class starts at 10 am and we try to finish at 10:45am.



**The Rumble Session** has called a congregational meeting to be held after worship on Sunday, September 29 for the purpose of electing four elders for the Class of 2022, one for the Class of 2021 to fill a vacancy, and a slate of at-large nominating committee members for 2020. The slates of candidates will be available two weeks prior to the congregational meeting

Did you know you can fulfill your estimate of giving to Rumble or make a financial gift to Rumble through your IRA if you are 70 ½ or older? A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows individuals who are 70½ years old or older to donate to charities directly from a taxable IRA instead of taking their required minimum distributions. Rumble will happily receive a gift from you this way. If you have questions, please contact Jessica in the church office, [office@rumplechurch.org](mailto:office@rumplechurch.org).

Rumble has a Pastor’s Discretionary Fund from which Kathy is able to assist church and community members with emergency expenses, medical bills, scholarships for church and school trips, power and heat bills, transportation issues and more. This fund is supported by the generous donations of members and friends of the Rumble family. If you would like to contribute to this fund, simply designate “pastor’s discretionary fund” on your gift. Kathy hears directly from church members but also from school social works and social workers with other local non-profits who she trusts. This fund is one of the many ways Rumble is making an impact in the lives of our fellow church members and with our neighbors in the High Country.



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## Around Rumple

Do you have a college student or young person in the military? Or a young person that just graduated from high school and not going directly into college or the military? If so, the Women of the **Church Church Mouse Program** would like to hear from you.

Please email Janet Jones ( [jon8jan@aol.com](mailto:jon8jan@aol.com) ) with the following:

Name

Mailing address

Any Food allergies

College attending ( if in college )

Our Circles stay in touch with this group of Rumple young people during the academic year to let them know their Church family is not too far away.

### COME JOIN US FOR SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH!!!!

Second Sunday Lunch will be September 8. Come join us for our next lunch in the Fellowship Hall to foster friendship in faith. We will be serving stuffed shells, green salad, bread and fruit cobbler!

### Session Notes August 26, 2019

Kathy began the meeting with prayer.

Jane Rogers provided the devotions using information from the book "Unafraid", by Adam Hamilton. She stressed the importance of combatting fear in today's world by utilizing structured prayer and scripture readings. She suggested setting aside 15 minutes of quiet time each day for the purpose of reading specific scripture that focuses on fear suggested by Hamilton in his book.

Kathy shared concerns of Rumple members and friends of Rumple and concluded in prayer.

Session approved a called meeting for September 22<sup>nd</sup> for the purpose of receiving new members.

Kathy stated that she and some members of the Vision team are working on the creation of an implementation team and hope to have it in place during September.

With the high degree of success with the Duke Divinity Intern Program, Session has agreed to continue the program for future years.

Session approved outside clergy to co-lead a wedding with Stephanie Hankins for October 26, 2019.

Session approved a congregational meeting for September 29<sup>th</sup> to hear a report from the Nominating Committee for the election of Elders and a Nominating Committee for 2020.

Several committees made reports to Session.

Having no further business, the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,

Curt Salthouse, clerk

## Presbyterian Women Circle News and Meetings

Moderator Linda Mauldin 295-3327

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 Rumple is in a pink booklet also in the tray. See more information in the article 'Around Rumple'. 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 Rumple 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 Rumple House or at members house please contact Jean Baskin (295-0901) or [genieb37@yahoo.com](mailto:genieb37@yahoo.com))

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

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

## Rumple on a Mission

### MISSIONS NEWS FOR FALL

*O God, transform lives through our work for peace, with the tools you have given us. Together, in the Spirit of God, let us work to break the power of hate and heal the wounds of violence and division. Join us together... to proclaim that it is boundless peace you offer. May it burst through the shackles of time and expectation. May it quiet the anxiety of each believer, joining us together to boldly pray, and boldly take action for God's peace — at all times in all ways. Amen. – PC (USA) prayer for Peace and Global Witness*

### During the PC(USA) Season of Peace in September and October, Rumple Missions will focus on peace and witness through the work of Watauga County Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity believes that affordable housing plays a critical role in building strong, stable, peaceful families and communities. As a "Watauga County Habitat for Humanity Covenant Church", Rumple is committed to serving with Habitat to improve our community by building decent, affordable homes in partnership with families in need.

**Upcoming Rumple Work Days:** Two opportunities to work at the construction site and/or provide lunch have been scheduled for Sept 14 and Oct 5. Please contact David Hardage, Rita White, or Misty Mayfield for more information and to sign-up. No construction skills necessary!

**Hospitality House** was founded 35 years ago by Boone faith communities. The six downtown churches started housing and feeding needy people in the basement and fellowship rooms of their church. The Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, & Catholics came together to help rebuild lives. The goal is the same today with the help from many congregations in Northwestern North Carolina. **Hospitality House Founders Challenge, a special offering will take place Sunday, Sept 22.** Please look for special offering envelopes and give to help those who need our help.

**Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S.** The Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. food pantry is open for clients on Mondays from 9 am to noon right here at Rumple. The most needed items are canned fruit (natural juices or light syrup), canned vegetables (whole kernel & creamed corn, green beans, green peas, carrots, beets, mixed - no salt added if possible), soups (tomato, chicken and rice/veggies, beef and rice/veggies, potato, vegetable), condensed milk, peanut butter (chunky & creamy), and toilet paper is always welcomed. Please bring your items on September 1st or anytime during the month and place them in the shopping cart located in the church lobby.

**ATTENTION GOLFERS:** Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S is the beneficiary of the Makotos Charity Golf Tournament held on Tuesday, September 24 at Blowing Rock Country Club. The entry fee (not tax deductible) is \$150 per player, \$600 per team of four. Mixed teams of men and women are encouraged. A variety of prizes will be awarded. Email Gwen Dhing, owner of Makotos, to register at [gwen@makotos-boone.com](mailto:gwen@makotos-boone.com) or [makotosboone@gmail.com](mailto:makotosboone@gmail.com). The last day to register is Friday, September 20, 2019

## Rumple on a Mission

### MISSIONS NEWS FOR FALL CONTINUED

**International Peacemaker Rev. Arlington W. Trotman will speak Saturday morning, Sept 21. North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church** invites us to join them in their Fellowship Hall to hear Rev. Trotman who is one of fourteen International Peacemakers working visiting the US. From the UK, Trotman has been working for racial justice. Lunch will be provided. Final agenda times to be announced. For more about Rev. Trotman, visit the Presbyterian Missions Agency website "Peacemaker has been working for racial justice in Europe".

**Would you like to become a Lunch Buddy? Lunch Buddies** is an in-school mentoring program that matches students (mostly K-3), with a volunteer who eats lunch with them regularly throughout the school year. A two-hour training is required as well as a background check. Trainings will be held at Western Youth Network Sept 10 from 4:00-6:00, and Sept 26 from 5:00-7:00. Contact Melanie Hollis, WYN, 828-264-5174 to learn how to become a Lunch Buddy.

**Thank you!** The Missions Committee thanks everyone who donated items and gave financial contributions to the many collections this summer! Rumple's **Food4Families** volunteers fed eleven families throughout the summer break. A special thanks to Tracy Markland for leading this endeavor.

**Back2School** was also a success again this year with 1300 composition notebooks, and donations of \$1,000 collected. And this congregation generously donated \$4,000 to **Grandfather Home/Children's Hope Alliance** in the Grandfather Home Sunday offering (with donations still coming in)!

The Missions Committee is dividing into four new subgroups as a new means of managing the growing number of ways Rumple serves: 1) **Local-Hunger/ Food Insecurity** 2) **Healthcare/Housing/Trauma/Elderly** 3) **Youth Care/Education Needs** 4) **Beyond Local Missions**

New members are always welcome! Our next meeting is Monday, Sept 16, 5pm in the church library. For more information, contact David Hardage or Rita White.

**Are you interested in helping those still affected by Hurricane Florence in the Wilmington, NC area?** The Missions Committee is working on plans for a mission trip to Wilmington in early November to assist homeowners still suffering from the effects of flooding from last year's hurricane. Volunteers will be partnering with North Carolina Baptist Men's Disaster Relief to work on sites with the greatest needs. Accommodations for the week are provided by First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. For further mission details, please contact Stu Whiddon at 336-430-6922 or email [stuartwhiddon@gmail.com](mailto:stuartwhiddon@gmail.com)

**In April Rumple joined with brothers and sisters from St. Mary's, St. Mark's, and Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry to pack nearly 20,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger.** Earlier this summer we received this message from Rise Against Hunger:

It is with great pleasure that we announce the destination of the Rise Against Hunger meals you helped package on 4/7/2019. A shipping container, holding 285,120 meals, has been sent to Nicaragua for our partner ORPHANetwork. ORPHANetwork is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in Nicaragua. To learn more, please visit our partner/country spotlight on the Impact Stories tab and click and drag on our World Aid Map at <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/world-aid/>.

## Around Rumple

### Concerns and Cares

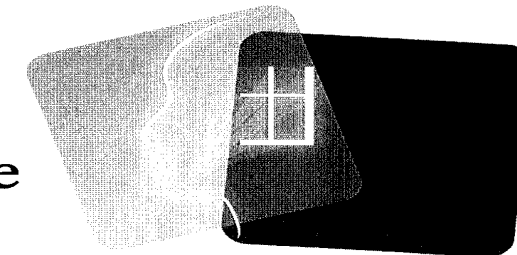
Bill Goodman; Adele Dunbar's sister-in-law, Wilkie Pitman; Bonnie McLamb; Norman Wright; Eric Luke's father; Cassidy Nooner's grandfather; Don Saunders; Mike Steele; Jim Ruff; AdaLis Andujar, Sammy Andujar; Leslie No-villa's friend, Sara; Barbara Bernstein; Bob Young; Jean Williamson; Jonathan Asbell; Gus Newton; Vicki Cawthorne; Margaret Townsend; Debbie Brenner's mother, Betty Kern; David Bartlett; Ruth George; Byron and Charleen Logan; Jim Burgess; Roger Broeker; Jim and Barbara Scott; Recie Craig; Bill and Pat Magruder; Erin Tobin, serving in US Army; Drew Taylor, active duty with the Coast Guard; Sherry Marr, Bettye Johnson; Gus and Miriam Newton's son in law, David; Carol Capristo's mother, Ruby Vincent; Jan McClure, Holly Bannan's mother; Grover Gore, Meg Wagner; Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey; Ellen and Al Smith, missionaries in Russia, Germany, and Belarus.



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3. Mabel Davis
3. Mary Bost Gray
3. John Robinson
7. Vickie Cawthorne
7. Ron Curtis
7. Alan Herndon
8. JoAnn Jones
10. Byron Logan
10. Sylvia Kiker
11. R.L. Suddreth
11. Donna Whitt
14. Molly Clay
14. Shannon Herndon
14. Dottie Watson
15. Curt Salthouse
16. Don Bolick
17. Margaret Garland
17. Catherine Moore
18. Emma Humphries
18. Glen Liesgang
18. Barbara Leon
18. Lynne Waugh
19. Charleen Logan
21. Sam Hess
23. Jean Williamson
26. Bette LaRoche
27. Annette Goudeau-Trahan
30. Jessica Minerva

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**TAKE THE TOUR**

**September 18, 2019**  
10 a.m.—1 p.m.

**Watauga Medical Center**  
AHEC Building  
336 Deerfield Road, Boone, NC

Please arrive 10 minutes before appointment.

For more information, to register or be placed on the VDT waiting list, contact **Lisa Caviness**, Caldwell Hospice Public Relations & Marketing Specialist, at [prc@caldwellhospice.org](mailto:prc@caldwellhospice.org) or 828.754.0101 or 1.844.MY.JOURNEY.



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## Hymn for September by Dave McCollum

Sometimes the job of a hymn is to put an idea within a simple musical expression that will allow a subject or even a thought to be expressed in worship. The music, the melody, harmony, and rhythm create a host that combines the text in a way that expresses the meaning and essence of the text. For example, the African American Spiritual, "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," describes an experience of actually feeling the Spirit of God. The melody starts on a high note symbolizing excitement and descends to a low note that could represent the realization or decision to "pray" (Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray). The rhythm is very syncopated, again to express the excitement of encountering the Spirit of God. All of the musical elements have been chosen to deliberately express the feeling of the hymn text. The marriage of text and tune perfectly expresses a single sentiment for a congregation to sing.

But what about the hymns that express multiple sentiments or multiple texts? What about the hymns that tell God's story in Scripture, or that describes God's attributes, or that set up our shortcomings in hope that God will intervene? Surely we would get lost in such a hymn not able to contemplate a single thought due to the bombardment of multiple subjects. Yes, that is often the case. The text goes by quickly and we can't possibly latch on to everything. In this case, the hymn writer hopes that something will catch your eye, or rather catch your ear; a phrase will stick or an idea will jump out with which you can relate. I sometimes relate understanding a hymn like this to communally reciting the Prayer of Confession in worship. Individually, I certainly am not guilty of every shortcoming expressed in the prayer but I'm probably guilty of one or two. And those are the ones I remember and express in the moment of silence following the communal prayer. As I sing a hymn I try to pay attention to a phrase that jumps out, that stays with me after the hymn is over.

I am writing this a couple of days after I introduced a new hymn in worship. I shared the hope that the new hymn would be embraced as a familiar hymn in our congregation through the coming years. I am committed to programming the hymn a few times a year as a means to that end. The hymn, "God the Sculptor of the Mountains," presents a text that is choked full of God's story, God's attributes, and our shortcomings followed by an invitation for God to be with us. I thought it might be helpful to share the hymn's structure as a way of better understanding the text.

The stanza begins by telling God's story throughout Scripture. Here is the beginning of stanza one: "God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand, God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land." The text then relates God to creation: "you are womb of all creation." And finally the text turns to our need for God and an invitation for God to be with us: "we are formless, shape us now." Now, was there something in that stanza that spoke to you? If you are an artist, could you relate to God Sculpting the universe? If you work with your hands, could you relate to God as a "potter" of creation? Or perhaps our feeling of helplessness when we want God to shape and form us? The remaining stanzas take the same form of Scripture references, God's attributes and finally our need for God.

Here are the remaining stanzas for the hymn. I hope you will enjoy this new hymn as it becomes more familiar. Stanza 2: God the nuisance of the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea, God the pillar in the darkness, God the beacon of the free: you are fount of all deliverance; we are aimless; lead us now. Stanza 3: God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat, God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat: you are host at every table; we are hungry; feed us now. Stanza 4: God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth, God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth: you are present every moment; we are searching; meet us now.

Dave

## Rumple's Newest Members from Welcome Class



### Susan Becker

Susan was raised in North Carolina and loves the mountains. She attended Appalachian State University. She and her husband Bryan have 3 children. She was a stay at home mom until recently and now works for Samaritan's Purse. She has a special place in her heart for Operation Christmas Child as her three children are adopted from Russia.

### Rusty and Donna Hamrick

Rusty and Donna Hamrick joined Rumple as affiliate members in June. Rusty and Donna were married in the Rumple sanctuary in January of 2019 with many Rumple friends present. When not here in the High Country, Rusty and Donna reside on the coast of South Carolina. Rusty has been an active member of the Rumple Choir for a few years. Between them they have four grown children and two grandchildren. They are big Tarheel fans. You may also know Rusty's brother, Dale, who is a fairly new member at Rumple as well.

### Michael and Cheryl Gregory

Both David and Cheryl grew up in Tupelo MS, and have spent most of the past 50 years as educators. Cheryl retired in 2003 to fully enjoy being a grandmother after a career teaching elementary, middle school, and professional development. David taught music (band director, Orchestra conductor) at secondary and university levels, and also worked many years with adult musical ensembles. He served as a classroom teacher, music supervisor/curriculum coordinator, and system level administrator during public years. Officially, he retired in 2018. He continues to be involved in many aspects of music. They both enjoy to travel. David's other hobbies are reading and photography. Cheryl enjoys reading, home decorating projects, and being involved in church and community volunteer efforts.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OR AFFILIATE MEMBER OF RUMPLE?

Rumple receives members and affiliates (those who retain membership in their church elsewhere but who "affiliate" themselves with Rumple 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 9/22 at 9:30. Please call or email Jessica in the office if you plan to attend, [office@rumplechurch.org](mailto:office@rumplechurch.org)

## Adult Study Opportunity

**NEW SMALL GROUP ADULT STUDY** "Why" by Adam Hamilton, will be - taught by Kathy Beach and Rene Cuthill beginning on Wednesday, September 4 at 11:30 a.m. The study will continue for six weeks. Student books are available in the church office for \$10 each.

# Around Rumble 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 Rumble Vision statement...taken individually they are just words but linked together, a compelling impact. Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church has a wealth of individuals that live this mission. Each month we will feature a group or individual within the church that is inspired to carry out God’s wish for us. This month we feature the Rumble Finance Committee.

The Committee is responsible of recommending church financial policies to the Session and monitoring performance in the areas of financial operations, budgeting, investments, fundraising and risk management. The current Rumble Finance Committee is comprised of **Jim Claibough**-Chairman, **Cullie Tarleton**-Session Liaison, **Kathy Beach**-Pastor, **Mike Steele, Mike Capristo, Wayne Holliday, Maurice Ewing, David Baskin, Jennie Derby, Ed Cummer, Bill Cuthill, Billy Worsham,** and **Jeff Stewart**-Recording Secretary. Each of these individuals possess an impressive background in the principles of finance. Several have served on this committee many years and take the responsibility of Rumble finances personally as well as spiritually.

I asked three members to share some background on themselves and the responsibility of serving:

**Wayne Holliday**-Wayne graduated with an accounting degree and spent his entire career as a Certified Public Accountant. Asked what brought him and wife Kathryn to the High Country he said “beautiful mountains and cool breezes”. I asked Wayne what his life experiences bring to the finance committee, “my gifts are knowledge of accounting, finance and business operations. Hopefully I provide the skills to help keep the Church on a strong financial footing”. I noted to Wayne that budget time is the most difficult decision-making time of the year. I asked him his thoughts going into it. “First, we need to cover fixed operating and maintenance costs. Then we make sure the employees are adequately enumerated. Only then can we focus on the things that are most rewarding to the church and its individual members...missions, service to the mankind through Jesus Christ and Christian fellowship.”

**Bill Cuthill**-A native of Washington, DC, a graduate in accounting from the Univ. of Florida, Bill and his wife Rene vacationed several times in the High Country before buying and enjoying life here as a summer resident. Bill is a retired CPA and CFE and has worked on finance committees in every church he has been a member of. His strong suits are knowing the PCUSA and organizational skills. I asked Bill about the committee fellowship and synergy, “Good group of pragmatic decision makers.” This group rarely makes a decision which is not well discussed and thoughtful”. Bill also noted, “I feel privileged as an affiliate member to be given such responsibility.”

**Maurice Ewing**-Maurice hails from Augusta, Ga., spent 10 years in banking and 35 as an Economic Development Business Recruiter in the Charlotte area. As a lifetime summer resident, he and Bonnie always planned to retire in Blowing Rock and live in the Laurel Park house his aunt bought in 1942. Asked what inspired him to join Rumble he noted “I attended Rumble as a child (I remember Mrs. Cannon’s Good News Club). I am a lifelong Presbyterian and Elder. Rumble was a logical almost predestined choice of churches when we moved to Blowing Rock permanently.” I asked Maurice his thoughts on the inner workings of the committee, “Fortunately, the Finance Committee is composed of several highly skilled and career oriented financial experts. Rarely is there a discussion about the direction in which the church should go. Rather the typical, or sometimes lengthy discussions center on clarification of the issue and developing a comprehensive understanding of the consequences inherent to every option. Ultimate decisions are usually harmonious and unanimous, but hardly ever without robust discussion.”

I hope you have enjoyed this first edition of “Who’s in the Pews”. Rumble possesses such a wealth of worthy stories from gifted spiritual people which will be highlighted each month...

**Jeff Stewart**

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	COMMUNION 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:40 HYMN SING 11:00 WORSHIP	2 OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY	3	4 9:30-12:00 Circle 5 (RH) 10:00-3:00 Garden Club (FH) 10:00-Staff Meeting (L) 10:30-11:30 Garden Club Board (ACU) 11:30 Bible Study (L) 2:30 Youth and Children Handbells 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	5 12 10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)	6	7 Art in the Park -Missions parking lot 2-7 Girl Scouts Spag Dinner (FH)
8	PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SUNDAY School 9:45 Sunday 11:00 Worship 12:00 Second Sunday Lunch (FH) 5:00 Youth	9 12-3 Circle 4 (RH) Hospitality House Dinner	10 11-1 Western Neighborhood Meeting (RH)	11 10:00-Staff Meeting (L) 11:30 Bible Study (L) 2:30 Youth and Children Handbells 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	12 10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)	13	14 9-4 Habitat Workday
15	9:30 VISITING SCHOLAR (FH) 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 VISITING SCHOLAR lecture 5:00 Youth	16 9:30 Visiting Scholar Lecture (FH) 4:00 Finance (L) 5:00 Missions (ACU)	17	18 10:00-Staff Meeting (L) 11:30 Bible Study (L) 2:30 Youth and Children Handbells 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	19	20	21
22	9:30 Church Tour and Welcome Class 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Congregational Care (L) 5:00 Youth	23 5:30 Session	24	25 10:00-Staff Meeting (L) 11:30 Bible Study (L) 2:30 Youth and Children Handbells 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	26	27	28
29	9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Worship Committee (L) 5:00 Youth	30			L-Library RH-Rumble House FH-Fellowship Hall MP-Memorial Park ACU-Adult Class Room Upstairs		