



Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church

## *SLATE and STONE*

**June 2016**

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

### Maggie's Corner

Part of being a family is working within that family's income, being responsible with how God blesses that family. The same is true of a church family. This past Sunday, your church treasurer, Wayne Holliday, gave a summary of where we are financially.

Here are Wayne's comments for those who missed them. Knowing these numbers will help us know what we need to do to care for this, your home church:

Do you remember the Bible Story when Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams to tell him they'd have seven fat years and seven lean years? Well, we are in some 'lean years' here at Rumble.

This year our projected income from Pledges and other sources is **\$368,000.**

That wouldn't sound so bad, but our projected expenses are **\$418,000.**

This leaves a shortage for the current year of **\$50,000.**

Now thanks be to God, we have reserve money in the bank from those 'fat years' in the past, that will cover the shortage.

But we have been using that reserve for three years now.

2014 Budgeted **\$20,000** Actual **\$25,000**

2015 Budgeted **\$55,000** Actual **\$14,000**

2016 Budgeted **\$50,000** Actual **\$33,000** YTD

To Summarize, in the first 4 months of this year, we have used **\$33,000** or **67%** of the **\$50,000** expected shortage.

Are we in trouble now? NO. However, we need to closely monitor current expenditures and future fiscal activities to minimize the potential adverse impact on the remaining Rumble reserve.

Your session asks that you prayerfully consider how you may be able to help at this time. Your church home is in need of added financial support.

We will keep you informed of our financial condition by including updates in the weekly bulletin and in the Slate and Stone newsletter.

Thank you for your consideration and prayers for the ongoing welfare of our beloved church, Rumble Memorial.

# Youth Activities

## Help FEED our Youth!

If you know anything about Middle and High School youth, you know they LOVE TO EAT! You can be a part of this summer's Montreat conferences without leaving Blowing Rock. Consider donating food for one or both weeks!

Items needed: bags of chips, cheese or dips and crackers, meal ingredients, cookies, cakes, breakfast items – bagels, cream cheese, donuts, breads, etc.

**Gift cards to Ingles or general VISA gift cards are very helpful as well.**

Anything you and/or your group would consider providing will be greatly appreciated!! We will be happy to take donations starting immediately. We do have freezer space if you would like to bring something in advance to stick in the freezer.

### Montreat Worship and Music Conferences:

June 26 – July 2

Donations due by **June 26<sup>th</sup>**

### Montreat Youth Conference:

July 10 – 16

Donations due by **July 10<sup>th</sup>**

Need more information or would like to donate? Contact Cameron Womack at [cameronwomack@outlook.com](mailto:cameronwomack@outlook.com) or 828-295-7675

## Surf Shack

Vacation Bible School 2016

June 20 – 24

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

REGISTER NOW!

Visit [www.rumplechurch.org](http://www.rumplechurch.org) OR  
Fill out a form at church.

Invite your friends and family.

Come and *Catch a Wave of God's Amazing Love*  
Teen and Adult Leaders are Needed!

**Be a Shepherd:** Guide a small group of children to each station.

**Lead a Station:** There is something for everyone!



Snacks, Science,  
Crafts, Games, Storytelling and Music

**Donate supplies:** There will be lists available soon of items needed.

Help for one day or all five! Contact Cameron Womack today to sign-up!

## Youth Group to Host a Silent and Live Auction Fundraiser

Sunday June 12, 2016

WOW! Thanks to all of you who have given so generously to help make this auction a success!! We have items ranging in starting bids of \$2.00 up past \$100. There is something for everyone. Sign up now for your bidder number and join us for the auction!

In addition to the silent auction items, a few have been reserved for a live auction at the direction of our very own Cullie Tarelton. You don't want to miss it!

Spotlighted Items:

**Framed Photo by Jim Ruff:** a beautiful capturing of Roan Rhododendrons

**Carolina Panthers Tickets:** Upper level and Lower level seats available

**Tom Clark Gnomes:** 14 lovely happy faced gnomes are up for auction

**Goods and Services from our YOUTH:** babysitting to yard work...hire our youth!!

Bidding begins on Sunday June 5 at 9:45 a.m. and closes at 1:00 p.m.

Bid early and often!



## YEAR OF THE BIBLE

### **2016 Year of the Bible**

Have you heard? Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church is reading through the Bible in 2016! Are you one of the 60 people who took this challenge in January? If not, don't worry!! June is our mid-year kick-off for those of you who haven't joined the group, but still would like to. No, you don't have to start with the January readings and catch up with the rest of us! Just start now with the readings for June. Packets containing the remaining list of readings are available, or you can purchase the whole year's booklet for \$5.00.

Contact Cameron Womack or see the information in the display case at church to join in!

### **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

The Youth Committee: **THANKS** to the Properties Committee for extending the grass in the playground area between the sanctuary and the Ruple House.

The volley ball net now fits!!

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

Plans for great fun and fellowship are underway for summer Salt Shakers and Lunch Bunch. What a great way to enjoy church friends.

We have four groups in Salt Shakers with 51 participants. We have hostesses for our first dinners in June. Mabel Davis and Marty Wright will host our first dinner for group 1. Jenny and Leigh Derby will host group 2. Melinda and Norm Wright will host group 3 and Kathryn and Wayne Holliday will host group 4. We thank these people willing to host the first dinner.

Dottie Watson will host the Lunch Bunch each month on the third Wednesday. There are approximately 20 people participating. She will help select area restaurants and arrange for the group to dine each month. Thanks, Dottie.

### **Meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) June 18 – 25, 2016 Portland, Oregon**

This General Assembly will be making important decisions about the future of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). How will we be structured? What will be our shared visions? Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 171 PC(USA) presbyteries, along with other participants and observers from around the world, will converge on the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) in downtown Portland for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering.

Hosted by the Presbytery of the Cascades and united under the theme "The Hope is Our Calling" from Ephesians 1:18, the General Assembly will include rich worship services, the election of the Moderator, action on a plethora of overtures, and much more.

You can keep up with the general proceedings, up to date information and worship from our denomination's website, [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).



Our very own, Rev. Stephanie Hankins, has been selected as one of the commissioners from Salem Presbytery. Stephanie will be able to provide us with information and an accounting of her experience when she returns.

Stay informed and keep our commissioners and church leaders in your prayers.

#### **Session**

<b><u>Class of 2016</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2017</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2018</u></b>
Wayne Holliday	Audrey Gurkin	Mike Rhyne
Jim Ruff	Brenda Lentz	Mary Lentz
Rita White	Jimmy Smith	Barbara Julien
Donna Whitt	Bill Thorn	Danny Kirkland

## Rumple Presbyterian Women

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

**Circle I** will meet Monday, June 6 at 6:00 in the Rumple House.

**Circle II** will meet on Tuesday June 14 at 2:00 at the home of Mary Lentz.

**Circle III** will meet Monday June 6 at 10:00 at Skip Pearson's home (478 Country Club Dr.) with Barbara Julien as co-hostess. Carolyn Nelson will lead Bible Study.

**Circle IV** will meet Monday, June 13 at 1:00 at Betty Harwood's home (367 Fairway 11 Court). You are welcome to carpool at the church. She will share hospitality and refreshments, not lunch. Mary Hendrick will lead in Chapter 3 in *You'll Get Through This: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times* by Max Lucado.

**Circle V** will meet Wednesday, June 1, in the Rumple House at 9:30.

### ***Second Sunday Lunch—June 12***

Plan to attend the Second Sunday Luncheon on June 12 and enjoy Brunswick Stew, cornbread and fellowship with our Church family.



The Fellowship Committee is excited to share that we are planning a *Tacky Tea* in the fellowship hall Saturday, September 24. This elegant event will be in memory of Mrs. Tacky Vosburgh and will raise money for a local charity! We would like to ask committees, Sunday School classes, circles, and friends to decorate one table for this event (we will have 10 tables total). Please contact Jackie Kirkland if you are interested, we

would like to have a commitment on this by early June. Thanks so much.

[jkirklandj9@aol.com](mailto:jkirklandj9@aol.com) or 828-773-4204.

### **Our 2016 Flower Chart Is Up!**

Please choose a special Sunday in which to give flowers for worship in honor or in memory of a loved one or special event. Look for the chart on the bulletin board beside Hazel's desk in the lobby. There is a new form in the pew pads to use also.



### **Stay Connected!**

Each week Rumple emails a newsletter of upcoming ministries and programs. If you do not already receive this email, or would like to add a new email to the list, please email

Occasionally we also make phone calls alerting the congregation to urgent news or reminders for Sunday's worship. Not receiving the calls? Contact Hazel at the church office to be added to the list. 828-295-7675.

# ***Watauga County Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 2016***

Your sure provisions gracious God attend me all my days;  
oh, may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

*(From My Shepherd Will Supply My Need)*

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing from the world and make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat was founded as and remains a Christian ministry while also welcoming and partnering with many diverse organizations and people. Habitat families are selected based on need for housing, ability to pay, and willingness to partner. A hand-up, not a hand-out.

Local Habitat affiliates, such as Watauga County Habitat for Humanity, identify families, find land, raise money and build houses in their own county. The Watauga County Habitat affiliate began in 1987 and has now completed 26 homes. Funding comes from a variety of sponsors: churches, corporations, existing homeowners, Habitat ReStore, foundations, civic groups, and individuals. Homeowners pay for the house by making monthly payments on a 0% interest mortgage, typically for 20 years. The average payment is \$350 a month, plus escrows that cover taxes and insurance.

High land prices and rental prices, steep lots and higher poverty rates all make it more difficult to build and impact lives in the High Country of North Carolina. One obstacle to building homes for people in need in Watauga County in particular is the price of buildable land. In 2012, Watauga Habitat purchased 20 acres to build 18-20 houses in Green Valley.

## ***Rumple goes on a Mission for Faith Build***

What is a Faith Build?

Together as a faith community, participating churches raise the money and provide the labor and prayer support to build a Habitat for Humanity house in partnership with a local family. Faith Build is a dynamic and practical project-driven way to connect the faith community with local needs.

As a Faith Build 2016 Partner Church, Rumple will provide:

- Prayer - Prayer is essential for any ministry.
- Volunteers - Working on the build is one way to volunteer. If swinging a hammer is not part of your skill set, there are a wide variety of ways to support the Faith Build. We will strive to put your time and talents to use.
- Funding - Rumple will raise funds for the Faith Build from June through September. You can support Rumple's partnership in the Faith Build by writing a check to Rumple indicating *Habitat* at any time from June through September. We will gladly accept in-kind services as well. We will also host several fundraising events. If you, your family, or a church group/Sunday School class would like to sponsor a specific portion of the Faith Build, here are a few needs:

Nails (\$200), Flooring (\$250), Exterior Paint (\$400), Bedroom (\$450), Light Fixtures (\$650), Bathroom (\$1050)

### **Upcoming Faith Build events, with more to come!**

**June 5, 2:00pm – Faith Build groundbreaking at the Love home site in the Habitat Greenwood neighborhood next to Green Valley Elementary School on Hwy 194**

**June 21, 6:30-8:00pm – wine tasting at Christopher's Wine and Cheese in Blowing Rock**

For more information, contact a member of the Rumple Faith Build committee: Misty Mayfield (828-297-3273, [allredml@appstate.edu](mailto:allredml@appstate.edu)), Mary Holstein (828-295-4561, [fruitloop@charter.net](mailto:fruitloop@charter.net)), Tim and Shirley Harris (828-262-1067, [timharris\\_2@charter.net](mailto:timharris_2@charter.net), [shirleyharris\\_1@charter.net](mailto:shirleyharris_1@charter.net)).



## Notes from the Pastor Nominating Committee...

We're not there yet, but we can see the flag ahead!

Our candidate field has been narrowed to three and we will complete our final interview early in June. We remain hopeful to present a candidate for examination by the Presbytery around the middle of June. Following Presbytery approval, a congregational meeting will be called, our candidate announced, and the congregation will confirm the pastor's call and call terms. Please continue in prayer for Rumble Church, the pastor who will be called, and all of us on the PNC who are working with grace and compassion in our discernment to call the next pastor to serve with us.

### Session Digest – May 23, 2016

At the May 23 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 devotion and prayer by Mike Rhyne was on the definition of LOVE., reminding us that we are ALL made by the same God. He is with us ALL and loves us ALL.  
*Mark 12:28-31, Romans 13:9-10*
- April's Session minutes were approved by common consent.
- Rev. Lauterer gave an update of activities since coming to Rumble just three weeks ago, visiting, planning of wedding and baptism, teaching, preaching and attending committee meetings, a busy schedule.
- Congregational Care—Jim Ruff gave update on photos for directory of new members, the APPFaith Health program and other concerns in progress.
- Finance—Wayne Holliday gave a detailed report on receipts and disbursements from January through April. A motion was made and approved for information to be included in the *Slate & Stone* and the bulletin each week.
- Properties—Bill Thorn reported on work accomplished on guttering, mulching of church grounds plus continuing work done each month in and outside the buildings.
- Stewardship—Bill Cuthill, Buz Helms and Danny Kirkland gave a detailed report on the past three years of our five-year Stewardship Plan concerning families making financial and service commitments. Much more information will be in the *Slate & Stone* and the bulletin.
- Worship—Brenda Lentz reported on the Transition Team and Rev. Lauterer's position. Our new hymnal, *Glory to God*, is now in the sanctuary. Dr. Mel Bringle, a major leader in preparing this hymnal will speak at the 8:45 and 11:00 worship services on June 5.
- Youth—Jimmy Smith spoke on the Youth's projects and plans—silent auction, fundraisers, conferences, pool party and just looking forward to summer!
- The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Lauterer

Mary Lentz, Clerk of Session-

## 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.

**Thank You** I would like to thank everyone at Rumble Memorial for their many prayers, cards and calls during the illness of my great-granddaughter, Oakley Combs. Oakley was born on January 20, 2016 and at less than two weeks old, was diagnosed with meningitis. She spent the next 75 days in Duke Hospital. She is now home and doing well. I firmly believe this is due to all the prayers for her recovery.



Betty Coffey

**Congratulations** to our high school graduating seniors, Molly Gilleskie and Erin Tobin.

**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! Rumble'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 Rumble 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 Rumble members, so we kindly ask that you notify the church office (rmc123@bellsouth.net), Jim Ruff (jimruff@gmail.com), or Karen Gaddy (Karen.gaddy@gmail.com).

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



## June 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 June 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 Rumble, please consider honoring yourself with a gift to the Rumble Memorial Church Endowment Fund.

2 Brooke Ashcraft

2 Carol Genberg

3 Kathy Earley

5 Suzanna Gurkin

5 Eric Bengtson

6 Betty Harwood

7 Ann Rhyne

7 Debbie Clay

8 Jim Crowell

9 Liz Hodge

10 Lynda Shuford

11 Jim Burgess

11 Joy Travis

11 Cyndie Wright

16 John Akins

16 William Sudderth

18 Lynn George

19 Elizabeth Sudderth

19 Wes Waugh

20 Opal Koone

22 Jill Hauser

22 Paul Rudisill

24 Brenda Gregory

26 Mary Goodwin

26 Drew Taylor

29 Sarah Renshaw

29 Jean Baskin

30 Martha Robinson



### TO TRANSFER STOCK, MUTUAL FUND OR OTHER SECURITIES TO RUMPLE CHURCH:

If you wish to make a gift or meet your pledge with stock, mutual funds or other trade-able assets please follow the procedure listed below.

1. Inform RPMC church secretary or Finance Elder Liaison about the gift-Investment name, number of shares, and expected delivery date.

2. Provide your Brokerage/Investment representative with the following information.

- **Receiving Brokerage — First Citizens Bank**
- **Account # —4KV172245**
- **DTC # — 0443**

3. The RPMC church secretary or Finance Elder Liaison will notify you when the securities have been received in RPMC brokerage account and the amount RPMC received after the security has been sold.

4. RPMC contact information for 2013/2014

- **Hazel Smithey, Church Secretary 295-7675, [rmpc123@bellsouth.net](mailto:rmpc123@bellsouth.net)**
- **Wayne Holliday, Finance Liaison, 355-9470, [rwh28605@yahoo.com](mailto:rwh28605@yahoo.com)**

*For tax purposes it will be up to your broker/investment representation to provide the "Cost Basis" and "Gift Value". Thank you for your continuing support of RPMC.*

## Sing Unto God

It has been a wonderful school year with our First Annual ASU Choral Scholars Program at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church. We have ministered and have been ministered to by five individuals that are full-time students of ASU: four music majors and a fashion design major. Rumble funded four positions that began in September of 2015. Three of the students were able to sing all year. A fourth student sang in the fall and was unable to continue. And finally, a fifth singer joined us in January for the spring semester.



The impact has been on several levels. Rumble is blessed with accomplished musicians in the adult choir. Most singers read music and pick up songs and arrangements very quickly. With the addition of trained voices, new music is easier to learn and prepare for worship. The repertoire for sacred music is a benefit for the college singers. Although many classical pieces are in the sacred repertoire, being in a church choir during the college years will expose the students to music that can be part of their future career (churches are always in need of leadership in music). Finally, and probably most of all, the ASU Choral Scholars Program gives the participants a home-away-from-home: a church home-away-from-home. Performance is a primary goal of all music students. They spend many hours in a practice room perfecting their instrument (voice). The end result is a polished performance. Church music works toward another end: worship. Our talents go beyond music for music's sake. In church choir we learn how music is part of our offering to God; our time and talent. Music expresses the emotions of worship. Students learn how music is used to worship God.

We have truly had a wonderful year. I hope we are able to offer each student the same position in the fall. All four of our spring singers said they would like to return in the fall. That says a lot about Rumble! I would like to thank all the supporters of this program for the past year. I would also like to thank the members of the Adult Choir for taking these students under their wing and supporting them. I am looking forward to our Second Annual ASU Choral Scholars Program!

Dave



Mel will lead worship in both services on June 5. Don't miss it!

Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle is Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and chair of the Humanities Division at Brevard College (Brevard, NC). A teacher at heart and a theologian by training (with a Ph.D. from Emory University and an assortment of publications in pastoral theology), she began writing hymn texts in 1999. Since that time, she has won a number of international hymnwriting competitions and been featured as an "emerging text writer" by The Hymn Society in the US and Canada. GIA has published two single-author collections of her hymns (Joy and Wonder, Love and Longing in 2002, and In Wind and Wonder in 2007), as well as anthems written in collaboration with composers like William Rowan, Sally Morris, and others. Her texts and translations are included in publications from numerous denominations, including Roman Catholic, Mennonite, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Episcopalian, United Church of Canada, and Church of Scotland. She is currently serving as President of The Hymn Society and chair of the committee to create a new hymnal for the Presbyterian Church USA.

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### *Thank You to our Volunteers*

#### Nursery Volunteers for June

June 5	Becky Steele
June 12	Linda Liesegang
June 19	Drew Dunn
June 26	Eula Calvin

#### Children's Church Volunteers for June

June 5	Darby Teander
June 12	Lou Moore and Susan Kiker
June 19	Jimmy and Debora Smith
June 26	Debbie Clay and BJ Tugman



**FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED**

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