



Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church

SLATE and STONE

August 2016

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

Maggie's Corner

I am sure almost everyone at Rumple has heard that the Pastor Nominating Committee, who has worked SO faithfully since last September to discern who God is calling to Rumple as a pastor, received word that, after it seemed a 'done deal', the candidate felt called to withdraw his name.

This is heart breaking for the PNC – they have prayed so hard, worked so hard, and were sure this was the one the Holy Spirit was sending.

What can be said about this? Where is God's plan in this turn of events?

I can't help but think of the scripture we read in worship a couple of weeks ago, about Elijah who was exhausted from his long long journey. In his anguish, he called out, "I have zealously served the Lord!". And God called for him to crawl out of the cave to talk – and how surprised he was that God was not in the windstorm, then not in the earthquake, then not in the raging fire that followed. Where was God? Where was his answer to Elijah's question?

The writer of the story did not tell us how long Elijah's wait was, but in the end, there was an answer, and it was, as you remember in a still, small voice.

We all are disappointed with this turn of events this past week – just when we thought the new teaching elder for Rumple was almost here!

God willing, we won't suffer a violent windstorm or earthquake or fire, but we trust that the answer (in a small voice) is coming!

Last Sunday, our New Testament reading was from II Corinthians 1 when Paul, who had escaped death, asked his friends: "In him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers..."

Like Paul, your PNC needs your prayers! They too need prayer for their flagging spirits and energy, and their trust that God is working right now for the welfare of Rumple's future.

As your interim pastor, I would ask that the church body discerns to stop each day at noon for the foreseeable future to pray for your church and PNC. A long prayer or a sentence prayer. Would you do that? We all know that prayer is powerful, and now is a great time to practice that belief...

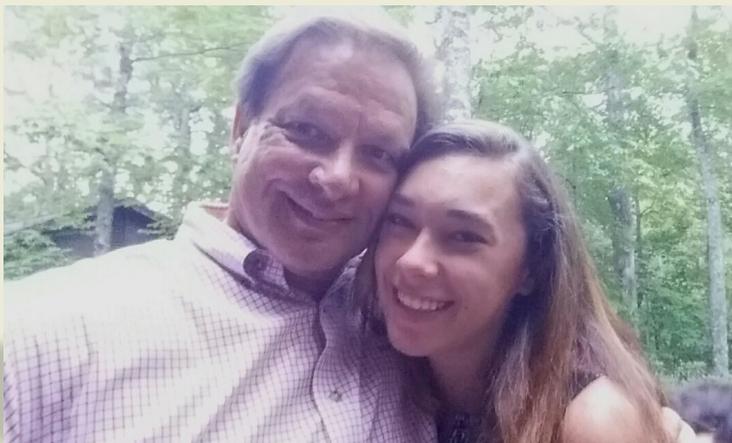
God bless us everyone,

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

Maggie Lauterer

Youth Activities

Montreat July 2016





Montreat Youth Conference on July 10. Those attending include: (Leaders) Natasha Schoonover, Mike Steele, Darby Teander (Youth) August Carter, Maggie Gilleskie, Molly Gilleskie, Emma Hudspeth, Emma Liesegang, Breanna Meadows, Emily Smith, Morgan Smith.

Two More Summer Events for Youth

Wednesday August 10: Lock-In

Friday August 19: Planning Retreat at the Smith's Barn ** For more information contact our youth intern, Darby Teander, and watch for alerts in your email and via text message.

Save the Dates! Fall programming for children and youth will begin after Labor Day, but mark you calendars now and invite your friends!

Youth Group Kick-Off (Middle and High School Youth and Parents)

Cook Out at the Home of Bill and Jewel Magee Sunday September 11 Details are coming soon!

Wednesday Programs

KICKS for children in K-5th grades

Fusion for youth in 6th-8th grades

Parent/Student Orientation Wednesday September 14, 3:00 p.m.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Plan to attend the Annual Church Picnic on August 28th immediately following the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. It will be catered by Come Back Shack and we will once again have JUMP'S Super Slide and Jumpy House. Please sign up for this event on the forms located in the friendship pads in the pews and display case in the lobby.

Rumple Presbyterian Women Annual Meeting August 27

Circle News and Meetings

- Circle I** will meet again Monday August 1 at 6:00 in the Rumple House.
- Circle II** will meet on Tuesday August 16 at 2:00 at the home of Mary Lentz.
- Circle III** will meet Monday August 15 at 10:30 at the home of Martha Broeker
- Circle IV** will meet Monday August 8 at 1:00 at Marion thorn's home for dessert. Her address is 324 Parkway Peak Drive, Boone (268-0616) if you need directions
- Circle V** will meet Wednesday, August 3, in the Rumple House at 9:30.

Our 99th Grandfather Home for Children Sunday

For 99 years, Rumple has celebrated the work of Grandfather Home for Children (now known as Hope Alliance for Children) with a special service in August. This year, the date is **August 21**. We will have only one service that day.

This is traditionally a very important worship service for our church, since it was established by Rev. Edgar Tufts who served this church. He is the same Presbyterian pastor who founded Grandfather Home for Children in Banner Elk in 1914. He encouraged our church to help support the home and education of orphaned children. And like the 98 years before this year, we will take a special offering for the children's home and remember our heritage with Rev. Tufts' leadership and work in our mountain area.

This year, we are honoring that tradition with an old time worship service. The hymns will be from the turn of the 20th century, and all scripture will be in the King James Version. The Burnett Sisters will provide our music – four young sisters who play guitar, fiddle, banjo, and bass. We'll also have lemonade on the lawn after worship. See you there!

Ever wondered what happened at a presbytery meeting?

The next Salem Presbytery meeting (held quarterly across the presbytery) will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Boone on Tuesday, August 9. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. and worship is scheduled very soon after the meeting is called to order, which includes Communion for everyone present. Your pastor and clerk of session will attend, along with some other session members. It's our hope that many of our church family will also attend to get a sense of what business is on the agenda. The meeting includes lunch (for which you can buy a lunch ticket) and continue until about 3 pm. You can leave when ever you need. So come if you can – it will give you an idea of how our churches' work together and make decisions together.

August 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 August 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.

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| 1 Sandi Tinsley | 16 Chuck Hendrix |
| 3 Ann Williams | 17 Mike Mayfield |
| 4 Ben O'Neal | 20 Rita White |
| 5 Marianne Gore | 21 Alice Salthouse |
| 5 Barbara Julien | 22 Rush Peace |
| 5 James Shore | 23 Drew Dunn |
| 8 Lisha Deal | 25 Pat Coley |
| 8 B.J. Tugman | 27 Bill Magruder |
| 8 Janet Jones | 27 Quincy Parham |
| 9 Wilson Deal | 31 George Sudderth |
| 10 Barbara Clark | 31 Cyndie Tolbert |
| 10 Carol Woodall | |
| 11 Bill Mauldin | |
| 12 Teresa Lentz | |
| 14 Sutton Henline | |
| 15 James Dameron | |



Reserve the date!

August 12, 6-7:30 PM

Norma S. Suddreth Art Exhibit

"Holy Land Revisited"

Hickory Museum of Art, Hickory,
NC

Smile!

The Congregational Committee has organized a photo session with LifeTouch, (the same company that produced our directory) BECAUSE we are still missing some of your smiling faces for the directory addendum. The photographer will be here August 26 and 27. The Committee will meet soon to give directions for signing up. So stay tuned!

A Glimpse of GA

On Sunday, August 14, Rev. Stephanie Hanks of our church family will present a power point presentation/discussion of her experience at General Assembly in June. Stephanie was a part of the Salem Presbytery delegation to the bi-annual meeting of the PCUSA, this year held in Portland, Oregon. Look for Stephanie in our fellowship hall between the two worship services, 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

One service begins September 4 Rumble's Worship Committee will bring both worship services back to one service on September 4 at 11:00 am. The only exception will be August 21 when we will have one service at 11:00 because of special music. Many thanks to all the musicians and liturgists who have served early in order to provide two services this summer.

RUMPLE on A Mission

On-going Missions of Rumble Church

Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S.

- * canned food at any time in the grocery basket
- * specified items on the last Sunday of the month in worship

Red Cross Blood Drive

- * quarterly collections at Rumble Church through the Rotary Club
- * multiple opportunities around the High Country each week

Hospitality House

- * donations of clothing and food always welcome
- * Rumble prepares meals and serves on the 5th Monday, in any month this occurs

Hunger and Health Coalition

- * On-going prescription bottle collection

Please contact Debora Smith **828 773-1966** or deborawsm@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with Hospitality House meals or any monthly missions project.

JULY 19TH BLOOD DRIVE RECEIVED 44 PINTS. RUMPLE MEMBERS ACCOUNTED FOR 23 OF THOSE PINTS!

CULLIE TARLETON
KATHRYN HOLLIDAY
*JANE ROGERS
MARY LENTZ
DAVID BASKIN
KATIE GURKIN
CHARLES GURKIN
HEATHER SIGMON sexton
CURT SALTHOUSE
SIDNEY MARTIN
TIM HARRIS
*ELIZABETH SUDDERTH
JOHNNY LENTZ
CAROL GENBERG
*HOWARD WILLIAMS
DIANE WILLIAMS
BJ TUGMAN
DEBBIE CLAY
WALT BAGGSTROM
LINDA LIESEGANG
JAMES SHORE
BILL MAGEE
JOE KIKER
* Double

A Note from the PNC

It is with sadness that the Pastor Nominating Committee announces that our candidate has withdrawn the acceptance of our call. While we are disappointed that we will not have a pastor in our pulpit in September, we continue to be confident that God is working through our committee to discern who He has chosen for Rumble. We have restarted our search to identify the pastor who will serve with us in the next phase of Rumble's future. We will continue to update regularly as we have information to share, but are already reviewing additional pastor applications and moving toward selecting candidates for interviews. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to work as your representatives.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Rumple Faith Build Update: It is time for an update on what has already occurred, and a look ahead to what is yet to happen. The kick-off event, a Wine Tasting at Christopher's Wine and Cheese, was well attended, and lots of fun for all who attended.



Twenty-five tickets were sold, and 22 people with tickets were able to attend. For at least part of the event. After paying the costs for the wine tasting, this event netted a bit over \$585.00. Second Sunday Lunch in July was also well attended, and the Faith Build effort was generously supported (\$220 in contributions). Circles and individuals have contribute an additional \$685, for a total raised thus far of \$1,490. Thanks to all who contributed to the Faith Build effort by supporting these events, financially and with their presence.

The Ground Breaking for the Love family home, the home that is the focus of the Faith Build, was held on Sunday, July 17, at 2:00 p.m., at the site selected for the home. The groups that are involved in building this Habitat home were represented at the ceremony (the family, involved churches, Watauga County Habitat for Humanity Board and staff, and High Country Home Builders Association). Ed Tausche from Rumple was at the ceremony in his capacity as Watauga Habitat's incoming Construction Supervisor who will oversee the building of this home and others that will follow.

An interesting note about the Ground Breaking is that a young woman from the Comoros Islands (off the East coast of Africa), Ramlat Boina, attended the ceremony. She is a member of the cohort of Mandela Washington Fellows (a project initiated by President Obama) that is completing its six-week learning experience at Appalachian. Most of these young African leaders work in Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in their home countries and communities, and part of their experience here is learning about our non-profit organizations. Ramlat was a weekend home-stay guest of Tim and Shirley Harris, and wanted to see this aspect of Habitat for Humanity.

Our next fund-raising event is parking for Art in the Park on Saturday, September 10, 2016. We hope that many of you will be going to Art in the Park that weekend, and will park at Rumple to support the Faith Build effort.

It is tentatively planned to start construction on the Love family home in early-mid September. High Country Home Builders Association will do the first part of the build (the less volunteer-friendly parts of it) to get it dried in so that volunteer crews can begin working. As soon as we know when volunteer crews will be needed we will announce the days and hours when crews are and work on getting teams together from Rumple. We're sure that Ed will keep us up to date on this aspect of the project. Remember, another way to help is to volunteer to provide lunches for volunteer work crews.

Misty, Mary, Tim & Shirley

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

Concerns and Cares

We pray for: Grover and Marianne Gore in Grover's surgery; Nancy Trexler in rehab; Molly Bowden, James Burgess at home; 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 to Rumble friends from Skip Pearson for being so kind and saying prayers and sending blessings and cards in the death of her husband A B. Pearson.

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 on Facebook! Word has come that Rev. Charlie Landreth is now able to communicate on Facebook. His son said his communication with writing is still limited, but he loves to hear from folks and respond.



Charlie Landreth

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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 (rmpc123@bellsouth.net), Jim Ruff (jimruff@gmail.com), or Karen Gaddy (Karen.gaddy@gmail.com).

Stay Connected!

Every Thursday Rumble sends out an email newsletter to keep the members informed of activities and announcements. If you are not already receiving the "Thursday News" and would like to be included, please email Cameron Womack your email address at cameronwomack@outlook.com. If your committee or group have announcements for the email, please pass them onto Cameron by Wednesday evening each week.

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.

Message from the Stewardship Committee Giving to the Needy

Eckerd College, which was once named Florida Presbyterian College, changed its name to recognize a multi-million dollar donation by Jack Eckert. Although Jack Eckerd, a long-time Presbyterian, may not have been motivated by the college being renamed after him, he did not refuse to let the college rename it. Many fund raisers use this type of recognition as a motivating factor. Think of all the buildings used by non-profit organizations, such as churches, hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages, playhouses, etc, which were named after a significant donor. God discourages us from seeking recognition for our gifts to the needy.

God encourages us to share what he has given to us. When we think of the term “needy”, we most often think of the hungry, the homeless, the sick and the injured, but some are in need of healthier minds and spirits. The Church and other faith-based organizations are the largest providers of help to those with a variety of these needs. Each of us has the privilege and responsibility to be part of helping the needy. Through our giving to our local church we become a vital part of sharing God’s blessing to us with those who need His blessings.

God tells us to help, but to look for our reward in heaven, not on earth. Giving to gain recognition with others simply is not what God requires of us. He wants us to give because he has entrusted us with everything we have to use for his purposes. Thus, we become good stewards for God. When we give help to the needy, we share the blessings God has given us with those who need them.

Matthew 6:1-4 New International Version (NIV)

6 “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **3** But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, **4** so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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Session

Class of 2016

Wayne Holliday
Jim Ruff
Rita White
Donna Whitt

Class of 2017

Audrey Gurkin
Brenda Lentz
Jimmy Smith
Bill Thorn

Class of 2018

Mike Rhyne
Mary Lentz
Barbara Julien
Danny Kirkland

Session Digest – July 25, 2016

At the July 25 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.
- Brenda Lentz had the devotion on God’s never-ending contact offered to us by his never busy phone—PRAYER! By prayer we can always talk, receive help, comfort, healing and His peace.
- June 27, 2016 minutes were approved.
- Rev. Lauterer gave a report of the PNC and the Transition Team.
- Financial Committee Report, Wayne Holliday—We are where we expected to be at the end of July.
- Properties Committee Report, Bill Thorn—Discussed church van and the repairs needed. Continue repairing and working on buildings.
- Worship Committee, Brenda Lentz—Brenda reminded us of the Presbytery meeting on August 9 in Boone and reminded, if possible, we should all attend. Also, the Grandfather Home Sunday will be August 21.
- Old Business, Barbara Julien-gave a report on the “Compassionate and Capable Caregiving” program held on July 24. Much thought and tips went into this informative meeting and was very useful to all attending.
- New Business—Jim Ruff—Plans have been finalized to update Rumble’s Photo Directory. The photo shoots are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27 for new members or any member who missed pictures in the past directory. Phone calls/scheduling will be announced in the bulletin and on Rumble’s website soon.
- The next Stated Session Meeting will be August 22 at 5:30 p.m.
- The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Lauterer

2016 Actual Income and Expenses

	<u>June</u>	<u>Jan-June</u>
Pledged Income	\$ 19,852	\$109,326
Non-pledged	14,360	43,720
Other Income	<u>2,199</u>	<u>12,286</u>
Total Income	\$ 36,411	\$165,332
Total Expense	<u>\$25,549</u>	<u>\$188,787</u>
To (From) Reserve	<u>\$10,862</u>	<u>(\$23,455)</u>

Weekly Collections

July 3	\$ 7,801.00
July 10	\$ 8,839.00
July 17	\$ 7,416.00
July 24	\$ 6,441.00
July 31	\$ 9,247.00

Church Income: Your Session has determined that our congregation should be kept informed of our finances. Our hope is that you, as the congregation of this church, keep the welfare of our home church in your prayers and financial support.

One opportunity left for parking lot Dates

May 7	Christian Ed Committee
June 11	Circle 5
July 2 (Parade)	Youth Committee
July 16	Circle 4
August 13	Circle 1
September 10	Missions Committee
October 8	Presbyterian Campus Ministries
November 26 (Parade)	<u>OPEN</u>

Missed Worship? Reminder

There are audio CD’s available of each worship service and they can be found in the Music Room if you would like to check one out.

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 11:30 Lunch n Learn (L) 2-4 Garden Club (FH)	3 9:30 Circle 5 (RH) 10-2 BR Garden Club (FH) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	4	5 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	6 Wedding—Johnston
7 McCoy Franklin preaching	8 1:00 Circle 4 Marion Thorn	9 11:30 Lunch n Learn (L) Salem Presbytery Mtg—Boone First Presbyterian Church	10 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Youth Lock-In	11 10:30 Prayer Shawl RH	12	13 Art in the Park Circle 1 Parking
14 10-10:45 GA Report	15 10:30 Circle 3—M Broker 4:00 Finance Comm (L)	16 11:30 Lunch n Learn 2:00 Circle 2 M Lentz	17 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	18	19 Youth Camp Out	20 Wedding—Myers
21 One Worship Service Grandfather Home Sunday	22 6:00 Session (RH)	23	24 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	25	26 Photo Shoot (FH)	27 10-3 PW (RH) 11:00 PW Annual Mtg (Sanctuary) 11-3 POA Mg (FH) Photo Shoot (KMC)
28 Last Sunday for 2 services Church Picnic	29	30	31 7:00 Sanctuary Choir			

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Thank You to our Volunteers

Nursery Volunteers for August

August 7	Stephanie Hankins
August 14	Teresa Lentz
August 21	Sylvia Tarleton
August 28	Karen Clabough

Children's Church Volunteers for August

August 7	Jimmy and Debora Smith
August 14	Debbie Clay and BJ Tugman
August 21	No Children's Church
August 28	Jerry and Mary Hutchens



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