

Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Nursery Volunteers for September

September 4 Karen Clabough
September 11 Janice Burns
September 18 Linda Mauldin
September 25 Sutton Henline

Children’s Church Volunteers for September

September 4 No Children’s Church
September 11 Darby Teander
September 18 Wes and Lynne Waugh
September 25 Susan Kiker and Lou Moore



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September 2016

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

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

828-295-7675
Rumplechurch.org

Sunday Services

8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

CHURCH LEADERS & STAFF

Moderator: Rev. Maggie Lauterer
Clerk of Session: Mary Lentz

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

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Our Festival of Harvest

‘Come, ye thankful people, come! Raise the song of harvest home...’

Those are words we usually sing in late November when we’re celebrating the great day of thanks, Thanksgiving, when we praise God for the bountiful gifts we receive every day of our lives.

God’s people received this directive in Deuteronomy 16:10: Then celebrate the Festival of Harvest to honor the Lord your God. Bring to the Lord a voluntary offering in proportion to the blessings you have received from him.

That’s why you at Rumple are going to hear the word ‘harvest’ a LOT in September, because your Stewardship Committee believes that those words are appropriate for this month. As Bill Cuthill has said many times, we don’t just think stewardship in one month, it’s ALL YEAR LONG! But in September, in the mountains, this is when we bring in the harvest, and this year, we’ll bring in the harvest of promise to support and care for our own ‘Harvest Home’ – Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church, our church home. As good stewards of God’s fields (where we live), we will bring in the sheaves to nourish the future of this congregation. But why do we do this?

My friend Feild shared a story recently that shocks us into realizing the joy and importance of supporting that which we love. I also want to share this anonymous offering with you:

Where do we put our money? Americans spend annually more on dog food than on church contributions. It is not unusual for an individual to pay more for his or her country club membership than he gives to the church.

Is the church costing too much? Let me share my experience with you. On June 2, 1960, a little girl was born to us. She cost us money from the moment she was born (not to count the 9 months before). As she grew from babyhood to girlhood, she cost even more – her clothing and shoes were more expensive, and we had to have the doctor through all those childhood diseases. She was even more expensive during her school and teen years. She needed athletic shoes for sports, school trips, and long dresses to go to her proms. Then she was accepted to a college, and we discovered, along with other parents, that all college expenses are not listed in the catalog. Then, after graduation, she fell in love and married. She was married in a church wedding; and that, too, cost a lot of money. Then five months after her marriage, she didn’t feel well, and soon was diagnosed with a disease that took her life shortly after. “Our daughter hasn’t cost us a penny since the day we walked away from her grave.” “As long as the church is alive, she will cost money. And the more alive a church is, the more money she will cost. Only a dead church is no longer expensive.”

Something to think about...

Maggie

Rev. Maggie Lauterer, Interim at Rumple

Rumple Youth



Back to School Youth Kick-Off

The Middle and High School Youth will have a kick-off cook-out and party at the home of Bill and Jewel Magee on Sunday September 11. 4:00—7:00

Youth, parents siblings and friends are invited! Bring a side dish to share.

Wednesdays at Rumple

If you happen to stop by church on a Wednesday afternoon, you know it is The fun begins again on Wednesday September 7!

KICKS is a program for children in K–5th grade, with music and activities. Fusion is a girl's bible study and choir for Middle School Girls. The festivities begin with a pick-up at Blowing Rock School or Carpool from other areas schools at 2:30 p.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. Don't miss out on the fun and invite your friends!

If you are interested in being a part of Youth Group or our Wednesday programs, please contact Cameron Womack, D.C.E. at cameronwomack@outlook.com or 828-295-7675 for additional information. Invite your friends!

FUSION: Middle School Girls Bible Study Begins Wednesday September 7

Girls in 6th – 8th grades are invited to come and learn together in Bible Study and sing together in Choir

Presbyterian Women



Circle News and Meetings

Circle I will meet Monday September 12 at 6:00 in the Rumple House.

Circle II will meet on Tuesday September 13 at 2:00 at the home of Mary Lentz.

Circle III will meet Tuesday September 13 at 10:30 at the home of Jean Baskin.

Circle IV will meet Monday September 12 at 1:00 at the home of Ann Rhyne.

Circle V will meet Wednesday, September 7, in the Rumple House at 9:30.

The Presbyterian Women would like to congratulate the 2016 recipient of the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership, Jean Williamson. It is hard to think of Jean without smiling because of her sweet smile and special giggle. She gives unselfishly of herself, her time and her talents. Everything she does is to the glory of God and in a loving and compassionate way. Since joining Rumple +30 years ago, Jean has been faithful through thick and thin, sharing many activities with her husband. She was founder of the Prayer Shawl Ministry and taught many folks to knit. The Hunger and Health Coalition captured her heart—she worked with Martha Lyon in the mobile pharmacy, never knowing it would become an intricate part of the High Country. She was an ac-



active realtor with her own real estate company and worked with Bill and son, Steve, at Stephens Restaurant. Her warmth showed as hostess and baker extraordinaire. She will be missed as she moves to her homeplace area in Matthews, but she will make her mark there also. Thank you, Jean, for all you have done and continue to do for Rumple and community. You lovingly contribute to others so that no one ever goes without.

Knitters Needed

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has lost four members this past year. Both knitters and crocheters are needed in order to keep the ministry going. The group presently meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Rumple House.

Please consider joining our group and call Pat Coley at 295-3556 if you have any



New Opportunity School for Women at Lees-McRae College

Jennie Harpold was the speaker at the Presbyterian Women's Annual Meeting on August 27. She presented information on this great program. Founded in 1987, this organization seeks to improve the educational, financial, and personal circumstances of low income women in the Appalachian region. Each summer the program welcomes up to 14 women for a free 3-week residential program that allows the women to explore career options, educational goals, and leadership development, and also participate in a self-esteem boosting curriculum. Applications accepted throughout the year. To learn more, visit lmc.edu/nosw.



August Blessings

Annual Picnic Really Big!

Our Annual Picnic, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee, was held right after worship on August 28 with a crowd of more than 125, a slide for the kids, and tables under the skies (and it didn't rain!). The Fellowship Crew had more picnickers than expected so the food was a little short in the end, but next time, they say, they'll be ready!!

Many thanks to our hardworking Fellowship Committee, chaired by Jackie Kirkland and Mary Holstein, whose goal, they say, has been to give Rumble a time of fellowship around the table. You've done that in many settings and so well. We truly thank you!



Our 99th Annual Grandfather Home for Children/Children's Hope Alliance Sunday was held on August 21, and what a memorable day it was! The pews were full to read the beloved old passages from the Bible and sing the old songs so many of us love from the turn of the 20th century. The Burnett Sisters and the Cockman Family provided wonderful musical leadership.

One of the blessings that day was four-year old Morgen Cockman (here with Elder Danny Kirkland). Morgen was adopted by the Cockmans from the Gradfather Home, which made the day that much more meaningful to us all. In the service, we spoke with joy, 'God is good!'



Church Nurture

Be a Part of Something New! Covenant Bible Study Begins Sunday September 18

COVENANT IS AN IN-DEPTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS READ AND DISCUSS THE BIBLE TOGETHER, LEARNING HOW TO LOVE GOD – AND EACH OTHER – BETTER.

Three 8-episode segments each explore a different aspect of Covenant life. Each will examine what Covenant means, and the progression of a Covenant relationship with God. The entire course is 24 weeks, but will be broken into three 8-week segments.

* **CREATING:** Examines how the Covenant community is created and established

* **LIVING:** Focuses on how the community lives out their Covenant in faithful love – how it's applied to actual relationships in everyday life.

* **TRUSTING:** Looks at the crises that sometimes call Covenant life into question, and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen.

Covenant represents a relationship – a living, breathing conversation. And we invite you to join in it!

Rumble will be hosting this 24 week course on Sunday afternoons beginning on Sunday September 18, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Led by our Director of Christian Education, Cameron Womack. To sign-up or learn more, see the information in the display case, or contact Cameron today.



The Church and Politics

On Tuesday, September 13, at 11:30 a.m. in the Library, Dr. Don Saunders, retired professor of history, will lead the first of six "Lunch and Learn" sessions centered on the study book ***The Church and Politics***. This brief (44-pp.) book is written by David True, a member minister of the Presbytery of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and associate professor of religion at Wilson College in Pennsylvania. A publication in the series "Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding," it addresses the issue of how we, as Christians of the Reformed faith, might regard the political dimensions of life. "When people hold diverse views about what government should be and how government should act, what should our attitudes be as those who are followers of the 'King of Kings and Lord of lords?'" (from the Introduction).

Drawing upon historical examples from Scripture, the Reformation, and four representative American political eras, we will be asked to use our heads, hearts, and hands (as the Being Reformed series tries to have us do) as we survey ways political life has been and can be engaged in by Christians, in the past and today.

In our time together:

--get a historical overview of the interactions between faith and political involvement.

-- sort through some of the conflicting political positions we are exposed to all around us these days;

--listen for the call of Christ to be better disciples of His;

--develop a better appreciation for the possibilities of Christian citizenship in our communities and in the USA.

As in past Lunch and Learn sessions, you are welcome to bring a sack lunch or offer snacks to share with the class. We will conclude each session by 1:00 p.m.

Cameron has copies of the book available now.



Member News

CARING FOR A LEGACY



Women of the church have reupholstered the Victorian settee in the Rumple House. This lovely piece has been a favorite place for brides to pose for photos despite the worn fabric and exposed foam rubber seat. A closer look showed that the sun from the parlor’s bay window had damaged the wood finish. Now she’s been refinished and recovered and placed out of the sun to enjoy for years to come.

The settee, along with two matching upholstered chairs and several marble top tables, was a gift from the estate of Edith Holhouser Burns in the early 1980’s. A Blowing Rock native, she and her husband Jesse owned and operated the Sunshine Inn (now The New Public House). When they retired they bought the home next door to the Inn and Ragged Garden became their private residence (now Inn at Ragged Garden). Mrs. Burns was a Sunday School teacher at Rumple for many years.

The Archives and Acquisitions Committee is working to record information and inventory the gifts received by the church from members. If you have information or would like to help the committee, please contact Rita White.

Gardening Tools Needed If you have any good gardening tools that you no longer need, Rumple could make good use of them. A good wheelbarrow is especially needed, along with a sharp spade and any pruning tools. Please call the church office or talk to Joe Kiker if you



have any questions or have any items to donate.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Mabel Davis
- 3 Mary Bost Gray
- 3 John Robinson
- 3 Jim Gee
- 3 Crisman Jones
- 4 Teresa Smith
- 4 Minton Tinsley
- 7 Vicki Cawthorne
- 7 Ron Curtis
- 7 Alan Herndon
- 7 Barbara Stuart
- 8 JoAnn Jones
- 9 Mark Gilleskie
- 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
- 17 Margaret Garland
- 17 Catherine Moore
- 18 Emma Humphries
- 18 Glen Liesegang
- 18 Lynne Waugh
- 19 Charleen Logan
- 20 Baker Forbes
- 21 Sam Hess
- 23 Arthur Clark
- 23 Jean Williamson
- 25 Doug Holstein
- 26 Bette LaRoche
- 28 Susan Chesson

Rumple At Work

The Session of Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church consists of our pastor as moderator and twelve ruling elders, elected by the congregation. They meet monthly on the fourth Monday at 5:30. If you have items for the session, please see Rev. Maggie Lauterer.

- There is a **Medical Supply Loaner Closet** in the Rumple House with medical supplies to be used by anyone as needed.
- **Missed Worship?** There are audio CD’s available of each worship service and they can be found in the library if you would like to check one out.
- **Stay Connected!** Rumple publishes a weekly email newsletter, “Thursday News”. Keep up to date on the latest calendar and happenings at Rumple. Email Cameron Womack to be connected: cameronwomack@outlook.com
- **Communion** is served on the first Sunday of each month. If you or someone you know would like to have communion at home because of illness or mobility challenges, please call the church office. Visit our website for updates, newsletters, photos and bulletins. rumplechurch.org

FINANCIAL REPORT

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.

Both Total Income and Total Expenses are about 10% under budget for the period January through July. The budget includes a \$50,000 reserve that covers the year-to-date overrun of \$28,150. Pledges need to increase to reduce the overrun and conserve the reserve.

	<u>July</u>	<u>Jan-July</u>
Pledged Income	\$ 18,492	\$127,818
Non-pledged	7,575	51,295
Other Income	2,591	14,877
Total Income	\$ 28,658	\$193,990
Total Expense	\$ 33,353	\$222,140
To (From) Reserve	\$ -4,695	\$ -28,150

Weekly Collections

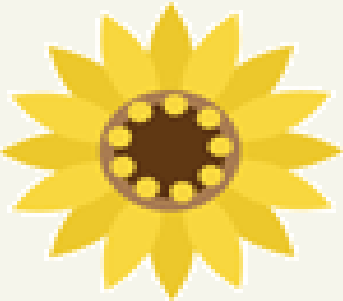
August 7 \$5,309
August 14 \$5,609
August 21 \$4,283 (Special Offering Grandfather Home \$2,229.00)
August 28 \$5,243



Andie Waugh and GiGi at the Church Picnic

One Service Begins
September 4

Rumple’s Worship Committee will bring both services back to one service on September 4 at 11:00 a.m. Many thanks to all the musicians and liturgists who have served in order to provide two services this summer.



Rumple On A Mission

RUMPLE on A Mission

Where do you find YOUR

Passion for Mission?

Rumple Church has a long history in service to Christ in our community. In their every day lives, our members reach out to share their gifts with other organizations. We hope to be a beacon of God's light and love wherever we go.

We have been providing opportunities to grow in service during the last eight months and are so pleased with Rumple's response to the needs in our world...from **Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S.** on our campus to **Wine to Water's** outreach worldwide. But we know that you have each found a desire to serve in some way. You can be an inspiration to others by sharing your story...your passion!

Our mission this month, is to continue what we've begun with our ongoing projects and to inspire others with your stories. Where have you found a need that you want to fill? In what activity did you participate that "once was not enough"? What ideas do you have for **Rumple on a Mission** for which you'd like to mobilize our congregation to action?

We will compile a video story filled with vignettes of our members in service including interviews and photographs. Please contact Debora Smith, 773-1966 or deborawsm@gmail.com so that we can arrange a time to capture your story. And in the meantime, keep doing the good work that you do!

Rumple On A Mission. Luke 4:18

On-going Missions of Rumple 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 Rumple Church through the Rotary Club
* multiple opportunities around the High Country each week

Hospitality House * donations of clothing and food always welcome * Rumple 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.

Concerns and Cares

We pray for: Nancy Trexler; Bill Thorn's brother, Walter; Debra Norville's mother, Delores; Molly Bowden, James Burgess at home; Charlie Landreth, Brian Womack's brother, Jay; Peggy Bisette, 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.

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

New Address for Greg, Janice and Andrew Grana is 102 Canty Court, Cary, NC 27511 and their phone number is 919-377-8477.

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

The CCC is also developing a Prayer list that will be updated weekly and printed in the bulletin. Its accuracy will only be as good as the collective knowledge of all Rumple members, so we kindly ask that you notify the church office (rmprc123@bellsouth.net), Jim Ruff (jimruff@gmail.com), or Karen Gaddy (Karen.gaddy@gmail.com).



Cares and Concerns

Stewardship in September!

Your Stewardship Committee has been working for months to prepare for a great celebration of stewardship – that is, being good stewards of what God has given us here at Rumble, and calling for the congregation to step forward with pledge support and care for Rumble in 2017.

During September, the SC feels we need to remember and celebrate what a great church God has given us here by remembering it’s our Harvest Home. That doesn’t mean just those employed or those who are called to serve on Session or committees, but ALL of US! That’s why we’ll enjoy our community with lemonade each of the first three September Sundays (on the lawn if weather permits or, if rains, the library) by the Fellowship Committee and some fun fellowship activities by the Christian Education Committee.

Each Sunday, someone from the congregation will share their testimony of what Rumble has meant to them in their lives, reminding us that we ALL have a story to tell!

We will also be called on to pray for Rumble with a partner during September. Directions for this prayer will be given in worship.

You will receive a letter from the committee – Buz Helms, Danny Kirkland, and Bill Thorn – which will include a stewardship card which you will be called on to bring the last Sunday of September or to send in.


The last Sunday, September 25, we will bring our cards to worship. And after worship, we will celebrate our Harvest Home, Rumble, with a Harvest Homecoming. Stewardship will provide turkey for the feast, and the congregation will be called on to provide the sides and dessert. The Fellowship Committee will provide drinks. Together we will thank the Lord for what God has done here in this place we call our church home.



9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

September at Rumble

L—Library
RH—Rumble House
FH—Fellowship Hall

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	1Thursday	2Friday	3Saturday
4 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Communion Lemonade on te Lawn	5  Church Office Closed	6 10:00 CE Comm. (ACU) 10:00 Stewardship Comm (L)	7 9:30 Circle 5 (RH) 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS & Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	8 10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)	9	10 Art in the Park
11 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Lemonade on the Lawn 3:00 Covenant 4:00 p.m. Youth Group Kick-Off at Bill & Jewel Magees	12 1:00 Circle 4 at Ann Rhyne’s house	13 11:00 Lunch n Learn (L)	14 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS & Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	15	16	17
18 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Lemonade on the lawn 3:00 Covenant 4:00 MS Youth 5:00 HS Youth	19 4:00 Finance Comm	20 11:00 Lunch n Learn (L)	21 11:00 Staff 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	22	23	24
25 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3:00 Covenant 12:00 Harvest Lunch	26 6:00 Session (RH)	27 11:00 Lunch n Learn (L)	28 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS & Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	29	30	31