

**Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church**

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**Thank You to our Volunteers**

**Nursery Volunteers for December**

- December 4 Shirley Harris
- December 11 Stephanie Hankins
- December 18 Teresa Lentz
- December 25 Sylvia Tarleton

**Children's Church Volunteers for December**

- December 4 Darby Teander
- December 11 Wes and Lynne Waugh
- December 18 No Children's Church
- December 25 No Children's Church



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**SLATE and STONE**

**December 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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Claire Denness, Nursery Attendant  
Kelly Ginsberg, Nursery Attendant

I can hardly believe it's December. Where does time go??! They say the older you get, the faster it goes. Maybe that's the answer!

But your church has been very busy as we go into Advent and Christmas. Johnny and Robert came last week and climbed the tall ladders to get those big wreaths up in the highest places in the sanctuary and outside. Drew made the big red bows.

This week, Jane and friend brought in a beautiful tree during the rain store. Johnny and Robert came back to spray it down with fire retardant spray. Then the tree will be moved into the sanctuary and Brenda, Jane, and Drew (maybe more?) will arrive to decorate the tree. The poinsettias you have bought to remember loved ones are lined along the hallway, and will be placed in the sanctuary for worship.

Wednesday afternoons, the kids are practicing for their offerings for worship, when Mary and Joseph and shepherds and wise men will appear on Christmas Eve because of their efforts. And on December 11, there will be the sound of children's voices, and a creative approach to the nativity through drums and bells by the middle schoolers. Thank you, Cameron and Dave, Claire and Darby, for bringing this to us through your creativity and efforts with our young ones.

We are planning for the church family Christmas luncheon on Dec. 11 with ham provided. I look forward to being with you for that. Bring your best holiday dish!

And on the 18<sup>th</sup>, your wonderful choir will lead us in singing with 'The Festival of Carols'. I thank God for every voice in that singing community, for Dave and for Jonathan. And services on Christmas Eve – the 5 pm with the children's nativity and the 7 pm with the Lord's Supper and candles glowing down each aisle.

All of this does not happen with secret elves – it happens because people love this church family, love the traditions of this sweet old rock walled sanctuary by planning, working to bring her into the glory of Christmas anticipation of the Christ Child. This is my one Christmas at Rumple, as your interim pastor. I look forward to the tree, to the candles, to singing those old longing songs of Advent with you, and then the carols that tell of Christ's birth as well as bind us to every Christmas of our lives, challenging us to remember more than the words but the meaning of every single phrase...

"He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, Wonders of his love!"

May God bless you and your families in this wondrous time of the year. I look forward to seeing you here.

Blessings of this remarkable season, Maggie



**FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## Around Rumple



GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

G.I.F.T. is a new monthly program designed by our Director of Christian Education, Cameron Womack, and is for children in Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents or special adult friends.

Each month we will explore a sacrament, church season, doctrine, prayer, biblical story or piece of church history. We will read, craft, play games and pray together as we grow in our faith. Invite a friend and let's GROW together.

### Circle News and Meetings



**Circle I** will meet Monday December 5 at 6:00 in the Rumple House.

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

**Circle III** will meet again next May.

**Circle IV** will meet Monday December 12 at noon at Annie Tarbutton's home. We will have a pot luck lunch with Annie providing the ham.

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

### Salt Shakers Lunch Bunch Sign-up

The Lunch Bunch meets at noon at various restaurants each month and the Dinner Group meets for dinner or Sunday brunch in member homes each month. It is a great way to enjoy good food, meeting new friends and wonderful fellowship.

You will find sign-up forms in the pew pads and display case in the church lobby.

You're invited to Lunch Bunch!



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Peggy Bissette  
 3 Ashlyn Steele  
 3 Molly Bowden  
 4 Rene Cuthill  
 4 Recie Craig  
 4 Lillon Henline  
 12 Gus Newton  
 13 Winnie Gee  
 14 Betty Coffey  
 16 Patti Curtis  
 17 Linda Liesegang  
 20 Susan Kiker  
 20 Charles Gurkin  
 23 Janice Carter  
 23 Natalie Holshouser  
 25 Laurel Kiker  
 27 Kenton McCollum  
 28 Cris Jones  
 29 Beau Stanley  
 31 Melissa Tausche



## 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.

### Rumple Memorial Session Digest November 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Maggie Lauterer

- Rev. Maggie Lauterer called the meeting to order with prayer.
- Mike Rhyne's devotion on "Back to Basics" on LOVE. (Matthew 22:26-40) was a message for all.
- October's minutes were approved by common consent.
- Rev. Lauterer spoke on her work and service to our members during the month of November.
- Cameron Womack (DCE) gave information on the Advent workshop and plans for Christmas services during the month of December.
- Wayne Holliday (Finance Committee) gave financial summary for the 2016 year and the proposed budget for 2017.
- Bill Thorn (Properties Committee) continued reporting on the many projects and work being done at Rumple. Plans were made for upcoming meeting in the coming new year.
- Closing prayer and adjournment was given by Rev. Lauterer.

Mary Lentz, Clerk of Session

Note to the Congregation: On behalf of the Session and the Finance Committee we would like to thank everyone for your time and talents shared with Rumple and for your monetary donations in 2016 and the pledges for 2017. Next year will be another financially challenging year for Rumple and we ask that you remember the needs of God's church as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Wayne Holliday



### 2016 Actual Income and Expenses

	September	Jan-Sept
Pledged Income	\$ 15,365	\$161,546
Non-pledged	5,245	94,140
Other Income	<u>2,699</u>	<u>24,518</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 23,309</b>	<b>\$250,204</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 42,939</b>	<b>\$289,559</b>
<b>To (From) Reserve</b>	<b>\$ -19,630</b>	<b>\$ -39,355</b>
<b>Weekly Collections</b>		
October 23	\$5,300	
October 30	\$5,153	
November 6	\$7,672	
November 13	\$6,704	
November 20	\$3,703	
November 27	\$4,473	

# RUMPLE on A Mission

## Loving our Elders



Five years ago, a Rumble member, Susan Wilson began a program to show love to the needy older population of our community. The **Elderberry Tree** project was born. Names of older High Country residents, many living without family, without income, with illness, etc. were shown Christ's love by Susan, and later a large group of friends who believed in her project.

Rumble members and children in KICKS have supported this in the past, and now that Susan has moved to Florida, we carry on her worthy project of sharing items from the elders wish lists, collected and supplied by the Hunger Coalition.

Due to generous members and support from the Missions and Outreach committee, we have begun shopping and wrapping and will deliver the gifts prior to Christmas. But, we would love to bless more of our area elderly. Would you like to **sponsor a resident and shop for them** as you have our needy area children? Would you like to **donate funds to partner with others to supply gifts**? Would you like to help with the **shopping and wrapping**? Would you like to help with a **Christmas party** (cookies and cider) as we gather the folks together in Fellowship? Would you like to join others in **caroling at nursing homes** in the area? There are so many ways to honor our aged and show God's love and ours!

Be prayerful in your decision to participate in this worthy program. Please call Debora Smith at 773-1966 with any questions or to be a part of our efforts during this Christmas season.

Thank you for sharing Christ's love as ...

**Rumble goes On A Mission**

**Angel Tree** gifts and family food cards are due on Wednesday, December 7. Many thanks for your continued generosity in helping the children and families of our community.



**THANK YOU!** Rumble sent 51 boxes of love and joy around the world in Operation Christmas Child. These boxes will be tracked to their delivery locations and we'll report about how your dollars and efforts have shared the Good News to children around the world.

### 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 [deborasm@gmail.com](mailto:deborasm@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with Hospitality House meals or any monthly missions project.

## Merry Christmas



Advent is in full swing and music is in the air! The kid's choirs will present songs and a special drumming Scripture presentation on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. We will also get to hear the kids sing followed by some Christmas Carols at the Pot-Luck lunch immediately after worship on the 11<sup>th</sup>. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Adult Choir along with Jonathan Asbell and The Hayes School of Music Faculty String Quartet will accompany "A Festival of Lessons and Carols," by Hal Hopson. The work features the story of Jesus from nine Scripture lessons along with familiar Christmas Carols that are sung by the choir and congregation.

The format of Lessons and Carols was made popular at Kings College, Cambridge and was first introduced in 1918. 'Tis the season! Don't miss it!  
Dave



### Advent and Christmas at Rumble **December 4**

Second Sunday of Advent - Sermon: *Joseph: A man in a bad situation*  
We will have a solo, a quartet, and choral anthem, and the Lord's Supper

The tree has arrived, thanks to many hands and hearts and poinsettias in memory/honor of your loved ones.

### **December 11**

Sermon - Mary: *The very first gift*

Children and Middle Schoolers provide music and drama for worship  
**Christmas Lunch** after worship for church family and friends. Bring your favorite covered dishes (and ham will be provided for main course).

### **December 18**

This Sunday, the Chancel Choir will lead the congregation with "*Festival of Carols.*"  
We will celebrate our great tradition of Christmas Caroling.

### **December 24 Christmas Eve**

5 pm service will feature our children's nativity, carols, and candle lighting  
7 pm service will include a meditation, the Lord's Supper, and candle lighting

### **Sunday December 25—Christmas Day!**

What will you bring to the Christ child? We will celebrate Christ's birth with gifts of the heart through music and poetry



**Concerns and Cares**

We pray for: Jo Ann Jones, Nancy Trexler, Debra Norville’s mother, Delores; Molly Bowden, James Burgess at home; Charlie Landreth, 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

We grieve with: Bill and Marion Thorn, in the death of Bill’s brother Walter; Brian and Cameron Womack in the death of Brian’s brother Jay Womack, and his father, Bill Womack

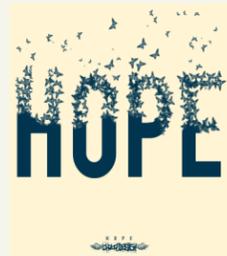
**If you go to the hospital** and would like the church office to know, please remember to call or ask the hospital to call the church office. Your name and hospitalization is not shared with the congregation unless you give permission.

**Congregational Care** If you or someone you know in the congregation would like a visit, please share this information with an 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** Billie Hicklin, 216 Green Mountain Rd, Hendersonville, NC 28792; Greg, Janice and Andrew Grana is 102 Canty Court, Cary, NC 27511 and their phone number is 919-377-8477.



Your **PNC** is grateful for the support, prayers, hope, and patience of the congregation during this time of waiting. As you read this, your PNC has completed fact to face interviews and are discerning the pastor God has chosen for us. After we have called our pastor and he or she has accepted the call, Salem Presbytery and their Committee on Ministry must interview and approve the choice of the Rumble PNC prior to the confirmation of our congregation. We must be sensitive to the confidentiality of our candidate and his or her congregation, so until all steps have been achieved, we must keep all other information about our candidate confidential. We enthusiastically wait for that day, which we hope will be in December of January, when we are able to share the information about our new pastor with you at a congregational meeting. Again, we than you for your continued patience and prayers.

There is a **Medical Supply Loaner Closet** in the Rumble House with medical supplies to be used by anyone as needed. A blood pressure monitor has been added to the closet.

**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!** Rumble publishes a weekly email newsletter, “Thursday News”. Keep up to date on the latest calendar and happenings at Rumble. Email Cameron Womack to be connected: [cameronwomack@outlook.com](mailto: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. [rumblechurch.org](http://rumblechurch.org)

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship



L—Library  
RH—Rumple House  
FH—Fellowship Hall

**December at Rumble**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
<p>4 9:30 Psalms Study (KMC) 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Middle School Youth 5:00 High School Youth</p>	<p>5 6:00 Circle 1 (RH)</p>	<p>6 10:00 Christian Ed (L)</p>	<p>7 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS &amp; Fusion 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>8 10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)</p>	<p>9 10</p>	<p>10 17</p>
<p>11 9:30 Psalms Study (KMC) 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Covered Dish Lunch and Carols</p>	<p>12 1:00 Circle 4 at Annie Tarbutton's home</p>	<p>13 7:00 am Youth Breakfast (YC)</p>	<p>14 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS &amp; Fusion 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>15 22</p>	<p>16 23</p>	<p>24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 5:00 Worship 7:00 Worship with Communion</p>
<p>18 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <i>Festival of Lessons and Carols</i></p>	<p>19 4:00 Finance Comm (L)</p>	<p>20 27</p>	<p>21 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS &amp; Fusion 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>22 29</p>	<p>23 30</p>	<p>31</p>
<p>25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 11:00 Worship</p>	<p>26 Church Offices Closed 5:30 Session (FH)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>