

## Around Rumble

**Second Sunday Lunch** Plan to attend the Second Sunday Luncheon on November 13 and enjoy fellowship and a Baked Potato and Baked Sweet Potato Bar.

**October 18 Blood Drive** Thank you to our donors who make this very important mission a great success!



Kathryn Holliday  
Mary Lentz  
David Baskin  
Katie Gurkin  
Charles Gurkin  
Mike Steele  
Tim Harris  
Danny Kirkland (Double/Red)  
Jackie Kirkland  
Curt Salthouse  
Jonny Lentz  
Debbie Clay  
Jeff Stewart  
Elizabeth Sudderth  
BJ Tugman  
James Shore  
Joe Kiker

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)



### Circle News and Meetings

**Circle I** will meet Monday November 7 at 6:00 in the Rumble House.

**Circle II** will meet on Tuesday November 8 at 2:00 at the home of Mary Lentz.

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

**Circle IV** will meet Monday, November 14

**Circle V** will meet Wednesday, November 2 in the Rumble House at 9:30.

**PDA Support The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** (PDA) is already working in Haiti after Hurricane Matthew left a scene of disaster. Our youth are putting together hygiene kits for the thousands left homeless and destitute. They are collecting handtowels, washcloths, combs, soap, nail clippers, toothbrushes, and Band-Aids. The middle schoolers worked on packets this past week. Checks may be made to Rumble or sent directly to PCUSA, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15624-3700.

### Gardening Tools Needed

Thank you very much for the items already given to the volunteer gardeners at Rumble. There is still a need for lightweight (one-wheel) wheelbarrow, a sharp spade, a sprinkler and a regular shovel.



### Stewardship Committee

Our offering envelopes will be changing a little in 2017. Our current packets contain envelopes showing 52 preprinted Sunday dates, a random number, and individual names. We are eliminating the preprinting of names, the 52 Sunday dates, and the number, which really doesn't relate to anything. There will be a place for the date, amount contained, and the giver's name. The initial cost is a small savings, but in the long term will be substantial. We no longer will be throwing away packets never picked up...or worse still, running out early. An example of efficiency is: if you give on a monthly basis, a packet would last for four years. If you have questions, please let us know and remember; don't forget your pledges. and, we'd love to have some volunteers to serve on the Stewardship Committee. Thank you for your continued support, in both your treasures, but also your Time and Talent.

Stewardship Committee...

Buz Helms, Danny Kirkland, Bill Thorn

### Music Notes

Please put **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar of events for the holiday season. 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. You won't want to miss it!



Dave

## Happy Birthday



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sara Bartlett
- 1 Jana Groothuis
- 4 Ellen Gregory
- 4 Ebbie Hendrix
- 7 Linda Steen
- 7 Ed Tausche
- 9 Susan Barron
- 9 Norma Suddreth
- 11 Renee Godwin
- 11 Jim Graham
- 12 Joe Kiker
- 13 Martha Broeker
- 13 Mack Gaddy
- 13 Lee Ann Myers
- 14 Jane Rogers
- 15 Anderson Eve Waugh
- 17 Karen Gaddy
- 18 Linda Mauldin
- 20 Carolyn Cline
- 20 Tim Harris
- 21 David Barlett
- 22 Jeff Stewart
- 23 Margaret Gilleskie
- 23 Maurice Ewing
- 24 Charles Wilson
- 25 Vernon Dunn
- 25 David Kinser
- 26 Kim Rogers
- 26 Bill Suttle
- 27 David Baskin

Your **PNC** wants you to know that they continue to work in discernment to find a pastor for our congregation. Our final candidates will be interviewed this month, and one will be selected. This pastor will be reviewed in December by the Presbytery. Once approved, a congregational meeting will be called and our candidate will be presented to our membership for acceptance. We thank you for your patience in this lengthy process and ask for your continued prayers for our committee and our church.

# RUMPLE on A Mission



## Choose an Angel...

### Be an Angel

During the coming months, the missions committee doesn't have to look far to choose a mission to support. Rumple has long participated in the **Angel Tree** program during the holiday season. In many areas of the country, Angel Tree provides gifts to children with incarcerated parents. At Rumple, Teresa Lentz and Susan Suddreth receive names from community or-

ganizations who know of families and children whose Christmas we can make a bit brighter and bring some joy. On November 20, our Angel Tree will be in the lobby awaiting your choice of a family or child. Wrapped gifts should be placed in the spare office by the Pastor's Study or the Sunday School classroom #4 by Wednesday, December 7th. You will also have the opportunity to buy a food/gift grocery card for a family. Please be sure to sign your name and phone number on the clipboards beside the name and number of the child and/or family you choose.

Be prayerful in your decision to participate in this worthy program. Please support this mission generously as you have supported all missions this year at Rumple!

Please call Susan Suddreth at 263-0821 or Teresa Lentz at 295-3276 with any questions.

Thank you for sharing Christ's love during this Christmas season as ...

### Rumple goes On A Mission

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

## 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 October 24, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Maggie Lauterer

Opening Devotional and Prayer by Donna Whitt – John 8:1-11 Jesus' Lost Words!

Minutes approved by common consent.

Rev. Lauterer thanked the session for her two weeks of vacation and Rumple's plans for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Cameron Womack gave news on the three new classes being taught during the month of October – COVENANT with lots of interest and plans to continue next summer. THE CHURCH AND POLITICS a history study and discussions of the subject. A COMMUNION CLASS and the BAPTISM CLASS was successful with students and parents attending. Plans are being made for new classes coming soon G.I.F.T.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Wayne Holliday – Finance Report: Income and Expense reports from January – September  
Donna Whitt - Missions: Projects; Habitat for Humanity, Blowing Rock CARES, Operation Christmas Child Projects, Angel Tree and other projects during this season.

Donna Whitt - Nominating: October 30<sup>th</sup> Called Congregational Meeting to elect four new elders and to elect nominating members for the coming year.

Properties – Bill Thorn and Rita White: Reported on work being done on Sanctuary doors and work being done before cold weather

NEW BUSINESS – Motion made and passed to discontinue the extra benevolence gift (approximately \$8900.00 annually) to Presbytery beginning January 1, 2017, and continue to pay the per capital dues to Presbytery. This vote passed.

Rev. Lauterer closed the meeting with prayer.

Mary Lentz, Clerk of Session

#### 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.

#### 2016 Actual Income and Expenses

	<u>September</u>	<u>Jan-Sept</u>
Pledged Income	\$ 15,365	\$161,546
Non-pledged	5,245	94,140
Other Income	<u>2,699</u>	<u>24,518</u>

**Total Income** \$ **23,309** \$**250,204**

**Total Expense** \$ **42,939** \$**289,559**

**To (From) Reserve** \$ **-19,630** \$ **-39,355**

#### Weekly Collections

October 2	\$11,284
October 9	\$4,566
October 16	\$6,113
October 23	\$5,300



## Member News

### Dr. Frederick Whitt named 12<sup>th</sup> President of Lenoir-Rhyne University *from the Watauga Democrat*

Dr. Whitt brings is currently the Founding Dean of the Beaver College of Health Sciences (BCHS) at Appalachian State University, and has served in this capacity since 2010 when he was named to lead the first new college developed at Appalachian in over 40 years. Dr. Whitt's visionary leadership, passion for excellence, commitment for creating a collaborative culture, and development of significant community partnerships are credited for the success he has achieved at Appalachian State. His leadership as the Founding Dean has been transformative.

Dr. Whitt expressed his appreciation to Appalachian State and his excitement about his new appointment. "Someone once said, *there is no heavier burden than a great opportunity*. Returning to my alma mater to begin a new college was special, and I am grateful to Appalachian for their support during my time as Founding Dean. At the same time, I am incredibly excited about this extraordinary opportunity at Lenoir-Rhyne. I am honored and humbled to be named the 12<sup>th</sup> President of Lenoir Rhyne University..." Be sure to offer your congratulations to Fred and Donna! We will miss them, but know they will return to visit often and they plan to retire in Blowing Rock.



### Jim Ruff receives honor

Jim was presented with the 2016 Blue Ridge Parkway Volunteer of the Year award on October 24. Jim commented on his Facebook page saying, "The recognition needs to go to the entire Parkway organization for their diligent care of an American treasure. It is a pleasure to travel on the Parkway, enjoy its beauty and share it with many others." Congratulations Jim!



### Audrey Gurkin has a new position!

Audrey is the new Communications/PR Specialist for the Beaver College of Health Sciences at ASU. Audrey commented on this new position saying, "I love my new job! It gives me the opportunity to use my degree and to write, so I am very happy to be here!" Congratulations Audrey!



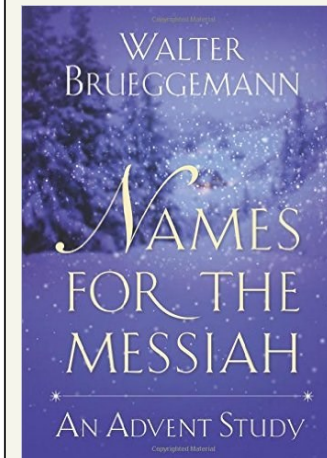
### Debora Smith joins the Central Services Leadership Team

Debora has a new position with the Watauga School System as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education. She currently works as the District Data Manager for WCS and Data Manager at Parkway School. Congratulations to Debora on this new opportunity.

## Church Nurture

### Congregational Advent Study

No matter where you are or how busy your December is, make the time to join us in a virtual Advent study hosted by the Christian Education Committee. We will be using Walter Bruggemann's new Advent Study, Names for the Messiah. Books can be purchased on Amazon in paperback or ebook format and books will be available at Rumble beginning on November 11 for \$10.00 each. Be sure to sign-up with your email on the sign-up sheet on Cameron Womack's office door so you can join in on the online discussions.



### Advent, the Season of Waiting, is coming soon!

The first Sunday in Advent is November 27. In the spirit of waiting, the Worship Committee has decided to stagger the decorating in the sanctuary.

**November 27** – The wreaths and Advent Wreath will be in place.

**December 4** – Our beautiful Chrismon Tree will be up.

**December 11** – Finally our Poinsettias appear. Plan to attend this beautiful season at Rumble Church.



We've had a wonderful start to our study of the Psalms. Each week from now until December 11<sup>th</sup>, we will focus on one or two psalms



to see how they can be a source of inspiration, praise and lament (voicing our sorrows). Each session stands alone as a study so even if you missed the first sessions, it's not too late! Remember the start time is 9:30 am and we meet in the choir room. All are welcome!

Dave



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!

**Coming in December**  
**December 4 "Let's Learn about Advent"**

**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

We grieve with Sandi Tinsley in the death of her husband Minton on November 1; Sara Scherger, daughter of Jane Rogers, in the death of her father, Howard "Skip" Rogers on October 23

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** 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.



**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 subcommittee, 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 (rmprc123@bellsouth.net), Jim Ruff (jimruff@gmail.com), or Karen Gaddy (Karen.gaddy@gmail.com).



9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship

**November at Rumble**

L—Library  
RH—Rumple House  
FH—Fellowship Hall

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 		1 3:00 Circle 5—Home of Angie Alexander	2 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS & Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	3 10 10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)	4 11 12	5 19 26 Christmas Parade
6 9:30 Psalms Study (KMC) 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3:00-4:30 Covenant Class (L) 4:00 Middle School Youth 5:00 High School Youth	7 6:00 Circle 1 (RH)	8 7:00 am Youth Breakfast (YC)	9 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS & Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	16 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS & Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	17 18 25 Church Offices Closed	23 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS & Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir
13 9:30 Psalms Study (KMC) 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Second Sunday Lunch (FH) 3:00 Covenant Class (L) 4:00 MS Youth 5:00 HS Youth	14 4:30 Presbyterian Women (L)	15 5:45 Missions Comm (L)	22 23 11:00 Staff 2:30 KICKS & Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	24 Happy Thanksgiving 	29 30	26 Christmas Parade
20 9:30 Psalms Study (KMC) 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3:00 Covenant Cass (L) 4:00 MS Youth 5:00 HS Youth	21 4:00 Finance Comm	22 29	28 6:00 Session (FH)			
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***Thank You to our Volunteers***

**Nursery Volunteers for November**

- November 6 Patti Curtis
- November 13 Jackie Kirkland
- November 20 Laura Carter
- November 27 Judy Carr

**Children's Church Volunteers for November**

- November 6 Susan Kiker and Lou Moore
- November 13 Jimmy and Debora Smith
- November 20 Debbie Clay and BJ Tugman
- November 27 Jerry and Mary Hutchens



**Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church**

***SLATE and STONE***

**November 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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Heather Sigmon, Sexton  
Claire Denness, Nursery Attendant  
Kelly Ginsberg, Nursery Attendant

**The Results are in...**

Your nominating Committee has counted and recounted the results of Sunday's congregational vote for elders. Here are the results: Seven names were placed before the congregation for voting; four nominees being offered by the Nominating Committee and three nominees being offered by the congregation. There being only four session vacancies to be filled, the matter was put before the congregation for voting by secret paper ballot, four names to be written on each ballot, two men and two women as required by the Rumple Manual of Operations. The ballots were collected by appointed tellers, counted and tabulated under the direction of the co-chairs of the Nominating Committee, and the results reported back to the congregation as follows:

**Eighty-three valid ballots were cast by active members of the congregation. Four elders were elected by a majority of votes cast as required by the Book of Order. Elected Elders, their vote totals and percentages are as follows:**

**Kim Rogers received 72 votes, 87% of votes cast.**

**Cullie Tarleton received 64 votes or 77% of votes cast.**

**Misty Mayfield received 57 votes or 69% of votes cast.**

**Davis Hankins received 50 votes or 60% of votes cast.**

**The next highest nominee received 30 votes or 36% of votes cast.**

The congregation has chosen four new elders to serve all of us. Now it is up to all of us to move forward as a church. Our old friend and fellow Presbyterian, Fred Rogers (known by a generation of children as "Mr. Rogers"), gave us great advice: "It's very dramatic when two people come together to work something out. . . . What is really exciting to me is to see people with differing views come together and finally respect each other."

Ordinary people like you and me are called by Jesus to live above the fray. That's tough! Fred Rogers knew how hard those words are to live out. It's only possible when we surrender ourselves to the will of the Holy Spirit that called us to this church in the first place.

Joan Gray and Joyce Tucker, in their book *Presbyterian Polity for Church Leaders*, write: "**We** are not Presbyterians because we all believe the same things; we are Presbyterians because we believe God calls us to be in this particular place as Presbyterians."

Let us remember Paul's advice to the church at Corinth: "So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church." 1 Corinthians 14:12.

In God's grace and mercy, may we live into that call.

Maggie

**FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED**

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