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Dear Rumple Family,

Somehow, it is almost February! I am not sure what happened to January, but I do know that we have had a lot of snow and winter weather events. I guess, as one of you said to me, I have had a "baptism by ice" to winter weather in the High Country.

As I look ahead in this new year, and approach my one year anniversary here at Rumple, there is so much that I am excited about and so much I am looking forward to. I am excited about the new board and new volunteers who are joining an already great team with Blowing Rock CARES. I am excited about collaborative efforts, in mission and worship, that Rumple will share with St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Faithbridge United Methodist Church, and Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministries at ASU. You can read more in this *Slate and Stone* the about Rise Against Hunger event and you will hear about Palm Sunday worship plans by early March.

I am also excited about the Session's decision to enter into a covenant with the Reverend Brant Piper, a pastoral counselor, who will open a "satellite" office of the Presbyterian Counseling Center in Charlotte, here at Rumple. We will join a group of Presbyterian Churches who share their space with counselors from this center. This will be a great partnership and will provide a good pastoral counselor for Rumple and the High Country area.

Many of you continue to ask about what Rumple plans to do about filling the position vacated by Cameron Womack this fall, on a more permanent basis. (We have hired Kalie Gorham on a part-time basis through May.) The Personnel Committee will be meeting soon and establishing a plan of action that will be reported to the Session and the congregation. I am excited to see where this process lead us, as well.

And, I am really looking forward to my upcoming wedding, on February 16, in Wilmington. My fiancé, Lance, will be here at Rumple all the Sundays of February so, weather permitting, I hope that many of you will be able to meet him and get to know him. We do look forward to a time of celebration, when the weather warms up, here in Blowing Rock. We are excited to begin this new chapter of our lives here at Rumple. I thank you, in advance, for your prayers and your support.

I remain grateful for God's call in my life that brought me to Rumple eleven months ago.

Your Pastor,

Kathy

Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church

SLATE and STONE

February 2018

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

Rumple Youth

Under the leadership of our Youth Intern, Cassidy Nooner and the Youth Committee, our Middle and High School youth are active participants in the life of Rumple Church. We welcome members and friends to any and all of our meetings, retreats and conferences. Contact Cassidy Nooner at cassidyn15@gmail.com to stay connected!

Save these dates:

February 4th - Souper Bowl Sunday

Collecting cans of food at the beginning of church for BR CARES.

Location: The Manse at 6pm to watch the game! Pot Luck dinner so bring a side dish to share

February 9-11th – CROSS Missions

Friday meet at the church at 4pm to load up and leave for Charlotte. We will return by noon on Sunday.

February 18th - Regular Youth

Saturday, February 24th – WINTER JAM (Greensboro Coliseum) \$15 at the door, grab dinner on the way down, Concert starts at 6pm

February 25th – Regular Youth

March 4th – No Youth

CROSS Urban Plunge Mission Trip – Date: February 9-11, 2018 Cost: \$100 per person (deposit of \$25 already due)

Montreat - Date: July 22-28

Cost: \$265 per person (if we pay by January 20th) OR \$275 per person (if we pay by February 20th) Please let Cassidy know if your youth is going ASAP. We need a house mom/house dad for this trip too. Please let Cassidy know if you are able to attend.

Children's Ministry

GIFT Class- February 11th, 2018 with Kalie Gorham



Hi! Come join me on February 11th during the Sunday school hour in the

Butterfly Classroom upstairs for the first GIFT Class of the new year. GIFT stands for *Growing in Faith Together*. I invite you and your family to come to this class and learn about the season of Lent.

I look forward to seeing you there! Kalie Gorham, Christian Education Intern (gorhamkg@appstate.edu)

Regular Wednesday KICKS and Fusion continues each week 2:30-4:30. Contact Kalie if you have a child who would like to begin attending.

Stay connected with Rumple! Like us on Facebook, visit our website www.rumplechurch.org, Follow the youth on Instagram, #rumpleyouth, and add your email to our weekly e-newsletter.

In this, our first article on hymns for the 2018 calendar year, it seems only proper to begin with hymn number one in our current Presbyterian hymnal; Holy, Holy, Holy. Our former Presbyterian hymnal (1990) began with another hymn and in the view of many congregations was off to a questionable start. Regardless, Holy, Holy, Holy has proven a mainstay in multiple denominations and traditions since its first appearance in 1826.

Holy, Holy, Holy was written by Reginald Heber (1783-1826), one of the pioneers in the early nineteenth century, in a form that highlights the literary refinement of poetry in the style of English hymnody. Showing early aptitude in poetry by translating a Latin classic into English verse at age seven, Heber went on to enter Oxford at the age of seventeen. He wrote the text for Holy, Holy, Holy during his tenure as vicar of Hodnet, Shropshire, 1807-23. Based on Isaiah 6:3, and Revelation 4:1-11, the scripture references attempts to worship God in voice and song.

The tune (NICEA) for Holy, Holy, Holy was written by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876), and is celebrated as one of the most universally associated tune and text in print. It is a tribute to the First Council of Nicaea which formalized the doctrine of the Trinity in 325 AD, and creates a ceremonial feel that celebrates God's creation each new day (early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee).

The tone of Reginald Heber's text is that of ceremonial praise and names the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit at the end of stanzas one and four. For this reason if none other, it begs to be sung on Trinity Sunday in the celebration of the Christian Year.

I remember singing hymns in my home church congregation standing beside my grandmother who made it a weekly habit of beginning each worship service with a stick of Juicy Fruit gum. A bit of a bribe up front: time to behave yourself. Although the same each Sunday, it was always a treat to get a stick of gum.

It was also a treat to hear hymn number one announced: Holy, Holy, Holy. It must have been the best hymn if for no other reason that being placed first in the hymnal. I didn't understand the theology of the hymn at that time, but I certainly understood how it made me feel about the church and about God. The soaring melody and regal harmony created a celebration of this new day of God's creation.

Three of the four stanzas share unabashed praise by those expressing their faith by singing to God in worship. The only break from praise directed to God occurs in stanza three. For a brief moment, the focus of the singer changes from God to man. Contrasting our condition (sinful) to God's holiness, the hymn turns toward our shortcomings to recognize God's glory being foreshadowed by the darkness of sin. The third and fourth line of the stanza also warn us of a common sin. "Only Thou art holy," gives us pause to placing anything worldly beside God's holiness. The stanza concludes with a final nod to the Trinity that we found in the first stanza.

Holy, Holy, Holy invites us while celebrating God's goodness and creation, to also place ourselves appropriately in creation as the created. A little lower than the angels (Psalm 8) but ready to claim God's goodness as our own. Standing the test of time, I predict that Holy, Holy, Holy, will continue to inspire many generations to come, with or without a stick of Juicy Fruit gum. Thanks be to God.

Dave

William J. Reynolds, Hymns of Our Faith, (Nashville, TN, Broadman Press, 1964), 67-68. Carl P. Daw, Jr., Glory to God: A Companion, (Louisville, KY, Westminster John Knox Press, 2016), 2. Stanzas one and four end with, "God in three persons, blessed Trinity."





Church Office Hours Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

828-295-7675 www.rumplechurch.org

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

CHURCH LEADERS & STAFF

Clerk of Session: Mary Lentz

Class of 2018 Barbara Julien Danny Kirkland Mary Lentz Mike Rhyne

Class of 2019 Davis Hankins Misty Mayfield Kim Rogers **Cullie Tarleton**

Class of 2020 Jim Crowell Jerry Hutchens Jane Rogers Lynne Waugh

CHURCH STAFF

Kathy Beach, Pastor pastor@rumplechurch.org David McCollum, Director of Music directorofmusic@rumplechurch.org Hazel Smithey, Secretary office@rumplechurch.org Eric Luke, Accompanist accompanist@rumplechurch.org Cassidy Nooner, Youth Intern cassidyn15@gmail.com Kalie Gorham, Christian Ed Intern gorhamkg@appstate.edu Heather Sigmon, Custodian Claire Denness, Nursery Attendant Kelly Ginsberg, Nursery Attendant

Office hours for Kathy are: Monday-Wednesday 9-5 Thursday morning, sermon writing, Thursday afternoon, visiting

Annual Congregational Meeting February 4

The session has called the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, February 4, immediately following worship. The purposes of the meeting will be to approve changes in the terms of call for our pastor and to receive the annual report, including financial reports for 2017 and the session-approved budget for 2018. All members are encouraged to remain after worship for this short but important meeting.

Photos of food delivery with Blowing Rock CARES last week to the Hardin Park Elementary food pantry







Can you help and check that the church doors are closed when you exit the building? Rumple has many doors and there are lots of people in and out of the building each day. This is a wonderful thing! But, the staff often finds doors that have not been pulled closed- particularly the sanctuary doors closest to Main Street. Thanks!

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent, the season of preparation and examination leading up to Easter. Rumple will host a worship service on Ash Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The service will include prayer, music, Scripture, the imposition of ashes, and invitation to the Lenten disciplines. Childcare will be provided for this service in the nursery.

The Walk: A Spiritual Journey through Lent, A six week small group prayer and bible

study. The Walk is an intentional time for people to gather around the Word of God and reflect on their relationship with Jesus Christ. The small group will meet each Tuesday at 11:30-1:00, and repeated on Tuesday evening, 6:00-7:30 p.m., beginning February 20 and continuing through March 13. Groups will meet in The Rumple House and will be led by pastor, Kathy Beach. Interested participants please sign up with Hazel (office@rumplechurch.org) so that you will have ample time to read a small book in preparation for the group. The book, Making All Things New: An Invitation to the Spiritual Life, by Henri Nouwen, will be available in the church office for purchase, \$10 each, beginning February 8 If you are unable to participate in the group but would like to read along with the book, please speak to Kathy.

The Rumple Christian Education Committee invites you to a Holy and intentional season of Lent. As we did during the season of Advent, Rumple will be sending out daily emails with Scripture, a short devotion, and prayer. If you are not currently on the Rumple email list, please get in touch with Hazel in the church office, office@rumplechurch.org. And, beginning on Ash Wednesday, a Lenten calendar, with daily Scriptures, prayer, and spiritual practice ideas will also be available in the church office and at the entrances to the sanctuary. The Committee also hopes to put this calendar up online so that you can print out your own copy at home, if you wish.

Please also read about the Rise Against Hunger mission afternoon on March 18 on the missions page of this Slate and Stone. This is another wonderful opportunity to join, with fellow followers of Jesus, in the spiritual practice of mission and service.



Rumple on a Mission

Lord, strengthen our hands to do the work of bringing your justice and mercy to this world. *Open our ears to the cries of the homeless, the hungry, the sick, and victims of war. Show us* new opportunities to serve you with hammers, pots, medicine and our own presence. Amen. - excerpt from a prayer by Rev. Gradye Parsons, former PC(USA) General Assembly Stated Clerk

Missions 2018 is ready to go, and we hope you are too! We are coordinating our efforts this year around quarterly Missions projects. Each quarter will highlight areas of need and agencies responding to those needs. Our first guarter focuses on hunger and food insecurity. From February through the spring, we will help address the needs in our community and world through support of Blowing Rock CARES and Rise Against Hunger.

Blowing Rock CARES - Rumple has a long history with BR C.A.R.E.S. and will continue our support in 2018 with monthly food collections. BR C.A.R.E.S. is a food bank that helps provide basic non-perishable food to families and individuals in Watauga County. The BR CARES food pantry is open for clients on Mondays from 9 am to 1 pm right here at Rumple.

NEW PROCESS FOR FOOD COLLECTIONS - We are changing our item and food collection for 2018, but only slightly. In order to highlight the needs of BR C.A.R.E.S. and to make a more concerted effort to meet those needs, we will collect food and other items on the first Sunday of every month. Our first Sunday happens to be Souper Bowl Sunday on February 4. The items of need for the February 4th collection are canned meats (chicken, tuna, etc.), canned beans, fruit in natural juice, and toilet tissue. Please bring your items on February 4th. We will have shopping carts for collections. We will continue to have the shopping cart in the church lobby in case you miss the first Sunday but would still like to donate items.

Rise Against Hunger -- We are co-hosting a **meal-packaging event with Rise Against** Hunger on Sunday, March 18 at 3:00pm at the American Legion in Blowing Rock. We will package meals for 1-2 hours, then share a potluck meal. We are partnering with St. Mary of the Hills, FaithBridge, and the Appalachian State Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry to package over 10,000 dehydrated meals for those in need around the world. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization based in Raleigh, NC. The packaged meals are used primarily to support school feeding programs in developing countries, which not only addresses hunger but also the related challenges of poverty, disease, education, and the welfare of women and children. Email Anita Henderson if you would like more information, anitahen@att.net.

THANK YOU to all who helped prepare and serve dinner at Hospitality House in January. Our next dinner is April 30, 2018. If you would like to help prepare or provide food and/or serve dinner, please contact Katie Gurkin from the Missions Committee at 336-971-9642 or gurkink@aol.com.

Around Rumple

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 Kathy Beach, Session Moderator.

The meeting was opened with prayer and with the devotion on I Corinthians 12 by Kathy Beach. We were to search the question "What does this mean to me?" One was that there is no top or bottom person in the body of Christ - in God's eyes we are all His children.

The minutes were approved by acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, Lynne Waugh, updated on work being planned: CASE "Darkness to Light" training, Vacation Bible School, Nursery staffing, Children's Church, Easter Egg Hunt, K.I.C.K.S./Fusion, G.I.F.T. Program. The committee shared 2017 accomplishments and future goals for 2018. DREAM TEAM, Davis Hankins, and Jim Crowell spoke about a new committee to consider goals and strategies for Rumple.

FINANCE, Cullie Tarleton gave a very positive report on the coming 2018 budget. Praising the work of the Stewardship and the Finance Committees. WORSHIP, Jane Rogers discussed plans for Youth Sunday, Easter Services and events. Rumple will begin on May 27th to have two services and end on September 2nd. YOUTH, Danny Kirkland reported on the upcoming YOUTH plans for February - Souper Bowl, Cross Ministries, Youth Breakfast and Winter Jam and the possibility of a Youth Sunday in April.

OLD BUSINESS - Rise Against Hunger NEW BUSINESS

Congregational Meeting Proposed Date - May 6th Endowment Trustees—Jerry Hutchens, class of 2020 approved by acclamation. Pastor Relations Committee - Anne Rhyne, Cullie Tarleton, Mike Steele and Mary Lentz approved by acclamation

First Sunday of every month - food, etc brought for BR CARES

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Lentz, Clerk

Session Digest-January 29, 2018

Around Rumple

Presbyterian Women Circle News and Meetings Moderator Linda Mauldin 295-3327

Circle I will meet Monday February 5 at 6:00 in the Rumple House. Teresa Lentz 295-3276

Circle II meets the second Monday of each month at 2pm in the home of Mary Lentz 295-7289

Circle III meets the third Monday of each month May-October at 10:30 in the Rumple House or a member's home. Jean Baskin 295-0901

Circle IV meets the second Monday of each month, April through December, either in a member's home or the Rumple House. Members gather at 1:00 for fellowship and refreshments and the meeting starts at 1:30. Betty Womack 912-687-6483

Circle V meets the first Wednesday of each month April-December at the Rumple House. Members gather at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments and the meetings starts at 10:00. Kathy Earley 263-0255

The new flower chart for 2018 is up and ready for sign-ups. Please consider providing the flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday to celebrate or remember a special loved one or event. The chart is located in the glass case in the office reception area, near Hazel's desk. You may sign up right on the calendar or you can call Hazel to sign up.



Second Sunday lunches continue in 2018!

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will feed 4-6 people. Then, save the dates of Wednesday, March 14 for Second Wednesday Dinner and Sunday,

April 8 for Second Sunday Lunch.



February BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Patty Alexander
- 3 Molly Gilleskie
- 4 Spencer Clary
- 7 Jackie Kirkland 7 Debra Shore 7 Nancy Trexler 8 Judy Veorse 9 Charles Cawthorne 12 Welborn Alexander 13 Brent Gurkin 15 Oliver Julien 15 Robert Shirley
- 15 Heather Johnson 17 Jack Suddreth 18 Kaye Morgan 19 Marion Thorn 19 Karen Graham 19 Betsy Helms 19 Darmody Tausche 19 Bill Taylor 23 Tori Wright 24 Rick Herndon 24 Wayne Holliday

27 Tom Carpenter



For nine years, Blowing Rock CARES (Children Are Really Special) has been helping feed hungry neighbors in Watauga County through a food pantry. For the past four years this ministry has been operating out of Rumple. In fall 2017, the Rumple Session voted to assume administrative oversight of Blowing Rock CARES. This means that Blowing Rock CARES remains a separate non-profit from Rumple and keeps their 501 c3 status. The ministry will keep separate financials and continue to be directed by an independent board. Where Rumple will play a role is with this board. The Rumple session will have a liaison to the board and approves all board members. The Blowing Rock CARES board, through the session liaison, will keep the church updated on the ministry's progress. The Rumple Session and Missions Committee also hope this new relationship will help even more Rumple members to volunteer with the ministry.

On Sunday, February 4, Rumple will celebrate the ministry of Blowing Rock CARES, give thanks for the founder and board president, Linda Laughter, and offer our prayers for the new board. New board members are: Katie Gurkin (continuing board member), Tim Harris, Stephanie Hankins, Wayne Holliday, Teresa Lentz, Carmen Patella (St. Mary's Episcopal Church) Ray Pickett (Blowing Rock community), Sylvia Tarleton. The board has one open position that they intend to fill with someone outside of Rumple in hopes of increased community involvement with Blowing Rock CARES.

How can you support Blowing Rock CARES?

The shopping cart will remain in the office reception area and you are encouraged to bring your monthly food donations to help stock the shelves of the food pantry.

There are also immediate **volunteer opportunities** with Blowing Rock CARES. The pantry needs four volunteers, comfortable with greeting clients and operating a computer database, to serve one Monday a month each from 8:45-12:00. Other volunteers are needed to shop for food (large quantities) to fill the pantry shelves, unload food, and staff the pantry. Some volunteer jobs are on Monday mornings and some can be done when it is convenient for the volunteer. If you are able to assist, please contact Tim Harris at timharris_2@charter.net or Teresa Lentz at lentzt@gmail.com

WinterFest Rotary Charity Chili Challenge

Kudos and thanks to BRC Board member, Sylvia Tarleton, husband Cullie, and daughter Janet, for setting up and running BRC's entry in the Chili Challenge last Saturday. The Challenge was won by High Country Breast Cancer with \$353. BRC raised \$153. Kudos and thanks, also to The Green Park Inn and Chef Jason Clay for donating a great chili entry, and to Tonya from the restaurant staff for bringing the chili and serving it to visitors.

Around Rumple

Exciting News about Blowing Rock CARES- and ways that you can get involved too!



Concerns and Cares

Rumple members Brenda Lentz; Kaye Morgan recovering from hip surgery; Doug Holstein, Bill Thorn, recovering from broken hip and surgery; Roger Broeker, Erin Tobin, Darby Teander, Bill and Pat Magruder, Recie Craig, , Drew Taylor, active duty in U.S. Coast Guard; Natasha Schoonover, preparing for ordained ministry

Family and friends of Rumple Jon Wright, son of Norm and Melinda Wright; Mark Johnson's parents, Buck and Betty; Tasha, Evan Adair's mother; Joyce Rodriguez, sister of Carolyn Nelson; Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey, Phyllis Foster, friend of Wes Thompson, Nathan Miller Jacobs, cousin of Evan Adair; people, church leaders, and mission personnel serving in Afghanistan; Ellen and Al Smith and their mission in Russia

We grieve with Mike and Becky Steele and family on the death of Becky's mother, Barbara Lentz Wright on January 17

Please contact Hazel in the church office if you have other prayer concerns to add.

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 Kathy, an Elder, or contact the Church Office.

Large Print Hymnals and Assistive Listening devices for worship are available in the narthex. If you would like to use a "Sound Mate" while in worship, please see Kent Leonard (at the soundboard) or an usher for assistance

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.

There is a **Medical Supply Loaner Closet** in the Rumple House with medical supplies to be used by anyone as needed.

Communion is served monthly during worship. If you or someone you know would like to have communion at home because of illness or mobility challenges, please call the church office. Home Communion will be celebrated again in February.

Does Rumple have your email? Would you like to receive the weekly email updates from Rumple and other special announcements? Send your email address to Hazel at <u>office@rumplechurch.org</u> and we'll make sure you are added to our email list.



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February 2018 at Rumple

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