

RUMPLE: CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

Ladies of Rumple, you are invited to the Rumple House this afternoon, 2:00-4:00 for a baby shower honoring Tracy Lentz Markland. Baby Markland is expected to arrive the end of March. Help us celebrate this happy occasion.

The Walk: A Spiritual Journey through Lent, is a six-week small group prayer and bible study. The small groups will meet each Tuesday at 11:30-1:00, or Tuesday evening, 6:00-7:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 20 and continuing through March 27. Groups will meet in The Rumple House and will be led by our pastor, Kathy Beach. Interested participants please sign up with Hazel (office@rumplechurch.org). The groups will discuss **Making All Things New: An Invitation to the Spiritual Life**, by Henri Nouwen, and is available in the church office for purchase, \$10 each.

GIFT Class March 11 at 9:45 in the Butterfly Classroom. GIFT stands for *Growing in Faith Together*. Kalie invites you and your family to come to this class and learn about the season of Lent.

Rumple is sending out daily Lenten devotional emails from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. There are also Lenten daily devotional calendars available in the church office and Lenten handouts for children and families available in the sanctuary.

Save the date! Rise Against Hunger meal packing and fellowship meal is Sunday, March 18 from 3-5 pm at the American Legion building. Rumple will join together with St. Mary's Episcopal, Faithbridge United Methodist, and Presbyterian-Episcopal Campus Ministries for this afternoon of mission, fellowship, and worship.

Rumple member and former youth intern, Darby Teander, is serving this year as a Young Adult Volunteer through our Presbyterian Church (USA). She and her fellow interns have recently asked for our prayers and additional financial support. Read her latest news at yavdarby.wordpress.com.

Save the date: Women's Connection, August 10-12, 2018 in Montreat. Information and details will be in the March Slate & Stone and you may contact Linda Mauldin, mauldinLL@yahoo.com for more information.

Blowing Rock CARES needs more volunteers! Are you able to help on Monday mornings (between 9-12 when the pantry is open for distributing food) or are you able to buy or unload food at other times during the week? Please contact Tim Harris, board chair, timharris_2@charter.net or Teresa Lentz, board member and Monday volunteer coordinator, lentzt@gmail.com.

The Rumple Missions Committee wants to stock the food pantry of BR CARES. Each first Sunday of the month Rumple members and friends will be encouraged to bring most needed food items to fill the pantry shelves. Consider filling a whole grocery bag, if you can. Most needed food items in the BR CARES pantry: canned tuna and chicken, pork and beans, canned beans, canned fruit, peanut butter, and toilet paper. Food can also be dropped off in the shopping cart in the office reception area Monday—Thursday.

**Please keep in your prayers
Rumple members**

Linda Steen, Brenda Lentz, Kaye Morgan, Bill Thorn; Roger Broeker, Erin Tobin, Darby Teander, serving as Young Adult Volunteer; Bill and Pat Magruder, Recie Craig, Natasha Schoonover, preparing for ordained ministry; Drew Taylor, active duty in U.S. Coast Guard

Family and friends of Rumple

Dave McCollum's daughter Brittany and her fiancé, Dan, on their upcoming marriage on 2/24 in Clemmons, NC; Helen, sister of Bill Magruder; Jon Wright, son of Norm and Melinda Wright; Betty Pitts, 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, people, people in Afghanistan; Ellen and Al Smith and their mission in Russia

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

Sunday February 18

11:00 Worship
2:00-4:00 Baby Shower (RH)
5:00-6:30 Combined Youth (YC)

Monday February 19

4:00 Finance Committee (L)

Tuesday February 20

11:30-1:00 Lenten Bible Study (RH)
6:00-7:30 Lenten bible Study (RH)

Wednesday February 21

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
2:30 KICKS and Fusion
4:30 Missions Committee (L)
6:00 Handbells (KMC)
7:00 Sanctuary Choir (KMC)

Saturday February 24

Youth trip to Winter Jam in Greensboro

Sunday February 25

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
5:00-6:30 Combined Youth (YC)

YC—Youth Cottage
FH—Fellowship Hall
ACU—Adult Classroom Upstairs
RH—Rumple House
KMC—Keys Music Center

**Rumple Memorial
Presbyterian Church**

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

In the presence of a God whose word has called the earth and the stars into being.

We stand in awe.

In the presence of a God whose arms have held children,

We stand in trust.

In the presence of a God whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for justice,

We stand in need.

Before you, Giver of Life, we come in faith, in search of love, justice, and wholeness.

Let us worship God.

+HYMN OF PRAISE "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 610

Text: Charles Wesley Music: Carl Gotthelf Gläser

Tune: AZMON

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Resurrection, with his whole being Christ Jesus sacrificed himself for the sake of your love for us. Teach us the joy of giving ourselves to you, so that we yearn for your presence, long for your salvation, and so find you living in us.

God of Mercy, it is your will that we love and work and pray for those who are in need of bread and of shelter, of healing and of wholeness. Strengthen us to be such disciples of our Risen Lord that we follow his example, offering love and care to those in our community and around the world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

+KYRIE

"Lord, Have Mercy"

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Kim Rogers
Cullie Tarleton
Class of 2020
Jim Crowell
Jerry Hutchens
Jane Rogers
Lynne Waugh

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Psalm 91

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them. I will be with them in trouble, and show them my salvation. Receive the good news of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

No. 435

**There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgement given.**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Stephanie Hankins

The children are invited to bring their own offerings forward with them and place them in the offering basket.

ANTHEM

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th century, translated by Edward Caswall, (1814-1878), arr. Howard Helvey

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest; and in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find,
a sweeter sound than Jesus’ Name, the Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind Thou art: to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what is it, none but who love Him know.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, we pray that you will speak to us through your Word today. Open our hearts, open our ears, open our minds, we pray, so that these ancient words may speak your truth to us this day. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:31-38; p. 42

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Kathy Beach

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

No. 265

Text: Isaac Watts Music: Attr. John Hatton

Tune: DUKE STREET

CELEBRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF BLOWING ROCK CARES (CHILDREN ARE REALLY EXTRA SPECIAL)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABORS

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

No. 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we offer to you these gifts in response to all that you have given to us. We make these offerings with thanksgiving and pray that they will be used to share the good news through the mission and ministry of this church. We also make this offering of food today, giving thanks for the ministry of Blowing Rock CARES. We pray that this food will be a blessing for all who will receive it and a small piece of feeding our hungry neighbors. We give and we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

+SENDING HYMN

Text and Music: Peter Scholtes

“We Are One in the Spirit”

No. 300

Tune: THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bold font indicates all say or sing in unison

+Indicates those who are able may stand.

WORSHIP NOTES

Leading worship: Kathy Beach, Pastor; Shirley Harris, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Aaron Ames, Guest Accompanist; Janie Beach-Verhey, Acolyte; Ushers and Greeters: Glen, Linda, Emma, and Holly Liesegang

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.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Lance Perry and Kathy Beach, by Rumble Presbyterian Women. A reception for them is planned for Friday, June 15, 5-7; details will be in the March *Slate & Stone*.

A Nursery is provided each Sunday morning for infants through five years old in the Keys Church Nursery area on the downstairs level of the education building. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery. The nursery is staffed by wonderful church volunteers and paid staff.

Children's Church is a worship education class for children kindergarten- second grade. After the "time with the children," all participants follow their adult leaders to the "Butterfly classroom" on the second floor of the church education building. (Children may be picked up in this classroom after worship is over.) If your elementary age child prefers to remain in worship there are worship bulletins and worship bags at both of the entrances to the sanctuary.

Welcome to all who have come to worship God at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church this morning. If you are a guest or a visitor, this church family welcomes you. We invite you to fill out a visitor card or leave your contact information on the fellowship pad. The Rumble family would love to get to know you and share information about the ministries and missions of Rumble. If you would like to receive weekly news from Rumble, please leave us your email address with that noted. If you have questions, please speak to one of the ushers or with our pastor, Kathy.

The new flower chart for 2018 is up and ready for sign-ups. Please consider providing flowers for the sanctuary one 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.

Today Rumble celebrates the ministry of Blowing Rock CARES. We give thanks for the dedicated board and volunteers that have served Blowing Rock CARES these first nine years. Linda Laughter, Susan Graham, Katie Gurkin, Jennifer Hale, Jackie Kirkland, Alexis and Brian Molenda, Lee Ryan, Myra Scroggins, Kevin and Liz Tincher, Misty Watson, AliceAnne Williams
We also give thanks for those willing to serve this year: Katie Gurkin, Rev. Stephanie Hankins, Tim Harris, Wayne Holliday, Teresa Lentz, Carmen Patella, Ray Pickett, Sylvia Tarleton and include ex-officio members: Linda Laughter, Mary Lentz, Jerry Hutchens.

