

*RUMPLE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT 2017*

Dear Rumble Family,

I am pleased to share this annual report of Rumble's mission and ministry in 2017. It was a great year for Rumble! You'll see below some highlights for the year.

It was a year of new beginnings as Rumble called me, your installed pastor, began some exciting new mission initiatives, and completed some significant capital improvements.

In this report is a brief summary from the 10 sessional committees of Rumble and from the Presbyterian Women. These reports are summaries and do not include all the mission and ministry of the church.

Included in these summaries is the year-end financial report for 2017 as well.

There is such good news in this report, thanks to the incredible generosity of you-Rumble members and friends. Rumble began 2017 with a budget that predicted nearly \$60,000 would need to be used from reserves. You will see, in this report, that Rumble did not have to draw a penny from reserves in 2017 and, instead, finished the year with nearly a \$40,000 surplus. For this good financial news, that allows us to fulfill our mission and ministry, I give thanks to you and give thanks to God.

It has been my great joy and privilege to journey with this incredible family of faith in my first year. I look forward to 2018 and another year of learning, serving, and growing together in Christ.

Your Pastor,  
Kathy



*2017 Highlights*

- Kathy Beach was called as our new pastor and began her ministry in March. She was installed by Salem Presbytery on May 21.
- Partnered with Blowing Rock CARES, and Blowing Rock Elementary School to provide "Food4Families" for 5 families with children, throughout the summer break.
- Raised over \$25,000 to replace the heating system in the manse with a new HVAC system. The new system was installed in July.
- Conducted most successful Stewardship Campaign in many years increasing the number of pledges (88) and amount pledged (\$249,185). Both were highest totals in five years..
- Restarted Second Sunday Lunches and Second Wednesday dinners with great attendance all fall.
- Began process to assume administrative oversight of Blowing Rock CARES, the non-profit food pantry housed at Rumble.
- Hosted the annual Grandfather Home Sunday with the Cockman Family musicians and were blessed by the annual Christmas Cantata, "Go Sing It on the Mountain" by the choir.
- Sent 12 high school youth to the Montreat Youth Conference for a week of growth and learning.
- Replaced phone system with new digital phone system for all staff. Installed wi-fi in all church buildings.

*Membership Highlights*

- Rumble celebrated 2 baptisms in 2017 and welcomed two youth as full members after a Confirmation class
- Rumble received 15 additional new members/affiliate members (plus one affiliate who moved to become a full member and the two confirmands)
- Rumble has 250 full members and 85 affiliate members.

## Congregational Care Committee 2017 Report

Mission Statement: We seek to lead and support the church in serving the spiritual and physical needs of those within the Rumble Church community. By offering welcome, comfort, sustenance and healing, we strive to become the visible presence of God's love in our congregation.

Members: Chair and Elder Liaison Barbara Julien, Annie Tarbutton, Ann Rhyne, Betsy Helms, Betty Womack, Carolyn Nelson, David Hardage, Debra Brenner, Elaine Crowell, Eula Calvin, Jane Rogers, Janet Goodman, Jean Baskin, Jim Ruff, Kathryn Holliday, Marion Thorn, Mary Hendrick, Patricia Cummer, Renee and Herman Godwin, Sarah Stanley, Vicki Hamilton, and Vicki Worsham.

- National recognition in Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network publication, for "Rumble's Congregational Care team's partnership with AppFaith Health"
- Contacts Chain for volunteering prayers, prayer shawls, sympathy, calls, food, visitations, and celebrations of births and all birthdays (all including cards with beautiful calligraphy)
- Also volunteered: Elder members for home communion with Pastor, medical supply loaner closet, mentoring for alcohol problems, Care Notes booklets, care baskets, and needs for folks in Charlotte area
- Welcome Team following up visitor card information
- Participation in ongoing task force for a Rumble Emergency Plan Template
- Bulletin Board placement of thank-you replies
- Care Notes booklets in alphabetized listing in gathering space
- Information training regarding visiting sick and hospitalized
- Roll corrections in process
- Budgeted: memorials (27), postage required for some of the 51 prayer shawls presented, update of Photo Directory, name tags for new members (17), visitor cards in pews.
- Quarterly meetings

## Rumple Fellowship Committee 2017 Annual Report

The Fellowship Committee for 2017 consisted of Karen Clabough, Jackie Dyer (Chair), Shirley Harris, Barbara Leon, Marion Thorn, Sylvia Tarleton, Audrey Gurkin (Elder Liaison) and many other wonderful volunteers.

The Fellowship Committee made some scheduling changes this past year to include evening meals some months instead of having all of them on the second Sunday. These evening meals seemed to be well received by the members, especially those who have been around long enough to remember when it had been done in the past.

We also hosted several "Lemonade on the Lawn" events and hopefully that can continue next summer.

We added the purchase of glasses to our collection of plates, cups and silverware to eliminate the cost of purchasing disposable items and decrease the amount of waste that is produced.

In 2017, we stayed true to our mission statement and provided opportunities for Rumple members to share food and friendships in faith through Second Sunday luncheons..

*The mission of the Fellowship Committee is to plan and promote gatherings of Rumple members that foster friendship in faith. Through breaking bread together in celebration and recognition of events in the life of the church throughout the year, members grow in connection to others who share their Presbyterian heritage and beliefs.*

Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church  
2017 Annual Report – Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee worked in concert with the PNC to call a Pastor for Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church in 2017. Rumple Church called Reverend Kathy Beach to become the pastor in March.

Cassidy Noonan was hired as the Youth Intern after the departure of Darby Teander, in August.

Kalie Gorham was hired as the Children's Intern, in December.

The 2018 budget for Personnel costs to include salaries and benefits was submitted to the Finance Committee and approved by the Session. This included a raise for long term staff and the pastor.

We added our Pastor, Kathy Beach, to our staff and may look for other help soon. We are very thankful for the staff service to our Church family and the community.

Rumple staff were given their annual evaluations in March 2017.

Submitted by the 2017 Personnel Committee Liaison – Mike Rhyne

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PROPERTIES COMMITTEE      ANNUAL REPORT

Regular and AdHoc members: Bill Thorn, Rita White, Walt Baggstrom, Jim Crowell, Debra Brenner, Charles Gurkin, Joe and Sylvia Kiker, Marshall and Betty Womack, Kim Rogers, Mike Steele, JoAnn and Jimmie Jones, Mack Gaddy, Jane Rogers, Curt Salthouse, Ed Tausche, Tim Harris, Bill Hall, David Hardage, Joanie and Robert Shirley, Judy and Joe Carr, Maurice Ewing, Mark Gilleskie, Janet and Bill Goodman, Betty Harwood, Danny Kirkland, the Youth----AND MORE .

MAIN THEME: to provide and maintain the facilities under Properties watch---- to provide as much support physically and financially as possible—not for our glory but love and support for our members as they carry the works of Jesus Christ to the World.

OPERATION SUCCESS FOR 2017:

Out of an approximately \$70,000 budgeted for 2017, almost \$9000 has been returned at year-end. Success in providing the following without a budget adjustment: a new HVAC system to the Manse along with Hearing Impaired system for the Sanctuary, New sound amplifier and Pastor microphone, Beeper system for Nursery, New complete Phone system, and Church-wide Wi-Fi system.

Submitted 2/1/2018

HIS: Bill Thorn

Co-Chair/Session Representative---- Properties

Annual Report  
Worship Committee  
2017

The Worship Committee has fully supported the new ministry of our pastor Kathy Beach as she joined Rumble Church on March 12, 2017. Several of the highlights of 2017 are as follows:

1. Dave introduced drumming into his Children's Music Ministry, which meets each Wednesday afternoon during the school year. This program has grown and flourished during this past year. During the weeks before Christmas, the youth music program children sang at the Foley Center.
2. March 12, 2017 was the first Sunday of the ministry of Kathy Beach and the beginning of a new era of spiritual growth for the congregation and visitors of Rumble Church.
3. May 21, 2017 was the Installation Service for Kathy and a Fellowship Dinner of Celebration immediately followed this Service.
4. April 30, 2017 was a special service and reception to honor Dave McCollum and his completion of his Doctoral Degree in worship Studies
5. June 4, 2017 was a very special service of Pentecost.
6. August 6, 2017 offered a special Grandfather Home Sunday hosting the special talent and experiences of the Cockman family.
7. October 1, 2017 was a special celebration of World Communion Sunday.
8. October 29 - Special Reformation Service - special Hymn Sing at Rumble later in the afternoon.
9. A new Wedding Director Team and a new Bereavement Team were appointed and developed.
10. Special Wednesday evening Prayer Services were scheduled periodically during the year, assisting in special times for prayer and meditation.
11. As each year, our committee thanks the Rumble congregation for its gracious giving, especially during Easter and Christmas as our members provide for the purchase of beautiful Easter lilies and Poinsettias that adorn our Sanctuary during these special times in the Church calendar. Many thanks also for folks that contributed to other options during these two holidays.

Brenda Lentz – 2017 Elder; Jane Rogers – 2017 Committee Chair

Additional Committee members: Dave McCollum, Eric Luke, Leslie Novilla,  
Robert Shirley, Don Saunders