

**Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church**

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Vicki Hamilton and Mary Hendrick at the Montreat Women's Conference in July.



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**SLATE and STONE**

**September 2018**

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

Dear Rumple Family,

The "official" end of summer is just around the corner, my children have been back in school for over a week, and I am wondering where summer 2018 went??

It has been a full and busy summer here at Rumple.

We've shared our blessings with: a Back2School supply drive, Food4Families food deliveries, medicine collections for Chiapas, Mexico, hosted mission co-workers, the Smiths, who serve in Russia, served with Habitat on work days, the middle school youth went on a mission trip and more. We celebrated 100 years in mission partnership with Grandfather Home with a special worship service and generous offering on August 19.

We've enjoyed great fellowship this summer with: a welcome back lunch in June, lemonade on the lawn in July, five salt shaker groups and a lunch bunch group, the high school youth spent a week at the Montreat Youth Conference, and a huge crowd enjoyed a fantastic indoor "picnic" on Grandfather Sunday. We've opened the doors of the sanctuary and the Rumple House as a part of Open Doors on South Main, hired four new part-time staff, hosted a camp-out Vacation Bible School, offered an additional Sunday morning adult class and two summer bible study opportunities, continued to make and deliver prayer shawls, co-hosted a workshop with hospice, and began offering yoga classes each Monday evening. The church finances continue to look good and new members have joined every month this summer-with a total of 19 new members so far in 2018.

I know there are quite a few things I missed in that list- but, wow, do we have a lot to be thankful for at Rumple! Since mid-July, we've been focusing on being grateful, with stories and images shared in worship. I continue to be amazed at all God provides in my own life and all God is doing in and through the mission and ministry of Rumple. We truly do have so much to be grateful for.

Blessings to all as we head into fall- wherever you may be when you read this! I know that September means many friends we have seen at Rumple during the summer will soon be heading down the mountain until next year. Know those of us here year round will miss you. Please stay in touch. We'll anxiously await your return in 2019.

Your Pastor,  
Kathy

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## 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](mailto:cassidyn15@gmail.com) to stay connected!

**Youth Groups** have started back! There will be no Youth Group meeting on September 2 (Labor Day) but will meet at 5:00-6:30 on September 9, 16, 23 and 30. We are in need of people to provide youth dinners! If this is something you are willing and able to do, please contact Cassidy at [cassidyn15@gmail.com](mailto:cassidyn15@gmail.com).

## Children's Ministry

**KICKS** (*Kids In Christ Keeping the Spirit*) and **Fusion** kick off **Wednesday, September 5th** with ice cream, games, and more!

KICKS (students kindergarten through 5th grade) and Fusion (6th through 8th graders) are the Wednesday afternoon programs at Rumple. We will learn and grow together through music, fellowship, and bible study!

**Dates:** Wednesdays from September 5th - December 5th  
**\*\*We will NOT meet on September 19 (Early Release Day) or November 21 (Thanksgiving holiday)**

**Time:** 2:30 - 4:30pm

**\*\*Students will be picked up at Blowing Rock School and walk with Holly Bannan, Director of Discipleship, to the church**

### Important Dates to Remember:

**Sunday, October 7** - KICKS/Fusion participate in worship

**Sunday, November 18** - KICKS choir sings in worship

**Saturday, December 1** - Dress rehearsal for Christmas program

**Sunday, December 2** - Christmas program & Advent workshop

**Wednesday, December 5** - Caroling and a pizza party

**\*\*More details to come**

### Children's Sunday School

During the month of September (9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th), the children will explore "Genesis 1: The Creation Story" through a rotation-workshop. We will look at the story of creation through games, cooking, art, and more! There will be NO Sunday School on September 2nd (Labor Day Weekend). Join us in the "Butterfly Room" from 9:45 - 10:45am, during the Sunday School hour.

### International Mission Trip

In June 2019, we are taking an International Mission Trip to Puerto Rico! We will be working with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Be on the lookout for more information on this upcoming mission trip and fundraisers. If you would like to support our youth and this trip financially, please make your check to Rumple and write "International Mission Trip" in the memo line. We appreciate all your love and support!

## Hymn for August by Dave McCollum

Every now and then you need a short phrase that sums up a long or complex sentiment. Clichés get a bad rap for often trivializing a well-known feeling. But a cliché becomes very effective in relating our shared current experience or emotion in terms that are easily expressed and understood. One of the challenges in hymn writing is trying to express complex sentiments in a limited number of syllables. Our hymn for this month's article uses all the above tools and a few more to create what has been called "one of the grandest hymns in the whole realm of English hymnody." 1

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past," a paraphrase of Psalm 90, a psalm of Moses, was originally entitled, "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past." Isaac Watts published the hymn beginning with "Our God," in his 1719 publication, *The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament*. He later changed the title from "Our God," to "O God," in his 1738 hymnal entitled, *Psalms and Hymns*. The tune, ST. ANNE, composed by William Croft in 1708 was originally written for a version of Psalm 62. After establishing the tune with the Watts' text, its musical worth was proven by master composers George F. Handel and J. S. Bach when they both included it in original compositions of their own. Handel used the tune in an anthem entitled "O Praise the Lord," while Bach made use of it in his great Fugue in E-Flat Major, often called "St. Anne's Fugue," referencing the name of the hymn tune.

Isaac Watts, although frail most of his life, was considered a scholarly genius in many different fields. His father was a learned deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, and at the time of his son's birth was in prison for his non-conformist beliefs. Isaac displayed literary genius at a very young age, writing verses and even rhyming everyday conversations. Following a scolding by his father for the irritating habit, Isaac responded, "Oh, Father, do some pity take, and I will no more verses make."

The text, originally nine stanzas, usually appears in five stanzas. Stanza one references the following sweeping realities in a few syllables: the past, future, shared oppression and heaven (our eternal home). Stanza one: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Stanza two continues the theme of our shared lot in life but gains strength from our faith in God. Stanza two: Under the shadow of Thy throne still my we dwell secure; sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Stanza three brings creation into the time-reference of stanza one. It is as follows: Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame, from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

If you've read this far, I would like for you to spend some time with the next stanza and give me your interpretation of the stanza. The stanza speaks of the ever-rolling entity of time.

What are the implications of the last phrase? Here is the text: Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream, dies at the opening day.

And finally, the last stanza restates much of the first stanza grounded in the knowledge that God is with us. It states: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Dave

Kenneth W. Osbeck, *101 Hymn Stories: The Inspiring True Stories behind 101 Favorite Hymns* (Grand Rapids, MI, Kregel Publications, 1982) 183. All further historical references can be found in this reference. 183-185.

## Around Rumple

**Church Office Hours**  
Monday – Thursday  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
828-295-7675  
[www.rumplechurch.org](http://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

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Mary Leah Reece, Nursery Assistant  
Heather Sigmon, Custodian

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are: Monday—  
Wednesday  
9-5  
Thursday morning,  
sermon writing,  
Thursday afternoon,  
visiting

**Would you like to become a member or affiliate member of Rumple?** On September 16, Rumple will host a Welcome Class at 9:45 in Kathy's study. New members will meet with the Session at 10:30 and then be introduced during 11:00 worship. If you plan to attend, indicate your interest on the visitor card or on the fellowship pad, or contact Hazel in the church office, [office@rumplechurch.org](mailto:office@rumplechurch.org) by Thursday, September 13.

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**Sunday Morning Adult Education Opportunities**  
at Rumple (9:45-10:45 a.m.)

Women's Class (Library) Bible and Life Bible Study Series

Carter Lentz Men's Class (Rocking Chair Room of Rumple House)  
Bible and Life Bible Study Series

Discoverer's Class (Session Room of Rumple House)

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**It's not too late** to get your picture in the Rumple photo directory! We hope to have everyone's photo included. If you were unable to make a photo appointment, you can submit a photo. Please contact Hazel in the church office at [office@rumplechurch.org](mailto:office@rumplechurch.org).

**Thank you to Rumple member David Hardage**, assisted by Betty Womack, Barbara Julien, and many other members of the Congregational Care Committee, for his leadership in coordinating a new church directory for Rumple! Directories should be ready later this fall.

**Attention Handbell Ringers**

Have you rung handbells in the past? Have you ever wondered what it was like to be in a handbell group? If either is true, please contact Dave McCollum about participating in handbell choir this year at Rumple. See Hazel in the church office or email [office@rumplechurch.org](mailto:office@rumplechurch.org) for contact information.

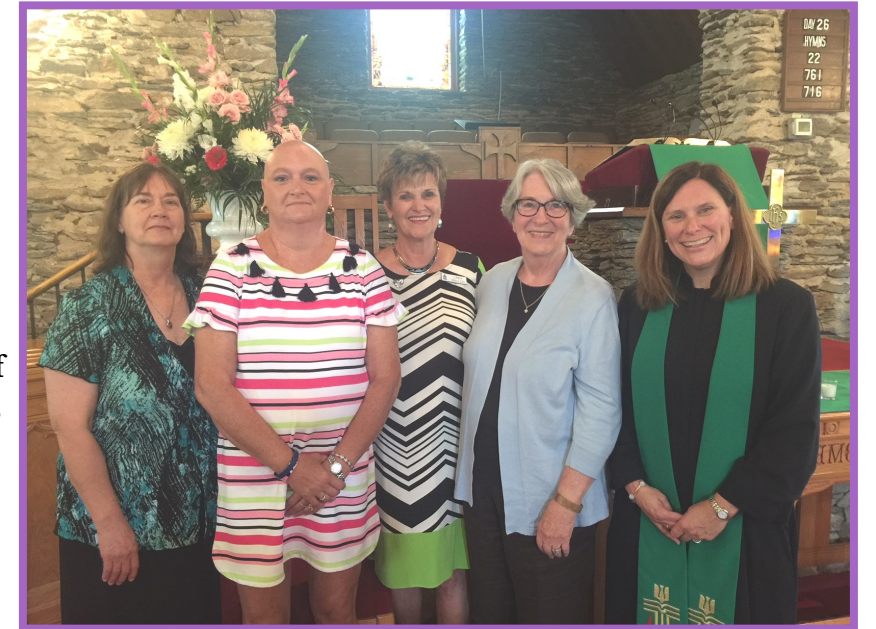


## Connect at Rumple

**Presbyterian Women of Rumple** held their annual meeting during the Worship service on August 26.

Honorary Life Memberships were presented by PW to women in recognition of outstanding leadership and faithful service in some areas of the church's work. The recipients were Brenda Lentz, Sylvia Tarleton and in memory of Barbara Lentz Wright. Other recipients who have been honored by our church and other churches were recognized during the meeting.

Officers of the Coordinating Team were installed. All women who are members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) are considered part of Presbyterian Women. Anyone interested in participating in small groups called Circles may contact a circle chair listed in another article in the Slate and Stone.



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**Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry**

It's time to fire up your stoves and plug in the crockpots because the ASU students are coming back to Boone! Beginning in August, Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry meets every Tuesday night for a meal and program (worship, TED Talks, service nights and more). We need some cooks to provide meals for these weekly gatherings (or buy some pizza!).

The students really treasure eating together each week and these meals are a big reason why they come to PECM! Contact Stephanie Hankins, Presbyterian Campus Minister if you are able to help. [scoblehankins@gmail.com](mailto:scoblehankins@gmail.com) or 404-915-9830.

**Dates Meals Are Needed:**

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| September 18 |          |
| October 2    | March 12 |
| October 16   |          |
| November 6   | April 2  |
| November 27  | April 16 |
| January 15   |          |
| January 29   |          |

**The next Moveable Feast Date (this is when the students come to your home/church for a meal and worship): December 11**

## Rumple Visiting Scholar to arrive in September!



Rev. Dr. Brent Strawn, PhD will be with us September 9 and 10. As a professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Dr. Strawn has built an international reputation on Old Testament studies. Here at Rumple he will be lecturing and leading discussions based on his recent book, *The Old Testament is Dying: A Diagnosis and Recommended Treatment* (2017).

Here is the schedule planned for that weekend with Dr. Strawn:  
**Friday, Sept. 7** Dr. Davis Hankins will have a lead-up class to prepare for Dr. Strawn's discussions, in the Rumple House 11:30 AM to 1 PM.

**Sunday, Sept. 9** From 9:30 to 10:45 AM Dr. Strawn will offer a lecture and discussion session in the Fellowship Hall.  
Sunday, Sept. 9 Dr. Strawn will offer the sermon based on Psalm 77, "How to Read Scripture, Especially in Hard Times" at our 11 AM service.

**Sunday, Sept. 9** An afternoon discussion "The Old Testament is Dying: Diagnosis and Preliminary Testing" with Dr. Strawn

will be held in the Rumple Fellowship Hall at 5PM.

**Monday, Sept. 10** Another lecture and discussion session will be led by Dr. Strawn, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, "Pathway to Recovery".

**Save the dates** for this opportunity to hear our Visiting Scholar lead us in this enlightening discussion about the Old Testament!

It has been a goal of many in our church for some time that we host a Christian scholar to deliver pertinent messages of faith to our congregation and community. The idea is that a respected, outside scholar is made available to educate us more deeply and to inspire us to live in greater service to our Lord and to our neighbor. Join us, won't you?



**Dr. Brent Strawn**

## Rumple to Host Salem Presbytery



Save the Date! **Tuesday, November 13th** Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church is hosting the **120th Stated Meeting of Salem Presbytery**. Our co-hosts for this meeting are Bairds Creek Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry. We will need lots of volunteers to help with this gathering. Details about how you can help will be sent out soon!

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Stephanie Hankins at [scoblehankins@gmail.com](mailto:scoblehankins@gmail.com).

## Session News

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.

### Session Digest—August 27, 2018

Kathy Beach, our pastor, called the meeting to order with prayer and reminded us that we are gathered in peace, graced by the living, risen Christ who welcomes us to this meeting and to service in his name!!!! Reviewing Colossians 3-12-17.

Minutes for July 23 and August 5 were approved. Members reviewed Sundays Open/closing procedures.

Dale Hamrick and Nancy Lowe reaffirmed their faith and by motion by Cullie Tarleton, second by Danny Kirkland were welcomed into our Rumple's family.

In pastor's report the members amended quorum for stated session meetings to "majority of members of the session"; discussed request to use parking lot for fundraiser.

### Committee Reports

Congregational Care – discussed many projects and services plus including the photo directory in process.

Finances still good and for committees to begin thinking ahead to the 2019 budget.

Missions – focusing on Habitat's work dates for new homes.

Personnel – Communications Intern hired through December and data and equipment ordered to update Rumple's system.

Stewardship – New plans toward beginning to start earlier on budget plans for 2019 in educating in pledges and talents.

Vision Team – Reminded members that the report of the team can be found on Rumple's web sight for all to share.

Worship – discussed "Bells Across America" fallen fire fighters on October 7<sup>th</sup> when all church bells will ring.

Caldwell Hospice Memorial Service to use the church on a Saturday in April 2019.

Youth – Request approval for 2018-2019 "International Youth Trip" fundraisers.

A motion was made and approved for the Youth to use the parking lot September 1<sup>st</sup> (charging \$10.00 to park). This motion passed.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lentz, Clerk

## Rumple on a Mission

*O God, transform lives through our work for peace, with the tools you have given us. Together, in the Spirit of God, let us work to break the power of hate and heal the wounds of violence and division. Join us together... to proclaim that it is boundless peace you offer. May it burst through the shackles of time and expectation. May it quiet the anxiety of each believer, joining us together to boldly pray, and boldly take action for God's peace — at all times in all ways. Amen. — PC(USA) prayer for Peace and Global Witness*

### **During the PC(USA) Season of Peace in September and October, Rumple Missions will focus on peace and witness through the work of Watauga County Habitat for Humanity.**

Habitat for Humanity believes that affordable housing plays a critical role in building strong, stable, peaceful families and communities. As a **Watauga County Habitat for Humanity** Covenant Church, Rumple is committed to serving with Habitat to improve our community by building decent, affordable homes in partnership with families in need.

A representative from Watauga Habitat will join us in worship on Sunday, September 30. Volunteer groups from Rumple will work on the Bradshaw family home on September 29 and October 13. If you, your Sunday School class, Circle, social group, etc. are interested in volunteering and/or providing lunch for the volunteers, please contact Tim Harris at 828-262-1067 or Misty Mayfield at 828-234-1389.

Rumple will collect the **Peace and Global Witness Offering on October 7** World Communion Sunday. This offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world, including low-income and poverty housing. Rumple will retain 25% of this offering to contribute to Watauga County Habitat for Humanity. The remaining offering will support mid-council and Presbyterian Mission Agency ministries to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

We also continue our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday food collections for **Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S.** on Sunday, September 2. Blowing Rock CARES is a food bank that helps provide basic non-perishable food to families and individuals in Watauga County. The food pantry is open for clients on Mondays from 9 am to 1 pm right here at Rumple.

The September items of need for Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. are applesauce (low or no sugar), canned fruits in natural juices, canned beans (pork & beans, pinto, great northern, lima), black-eyed peas, canned salmon, canned sauerkraut, large cans of spaghetti sauce, and toilet paper. Please bring your items on September 2 or anytime throughout the month of September and leave them in the shopping cart in the church lobby.

Rumple and St Mary of the Hills are partnering with the Women's Fund of the Blue Ridge for their **Hygiene Supply Drive** to provide hygiene products to women at Hospitality House, Oasis and other local charities. Items of need are full-size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, deodorant, and plastic soap containers. If you would like to donate hygiene supplies, please drop them in the hygiene supply box in the church lobby by September 30.

## Rumple on a Mission

**Thank you!** We would like to thank this generous congregation for all of the donated items and financial contributions to the many collections this summer! Twenty-one Rumple **Food4Families** volunteers fed nine families (35 total people, 18 of the 35 were children) throughout the summer break. A special thanks to Tracy Markland for her leadership and Jackie and Danny Kirkland for their generosity!

The **Back2School** collection was also a success again this year with 745 composition notebooks, 87 backpacks, and 156 packs of colored pencils! We also sent a banker box full of medications including ibuprofen, Tylenol, and vitamins to **Chiapas, Mexico** with the missions team from First Presbyterian Boone. Last but certainly not least, this congregation generously donated over \$3,300 to **Grandfather Home/Children's Hope Alliance** in the Grandfather Home Sunday offering (with more donations coming in)!



### **Rumple Celebrated 100 year mission with Grandfather Home on Sunday August 19**

Thank you to everyone who helped make Grandfather Home Sunday a great celebration of Rumple's 100 year partnership with Grandfather Home (now Children's Hope Alliance). The John Cockman family provided wonderful music for worship and thank you to Jim Ruff for making a video that presented some of the history of Grandfather Home.

**Did you miss Jim Ruff's outstanding video on the history of the Rumple-Grandfather Home partnership?** Or, do you just want to watch it again? You can view it on the Rumple Facebook page or, if you are not on facebook, you can go to the missions tab at [rumplechurch.org](http://rumplechurch.org) and view it there. Thank you to Jim and to Norma Suddreth who worked hard to make this video a special part of our worship on August 19.

[Grandfather Home staff thanking Rumple for our support](#)

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### **Darby Teander to present on her year as Young Adult Volunteer**

**Darby Teander, our former youth intern**, who spent last year as a Young Adult Volunteer with the Presbyterian Church (USA), serving in Denver, Colorado, will be back at Rumple on Sunday, September 23. She will share stories and pictures from her year in Denver during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45, location TBA. And, during worship, she will offer a minute for mission about her experience.

## Around Rumple

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

**Circle I** will meet Monday September 10 at 6:00 at Jana's Groothuis' home. Teresa Lentz 295-3276 or [lentzt@gmail.com](mailto:lentzt@gmail.com)

**Circle II** meets the second Monday of each month at 2pm in the home of Mary Lentz 295-7289 or [marylentz41@gmail.com](mailto:marylentz41@gmail.com)

**Circle III** will meet Monday September 17 at 10:00 in the Rumple House. Jean Baskin 295-0901 or [genieb37@yahoo.com](mailto:genieb37@yahoo.com).

**Circle IV** will meet Monday September 10 at 1:00 in the Rumple House. Members gather at 1:00 for fellowship and refreshments and the meeting starts at 1:30. Betty Womack 912-687-6483 or [Betty2701@hotmail.com](mailto:Betty2701@hotmail.com)

**Circle V** will meet at 9:30 Wednesday September 5 in the Rumple House. Members gather at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments and the meetings starts at 10:00. Kathy Earley 263-0255 or [kathyearley50@gmail.com](mailto:kathyearley50@gmail.com)

**We welcome all new members, so please call a circle chair for further information, or just drop in to whichever meeting works best for you!**

**The next Sunday Lunch** will be September 16, the third Sunday, after 11:00 worship. All are invited to stay for a delicious meal and good fellowship. Menus is lasagna, salad, and dessert. Ann Whiddon will make pumpkins to be used as decorations for the lunch and then they will be for sale, with the proceeds going to the Youth international mission trip in 2019.



### Yoga Class offered at Rumple

Ann Whiddon is teaching a gentle yoga class on Mondays at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall . Yoga class will be conducted with no inversions, so be prepared for yoga poses preformed on a yoga mat and sitting in an armless chair. No experience needed to attend the class! Bring a yoga mat and a donation to BR CARES as your offering to attend the class. Ann is a certified yoga and Pilates instructor.

September 3—No class, Labor Day  
September 10—5:00 to 6:00 (time change)  
September 17—6:00 to 7:00  
September 24—6:00 to 7:00



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### September BIRTHDAYS

3 Mabel Davis  
3 Mary Bost Gray  
3 John Robinson  
7 Vicki Cawthorne  
7 Ron Curtis  
7 Alan Herndon  
8 JoAnn Jones  
10 Byron Logan  
10 Sylvia Kiker  
11.R.L. Suddreth  
14 Molly Clay  
14 Shannon Herndon  
14 Dottie Watson  
15 Curt Salthouse  
17 Margaret Garland  
17 Catherine Moore  
18 Emma Humphries  
18 Glen Liesegang  
18 Barbara Leon  
18 Lynne Waugh  
19 Charleen Logan  
21 Sam Hess  
26 Bette LaRoche



## Welcome to Rumple's New Members and Staff



**Cristy McKinney** joined Rumple on August 5. She joined by transfer from Clemson First Baptist Church. Christy has recently retired to Blowing Rock after 38 years as a college women's basketball coach. She grew up coming to Blowing Rock with her home church, Ursinus United Church of Christ in Rockwell and has worshipped at Rumple since she was young woman. She has owned a home in Blowing Rock for 20 years and is now finally able to live here full time. She looks forward to learning how she can use her gifts through the mission and ministry of Rumple.

**Randy and Harriett Saunders** joined Rumple on June 10 as affiliate members. They come to Rumple from Raleigh, NC and are building a retirement home in Clayton, NC. They enjoy spending half the year in Blowing Rock. Harriette enjoys reading, traveling and spending time with grandchildren. Randy enjoys playing golf and traveling and is interested in volunteering. They have four adult children and 8 wonderful grandchildren.

**Thank you Mitchell Roberts!** Since the fall of 2017, Mitchell Roberts has served as Rumple's website manager- and since March 2018 he has done this as a volunteer! This has been a behind the scenes job but one Mitchell has done with professionalism and an incredible spirit of cooperation. Mitchell is a senior at Appalachian State majoring in Psychology. He plans on attending graduate school in the area of Social Psychology with the hopes of one day working at a university. Here's what Mitchell wanted to share with the Rumple family: "I am very grateful to have worked with the Rumple family the past year and love to see you all touch the community and beyond in such a meaningful way. Many thanks to you all for being such a welcoming family!"



**Welcome back Kalie Gorham!** Rumple welcomes back Kalie Gorham to the Rumple staff- but in a new role. Kalie is serving as our Communications Intern through Christmas. She will work 4-6 hours setting up our new database, maintaining our website, and helping get the word out about Rumple events and activities on facebook, Instagram, and more. Kalie can be reached at a new email address: [rumplecommunications@gmail.com](mailto:rumplecommunications@gmail.com).

### Grateful Rumple at Work!

Rumple continues this fall to give thanks for all the ministries and mission made possible through the generous gifts of Rumple members, affiliate members, and friends. There is so much to celebrate and so many more opportunities that God has for us in the future. In September, all members, affiliate members, and friends of Rumple will receive a special mailing from the church which will include a confidential estimate of giving card for 2019 and a time and talent sheet. Everyone is invited to return both the card and the sheet to the church office by October 1. And, throughout September Rumple will continue to celebrate the many programs, missions, and events that are possible through your generosity. Together we continue to praise God from whom all of our blessings flow!

### 2018 Nominating Committee

#### **Who, what, when, where, why, and how?**

The 2018 Nominating Committee has begun their work. This year's committee, per the Rumple Manual of Procedures, is made up of three at-large members (elected in October 2017) and two elders, one from the class of 2018 and one from the class of 2019. Committee members are: Tim Harris, Danny Kirkland (Elder 2018), Teresa Lentz (co-chair), Misty Mayfield (co-chair, Elder 2019), Greg Tarbutton (secretary). The committee is tasked with nominating four elders (two women and two men per Rumple's Manual of Procedures) for the class of 2021 (elders in the Presbyterian Church are elected for a three-year term) and three at-large members for the 2019 Nominating Committee (who will be joined by two elders, Misty Mayfield for 2019 and one elder from the class of 2020).

In August, the 2018 Nominating Committee invited your suggestions for 2019 elders and nominating committee members. Recommended persons should be active members of Rumple Presbyterian Church, who demonstrate faith, dedication, and good judgment. Elders serve as members of the Session, which is responsible for the mission, government and spiritual leadership of the church.

In early September, the committee will begin their prayerful deliberations of selecting nominees willing to serve. Once the Nominating Committee has their slate of nominees, they will ask the Session to call a congregational meeting where the official election of elders and nominating committee members will take place. This meeting will be announced at least two weeks in advance and the names and bios of the nominees will be shared as well. As is allowed in Presbyterian polity, other candidates may be nominated from the floor, if the person nominating has secured the permission of the candidate. All active members (but not affiliate members) of Rumple are eligible to serve as elders and are able to vote in the congregational meeting.

#### **Bible Study to begin**



A new Bible study will begin on September 5 from 9 to 10 a.m. and continue for 6 weeks. The study is "Six Themes of the Bible Everyone Should Know" and will be led by Kathy Beach and Rene Cuthill. This study takes a wide-angle look at the Bible rather than focusing on a specific Bible book. Here the great arc of God's mission is traced "From the Garden to the Garden City." Barry Ensign -George looks at themes that begin in the early chapters of

Genesis, span the pages of Scripture, and end with the glorious vision of the book of Revelation. Please contact Kathy or Rene if you would like to participate so that books may be ordered. Rene Cuthill 321-279-3054

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament for Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. to be held at Blowing Rock Country Club on September 25, 2018**

Makoto's will be hosting the 5th annual charity golf tournament at one of the High Country's finest golf courses on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. The tournament will have a four-person Captains Choice format, and has a shotgun start at 1:30 pm that afternoon. It will feature a 50/50 cash raffle, silent auction, and great winning team prizes. Dinner will be held at the Blowing Rock Country Club Lakehouse following the tournament and is being sponsored and provided by Sysco Foodservice. Participants can register or get more information by contacting Gwen Dhing at 828-264-7976 or [makotosboone@gmail.com](mailto:makotosboone@gmail.com).



Net proceeds from the tournament will go to Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, housed at Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church, and run solely by volunteers. It helps provide basic non-perishable food and hygiene products to families and individuals in Watauga County to supplement other county services and to help fill in the food availability gap. Board members for this non-profit come from Rumple Church and St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Church (as do most of the food donations and some financial support), as well as the larger community of Blowing Rock. Fund-raising events such as this, individual donations, and grants account for most of the financial support. With the poverty level for children in Watauga County at 23% and children receiving free/reduced lunch at 41%, Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. greatly appreciates your support and your involvement to better our community.

You can help make this a successful event in various ways, such as:

- Organize a team and enter the tournament (mixed foursomes are not only welcomed, but encouraged) - \$150 per person/\$600 per team of four (includes cart, green fees, and dinner; September 20, 2018 deadline for team registration)
- Be a hole sponsor - \$100 (you don't have to play golf to support this event)
- Be a sponsor, or help recruit some, at the \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 level (all sponsors will be recognized appropriately for the level of sponsorship)
- Individually, or as a group, solicit or donate prizes for winning teams and/or items for the silent auction



**Support the 2019 Youth International Mission Team (working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Puerto Rico)** with donations for their October 6 yard sale! The youth are hosting a yard sale, on the Rumple front lawn, on Saturday, October 6 from 8:30-2:30. They would love any and all donations by Sunday, September 30. They are willing to pick up any large items you have. To arrange for a pick up, email or text Danny Kirkland, [dannyproduce@gmail.com](mailto:dannyproduce@gmail.com), 828.773.0515.

**Concerns and Cares**

**Rumple members** Roger Broeker, Jean Baskin, recovering from knee surgery; Brenda Lentz, chemotherapy treatments; Bill and Pat Magruder, Recie Craig, Erin Tobin and Drew Taylor, active duty in military; Darby Teander,

**Family and friends of Rumple** Lou Moore’s son-in-law, Luke Short, cancer treatment; Grover Gore, recovering from surgery; Susie Reynolds, sister of Patty Laubach; Brennan Smith, son of Jeff and Angela Smith; Leslie Novilla’s friend Meg Wagner, pancreatic cancer; Helen, sister of Bill Magruder; Joyce Rodriguez, sister of Carolyn Nelson; Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey, Phyllis Foster, friend of Wes Thompson, Ellen and Al Smith missionaries in Russia

**We celebrate with** Eric and Diane Overcash in the birth of their first granddaughter, Amelia Clair Overcash born August 13, 2018.

**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.

**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.

**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 [office@rumplechurch.org](mailto:office@rumplechurch.org) and we’ll make sure you are added to our email list.

**Safety and Security Task Force at Rumple**

**A note from the Safety and Security Task Force and the Session:**

In an effort to make our building as safe and secure as possible on Sunday mornings, you may have noticed a few changes. First, a Blowing Rock Police officer has been stationed on Main St. in front of Rumple (or St. Mary’s) on most Sunday mornings. Second, once 11:00 worship begins, the choir room door, the nursery (handicapped entrance) door, and the back parking lot door are all locked. If you arrive after 11:00 you may enter the building by the back doors of the sanctuary. Anyone is able to exit the building from these doors but no one is able to enter without a key.

L—Library  
 RH—Rumple House  
 FH—Fellowship Hall  
 ACU—Adult Classroom Upstairs  
 PS—Pastor’s Study

**September 2018 at Rumple**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:45 Worship with Communion 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Children’s Sunday School 10:40 Hymn Sing 11:00 Worship with Communion 12:00 Nominating Cmte. (L)	3 Labor Day Church Office Closed	4	5 9:30 Circle 5 (RH) 10:30 Staff Meeting (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion Kickoff 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	6	7 11:30-1:00 Old Testament Class (RH)	8 Art in the Park PECM
9 Visiting Scholar Dr. Strawn 9:30-11:00 Lecture (FH) 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Children’s Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Lecture (FH) 5:00 Combined Youth Group (YC)	10 9:30 Lecture (FH) 1-3 Circle 4 (RH) 4:00 Missions (ACU) 5:00 Yoga Class (FH) 6:00 Circle 1 (RH)	11	12 9:30 Bible Study (RH) 11:30 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	13 10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)	14	15
16 9:30 Welcome Class (PS) 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Children’s Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Lunch 5:00 Combined Youth Group (YC)	17 10:00 Circle 3 (RH) 4:00 Finance Cmte. (L) 6:00 Yoga Class (FH)	18	19 9:30 Bible Study (RH) 11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	20	21	22
23 9:45 Children’s Sunday School 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Combined Youth Group (YC)	24 5:30 Session (RH) 6:00 Yoga Class (FH)	25	26 9:30 Bible Study (RH) 11:00 Staff Meeting (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	27	28	29
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