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Merry Christmas

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SLATE and STONE

December 2018

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

Dear Rumple Family,

As we approach December and the beginning of Advent, the weather has turned a good bit colder and signs of the season are all around us. It is a wonderful time of the year. As I said on November 25 in my sermon, celebrating the season of Advent is one of many counter-cultural acts we engage in together as the community of faith. While society around us has headed full on into Christmas, we have this set apart season of Advent, a time to prepare to receive the gift of the Christ child at Christmas. This year our Advent theme is "Come Light our World." We will celebrate, with anticipation, that Christ is coming to bring light into the darkness of our lives and our world.

This year the Advent decorations in the sanctuary are going to help us to prepare and to wait for Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent we will see minimal decorations, reminding us that we are still weeks away from Christmas. Each Sunday of Advent more decorations will be added to the sanctuary to help us visualize that we are getting closer to celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The sanctuary will then be in its full Christmas beauty on Christmas Eve and through out the 12 days of Christmas, culminating with our Epiphany celebrations on Sunday, January 6. I am grateful to the Worship Committee for approving this and to Vicki Worsham who is leading this thoughtful decorating process this year.

This year our Advent worship will be enriched as Holly shares stories of Advent preparations with our children. This will be the time we light the candles on the Advent wreath each Sunday. And, thanks to a generous donation by a member and the Christian Education Committee we now have a nativity scene for our sanctuary. Like our advent decorations, this manger scene will build each Sunday as new characters are added. We hope this will be a particularly special element of Advent and Christmas worship for our children.

I love the seasons of Advent and Christmas and I look forward to celebrating them with you again this year at Rumple.

Advent Blessings!
Kathy

An exciting update on our Grateful Rumple campaign! Grateful Rumple has so much to celebrate as we begin a new church year this Advent! Thanks to the generosity of Rumple members, affiliate members, and friends, the estimates of giving for 2019 are up 22% over 2018, totaling nearly \$308,000. Thank you to all the individuals and families who have already made an estimate of giving for 2019. Thanks to your generosity, the Session was able to pass a larger budget for 2019 with increased giving to mission and support for new and ongoing church programs, like the youth mission trip to Puerto Rico next summer, additional programs for children and families, and our excellent Sunday morning worship.

-The Stewardship Committee (Maurice Ewing, Jerry Hutchens, Kim Kincaid, Pat Mauldin, Billy Worsham, and Kathy Beach)



Sunday, December 2

9:45am — Sunday School
11:00am — First Sunday of Advent worship
3:30pm — Children's Musical
4:00pm — Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 9

9:45am — Sunday School
11:00am — Second Sunday of Advent worship
& Adult Christmas music

Sunday, December 16

9:30am — Christmas Tours at Rumble
9:45am — Sunday School
11:00am — Third Sunday of Advent worship

Wednesday, December 19

6:00pm — Service of Hope and Light

Sunday, December 23

9:45am — Sunday School
11:00am — Fourth Sunday of Advent worship

Monday, December 24

4:00pm — Family Christmas Eve service
6:00pm — Traditional Christmas Eve service
**Christmas carols will begin at 5:45pm*

come light our
world

Hymn for December by Dave McCollum

As we find ourselves again surprised at how quickly we return to the season of Advent and Christmas each year, I find it equally surprising to realize that this marks the twelfth hymn column for the Slate and Stone. There are some hymns of this past year that have chosen themselves due to their placement in the church calendar. As I recently asked church members for their favorite Advent or Christmas hymn, one usually shows up on everyone's short list; "Silent Night." It just so happens that "Silent Night," is celebrating its 200th birthday this year. It was written in 1818 as an answer to a troubling circumstance.

Father Joseph Mohr was born in Salzburg, Austria in 1792. He grew up singing in the boys' choir at the Cathedral of Salzburg. In 1815 he was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, and it was while serving as the assistant priest in the newly erected Church of St. Nicholas in Obernorf, in the region of Tyro, that his choirmaster, Franz Grüber delivered the terrible news. The organ in the church was broken beyond repair. There would be no music for the Christmas Eve Mass of 1818.

As Father Mohr made his pastoral rounds that evening in the bitter cold, he resolved to write his own Christmas music. "Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright," came to his mind as he walked in the bitter cold. He hurried home to write down the new text and later the next day shared it with his Grüber. Upon receiving the text, Grüber exclaimed, "Friend Mohr, you have found it—the right song—God be praised!"

Grüber soon completed a simple but beautiful melody that complemented the text and was able to be sung with the accompaniment of Grüber's guitar. The hymn made a deep impact upon the parishioners, even as it has on succeeding generations. But how would the song be shared with the rest of the world?

Days after the Christmas Eve Mass, the organ repairman, Karl Maurachen of Zillerthal, a well-known organ builder of that area, came to the church and obtained a copy of the new hymn. Maurachen began to spread the music throughout the entire Tyrol region, where it became popular as a Tyrolean Folk Song. One group of children's groups (Amalie, Andreas, Caroline and Joseph Strasser) that received a copy, began singing it at their parents' booth at the great Leipzig fair, to attract customers. There, Saxony's famous Director-General of Music, Herr Pohlenz, heard them and invited them to sing their lovely song before the King and Queen on Christmas Eve of 1832.

"Silent Night" was first heard in the United States in 1839 when a family of Tyrolean Singers, the Rainers, used the music during their concert tour. Soon it was translated into English as well as into other languages. At least eight different English translations are known today.

Today, Silent Night is sung in every Christian denomination almost without fail. It has established its place in many Christmas Eve services at the conclusion of the service as candles are lit and the congregation unites their voices in song. And woe be it to the pastor or director of music, once established, that tries to change the tradition! Here is the text: I bet you can sing it, even without a guitar...

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy, night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

Dave

1 Osbeck, Kenneth W., *101 Hymn Stories: The Inspiring True Stories Behind 101 Favorite Hymns* (Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, MI, 1982) 221-222. Future quotes are from this same source.

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!

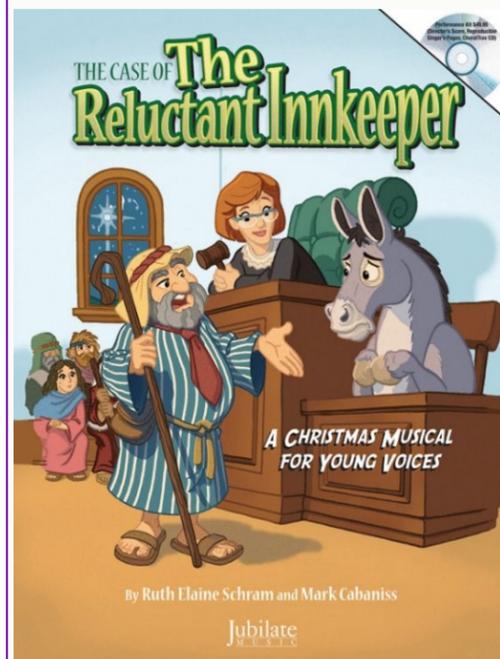
On **Saturday, December 1st**, the youth will be having a lock-in here at the church. They are meeting at 2:00pm and will be doing lots of fun activities around the church. Check your emails for more information.

On **Sunday, December 2nd**, we are helping with the Advent workshop! This is right after the Christmas musical. Come out and support the youth in the musical as well as our children's choir.

On **Sunday, December 9th**, there is a fellowship dinner at the church. This will be hosted by our Puerto Rico Mission Team. Join us for a night of great food and fellowship!

On **Sunday, December 16th**, the youth are invited to the Manse for dinner and a Christmas movie. Be sure to check your email for info on all of these upcoming events!

Children's Corner



Join us this coming Sunday, December 3 at 3:30pm, in the sanctuary. Our children's choir will be presenting "The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper." Even if you don't have a child or grandchild singing, we hope you'll come for this fun afternoon.

Immediately following the musical, we are having our Advent workshop for our children and families. We will be making Advent wreaths, ornaments, edible treats, and so much more!

On the **First Sunday of Advent**, Rumple's students (both children and youth) will receive a Christmas gift from the church. This gift is a handmade, olive-wood ornament from the Holy Land. This tradition started in 2008, and every year since, the children of Rumple receive a new ornament to add to their collection. This is a wonderful tradition that our students anticipate each year. Be sure to find a student on Sunday and see these beautiful ornaments.

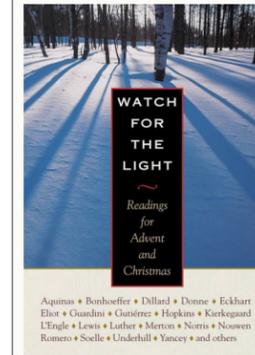
Adult Advent Devotionals

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary offers Daily Advent Devotionals during the season of Advent. These devotions will be sent out, via *eNews*, beginning on Sunday, December 2. If you would like a hard copy of these devotionals, there are copies available in the office reception area.

Advent and Christmas at Rumple

Rumple will host a Service of Hope, Light, and Remembrance on Wednesday, December 19 from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. For many people, this holiday season is not a joyful time but a sad and lonely time. (In many churches this service is called a Blue Christmas Service.) In this worship service which Kathy, Dave and Eric will lead, we will offer prayers and special music. Anyone who finds this time of year difficult is invited to come and to be reminded of the comfort and presence of God and that the light of Christ shines brighter than any darkness we may feel. This service is open to anyone so please invite friends and neighbors too.

Advent Sunday School class



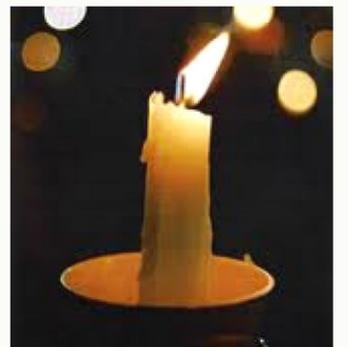
How does the light of Christmas reach you? Does the glow of holiday candles and the glitter of tinsel too easily distract you from the coming of the Christ child, the Light of the World? Do you have too much to do, too far to travel, too many seasonal rituals and obligations to be drawn to the burning fire of God's love that descended to Bethlehem?

During Advent (which means "watching") we are asked to refocus on the brilliant, challenging message of hope and redemption that comes to us this season of the year—a message whose intensity can transform us in ways that illumine our days and remind us of the work we have to spread God's light to those around us.

The book **Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas** collects short daily readings that draw us into the greater meaning of the season. Don Saunders has led class discussions based on this book in the past: it features short, timeless pieces by well-known Christian writers from many eras: C.S. Lewis, Thomas Merton, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Annie Dillard, Bernard of Clairvaux.

This year we want to make this class Intergenerational. We will meet during the Sunday School hour in the Adult Classroom Upstairs in the Education Building, starting December 2, the first Sunday in Advent, and in a novel twist (!), we will actually assign discussion leaders for certain essays, attempting to focus on three or so each week. It's understood that not everyone can attend each week, and readings need not even be done in the sequence the book gives them. If you would like to participate, there are copies of the book available outside Holly's office. Join us as we watch for the light!

Join us at Rumple on Christmas Eve! We will have two, unique Christmas Eve services this year. At 4:00pm, we will have our Family Christmas Eve service. All are welcome, but this service is geared toward families with children. At 6:00pm, we will have our Traditional Christmas Eve service. Come at 5:45 to enjoy some Christmas carols before the service begins. Both services will end by candlelight as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.



For more information on all of the Advent happenings here at Rumple, please visit our church website at www.rumplechurch.org.

Rumple on a Mission

God of life and God of hope, We give you thanks and praise as we gather to remember the birth of Jesus who came as a witness to grace, who proclaimed peace, did justice, lived love and walked humbly with you. In his name, we pray for peace and healing, wherever your world is broken, wherever violence and injustice reign, wherever your children are in pain. We ask that we might follow Jesus faithfully and so become answers to our prayers for peace on earth, good-will for all people, and wholeness and wellbeing for all creation. Amen. - A Prayer for Peace at Christmas by Mark Koenig, former coordinator of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program

Christmas Joy Offering, During Advent

This Special Offering provides financial assistance to individuals and families who have dedicated their lives to the church.

GIVING BACK - 50% goes to fund grants for current and retired Presbyterian Church workers and their families in their time of need.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES - 50% goes to support leadership development for students attending Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Contributions can be made throughout Advent and especially on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 16.

Rumple will receive a special Christmas Eve Offering at both services. All offerings collected at the Christmas Eve services will be donated to both Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S., our local food bank, and WeCan, which provides assistance to area residents who need help paying their heating bills.

Rumple Christmas cards for sale! The Missions Committee is selling Norma Suddreth's beautiful Rumple cards for Christmas. All proceeds benefit Missions outreach efforts. The cards are available on the pew in the church lobby beside Hazel's desk. Purchase is the honor system with 4 cards for \$10 or 1 card for \$3.

We also continue our monthly food collections for **Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S.** Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. is a food bank that helps provide basic, non-perishable food to families and individuals in Watauga County. The Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. food pantry is open for clients on Mondays from 9 am to 1 pm right here at Rumple. The **December items of need for Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. are canned pineapple, canned tomatoes, canned milk, oatmeal (round cardboard container, not individual packs), pancake/waffle mix, toilet tissue.** Please bring your items throughout the month of November and leave them in the shopping cart in the church lobby.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Rumple continues to respond with Hurricane relief efforts. Rumple Missions is planning a work trip in conjunction with First Presbyterian of Boone and ASU Campus Ministry. Are you interested in participating in a weekend work team to eastern NC December 6-8 or later this winter? Please contact Kathy or Cristy McKinney at cristymckinney@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding with support after the wildfires in California. Your gifts to DR000165 (U.S. Wildfires) will ensure that PDA has adequate resources to support the recovery. You may give online at pda.pcusa.org or give by mail Presbyterian Church (USA) P.O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

As people of faith we seek comfort, support, and direction from God. We ask that you join your spirits with ours as we walk with our California neighbors through the valley of the shadow.

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—November 26, 2018

Rev. Kathy Beach called the meeting to order with prayer.

Danny Kirkland's devotion on Thanksgiving not being a season, but being thankful for the many blessings we receive daily from family, friends and from our Lord - "be ye thankful".

Minutes for October 22nd were approved. Reminded members of up-coming meetings on 12/3 to examine 2019 new elders and 12/16 to receive new members.

Rev. Beach gave her monthly Pastor's Report.

Committee Report -

. Barbara Julien - CONGREGATIONAL CARE gave update on directory.

. Cullie Tarleton - FINANCE gave financial report for 2018 and the budget for 2019.

. Jerry Hutchens - STEWARDSHIP reported on updates for 2019.

. Misty Mayfield - MISSIONS reported on plans on 2019 parking lot dates, Angel

Tree, Joy Gift Offering, Elderberry Tree, BR Cares, We Can, Children's Council, and other projects going on in December.

. Jane Rogers - WORSHIP reported on weddings planned during 2019;

Communion approved for 1/6/2019.

Old Business - Rev. Beach shared information from November's Salem Presbytery Meeting.

New Business - Approved new 2019 members for BR CARES - Dale Hamrick, Dennis Norris, and Kelly Baruth.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lentz

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped to host the 120th meeting of Salem Presbytery at Rumple on November 13. The day went smoothly and everyone who attended was so complimentary of our hospitality and beautiful facilities. This list represents most (but probably not all) of the folks who helped make the day possible—from behind the scenes work before the meeting, to out front service the day of the meeting. It was a great day for Rumple, Presbyterian-Episcopal Campus Ministry, and Baird's Creek Church, the three co-hosts. Jim Ruff, as always, took some wonderful pictures. Many of them are on the Rumple website.

Planning Team: Stephanie Hankins, Shirley Harris, Jinx Miller, and Jane Rogers

Staff: Holly Bannan, Kathy Beach, Kalie Gorham, Eric Luke, Dave McCollum, Heather Sigmon, Hazel Smithey

Ann Rhyne, Walt and Mary Ann Baggstom, Jim and Elaine Crowell, Leslie Novilla, Kim Rogers, Jean Baskin, Bill and Linda Mauldin, Judy Lilly, Barbara Juilen, Mary Lentz, Jim Ruff, Trish Cummer, Kathy Earley, Cristy McKinney, Kitty Taylor, Karen Snyder, Dottie Watson

Lynn Bream, Adele Dunbar, Betty and Marshall Womack, Kaye Morgan, Tim Harris, Mike Steele, Kathryn and Wayne Holliday, Joe and Judy Carr, Jim and Karen Clabough, Sylvia Tarleton, Rita White, Annie Tarbutton, Eula Calvin, Teresa Lyntz, Jim and Carolyn Nelson, Buz Helms, Joanie and Robert Shirley, Mary Jane Keathley, Kenton McCollum, Evan Adair, Amanda, Bill Thorn, Jana Groothuis Corey Kundert (PECM), PECM students: Deiva Motley, Eris Lowdermilk, and Betsy Kelly
Rev. Keith Freeman, Connie Fedele, Ginger Price, Rainey Ratchford, Gerry Staninger (Baird's Creek)

Around Rumble

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

Circle I meets the first Monday of the month August through May at 6:00 in the Rumble House.

Teresa Lentz 295-3276 or lentzt@gmail.com

Circle II will meet again next spring, the second Monday of each month at 2pm in the home of Mary Lentz 295-7289 or marylentz41@gmail.com

Circle III meets the third Monday of the month May through October at 10:00 in the Rumble House. Jean Baskin 295-0901 or genieb37@yahoo.com.

Circle IV meets the second Monday of the month April through December at 1:00 in the Rumble House.
Betty Womack 912-687-6483 or Betty2701@hotmail.com

Circle V meets the first Wednesday of the month April through December at 9:30 in the Rumble House.
Kathy Earley 263-0255 or 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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY December BIRTHDAYS

3 Ashlyn Yates
3 Rene Cuthill
3 Molly Bowden
4 Recie Craig
4 Lillon Henline
12 Gus Newton
13 Winnie Gee
14 Betty Coffey
16 Patti Curtis
17 Linda Liesegang
20 Charles Gurkin
22 Eric Luke
23 Janice Carter
24 Natalie Holshouser
27 Kenton McCollum
29 Beau Stanley
31 Melissa Tausche

The next Second Sunday Lunch will be December 9. It will be a Christmas Lunch with Fellowship Committee furnishing hams. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite side dish to share. All are welcome.



The Youth need volunteers to provide Sunday night dinners. If this is something you are willing and able to do, please contact Cassidy at cassidyn-15@gmail.com.

Would you like to become a member or affiliate member of Rumble? New members can be received at Session on the 4th Monday of each month at 5:30. If you are interested in joining, contact Hazel in the church office, office@rumplechurch.org.

We have many modes of communication here at Rumble. Every week, we have "This Week at Rumble" on our Facebook page providing a schedule for the week. On Fridays, our eNews is emailed for upcoming information. To stay up-to-date on upcoming events, please check our website and Facebook page.



www.rumplechurch.org

www.facebook.com/rumplememorialpresbyterianchurch/

Rumble on a Mission



The Angel Tree—Christmas Season Mission

The members and friends of Rumble have been especially generous for many years in helping provide Christmas cheer to children and families who are in special need of our love and care.

The Angel Tree with the names, ages, and clothing sizes of children needing our help is displayed in the church office reception area. We hope you will choose an angel, purchase and wrap gifts, and return the gifts to the office beside Kathy's study by Sunday, December 9 so that they can be distributed to families. You will also have the opportunity to buy a food/grocery gift 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.

Any questions may be directed to Susan Suddreth at 263-0821 or Teresa Lentz at 295-3276. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry that is such a special tradition of giving by our church family!

Elderberry Tree

Again this year Rumble is invited to share Christmas joy with some elderly members of our community. The Elderberry Tree is also up on the table outside the library. There are gold bags on the branches requesting \$25.00 food cards (which will be matched by another \$25.00 food card). Approximately 20 elderly Watauga County people identified by the Hunger and Health Coalition, will receive the cards. If you have questions, contact Eula Calvin, eulacalvin@gmail.com.

Diaper Drive As we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus at our Christmas Eve services at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church, the Mission Committee would like to start a new tradition by asking members and visitors to bring diapers to donate for the Children's Council of Watauga County.

Believing that "all children deserve equal care and basic necessities," the Council supplies free diapers to local families in need through their **Who Needs a Change?** program. Established in 1977, the Children's Council is committed to a "vision of a community where every child has the support to live a healthy, happy life. We work to build a strong foundation for children's learning and development by strengthening families, the early childhood system, and the wider community."

Rumble's Mission Committee will have a collection box available in the lobby of the church starting Sunday, December 16. We particularly encourage members and guests, especially our children, to carry boxes or bags of diapers to one of our Christmas Eve services, at 4 p.m. or 6 p.m., participating in giving back to our community with a tangible gift at this holy time of the year.

In addition to the diaper drive, the offering collected at the Christmas Eve services will be donated to both Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S., our local food bank, and WeCan, which provides assistance to area residents who need help paying their heating bills.



Concerns and Cares

Rumple members Sylvia Kiker, Roger Broeker, Brenda Lentz, Barbara Scott, Bill and Pat Magruder, Recie Craig, Erin Tobin and Drew Taylor, active duty in military;

Family and friends of Rumple Jan McClure, Holly Bannan’s mother; Lou Moore’s son-in-law, Luke Short; Grover Gore, Susie Reynolds, sister of Patty Laubach; Leslie Novilla’s friend Meg Wagner; Joyce Rodriguez, sister of Carolyn Nelson; Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey, Ellen and Al Smith missionaries in Russia

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.

A Note of Thanks

I’ve often said that it’s a wise and loving God that does not allow us to see the future. I was reminded of this when four months and four days after Doug and I lost our beloved daughter Sally, I was sitting at the Hospice House in Hudson holding Doug’s hand as he took his last earthly breath and breathed his first heavenly breath. I read in ‘Jesus Calling’ the following: “A yielded heart does not whine or rebel when the going gets rough. It musters the courage to thank Me even during hard times. Yielding yourself to My will is ultimately an act of trust. In quietness and trust is your strength”. I am grateful to and thank God for allowing me to spend 50 plus years with Doug.

Once again, I thank you for your warmth and caring. Thank you for the hugs and calls and cards and visits and prayers and food and so many other kindnesses afforded to me and my family during the time of Doug’s illness and death.

There is a human bond that connects us all. It may be like a delicate thread, but in special times it becomes like a line of steel that helps to bind us, one to another. This strand makes our sorrows more bearable, and in the long run that is what really matters. Doug will be missed by his family and his friends but the thread of our human bonds will always keep some part of him with us.

Blessings,
Mary Holstein



Are you planning an event or activity at Rumple? Please be sure that you have a copy of the Building Use Policies and have filled out a Building Use Form. This applies to groups within the church and to outside groups as well. Forms can be obtained in the church office, by calling Hazel, and will soon be up on the Rumple website as well. Please help the staff of the church by filling these forms out so that they can be sure all spaces are set up and ready for your event.

Does Rumple have your current email address? Do you receive the weekly email update from Rumple each Friday? If not, or if you would like to be added to this email list, please call or email Hazel in the church office at office@rumplechurch.org

L—Library
RH—Rumple House
FH—Fellowship Hall

ACU—Adult Classroom Upstairs
PS—Pastor’s Study

December 2018 at Rumple

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 First Sunday of Advent 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Communion 12:15 Congregational Care (L) 12:15 Christian Education Mtg (ACU) 3:30 Children’s Christmas Musical 4:00 Advent Workshop (FH)	3 5:30 Called Session 6:00 Circle 1 Christmas Party (RH)	4	5 9:30 Circle 5 (RH) 11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion—caroling 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	6	7	8 2 10-12 Musical rehearsal 2:00 Youth Lock-In
9 Second Sunday of Advent 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship—Choir Special Music 12:15 Second Sunday Lunch (FH) 4:30 Wedding (Scott) 5:00 Combined Youth Group (YC)	10 1:00 Circle 4 (RH) 5:30 Session Christmas Party at Rhyne’s	11	12 11:00 Staff Mtg and Christmas Lunch (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 6:30 Christmas Party for Handbells and Choir	13 10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)	14	15
16 Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 Church Christmas Tour 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Combined Youth Group - Manse	17 4:00 Finance Cmte. (L)	18	19 11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 6:00 Service of Hope and Light 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	20	21	22
23 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	24 4:00 Family Christmas Eve service 6:00 Traditional Christmas Eve service	25 Christmas Day	26 Church Office closed	27	28	29
30 First Sunday after Christmas 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	31 January 1 New Year’s Day Church Office closed					