

Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Mark Your Calendars:
Our Annual Congregation meeting is
Sunday, January 27th, 2019.

We have many modes of communication here at Rumple. Every week, we have "This Week at Rumple" 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.

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January 2019

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A Mission Church
Bringing Members In, Sending Disciples Out

Dear Rumple Family,

Happy New Year! It is hard for me to believe that we have begun a new year. It feels like 2018 just flew by. It was a great year for us at Rumple and I am very thankful for another year in ministry together.

As I write this we have just begun the new year and I am still basking in all the beauty and celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons here at Rumple. From the funny and sweet musical the children shared on December 2 (thank you to Holly and Mary Leah and parents) to the beautiful decorations that still fill the sanctuary (thank you Worship Committee and Vicki Worsham,) Advent and Christmas were truly special. A huge thank you to the Rumple staff for all the extra effort they each put in to help make sure everything came together for extra worship services and special events. Thank you to Carolyn Nelson for the incredible liturgy she created for the Sanctuary Choir special music on December 16. Thank you to the choir and the handbell choir and to all who served as worship leaders in any capacity, especially for the Service of Hope and Remembrance and on Christmas Eve. This congregation is full of talented people. Advent and Christmas were wonderful times to see those talents shine to help us to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Speaking of talented people, Rumple has many on our staff. As we begin the new year we have made a few changes to staff hours. Our Director of Discipleship, Holly Bannan will continue all she has been doing but will add responsibilities for church communications and supervision of our youth ministry. She began working full time on January 1. Our Secretary, Hazel Smithey, moved into a slightly new role on January 1 as well. Hazel will serve as our receptionist now, still also producing the weekly bulletin, answering the phone, helping members who stop by, and more. She will be at the church now Monday-Thursdays from 9-2:30 but the office will remain open Monday-Thursday, with staff to answer the phone until 4:00 p.m.

As we begin this new year we have much to celebrate and be thankful for at Rumple in 2018 and so much to look forward to as we follow God's guidance and leading into a bright and fruitful 2019.

Your Pastor,
Kathy

Christian Education at Rumble

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 Rumble 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! Our first gathering for the semester will be on **Sunday, January 13th at 5:00pm** in the Youth cottage.

The Youth need volunteers to provide Sunday night dinners. If this is something you are willing and able to do, please contact Cassidy.

CHILDREN



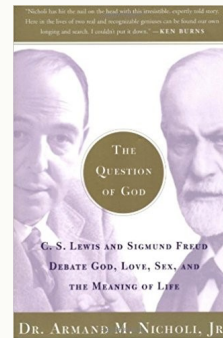
KICKS and Fusion, our afternoon program for students Kindergarten through 8th grade, will begin on **Wednesday, January 16th**. Our students will continue learning stories of the Old Testament through Godly Play.

For more information on our student ministry, contact Holly Bannan at rumplediscipleship@gmail.com or visit the church website.

ADULT EDUCATION

A new adult Sunday School class will begin **January 13, 2019**. Led by Dave McCollum, it will meet in the choir room from 9:30 – 10:30 am. The class will be based on a DVD entitled, "The Question of God," by Armond Nicholi, Jr.

Dr. Nicholi compares the lives and teachings of CS Lewis and Sigmund Freud. The video is divided into segments with Lewis and Freud, followed by a discussion panel. Each class will focus on part of the video followed by class discussion. All are welcome.



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!

Hymn for January by Dave McCollum

As we stare headlong into the new year, our thoughts and emotions are often in full sway. Christmas is over, and the decorations and presents are put away. Although we celebrate the light of Christ during the season of Epiphany, the short days of winter favor darkness. It isn't quite time for Lent but our thoughts this time of year often turn inward to prayer. I've chosen "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," as we begin 2019. Unlike other hymns that were written for special occasions or circumstances, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," was written at a moment of personal devotion.

Ray Palmer, a son of the Hon. Thomas Palmer, a Judge in Rhode Island, was born at Little Compton, Rhode Island, Nov. 12, 1808. His early life was spent at Boston, where he was for some time clerk in a dry-goods store. In Boston he joined the Park Street Congregational Church, then under the pastoral care of Dr. S. E. Dwight. After spending three years at Phillips Academy, Andover, he entered Yale College, New Haven, where he graduated in 1830.

Straight out of school, Palmer accepted a teaching position in a private school for young ladies in New York connected with Saith George's Church and lived with the family of the lady that presided over the school. It was that year, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," was written. According to Palmer, "having been accustomed from childhood, through an inherited propensity perhaps, to the occasional expression of what his heart felt, in the form of verse, it was in accordance with this habit, and in an hour when Christ, in the riches of his grace and love, was so vividly apprehended as to fill the soul with deep emotion, that the lines were composed." Palmer shares that the verses were written for no other eye let alone a text to be sung. He continues to describe the moment; "away from outward excitement, in the quiet of his chamber, and with a deep consciousness of his own needs, the writer transferred as faithfully as he could to paper what at the time was passing within him." Palmer wrote six full stanzas, first imperfectly on a loose sheet and later transferred to a small morocco-covered book, which for such purposes the author was accustomed to carry in his pocket. Upon reaching the last line, "a ransomed soul," the "thought that the whole work of redemption and salvation moved the writer to a degree of emotion that brought abundant tears."

The hymn went unseen for a couple of years until Dr. Lowell Mason met the author in the street in Boston and requested him to furnish some hymns for a Hymn and Tune Book, which in connection with Dr. Hastings of New York, he was about to publish. The little book containing the hymn was shown to him, and he asked for a copy. They stepped into a store where Palmer wrote a copy of the text to share with Dr. Mason. In very short order Dr. Mason wrote the tune OLIVET and shared it a few days later meeting again on the street. His sentiment to Palmer was, "Mr. Palmer, you may live many years and do many good things, but I think you will be best known to posterity as the author of 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee!'"

As you have moments of reflection this month, consider taking these words in the quiet of your chambers. Here is the text: 1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine! 2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire! 3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside. 4. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Dave

¹ Hymnary.org/person/palmer_ray

² Reynolds, William Jensen, *Hymns of Our Faith: A Handbook for the Baptist Hymnal* (Broadman Press, Nashville, TN, 1964) 127. Further quotes are from the same reference.

Rumple on a Mission

God of memory and hope, you call on us not only to be a people who remember, but to be a people who look forward to the future with eager anticipation. May we recognize your present kingdom and be ready at any moment to welcome Christ when he comes again. As we stand at the beginning of a calendar year, grant us a sure sense of your purpose, gift us with courage, strength, energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Make us signs of your reign, living breathing symbols of servant leadership, sacrificial love, radical forgiveness, the peace that passes understanding and unstoppable, water-rolling justice. Amen. – excerpt from A bidding prayer for the new year by Jill Duffield, Presbyterian Outlook

Happy New Year! Rumple Missions is looking forward to a new year full of opportunities for service and sharing! We welcome your time and talents as we begin a new year of mission work!

Rumple Missions will focus on the issues of **hunger and food insecurity** in winter/spring 2019. During this season and beyond, we will work with Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S., Hospitality House of Boone, and Rise Against Hunger.



SAVE THE DATE for our 2nd annual **meal packaging event with Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, April 7.** Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization based in Raleigh, NC. We are partnering with St. Mary's and the Appalachian State Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry again this year to package dehydrated meals for those in need around the world. More information coming soon.

We will continue our support of **Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S.** in 2019 with monthly food collections. 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 **January items of need for Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. are canned pineapple, canned tomatoes, oatmeal (round cardboard container), pancake/waffle mix, syrup, pudding/gelatin mix, and toilet tissue.** Please bring your items throughout the month of January and leave them in the shopping cart in the church lobby.

BLOWING ROCK C.A.R.E.S.



Rumple Missions will also continue our work with Hospitality House in 2019. We will cook and serve **dinner every 5th Monday at the Hospitality House** in Boone. Rumple's first Monday in 2019 is April 29. If you are interested in helping cook and/or serve, please contact Misty Mayfield, allredml@appstate.edu.

If you have questions, ideas, concerns, or would like to help with any of Rumple's mission projects, please contact one of the 2019 Missions co-chairs Rita White, ritawhiteinteriorde-sign@gmail.com, and David Hardage, dhardage@gmail.com, or Mission elder liaison Misty Mayfield, allredml@appstate.edu.

Around Rumple

New Members received in December



Bob and Janet Stout

Bob and Janet Stout joined Rumple on December 16 as full members. They are recently retired to Blowing Rock from Charlotte. Janet is already active in Circle 4 at Rumple. They enjoy volunteering and are particularly excited to help with Blowing Rock CARES. Bob grew up in Charlotte. Janet grew up in Wilmington. Bob and Janet have three grown, married children. Bob enjoys reading, hiking and fishing. Janet enjoys sewing, gardening, and reading.



HD and Sandi Wells

HD and Sandi Wells joined Rumple on December 23 as full members. They spend seven months of the year in Blowing Rock and their winters in Jupiter, Florida. Originally from West Virginia, they are both now retired. They have three grown sons, six grandsons, and one granddaughter. Sandi enjoys volunteering and is active in Circle 4 at Rumple already. HD enjoys classic car restoration.

Would you like to become a member or affiliate member of Rumple? 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.



Concerns and Cares

Rumple members Elizabeth Carter, Jim Burgess at Foley Center ;Sylvia Kiker, Roger Broeker, Barbara Scott, Brenda Lentz, Recie Craig; Bill and Pat Magruder, Erin Tobin, serving in US Army; Drew Taylor, active duty with the Coast Guard.

Family and friends of Rumple Leigh Derby's mother, June Derby; 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 .

We remember the family and friends of Opal Koone, who joined the saints of light on Tuesday, December 18.

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.

THANK YOU!

The Rumple Staff would like to thank everyone who brought Christmas gifts and goodies to us. We are truly blessed by such a wonderful congregation.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Steve Suderth
- 3 Earl Trexler
- 4 Sam Reep
- 5 Sandra Mallonee
- 5 Gary Scott
- 6 Mary Lentz
- 8 Ruth George
- 8 Dale Hodge
- 9 Bill Young
- 10 Bill Hall
- 11 Jim Graham
- 12 Anne Bernhardt
- 12 Yvonne Myers
- 15 Cullie Tarleton
- 15 Diane Williams
- 17 Claudia Kelly
- 17 Susan Suddreth
- 19 Jerry Rogers
- 23 Kim Kincaid
- 24 Dave McCollum
- 26 Sarah Jones
- 29 Michael Gray
- 29 Morgan Gibson Hess
- 30 Marilyn Brown



Rumple on a Mission

In December, Rumple and First Presbyterian Boone joined forces and took a mission team down to Wilmington, NC to aide those who were devastated by Hurricane Florence.

They worked with *WARM: Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry, Inc.* Here are some pictures from their weekend. Cristy McKinney (pictured back row, third from the left) represented Rumple on this trip.



Small Miracles, Safer Homes



SAVE THE DATE:

There will be a **Puerto Rice Mission Team** meeting on **Sunday, January 13th at 4:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our first official meeting as a team. We will have a Zoom call with our PDA partner in Puerto Rico, Ada Lis Luciano. Please let Holly or Cassidy know if you have a conflict.

If you would like to support our Mission team, as a prayer partner or through financially giving, please contact Holly Bannan.



SPECIAL THANK YOU from Kathy

I invite you to join me in thanking the four elders of the class of 2018, Barbara Julien, Danny Kirkland, Mary Lentz, and Mike Rhyne for their three years of dedicated service to the church. These elders helped to lead Rumple through a time of change and transition with grace, good humor, love and prayer. Barbara faithfully served the Congregational Care Committee and helped with safety and security issues during the past year as well. Danny served as elder liaison to the Youth Committee and is a constant champion for the youth of Rumple and always found a way to help his fellow elders laugh and smile! Mary served as the clerk, keeping up with all the elders and working along side three different pastors with different working styles and expectations- and she did it with grace and love. Mike faithfully served the Personnel Committee and helped to lead Rumple through a number of significant staff transitions, always offering support to the staff and communication with the session. I am very grateful for each one and all that they did to serve Christ's church here at Rumple and to help me in my first years in ministry here. Kathy

L—Library
RH—Rumple House
FH—Fellowship Hall

ACU—Adult Classroom Upstairs
PS—Pastor's Study

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Special Epiphany Worship 12:15 Christian Ed Mtg (L)	7	8 7:00 Youth Breakfast (YC) 6:00 VS Comm Mtg (L)	9 11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	10 10:30 Prayer Shawl(RH)	11	12
13 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Installation of Officers 12:15 Reception (Lobby) 4:00 Puerto Rico Team Mtg (FH) 5:00 Combined Youth (YC)	14 5:00Missions Comm (L)	15 11:00 -4:00 Blood Drive (FH)	16 11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	17	18	19
20 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	21 MLK Day Church Office Closed	22	23 11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	24	25	26 Youth Mission Trip Asheville, NC
27 Youth return from Asheville 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Annual Meeting 5:00 Combined Youth (YC)	28 4:00 Finance Comm (L)	29	30 11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	31		5:30 Wedding