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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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February 2019

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A Mission Church
Bringing Members In, Sending Disciples Out

Dear Rumple Family,

It is hard to believe that the first month of 2019 is nearly behind us- and what a month this January has been. We started our worship together with a wonderful Epiphany celebration including our own three kings and real baby Jesus who was fascinated with his "mother" (the youth who was dressed up as Mary) and all the folks in the congregation who were watching both of them! It was a wonderful day of light and celebration. We ended our January worship with another wonderful service, this one a service of ordination and installation for our four new elders, who will serve through 2021.

And, in between, High Country winter weather struck! For the first time in nearly 22 years of ordained ministry, I was part of a decision to cancel worship two Sundays in a row! I am very grateful for our new Facebook Live worship option when we're concerned about safety due to weather. (If I could just leave the camera alone so folks don't have to view my sermon sideways!) Our plan for future bad weather Sundays is to continue to offer worship via Facebook Live from the Keys Music Center and anyone who is able to join us there safely is welcome to join us. I'm hoping and praying for a balmy February!

During February the Vision Team (Jim Crowell, Davis Hankins, Jennie Derby, Maurice Ewing, and me) hopes to be reaching out to many of you about participating in four focus groups. These groups will offer an opportunity for Rumple Members, affiliates, and friends to gather around a particular area of church life (Worship, Education, Mission, and Community,) celebrate what is going well in these areas, and dream big about what God may be calling us to do and to be for the next 2-3 years. The Vision Team wants input from many people so we plan to set up opportunities for folks who are away from the High Country to also participate via Zoom or some other online platform. The Vision Team is excited about the work we have accomplished so far, working with the data provided by many of you who were interviewed last spring/summer by the initial Dream Team. This has been an exciting process for me to participate in, and I look forward to seeing where God leads us!

At our congregational meeting on January 27 we heard great news from the Finance Committee about both the close of 2018 and the future outlook of 2019. I remain grateful for your generosity of time, talents, and treasure which enable Rumple to be an active and mission minded community of faith where disciples of Jesus are growing, learning, serving, and rejoicing together.

I am so grateful to share in ministry with you!

Kathy

Christian Education at Rumble

A Note from our Director of Discipleship

Last November, I attended a Godly Play training in Concord, NC. As soon as the training began, I knew that I wanted to bring it back to Rumble and implement the program into our ministry for students. Godly Play is a program, based on Montessori principles, that allows children to explore their faith through story and enhance their spirituality through wonder, response, and play.

We officially started the program on Wednesdays in January; however, I introduced the program in December. "The Mystery of Christmas" that I shared in our *Time with Children* during Advent, as well as the story that inspired our Family Christmas Eve service, both came from the Godly Play curriculum.



On Wednesday afternoons, we have story time and our time "to wonder." This semester, we are exploring different Old Testament stories. It is a beautiful time, and I love hearing how our children process the sacred stories. On Sunday mornings, we are having an "extension" of Godly Play where the students can have a time to respond. This time (during the Sunday School hour) allows students to continue to process and respond, through art, through written word, and through retelling the stories.

We are currently using the side room in the nursery, and Jim Crowell made some beautiful shelves for us to store our stories (see the above picture). The children were beyond excited to see their stories had a "home." And now we could use help from our creative and artistic church members. I would like to make some of the stories ourselves, rather than purchase them all. This can be anything from cutting out wooden figures, to making sacred story boxes, and anything in between! I will be having a meeting later this month to plan and delegate crafts. If you would be interested in helping me with this, email me or call me. I love pieces that are made from members (like Jim's shelves), and I would love to have this room filled with stories made by our congregation for our students to grow their faith!

-Holly

For more information, contact Holly Bannan at rumplediscipleship@gmail.com or visit the website.

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!

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

- Feb. Youth Dates -

2/3 Combined Youth
6:15—8:30
2/10 Combined Youth
5:00—6:30
2/12 Youth Breakfast
7:00AM
2/17 Combined Youth
5:00—6:30
2/24 Combined Youth
5:00—6:30

Hymn for February by Dave McCollum

While we are still in the throes of winter, I thought it might be timely to choose a hymn that speaks to our personal desire to draw close to our Creator. We can do that in prayer, in nature, with a sunrise or sunset, or by using our minds eye to remember moments from our past. With each experience we can draw comfort and inspiration from John 15:7; "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." Inviting our Creator into our moments of solitude claims and nurtures our spirit as we attempt to live out our faith.

Our hymn for February is, "Abide With Me." Written by Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847) and William H. Monk (1823-1889). The Scripture references listed include Luke 24:29: "But they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us because it is almost evening, and the day is nearly over." There is no getting away from the sense of urgency the text writer shares in his repeated pleas for companionship.

Born in Scotland on June 1, 1793, Henry F. Lyte was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, and was a member of the Church of England all his life. He was known as a man frail in body but strong in faith and spirit. His health was continually threatened by asthma and tuberculosis despite being "a tireless worker with an established reputation as a poet, musician and minister." He is given credit for the phrase, "it is better to wear out than to rust out." He was loved wherever he served. His final twenty-three years, Lyte pastored a poor parish church among fishing people at Lower Brixham, Devonshire, England. In the later years his condition worsened, and the decision was made to seek a warmer climate in Italy. On September 4, 1847, it is recorded that "Lyte nearly had to crawl to the pulpit and his message came as from a dying man. His final words made a deep impact upon his people when he said that it was his desire to 'induce you to prepare for the solemn hour which must come to all by a timely appreciation and dependence on the death of Christ.'" On his way to Rome, Italy, he was overtaken by death at Nice, France, and was buried there in the English cemetery on November 29, 1847.

The text for "Abide With Me," was written after Lyte's decision to go to Italy. "That afternoon he walked along the coast in pensive prayer then retired to his room, emerging an hour later with a written copy of 'Abide With Me.' Some accounts indicate he wrote the poem during that hour; others say that he discovered it in the bottom of his desk as he packed for his trip to Italy, and that it had been written a quarter century earlier." Perhaps both were true, finding an early poem and revising it that evening.

The original tune was also written by Lyte, but when the text was included in Henry Ward Beecher's *Plymouth Collection* in 1855, a notation was included saying, "this hymn was meant to be read and not sung." It was later discovered by William Henry Monk, music editor of the well-known Anglican Church hymnal, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, and it was included in the first edition of that hymnal published in 1861. It was said to have taken less half an hour to compose the tune he named, "Eventide." "He was inspired by the beauty of a glorious sunset while yet experiencing a deep personal sorrow."

As you contemplate the text, you're invited to allow God's presence to settle in the moment. In all stations of life, God can and will be faithful; God will abide with you. Here is the text: 1. Abide with me fast falls the eventide, The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide; When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me! 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day, Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see, O Thou who changest not, abide with me! 3. I need Thy presence every passing hour, What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me! 4. Hold Thou Thy word before my closing eyes, Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies; Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee, In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me! 5. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, And tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, If Thou abide with me.

Dave

¹ Kenneth W. Osbeck, *101 Hymn Stories: The Inspiring True Stories Behind 101 Favorite Hymns* (Grand Rapids, MI, Kregel Publications, 1982) 16-17. The other quotes throughout the article will be taken from this resource.
² Robert J. Morgan, *Then Sings My Soul, 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories* (Nashville, TN, W Publishing, an imprint of Thomas Nelson, 2011) 119.
³ Osbeck, *101 Hymn Stories*, 17.

Rumple on a Mission

Fighting hunger is at the heart of our Presbyterian understanding of mission. Jesus fed the hungry and told his disciples to do the same. Yet, we know that hunger is an extremely complex phenomenon with economic, political and social causes. When the world tolerates the vicious suffering of hungry people, the church is called to speak out and share all that we have. When people are made poor and vulnerable or reduced to objects of pity, the church builds relationships of dignity and equality among all. Even at the risk of losing its own life, the church is called to point beyond ourselves to the new reality in Christ. Praying and working with Presbyterians and other partners, that it may be "on earth as it is in heaven" the Presbyterian Hunger Program helps the church respond to the violence of hunger and poverty.-
Presbyterian Hunger Program of the PC(USA)

February 3 - Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. FIRST SUNDAY COLLECTION - We will continue our support of Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. in 2019 with First Sunday 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 noon right here at Rumple. The February 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 on February 3rd or anytime during the month of February and leave them in the shopping cart in the church lobby.



February 24 - Pennies for Hunger Offering - Rumple collects the Pennies for Hunger "Two Cents a Meal" offering the last Sunday of every month. The offering supports the Salem Presbytery Hunger Ministry. Since 1989 Salem Presbytery has distributed more than THREE MILLION DOLLARS to feed hungry people locally and around the world!

April 7 - Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event - Rumple is partnering with St. Mary's, Appalachian State Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry, and Blowing Rock School for our 2nd annual Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event. The event is from 3-5pm at Blowing Rock School. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization based in Raleigh, NC. The packaged meals are used primarily to support school feeding programs in developing countries, including countries in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, and not only address hunger but also the related challenges of poverty, disease, education, and the welfare of women and children.



April 29 - Hospitality House dinner - 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 would like to participate in any of Rumple's winter/spring hunger and food insecurity programs, please contact the church office.

"Souper" Bowl Sunday is this Sunday, February 3rd! On this exciting day of celebration, we also want to remember those in need. Our Youth are collecting canned goods and donations that will be designated to **BR Cares**. Remember to bring your food and donations on Sunday morning. The youth will be at every entrance to collect all donations. Thank you for helping this wonderful cause!

Around Rumple

Concerns and Cares

Gus Newton; BJ Tugman, recovering after surgery; Betty Womack, recovering from Pacemaker surgery; Charleen Logan, broken hip; Bonnie Ewing, recovering from knee surgery; Don Saunders; Jack Suddreth; Norma Suddreth, recovering at home after hospital stay; Elizabeth Carter; Jim Burgess; 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; Buck and Bettye Johnson, parents of Mark Johnson; Russ Stubbs; Gus and Miriam Newton's son in law, David; Carol Capristo's mother Ruby Vincent; Elayne Bishop, chemotherapy treatment; 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; Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey; Ellen and Al Smith, missionaries in Russia, Germany, and Belarus.



We remember David and Rachel Greene whose son, David Greene, joined the saints of light on Saturday, January 26. We also remember Carolyn Nelson and her family, who's sister Joyce Rodriguez, joined the saints of light on January 15th.

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.



Did you receive a STAR WORD on Epiphany Sunday? As we mentioned that morning, and in subsequent articles in the eNews, we hope that your star word is something you will give continued prayerful consideration to. What do you hear God saying to you? Inviting you to? Challenging you with?

We'd love to hear from you about the blessings and challenges of your star words. We'll continue to ask you throughout the year as we pray for God's wisdom and clarity- like those wise ones experienced all those years ago. Share a star word story with Kathy or Holly in person or via email!

The next Second Sunday event is being hosted by the Youth and the Puerto Rico Mission Team. We will have refreshments in the lobby area, immediately following our worship service on February 10th. We will have a Puerto Rican theme. Come support our Youth Mission team and try some tasty desserts!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Patty Alexander
- 3 Molly Gilleskie
- 4 Spencer Clary
- 4 Randy Saunders
- 7 Jackie Kirkland
- 7 Debra Shore
- 7 Nancy Trexler
- 8 Judy Veorse
- 9 Jacob Bannan
- 9 Charles Cawthorne
- 10 Ed Cummer
- 11 Welborn Alexander
- 12 Candice Horton
- 13 Brent Gurkin
- 15 Oliver Julien
- 15 Robert Shirley
- 15 Heather Johnson
- 17 Jack Suddreth
- 18 Kaye Morgan
- 19 Marion Thorn
- 19 Karen Graham
- 19 Betsy Helms
- 19 Darmody Tausche
- 19 Bill Taylor
- 20 Dan McLamb
- 23 Tori Wright
- 24 Rick Herndon
- 24 Wayne Holliday
- 27 Tom Carpenter
- 28 Caroline Beach-Verhey



THANK YOU!

We received a generous gift of *Johnson&Johnson* stock, in late 2018. If this was your donation, please let Hazel know so we can say thank you and credit you for this gift. When you write a check or donation, make sure you fill out the memo line so it gets to the appropriate budget.



Around Rumble

Parking Lot Fundraising

The Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church parking lots are available to church groups and community organizations to use as fundraising opportunities. Rumble groups may each use the parking lot up to two times a year for fundraising purposes.

The deadline to sign up for 2019 parking lot dates is May 1, 2019. After this date, community groups may request fundraising use of the parking lot on any remaining available dates. The dates will be assigned in the order the requests are made. Please email Hazel to request your date(s), office@rumplechurch.org.

2019 Dates:

May 25 —Art in the Park	Oct 5 —Art in the Park
June 15 —Art in the Park	Oct 12 —October Sat
July 6 —4th of July parade	Oct 26 —October Sat
July 13 —Art in the Park	Nov 29 (Fri) - Christmas in the Park
Aug 10 —Art in the Park	Nov 30 —Christmas parade
Sept 7 —Art in the Park	



“WHAT’S STRONG IN YOU?”

Save the date! The WCCI Conference 2019 will be held Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Watauga High School, from 8am—4pm. There will be classes in the areas of: trauma prevention, trauma treatment, promoting health, promoting resilience, creating safe, nurturing spaces, and creating safe, nurturing relationships. Registration is required and opens February 1.

Session Highlights—January 2019

Kathy called the meeting to order and began the meeting with prayer.

Kathy provided the devotion which was a passage from Luke 5: 1-11. “Be fishers of men.” Prayer concerns were expressed for members of the congregation and our community.

The annual report from Blowing Rock Cares was received and a motion was made to accept it.

Kathy led the session in a discussion about our inclement weather policy and the session agreed to continue with Facebook Live services.

The session also:

- Agreed to apply to Duke Divinity School for a ministry intern for 10 weeks for the summer of 2019.
- Agreed with a request from the BRHS to move the Ginny Stevens Lane sign to the Rumble side of the street pending conversation with the original naming committee and the town.
- Approved 3 new trustees for the Endowment Board.
- Voted on a slightly tweaked 2019 Budget, with projected increased income for 2019.
- Approved a new van policy after the church van was sold last month.
- Approved communion dates for 2019, two worship services to begin 5/26 and continue through 9/1, combined Palm Sunday worship with Blowing Rock Churches at 9:30 in Memorial Park, a new Good Friday service with First Presbyterian in Boone, and three services on Easter: sunrise in the park, 9 and 11 in the sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Salthouse, Clerk

ACU—Adult Classroom Upstairs
PS—Pastor’s Study
KMC—Keys Music Center

L—Library
RH—Rumble House
FH—Fellowship Hall

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Youth Committee (YC)	4	5	6	7	8	9
6:15 Combined Youth			11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir			
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Refreshments (Lobby)	11	12	13	14	15	.16
5:00 Combined Youth (YC)	7:00 Youth Breakfast (YC)		11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)		
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Christian Ed Mtg (L) 12:15 Worship Comm (KMC)	5:00Missions Comm (L)	19	20	21	22	23
5:00 Combined Youth (YC)	1:30 Wedding Coordinator Mtg (L)		11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir			
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	18	26	27	28		
4:00 Puerto Rico Team Mtg (FH) 5:00 Combined Youth (YC)	5:00 Session Mtg (RH)		11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir			