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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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Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
SLATE and STONE

March 2019

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

Dear Rumple Family,

As March fast approaches, so does the season of Lent. I have been fond of this season since I was a teenager- which may sound a bit strange. But, growing up in a community that was predominantly Roman Catholic, I learned a lot about Lent and about the personal sacrifices the faithful made in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. As I have entered middle age, I have been less focused on what I might give up (maybe because years of trying to give up sweets or chocolate, with varying degrees of success, was wearing me out) and more focused on using this set apart season to focus on the story and taking something new on. I have become increasingly convinced that the Good News of New Life that we celebrate in Easter joy has greater meaning in my life and for my faith journey if I have intentionally journeyed with Jesus to Jerusalem and the cross. The story of new life emerging from death is the central message of our Christian faith. An intentional Lent provides us time to study, pray, worship, and serve as we seek to understand this deep truth more and more.

This Slate and Stone includes an insert about a variety of opportunities Rumple has to offer - for folks of all ages- this Lent. There are study groups and a big community wide mission project (Rise Against Hunger on 4/7), daily email devotions, caterpillars that will grow into Easter butterflies, and a sermon series on Sunday mornings. I hope that there is something that speaks to you and a way you can "take on" something this Lent.

As I look towards March I am also excited about a big event planned by the Vision Team, who have been working at the Session's invitation, on strategic planning for Rumple. On Sunday, March 31, the Vision Team hopes to be joined by upwards of 50 of you, some in person and some via technology, to dream big for the next few years of Rumples life and ministry together. The day will involve focus groups exploring ideas in four areas of church life: Worship, Education, Mission, and Community. If you have questions, please contact Elders Jim Crowell or Davis Hankins.

As the days get longer, I also know that summer is coming and that means many familiar faces will be returning to the pews at Rumple. We year-rounders look forward to your return, summer and seasonal members and friends.

Blessings,
Kathy

Christian Education at Rumble

Being Intentional

Last month, I traveled to Galveston, TX for the Annual conference for Presbyterian Christian Educators. Despite the weather (I felt like I took the High Country weather with me), it was a beautiful time of worship, learning, and dreaming of ways we can continue to transform faith formation here at Rumble.

I attended a variety of workshops, including one for Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry (POAM) and one for families called “Baptism and Beyond.” After both of these workshops, I left with a deeper longing for inter-generational opportunities.

We have such a unique congregation, very different from other churches where I have worked and attended. We have a thriving group of regular attendees, a wonderful group of seasonal members, and a makeup of many generations. Sundays are a beautiful time, full of joy and fellowship. You can truly feel the warmth within the walls as we gather each week.

While our needs might be different, I feel there is a common thread amongst all of us— the need for community. The need to be together, to worship, to learn from one another. For me, it comes down to being intentional.

This intentionality starts on Sunday. I am so excited to have our Inter-generational Lent Workshop. We will be making boxes that will be shared throughout Lent. Each box contains pictures of Jesus throughout his life and ministry and “I wonder...” questions that allow families to connect their own lives to the different stories found in scripture. We have parents/grandparents bringing their children, and we also have grandparents coming to make a box that can be shared with their out-of-town grandchildren. It will be a beautiful time of fellowship as we prepare for Lent.

Let’s be intentional.

-Holly

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!

-March Youth Dates-

3/3 Combined Youth
5:00—6:30

3/10 Combined Youth
5:00—6:30

3/12 Youth Breakfast
7:00AM

3/17 Combined Youth
5:00—6:30

3/24 Combined Youth
5:00—6:30

IRON CHEF

3/26 HS Breakfast
7:00AM

**3/24 Mission Team
meeting at 4:00PM**

Hymn for March by Dave McCollum

Although most people have heard of Christian missionaries and know they leave home to share the love of Christ in a foreign land, only one has achieved a secular holiday, that being St. Patrick, missionary to Ireland. Patrick has even established a distinct color representing the holiday – green. St. Patrick did not personally pen the words to this month’s hymn, “Be Thou My Vision,” but the hymn was written as a result of his evangelistic efforts.

Patrick, born in A.D. 373, was the son of a deacon and a grandson of a priest. Born in Scotland on the banks of the River Clyde, he was taken to Ireland at age 16 against his will by pirates to be a slave. It was there that he gave his life to the Lord. “The Lord opened my mind to an awareness of my unbelief,” he later wrote, “in order that I might remember my transgressions and turn with all my heart to the Lord my God.”

Patrick eventually escaped and returned home. At age 30, however, following a dream reminiscent of Paul’s vision of the Macedonian Man in Acts 16, Patrick saw an Irishman pleading with him to come evangelize Ireland. Going against the will of his family, he returned to his former captors with only one book, the Latin Bible. Although the superstitious Druids opposed him and sought his death, Patrick’s preaching was powerful, and he became one of the most fruitful evangelists of all time “establishing 200 churches and baptizing 100,000 converts.”

“His work endured, and several centuries later, the Irish church was still producing hymns, prayers, sermons, and songs of worship. In the eighth century, an unknown poet wrote a prayer asking God to be his Vision, his Wisdom, and his Best Thought by day or night.”

It wasn’t until 1905, that Mary Elizabeth Byrne, a scholar from Dublin, Ireland, translated this ancient Irish poem into English. But it was Eleanor Hull of Manchester, England, another scholar that took Byrne’s translation and crafted it into verses with rhyme and meter. A short time later it was set to a traditional Irish folk song, “Slane,” named for an area in Ireland where Patrick reportedly challenged local Druids with the gospel. “Slane,” first appeared in Patrick W. Joyce’s *Old Irish Folk Music and Songs (1909)*, set to the text “With my love on the road.” It was harmonized by David Evans and set to this text for the revised Church Hymnary (Edinburgh, 1927). Slane is a hill some ten miles from Tara in County Meath where Ireland’s patron saint, Patrick (ca. 389-461), lit the paschal fire on Easter eve, challenging King Loegaire.

The text for the hymn varies with most hymnals featuring four stanzas. A fifth stanza (stanza three) using battle imagery (Be thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight) is often omitted. Our current hymnal (Glory to God) utilizes an alternate ending to stanza two that replaces gender specific language (son). Originally, following the text, “Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; the last two lines read “Thou my great Father and I, Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.” It was replaced with, “thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.”

Here is the text from the Glory to God hymnal: 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power. 3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art. 4. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Dave

¹ Robert J. Morgan, *Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World’s Greatest Hymn Stories* (W Publishing, Nashville, TN, 2011) 5. All other references in the article are found in this reference unless otherwise noted.

² William J. Reynolds, *Hymns of Our Faith* (Broadman Press, Nashville, TN, 1964) 22.

³ The full stanza can be found at the following webpage: https://hymnary.org/text/be_thou_my_vision_o_lord_of_my_heart

Rumple on a Mission

O God, Send your Spirit and renew the face of the earth; teach us to be compassionate toward the whole human family; strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace; lead all nations into the path of peace, and give us that peace which the world cannot give. Amen.
-Book of Common Worship, 797-798



March 3 - Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. FIRST SUNDAY COLLECTION - 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 March 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 March 3rd or anytime during the month of March and leave them in the shopping cart in the church lobby.

March 31 - 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, including a grant program that supports our own Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. Since 1989 Salem Presbytery has distributed more than THREE MILLION DOLLARS to feed hungry people locally and around the world! Bring your pennies, other change, dollars, and/or checks made out to Rumple with Pennies for Hunger on the memo line on March 31.

April 7 from 3-5pm at Blowing Rock School -

Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event - Rumple is partnering with St. Mary's, St. Mark's, and Appalachian State Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry, and Blowing Rock School for our 2nd annual Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event. 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. Visit their website for more information, www.riseagainsthunger.org. If you would like to volunteer for the meal-packaging event, please call or email Hazel, 828-295-7675, office@rumplechurch.org.

April 29 - Hospitality House dinner - Rumple helps serve our neighbors in need by preparing and serving dinner every 5th Monday at the Hospitality House in Boone. Rumple's first HH dinner in 2019 is April 29. If you would like to help cook and/or serve, please contact Judy Carr, carrjoeandjudy@gmail.com, or Betty Harwood, foggyrock@charter.net.

If you would like to volunteer for Rise Against Hunger, please sign up in the church office.



Around Rumple

Concerns and Cares

Miriam Newton, recovering from a broken leg; **Melinda Wright**, shoulder surgery on 2/27; Rita White's son, **Zach**, recovering from back surgery; **Gus Newton; Byron and Charleen Logan; Don Saunders; 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 Judy Lilly and family, who's brother, Ron Lilly, passed away on February 11; We also remember Cassidy Nooner, who's grandfather, Darrell Clarence "Curley" Nooner; Zach, passed away on February 6.

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.

Jack and Norma Suddreth would like to give a special "Thank You" for all of the prayers, calls, and concerns during their recent illnesses.

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!



Our next Second Sunday lunch will be held on Sunday, March 10th. We will be having Soup and Salad. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship for fun and fellowship.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Greg Tarbutton
- 2 Joshua Lewis-Lentz Grimes
- 3 Cindy Lentz
- 3 Linda Jerger
- 3 Richard Bird
- 4 Herman Godwin
- 5 Emma Liesegang
- 5 Margaret Hayden- Carpenter
- 6 Kay Herndon
- 6 Carol Capristo
- 6 Leslie Novilla
- 6 Adrienne Washer
- 6 Susan Wilson
- 6 Marshall Womack
- 8 Evan Adair
- 8 Bill Cuthill
- 8 Audrey Gurkin
- 8 Myra Shore
- 9 H.D. Wells
- 10 Jo Allison Clary
- 10 Miriam Newton
- 11 Lee Moore
- 13 Charles Coley
- 16 Matt Jay
- 17 Elaine Crowell
- 18 Mary Hutchens
- 18 John Beall
- 19 Sandi Wells
- 21 Charles Carter
- 23 Ashley Greene
- 24 Alex Bernhardt
- 24 Janice Maner
- 25 Janice Burns
- 26 Don Saunders
- 26 Jim Scott
- 29 Terry Lentz
- 31 Debra Norville



Around Rumple

Save the Date!



July 22-25, 2019, Rumple is hosting a **Music and Missions Camp!** This 4-day camp will give students a chance to learn a musical, hear a bible story, and have the opportunity to learn about and participate in local missions (ex. BR Cares). They will present their musical on Sunday,

July 28 during the 11am worship service. For more information, please visit the church website.



One Great Hour *One Great*
OF SHARING *Hour* is a

Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters around the world. Our students will get their fish boxes in worship on March 10 to collect their offerings. As a congregation, we will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday; however, you can give anytime during the Lenten season. For more information, you can visit their website at onegreathourofsharing.org.

Session Highlights—February 2019

Kathy began the meeting with prayer.
Jim Crowell offered the devotion from the Book of Virtues.

Pastor Report: Kathy Beach presented to Session that there is an opportunity for her to apply for and work toward a Doctorate of Ministry through Union Theological Seminary. This will be a hybrid program, consisting of online courses and day trips to Charlotte.

Kathy stated we are again seeking to coordinate with other churches and institutions to open our church during the art in the park series this summer.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Cullie reported that pledge receipts during January have been strong. The van sale has been finalized and the receipts will be placed in a restricted account for designated travel use going forward.

Christian Ed: Lynne reported that there will be a change in children's church due to such a small number of children now attending. K-1 will go to the nursery after the children's sermon. Children in grades 2-5 will have access to "education in the pews" packets during worship.

Youth: Mike reported that the summer mission trip continues to raise money for the trip. There are 16 people planning to attend with a total of 10 youth. Opportunities will be available for the congregation to sponsor the mission trip through purchase of materials i.e. work gloves etc.

Missions: Misty stated that missions is continuing their emphasis on hunger and food insecurity through winter with a summer focus on food for families. WCCI Watauga Compassionate Care Initiative will again hold a training session. Tuition cost is \$25 and the attendance limit is 400. This program fills quickly so interested individuals should register soon.

Vision Team: Davis reported the formation of focus groups at the end of March to cover the four cornerstones of the Vision team, Community, Worship, Mission, and Education.

The Rumple Presbyterian Corporation held a brief meeting at the end of the Session meeting. Kathy led the group in prayer as Session dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
Curt Salthouse, Clerk

Would you like to become a member or affiliate member of Rumple? There is a Welcome Class on Sunday, March 10 at 9:30am. If you are interested in joining, contact Hazel in the church office.

March 2019

L—Library
RH—Rumple House
FH—Fellowship Hall
ACU—Adult Classroom Upstairs
PS—Pastor's Study
KMC—Keys Music Center

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Lent Workshop (FH) 11:00 Worship 12:15 Christian Ed Mtg (L) 5:00 Combined Youth (YC)	8:30 Personnel Comm	7:00 Youth Breakfast (YC) 9:30 Bible Study (L)	11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 6:00 Ash Wednesday service 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)	8	9
10 Daylights Savings 9:15 Centering Prayer class (ACU) 9:30 Welcome Class (PS) 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Second Sunday Lunch 5:00 Combined Youth (YC)	4:30 Walking Group 5:00 Missions Comm (L)	7:00 Youth Breakfast (YC) 9:30 Bible Study (L)	11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion 4:30 Walking Group 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	14	15	16
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