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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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SLATE and STONE JANUARY 2020

A Missional Church Called to Worship Empowered to Serve Inspiring Disciples, Creating Community

Dear Rumple Family,

Happy New Year! I am still getting used to writing and typing 2020. It seems strange. As we begin this new year I am still basking in the joy of the Advent and Christmas seasons at Rumple. What joyful seasons they were with wonderful music, Christmas Eve with joyful children and candlelight, and a fun Epiphany celebration to close it out this past Sunday.

As this new year begins there is a lot that is happening in the life and ministry of Rumple that is exciting. I believe this is going to be a busy and a wonderful year for us in this church! There is so much I am looking forward to. This week the Session will meet with our liaison from Salem Presbytery's Committee on Ministry who will explain the process for searching for an associate pastor, so that the Nominating Committee can get to work on presenting a slate for an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (who will need to be elected at a congregational meeting.) Next week the Implementation Team will meet again and continue to discuss how and when to implement the "big ideas" in Community, Missions, Education, and Worship that emerged from last year's vision process. A group is at work to assess our properties and what our needs are for repairing, upgrading, and maintaining our wonderful campus. And, all this is in addition to the wonderful work of ministry that happens each and every day under the direction of our ten session committees, their subcommittees, Presbyterian Women, Sunday School classes, youth fellowship, and more!

We have great opportunities in 2020 to continue to make an impact in the name of Jesus Christ through Rumple's mission and ministry and I look forward to sharing in this important work with so many of you.

Every blessing in 2020! Kathy

CHANGE IS COMING WITH Slate and Stone. Beginning in February, Slate and Stone will migrate to becoming an electronic, email newsletter. The Session has voted to experiment with this method of monthly communication for a few months. Slate and Stone will be emailed out and will be available on the church website as well. But, do not worry! If you still prefer to receive a paper copy of the Slate and Stone, it will be available to you- you just need to request a paper copy. Please contact Jessica, during the month of January, if you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the Slate and Stone,

office@rumplechurch.org, 828.295.7675 ext. 13

Children's Ministry

CAROLING AT THE FOLEY CENTER







Youth Ministry

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY



RUMPLE WELCOMES NEW YOUTH INTERNS

Rumple welcomes Evan Adair and Lottie Godsey as our co-youth interns for Spring 2020. Evan and Lotte are no strangers to Rumple and no strangers to our youth either. They both began as volunteers with the youth when Cassidy Nooner was our youth intern. Then, this past fall, when we knew that Cassidy would soon be graduating, the Personnel Committee asked Evan and Lottie to take on a very part-time staff role as "understudies" to Cassidy. Now, they have taken over as our youth interns. They will share the duties that Cassidy has had with our youth ministry through the end of this school year. Thank you Evan and Lottie for your dedication to the Rumple Youth. If you don't know either of these great young adults, please introduce yourself to them. You can usually find them with the youth in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings or at the Youth Cottage on Sunday evenings.





Around Rumple

ANGEL TREE

Many thanks to both Rumple members and friends of Rumple who so generously provided Christmas gifts for local children and food cards for their families. This year we were able to help thirty-eight children and their twenty-six families.







ELDERBERRY PROJECT

CIRCLE 4 WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE who participated in the Elderberry Project. We were able to fulfill the wish list for 20 elders and provide extra treats as well. Cards, made by the children on Wednesday afternoons, accompanied all the gifts.







Around Rumple

Women Together, a new group for women under 50, will be meet again in January. Details are still being finalized. Childcare will again be provided in the church nursery. If you do not receive emails about this group, but would like to, please speak to Kathy or Stephanie or email them. This group is still forming so new women are always welcome.



Presbyterian Women Circle News and Meetings

Moderator Linda Mauldin 295-3327 Co-Moderator Lynn Henderson 289-9938

All women who are church members, visitors and friends are invit-All women who are church members, visitors and friends are invited to join other women at our circle meetings and mission experiences throughout the year. Specific information about when and where the circles meet is detailed below, on the website and a flyer in the information tray in the lobby. A directory of women attending Rumple is in a pink booklet also in the tray. See more information in the article 'Around Rumple'. We look forward to having 'girl time' together as we continue to live a loving and compassionate life with God's grace.

Circle I—meets the first Monday of the month August through May at 6:00 in the Rumple House.
Teresa Lentz (295-3276 or 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)

Circle III meets the third Monday each month May through October at 10:00 in the Rumple House or at members house please con-

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 Rumple House.
Mary Holstein(828-295-4561) or marybholstein@gmail.com

Circle V meets the first Wednesday of the month April through December at 9:30 in the Rumple House.
Kathy Earley (263-0255 or <u>kathyearley50@gmail.com</u>)

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

GRANDFATHER HOME CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH RUMPLE







Rumple on a Mission

Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind..... You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two com*mands.*" (Matthew 22.34-40, from the Common English Bible)



Many THANKS to all that helped Rumple Missions reach new heights in 2019! From Habitat houses, to Blowing Rock CARES, to Grandfather Home, to hurricane relief efforts, and more, Rumple folks helped those in need with time, talent, and resources. Thank YOU!

Your Rumple Missions Committee now has 4 "project groups" to help manage all of the many outreach efforts we are involved in. Here they are, each with a few examples of outreach projects:

BEYOND LOCAL MISSIONS - Presbyterian Disaster Relief, support for our missionaries in Russia, adult and youth mission trips, Rise Against Hunger (this project will be set up again for spring at BR school!).

LOCAL HUNGER/FOOD INSECURITY - Hospitality House meals, Pennies for Hunger, Blowing Rock CARES food pantry, Food 4 Families.

HEALTHCARE/HOUSING/TRAUMA/ELDERLY - Habitat for Humanity, WAMY, High Country Area Agency on Aging, OASIS, Elderberry project, Watauga Project on Aging home delivered meals, Comm. Health Clinic.

YOUTH CARE & EDUCATION NEEDS - Grandfather Home for Children, Angel Tree, Back 2 School, PECM (campus ministry at ASU), Western Youth Network, Children's Council of Watauga (diaper collection, etc.).

See something here that you would like to be involved in? The Missions Committee would be happy to have you join us, either in a project group or on the full committee. Contact David Hardage to join in, (980) 207-8917 (text or call), or <u>dhardage@gmail.com</u> Happy New Year!



Around Rumple

DIAPER DRIVE thanks to all who participated in the diaper drive. We were able to donate 1311 diapers to The Children's Council of Watauga County.



Grateful Rumple continues to make an impact in this new year! The generosity of Rumple members, affiliate members, and friends has resulted in the largest sum, over \$390,000, in "estimates of giving" to Rumple in over 11 years! The number of families and individuals who have made an estimate of giving or contributed a time and talent sheet is the largest in seven years. This is very exciting news! This level of generosity will enable Rumple's mission and ministry to continue to expand and make an impact in this new year. It will be exciting to see all that God is able to do in and through Rumple in this new year.



Rumple will ordain and install five new elders during worship on Sunday, January 19. This is a special act of the whole church and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the gifts that God has given to these newly elected elders: Adele Dunbar, Maurice Ewing, Cristy McKinney, Carol Rives, and Bob Stout. After worship that morning the Fellowship Committee will host a reception in honor of the newly ordained and installed elders.

STAR WORDS On Epiphany Sunday all in worship received a **star gift**- a gift of a simple word on a star to ponder for the year. If you were not able to make it to worship but would like a word for this new year, please call 828-295-7675 or <a href="mailto:email

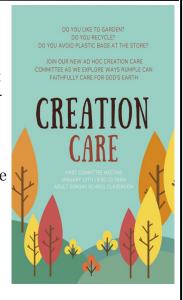


CALL FOR CREATION CARE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Do you like to garden? Or does your family recycle? Or maybe you avoid those omnipresent plastic bags at the Food Lion? Does reducing your carbon footprint seem like an admirable goal? Then you would be a valuable asset to our most exciting new group- the Creation Care Ad Hoc Committee, newly approved by the Session.

As a result of conversations with Dr Norman Wirzba about his work, including Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating, there was considerable interest in what we as a congregation can do to be better stewards of the God's world. This committee will brainstorm possible actions from planting a vegetable garden to investigating the use of solar panels.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact Stephanie Hankins, (828) 295-7675 or email parishassociate@rumplechurch.org.



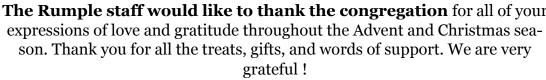
Around Rumple

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Justin Davis on the death of his father, Joey, on 1/5; Palmer (Candice & Paul Horton's granddaughter); Harriet McNair (Kim Kincaid's mother); Earl Trexler, Wes Thompson, Cliff Layman (husband of Holly D'Addurno), Debra Norville on death of her mother on 12/7; John Beall on death of his brother on 12/13; Cassidy Nooner's grandfather, Wyatt Clark; Susan Kirkland (Danny's mom) at Foley Center; Taylor Aldridge Higdon (Lucy and John's daughter); Linda Jerger; Oliver Julien; Betty Kern (Debra Brenner's Mom); Barbara Leon's aunt; Adele Dunbar's sister-in-law, Wilkie Pitman; Don Saunders; Lucy Aldridge; AdaLis Andujar, Sammy Andujar; Leslie Novilla's daughter and friend, Meg and Barbara; Bob Young; Gus Newton; Vicki Cawthorne; Margaret Townsend; David Bartlett; Ruth George; Byron and Charleen Logan; Jim Burgess; Jim and Barbara Scott; Recie Craig; Bill and Pat Magruder; Erin Tobin, serving in US Army; Drew Taylor, active duty with the Coast Guard; Bettye Johnson,; Gus and Miriam Newton's son in law, David; Carol Capristo's mother, Ruby Vincent; Jan McClure, Holly Bannan's mother; Grover Gore, Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey; Ellen and Al Smith, missionaries in Russia, Germany.

CONGRATULATIONS to Cassidy Nooner, our youth intern, who graduated from ASU on Friday, December 13, with a degree in music therapy. We thank her for her 2 1/2 years of ministry at Rumple and wish her God's blessings on her next endeavors. She will spend the winter and spring doing a music therapy internship in Columbia, SC.







JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1. Steve Suddreth
- 3. Earl Trexler
- 4. Sam Reep
- 5. Sandra Mallonee
- 5. Gary Scott
- 5. Daniel Coffey
- 6. Mary Lentz8. Ruth George
- 8. Dale Hodge
- 9. Bill Young
- 10. Bill Hall
- 11. Jim Graham
- 12. Anne Bernhardt
- 12. Yvonne Myers
- 14. Lynn Henderson
- 15. Cullie Tarleton
- 15. Diane Williams
- 17. Susan Suddreth
- 19. Jerry Rogers
- 23. Kim Kincaid
- 24. Dave McCollum
- 27. Cathie Wiggins
- 27. Finley Dula
- 29. Michael Gray
- 30. Marilyn Brown



Hymn for JANUARY by Dave McCollum

I begin this month's hymn article with a quote by Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the great English Particular Baptist preacher of the late 19th century. Here is the quote: "We can learn nothing of the gospel except by feeling its truths. There are some sciences that may be learned by the head, but the science of Christ crucified can only be learned by the heart." Spurgeon suggests that regardless of our intellectual ability, we are drawn to the truth of the gospel through a heartfelt moment. That moment may be a result of a particular Scripture heard or experienced at just the right time and circumstance. That moment may occur by connecting with a piece of music: a hymn, a choir anthem, a solo sung in earnest. That moment may occur during prayer: corporate prayer in worship or individual prayer when we dare to reveal our inmost thoughts.

In the tradition in which I was raised we ended each Sunday morning worship service with an altar call. Following the sermon, the tradition attempted to create such a moment as a response to hearing God's word. The preacher invited the members of the congregation to make a public profession of faith. The trouble with that tradition in my home church was the infrequency of visitors. There was rarely a public response to the invitation. Nevertheless, the moment was observed so each worshiper could contemplate the meaning of the music and words of the preceding service.

This month's hymn, "Softly and Tenderly," was a favorite for just such an occasion. The stanzas set up the circumstances that frame Jesus' invitation to each one of us. The stanzas are followed by a refrain that simply admonishes us to "come home."

"The text and tune writer, Will L. Thompson (1847-1909) was born at East Liverpool, Ohio on November 7, 1847." "Thompson's father, Josiah Thompson, was a member of the Ohio State Legislature for two terms." Thompson attended Boston Music from 1870-73. He furthered his study of music in Germany. "His chief ambition always was to write music for the people." He enjoyed a lucrative career in writing secular music but later in life decided to turn his talents to writing gospel hymns. "He eventually started his own publishing and music store business in East Liverpool and Chicago, Illinois. His business earned him a sizable income in his lifetime, yet he was always known as a kind, quiet and unassuming Christian gentleman, greatly loved and admired by his associates." He traveled by horse and buggy from one small community to another throughout Ohio singing his songs to people wherever he went.

Will Thompson was a personal friend of evangelist D. L. Moody. "Softly and Tenderly," was a particular favorite of the evangelist and was said to have shared on his deathbed while being visited by Thompson, "Will, I would rather have written 'Softly and Tenderly' than anything I have been able to do I my whole life."

While the Presbyterian worship order does not traditionally use an altar call, there are several moments in worship that invite participation of the heart. At Rumple we are invited to use the Prelude each Sunday to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Our Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon compels us to consider our personal relationship to God and our neighbor. And as recently as this past Advent season, we were invited to "Wait for the Lord," our theme for Advent that was sung by the congregation at the beginning of each service. We also observe special services designed to give voice and prayer to particular seasons: Hope and Remembrance at Christmas, Lenton expressions, Easter, Pentecost, All-Saints observance, etc. Music greatly enhances these services and allows the worshiper to experience God's love through word and song. Songs like "Softly and Tenderly," help express the Truth of the gospel speaking directly to our hearts. Here is stanza one: Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, come home. Ye who are weary, come home; Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling - Calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Dave

1 Kenneth W. Osbeck, 101Hymns Stories: The Inspiring True Stories Behind 101 Favorite Hymns (Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, MI, 1982) 230-231. All remaining quotes are from this source unless otherwise noted.

Around Rumple

Session Notes for November and December 2019

Kathy Beach called the meeting to order and requested Session begin with silent reflection and prayer.

Cullie Tarleton provided devotions reading from Matthew 25 beginning with verse 32 the story of the separation of sheep and goats. He then challenged Session to reflect on times when we might turn away from someone begging for food or money, or someone not having enough to pay at the checkout counter, or someone in an old broken-down vehicle on the road when we could have helped. He then shared a personal story about a friend who upon arriving in a city discovered he had packed only heavier long sleeve shirts and had only \$20 cash on him and was going to a department store to buy a short-sleeved shirt. His friend was met outside by a man begging for help admitting his shortcomings and hoping to get his life straightened out. His friend gave the man his only money and as the beggar left, he turned and asked his friend, "are you Jesus?", to which Cullie's friend replied, "No I thought you were."

Kathy then shared concerns for church members, family and friends. Which was concluded with prayer.

Session broke into small groups to speak with and examine new elders for the class of 2022 with one elder for the class of 2021. After meeting in groups all reported back and all new members, Adele Dunbar, Maurice Ewing, Cristy McKinney, Carol Rives and Bob Stout were recommended to be accepted and installed in January of 2020. The motion was approved unanimously.

A discussion occurred about the increasing encumbrance of providing a mailed Slate and Stone each month. A weekly e-news is currently being provided and after discussion it was determined to experiment with making the Slate and Stone an email newsletter for a trial period.

Session heard reports from several committees.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,

Curt Salthouse, clerk

A brief called meeting was held on December 8th at 9:00 am in the Adult Classroom.

Kathy Beach began the meeting with prayer.

A final adjusted expense budget and the revenue budget for 2020 was presented to Session and approved.

Officers for 2020 were voted on including

Clerk of Session: Curt Salthouse

Disbursing Treasurers: Jim Clabough, Mike Steele

23 receiving treasurers.

All were approved.

Officers for the corporation for 2020 were submitted: Lynne Waugh, President, Kathy Earley, Vice President, Mike Steele, Treasurer, and Curt Salthouse, Secretary. All officers were approved.

Our church annual congregational meting was set for Sunday February 2nd, 2020 following worship.

Having no further business, the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,

Curt Salthouse, Clerk

Around Rumple and In the Community

"Who's In The Pews?"

Called to Worship-Empowered to Serve-A Missional Church-Inspiring Disciples- Creating Community

In order to foster our Rumple sense of community we feature a member of our congregation that is making a difference. This month I am pleased to share with you, Emma Liesegang.

Emma's parents are Dr. Glen and Linda along with sister Holly. A true Rumple family, I posed a few questions to know her a bit better. Emma, your parents are so dedicated to church and community with their many activities. What does their dedication mean to you and how does that affect your outlook on life? "My whole life I've watched my parents dedicate their time and skills to serving others. My mother helps provide essential medications to the community, and my dad dedicates his energy into helping his patients access quality care regardless of their financial situation. They have helped me see the numerous benefits of contributing to society and our local community, and the fulfillment that accompanies helping others with no expectation of anything in return."

You have been involved with Rumple Youth for many years. Relate some of the activities that gave back to church, community and our world that meant the most to you. "Rumple youth has provided me with so many mission opportunities and experiences. I've always most enjoyed projects where we could help serve people a meal or help sort food in any number of food banks. Food is so essential - not just for survival, but for health, for a sense of security, for happiness."

You are a rising High School Senior, what school activities are you presently involved with and what are your plans after graduation? "I'm involved with a variety of school activities. I'm taking AP Studio Art, and I am the secretary of Watauga's National Art Honors Society. I am also the secretary of Performing Arts Honor Society and I've enjoyed the amazing experience of playing in our Honors Orchestra for three years. I joined the high school's Honors Choir this year. I graduate at the end of this school year and I have been accepted to UNC- Asheville where I am considering studying Art Therapy."

You have showcased your musical talent many times during services at Rumple. What instruments do you play? What instrument do you find the most challenging, which the most enjoyable and why? "I play piano, cello, and handbells. Cello is definitely the most challenging. Piano has always clicked with me so to speak, it's how I de-stress, how I express myself. It's my favorite instrument, and I've played for 11 years now. I love cello, and I love working with my orchestra to create a beautiful piece of music as a team. I think it's the most challenging because you are working with so many other people and you must all work closely together and cooperate at all times"

Lately you have been given the opportunity to push your vocal skills with the choir. Since his arrival I have been a fan of Dave McCollum. How has he mentored you? Describe your comradery with the Choir. "Dave has been at the church for many years now, and it's been a delight to sing in choir and learn from him. He always made sure I knew I had an open invitation to come and sing with the adult choir and when the time came that I felt ready to join our choir I knew I was welcome there. I love our choir. We're an odd bunch. A group of retirees, several college scholars, and one high schooler. Somehow the generational gap(s) seems to vanish in choir, and we always find some way to all laugh together, celebrate together, grieve together. I love our choir and will miss each and every one of them when I leave Rumple."

I asked Dave his thoughts on Emma and he shared, "Emma is one of those rare individuals that has music so deep in her soul that is has to find a way out! Emma has attended the Music and Worship Conference at Montreat every summer without fail. Rumple has also had the benefit of Emma's creativity in her artwork for bulletin covers. I was thrilled when she joined the adult choir. Her pure soprano voice is pitch perfect and she has even stepped up to do some solo work with the choir. I'm very proud of all of her accomplishments and we are all the better for sharing a church home with Emma"

This isn't a fair question but where to you see yourself in five years? "Five years from now I would like to be done with my undergraduate studies. Preferably I would also like to own a Cat by then too."

What a pleasure it has been sharing with Emma and I look forward to February when we'll get to know another Rumple member making a difference.

Jeff Stewart

CALENDAR January 2020

January 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|--------|----------|
| 29 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Wor- ship | 30 | 31 | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed | 2 1:00 PM THREADS | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Epiphany 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Wor- ship 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship | Epiphany 6:00 PM Circle 1 | | 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Youth & Children 5:30 PM Session Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Choir | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer Shawl 2:15 Nominating Cmte. | | |
| 12 9:30 Creation Care Ad Hoc Mtg. 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Wor- ship 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship- deadline for Montreat deposit | 2:00 PM Circle 2 | 14 7:00 AM Youth Break- fast 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM BR Cares Board Meeting | 15 8:15 Program Staff Planning 12:15 Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Youth & Children 6:00 Handbells 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Choir | 1:00 PM THREADS | 17 | 18 |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Wor- ship 12:15 PM Congregational Care Meeting 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship | 5:30 PM Session Meeting | 7:00 AM Senior High Youth Breakfast | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Youth & Children 6:00 Handbells 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Choir | | | |

L—Library RH—Rumple House FH— Fellowship Hall MP—Memorial Park ACU-Adult Class Room Upstairs