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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.



www.rumplechurch.org

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Dear Rumple Family,

May was a busy month of mission and ministry at Rumple. This summer promises to bring more busy Sundays and weeks filled with learning, mission, and great fellowship.

In May we said goodbye to Director of Discipleship, Holly Bannan and on May 30 we will also say goodbye to Secretary, Hazel Smithey. We welcomed our Summer Ministry Intern, Camille Loomis, who will serve among us, full time, through August 4. The Session also entered into a covenant with The Reverend Stephanie Hankins to serve as our part-time Parish Associate Pastor to help with Christian Education and Youth through August 1. We will commission them in 11:00 worship on June 23. And, we added Kenton McCollum as our Interim Director of Communications in May as well. As I mentioned last month, a Director of Discipleship search committee is hard at work. The Personnel Committee is conducting interviews for a new Office Manager and hopes to have a new person in place by mid-June. We hope we will have a few more new faces to welcome to the Rumple staff this summer and in the coming months.

Ministry and mission continues while we seek new staff. This June we will send a 16 person youth and adult mission team to Puerto Rico for disaster relief. We will begin our third summer of feeding local families in our Food for Families program. We will host our "welcome back lunch" on Sunday, June 9, after 11:00 worship for seasonal and year long members to reconnect. We'll welcome two middle school youth into church membership upon the completion of their confirmation class. We'll celebrate with three high school seniors as they prepare to graduate. We'll welcome Dr. Janet Speer to teach on June 9 and a group of musicians from the summer musical, *From the Mountain Top*, on June 30, to offer a preview of the stories and music about the life of our former pastor, Reverend Edgar Tufts. And this just scratches the surface. God is surely at work in and among us and is continuing to call us into service in the name of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to this summer in ministry together. The "busy season" returns for us as more and more familiar faces return to the High Country and to Rumple. We have so much to be grateful for at Rumple and I am excited to see all the ways that God will continue to work in and through us as we seek to show and share the Good News.

Every blessing.

Kathy

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Christian Education at Rumble

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MUSIC AND MISSIONS CAMP

When: July 22-25, 2019 (and 28*)

Time: 8:30am—1:00pm

Who: Rising Kindergarten—6th grade

*Musical performance at 11:00am on Sunday, July 28th



BIBLE STORY
SCIENCE
RECREATION
MISSIONS
MUSIC

We'll learn the musical "Unselfie," work on local mission projects, and learn how to be selfless in a selfish world. Snacks will be provided, and kids will bring a bag lunch each day. Sign up by July 8th on our church website or complete a form in the church lobby.

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Save the Date for Rumble's Second Annual Visiting Scholar September 14-16, 2019

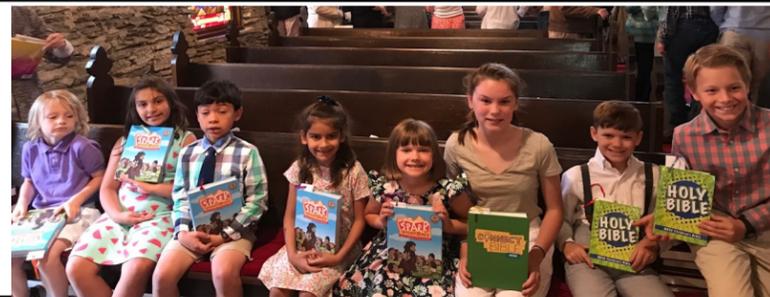
Mark your calendars and save the date! Rumble's Visiting Scholar weekend is September 14-16th. We are hosting **Dr. Norman Wirzba**.

He is a Professor of Theology at Duke Divinity School, with a focus on "understanding and promoting practices that can equip both rural and urban church communities to be more faithful and responsible members of creation."



Bible Presentations

We revived a favorite tradition Sunday, May 12. Our students received bibles from the Christian education committee!



Did you know? Rumble's Epiphany service was featured in POAMN's 2019 Older Adult Ministries Planning Guide. The link will be shared in our eNews if you would like to read the article.

Around Rumble

During our special Epiphany worship service, each worshipper received a **star word**. Each of us was asked to keep our star word and to reflect on the message or invitation that God was giving to us through it. We would love to hear more stories of how God has spoken to you through prayer and reflection on your star word this year. Please email any stories or experiences to Kathy, pastor@rumplechurch.org.



Choral Scholars Fundraising: We begin our campaign for this coming year's scholars' program. Our goal is \$7500.00. Thank you to those who have made this such a successful program. Please consider supporting this ministry for the 2019-2020 school year.

Locking Doors On Sunday Morning: In a continued effort to be mindful of our safety on Sunday mornings, the Session revisited our policy for locking doors on Sunday mornings at their April and May meetings. During the first hymn on Sunday morning, the elder of the day will lock all of the outside doors to the main church building. The only doors that will remain unlocked during worship at the main sanctuary doors and the outside door closest to the sanctuary, that offers access to the office reception area. If you need to leave the sanctuary on Sunday morning during worship, you may exit by the door to the left of the chancel or, at the back, through the main sanctuary doors.

SUMMER HYMN SINGS

Oh, how we love to sing the old hymns! We're setting aside four times this summer to have an old-fashioned hymn sing. Each will start just before worship at 10:40 am.

The remaining three fall on the first Sunday of the month: July 7th, August 4th, and September 1st. Come ready to sing the songs of faith from yesteryear!



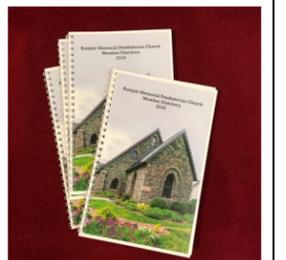
COMMUNICATIONS INFO (ENEWS, BULLITEN AND SLATE & STONE)



Kenton McCollum is Rumble's interim director of communications. Any and all information you have for Slate and Stone, eNews, or Sunday Bulletins, please email him at rumplecommunications@gmail.com

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

After months of anticipation, our church directories are here! If you have not picked up your copy, please get one. We have **one** copy available per family. When you pick it up, please double-check your contact information. The notebook is available for you to check and make changes as needed. Thank you for keeping us up-to-date!



Around Rumple

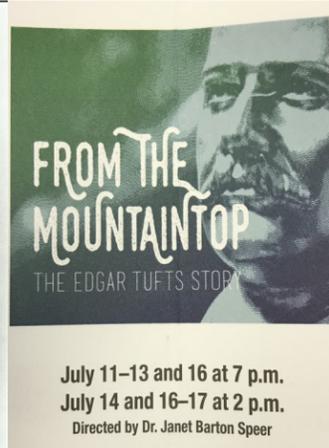
SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 3rd More details during July about an exciting fun day for women -- mothers, daughters, youth girls, visitors and members of Rumple. Childcare will be provided. We look forward to meeting new members and visitors of Rumple as we join together for the 'Welcome Back' lunch on June 9 after the worship service. Circle members will be around to answer any questions you may have about joining one of our five circles .

Rumple Endowment Committee

The Rumple Endowment Committee is pleased to announce a gift of \$20,000 from the estate of Mary Audrey Lentz Bentley. Audrey was a native of Watauga County and grew up in the Aho community. She attended Blowing Rock High School and Appalachian State University and was a long time associate of the Robbins family. Audrey grew up at Rumple and later in life was a member of Grace Highlands Presbyterian Church in Boone.

This wonderful gift will further enable the Endowment Committee to fund Rumple programs such as Mission Committee programs and other Rumple activities.

The Committee would encourage the congregation to remember the Church with similar such gifts so that we can continue to support the needs of our Church.



Come learn about the ministry of Rev. Edgar Tufts on Sunday morning, June 9, at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Janet Speer, retired professor of theater from Lees McRae and director of this summer's musical, "From the Mountaintop," will be with us to share about the life and ministry of one of Rumple's first pastors, the Reverend Edgar Tufts. She will also share about the creation of the musical that will be performed this summer in Banner Elk. All are welcome.

Presbyterian Women Circle News and Meetings

Moderator Linda Mauldin 295-3327

All women who are church members, visitors and friends are invited to join other women at our circle meetings and mission experiences throughout the summer and fall. Specific information about when and where the circles meet is detailed below, on the website, and a flyer on the lobby information tray. **You are invited to the 'Welcome Back' lunch on June 9 after our worship service. Circle chairs will be there to answer any questions you may have.** 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. 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. Betty Womack (912-687-6483 or Betty2701@hotmail.com)

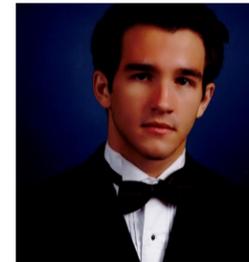
Circle V meets the first Wednesday of the month April through December at 9:30 in the Rumple House. Kathy Earley (263-0255 or kathyearley50@gmail.com)

High School Graduates and Christian Education

YOUTH Upcoming Dates: **June 2nd**—Graduate Recognition Sunday (11AM)
June 9th—End of Year Pool Party at Chetola



Breanna Meadows I will be attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the fall. I intend to major in psychology with the goal of becoming a clinical psychologist after graduation from higher degrees. I am very involved in my Girl Scout troop and have recently earned my Gold Award for making duffel bags and a clothing resource for foster children in Watauga County. I ran cross country for four years, was a team captain for one year, and ran outdoor track for two years. To earn money for school I currently have two part-time jobs that I plan to continue throughout the summer.



August Carter I am August Carter, the grandson of Charles and Janice Carter and the son of Laura Carter. I plan to attend Western Carolina University in the fall where I will play the flute and piccolo in the Pride of the Mountains marching band. I will pursue a degree in either business or psychology with a minor in music.



Emily Smith During high school Emily played lacrosse, worked while in school, and enjoyed spending time with her school friends. She is planning on going to Caldwell Community College for the first two years after high school, then plans to transfer to a University.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip



The Puerto Rico mission team has been meeting regularly to prepare for our trip to Puerto Rico, June 24-July 1. We recognize that one of the most important aspects of a service trip is to understand the context in which we will be serving and learning. We brainstormed ways to learn about different cultures and asked each team member to become an "expert" on a topic and give a report to the team at our last meeting

Team members reported on Puerto Rican food, the environment, weather and climate, the government, arts & culture, animals (there are tarantulas!), music, economy, holidays, technology, national sports, poverty levels and demographics, tourists attractions, pop culture, the history of Puerto Rico and the history of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Puerto Rico.

We learned a lot and more importantly, we have lots of questions we will ask the people we will meet in Puerto Rico!

We appreciate your prayers as we continue to prepare for our trip. The youth are preparing a giving tree asking for your help donating work gloves, sunscreen and bug spray. Stay tuned for more information from the youth!

Rumple on a Mission

Living God, you sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life into your church. Let us no longer be captives to fear, but messengers of your saving love, so that all may be reconciled in you; through Jesus Christ, our peace. – PC(USA) Prayers for Pentecost



June 9 - Pentecost Offering - To kick off Rumple Summer Missions, we will collect the **PC(USA) Pentecost Offering** during worship on June 9. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. **40%** of the money collected will be used for the Blowing Rock Food 4 Families program, providing food in summer for those who depend on school meal programs during the school year. **25%** will support Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) ministry and provide funding for retreats, orientations, and counseling to help YAVs discern God's call. **25%** will go to youth ministries, ages 12-18 and those who are called to accompany them as they explore faith, discipleship, and justice. **10%** will go to "Educate the Child, Transform the World". Affirmed by the 221st General Assembly (2014), this initiative is to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to better the lives of one million children by 2020. Please help to provide this strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed from childhood through young adulthood.

Food 4 Families -- Rumple will participate again this year in the **Food 4 Families** program to provide food during the summer months to families with children on free or reduced cost lunches in Blowing Rock. This summer we will be serving 11 families. We need volunteers to shop for food, package food, and deliver food. If you are interested in helping with this food ministry, please email Tracy Markland, marklandtracy@gmail.com. If you are not available to volunteer for shopping, packing, or delivery, you can still help! We need non-food items to add to the delivery boxes. You can bring shampoo, body wash, laundry detergent, dish detergent, and toothpaste throughout the summer for Food 4 Families deliveries. We will have a bin in the church lobby labeled for these "Food 4 Families extras."



Back 2 School - We will begin the **Back 2 School collection** in July. This program provides school supplies to students in Watauga County. More information to come in late June.

May 5 - Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. FIRST SUNDAY COLLECTION - Blowing Rock

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

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 June items of need are canned fruit (pineapple, pears, cocktail, peaches - natural juices or light syrup), canned vegetables (whole kernel & creamed corn, green beans, green peas, carrots, beets, mixed - no salt added if possible), soups (tomato, chicken and rice/veggies, beef and rice/veggies, potato, vegetable), condensed milk, peanut butter (chunky & creamy), toilet paper. Please bring your items on June 2nd or anytime during the month of June and leave them in the shopping cart in the church lobby.

June 30 - 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 June 30.

Around Rumple

Concerns and Cares

Michael Gray, Palmer Horton, granddaughter of Paul and Candice, recovering from surgery; **Brenda Lentz; David Bartlett**, radiation treatments; **Ruth George**, broken arm; **Gus Newton, Byron and Charleen Logan, Don Saunders, Jim Burgess, Roger Broeker, Barbara Scott, Bill and Pat Magruder, Recie Craig, Erin Tobin and Drew Taylor**, serving in the military; **Sherry Marr**, Janice Burn's sister; Mark Johnson's mother, **Bettye**; Gus and Miriam Newton's son-in-law, **David**; Carol Capristo's mother, **Ruby Vincent**; Ann Rhyne's cousin, **Bonnie**; **Jan McClure**, Holly Bannan's mother; **Grover Gore, Susie Reynolds**, sister of Patty Laubach; **Meg Wagner**, neighbor of Leslie Novilla; **Stanley Coffey**, son of Betty Coffey, **Al and Ellen Smith**, missionaries in Belarus, Germany and Russia. Friends and Family of **Bill and Huglene Frank**, who passed away May, 19, and mother of **Debbie Brenner, Jean Williamson, Sandra Mallonee**, hip surgery on 6/4, and **Buz Helms**.
We celebrate the birth of Knox Alan Payne on May 7. He is the Grandson of Richard and Debbie Swartzel.
Vernon and Drew Dunn have moved to Winston Salem Their cell phones and email remain the same. Their new address is: 1244 Arbor Rd, B 313 Winston Salem NC, 27104



Would you like to be added to Mary Lentz Prayer Chain email list?

If you would like to be part of the email group who pray for those in need, email Mary (marylentz41@gmail.com) and let her know that you'd like to join the email list.

A message from Camille

Thank you for the warm welcome you all have extended to me! I am so excited to be serving alongside such a hospitable, thoughtful, and energetic church family. A special thank you for the beautiful welcome basket - I am so grateful! My hope is to get to know all of you by the end of the summer, so please don't hesitate to get in touch. What a great work God is doing here in Blowing Rock! Peace - Camille

SUMMER SALT SHAKERS

It's time to sign up for Summer Salt Shakers dinner groups.

Groups meet monthly in members homes. There is also a Lunch Bunch group that meets in restaurants. Sign-up forms are in the fellowship pads or on the display case near the office. Place your completed form in the offering plate or return it to Hazel in the church office. You can also sign up on the website under the "resources tab."

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1. Carol Genberg
2. Kathy Earley
3. Suzanna Gurkin
4. Stuart Whiddon
5. Betty Harwood
6. Jim Jones
7. Ann Rhyne
8. Debbie Clay
9. Jim Crowell
10. Liz Hodge
11. Jim Burgess
12. Joy Travis
13. Cyndee Wright
14. John Akins
15. Wes Waugh
16. Jane Stout
17. Paul Rudsill
18. Brenda Gregory
19. Sarah Stanley
20. Jean Baskin
21. Martha Robinson



Hymn for June by Dave McCollum

So, just like all preachers are saints (tongue in cheek and no offense to any local preachers, especially a certain senior pastor I get to work with... for now :)), I assumed all hymn writers must have been saints, or at least meek and lowly. Oh, not so!

This month's hymn writer had a rocky start. Robert Robinson's father died when he was young and his mother, finally giving up on trying to control him by his mid-teens, sent him to barbering school in London. Instead of learning the trade, Robinson majored in alcohol and gang life. At age 17, "he and his friends visited a fortune-teller. Relaxed by alcohol, they laughed as she tried to tell their futures." The laughter was what came out but deep down, Robinson was bothered by the encounter. That evening he talked his buddies into attending an evangelistic meeting being held by George Whitefield.

One of history's greatest preachers, Whitefield's voice has been described as "part fog horn and part violin." That evening he chose to preach from Matthew 3:7: "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?'" So overwhelmed with his own message, Whitehead burst into tears and exclaimed, "Oh my hearers! The wrath has come! The wrath has come!"

Not only was Robinson immediately sobered up, he was convinced that Whitehead was preaching directly to him. And the words haunted him for three years, until December 10, 1755, when he gave his heart to Christ.

Soon afterward, Robert entered the ministry and, three years later at age 23, while serving Calvinist Methodist Chapel in Norfolk, England, he wrote a hymn for his sermon on Pentecost Sunday.

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," was written as "a prayer that the Holy Spirit (may) flood into our hearts with His streams of mercy, enabling us to sing God's praises and remain faithful to Him."

Being 261 years old, some of the images in the language are no longer familiar. For instance, what does "Here I raise my Ebenezer mean?" It is actually a reference to an incident in 1 Samuel 7:12, "Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it, 'Ebenezer,' saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." "Ebenezer" is Hebrew for "stone of help." Also in the last stanza, Robinson petitions the Lord to "Let thy grace, Lord, like a 'fetter,' bind my wandering heart to thee." A fetter is a chain or manacle used to restrain a prisoner, typically around the ankles.

I have sung many arrangements of this hymn and it continues to speak to worshipers today. Its often upbeat tempo supports a proclamation and a prayer. The hymn itself "preaches." May it to be your prayer and proclamation today.

Here is the text: 1. Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love. 2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I come. And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood. 3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be. Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Dave

¹ Robert J. Morgan, *Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories* (W Publishing Group, an imprint of Thomas Nelson, Nashville, TN, 2011) 64-65. Unless otherwise noted, all future quotes are from this source.

² William J. Reynolds, *Hymns of Our Faith* (Broadman Press, Nashville, TN, 1964) 34.

³ <https://ilovethatlyric.wordpress.com/2014/04/13/let-thy-goodness-like-a-fetter-bind-my-wandering-heart-to-thee/>

Rumple Collegiate Graduates

Rumple would like to celebrate three of our latest graduates: Lottie Godsey, Emma Lassiter and Holly Liesegang



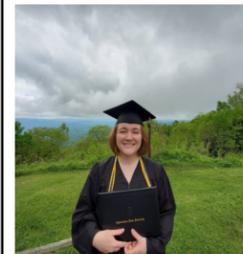
Holly Liesegang

I grew up here in Blowing Rock and am raising my almost 8 year old daughter Helena here as well. I graduated from ASU last year with a BS degree in psychology with a concentration in health studies. Currently, I'm continuing to work at the Blowing Rock Market and will be applying to several graduate programs for a master's degree in occupational therapy in the upcoming months.



Emma Lassiter

Emma Lassiter is from Cary, NC. She was a choral scholar at Rumple and played handbells. She graduated with a degree in music education in May.



Lottie Godsey

Lottie Godsey is from Matthews, NC. She has served as a youth volunteer at Rumple for two years and will continue next year. She graduated from ASU with a degree in special education and will return this fall to earn a master's in education.

Rumple's Summer Intern –Camille Loomis



This summer our church family will welcome Camille Loomis to be part of our fellowship. She's on a faith walk as a student with Duke Divinity School. Will you share in her faith walk? Please make plans to personally extend the gift of hospitality to Camille. She is ready to get to know our members by sharing time together. Include her in meals, hikes, concerts, coffee breaks and faith talks. Her responsibilities will be varied; participating in worship, mission, classes, camps, visitations, etc. Our responsibilities as her host church are to provide her opportunities to grow her faith experiences and help prepare her for a life of Christian service. Will you reach out to Camille to share your faith by sharing time with her? Her 10 week internship concludes on August 4th. Don't delay. Make plans soon. Camille can be reached at her email: camille.loomis@duke.edu or by contacting her through the church office (828-295-7675).

A special thanks go out to Rumple members Ed and Trish Cummer who have graciously volunteered to host Camille in their home.

