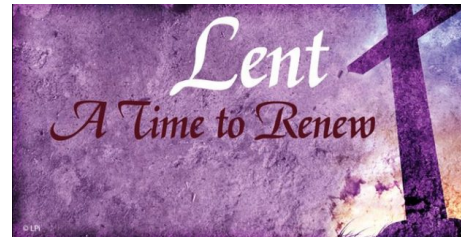


MARCH 2020 SLATE AND STONE

Dear Rumble Family,

Our Lenten journey with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb has begun again. I know I have said it before but, I love the cycle of the church year- how we move from birth to death to new life. I never tire of this rhythm. The ashes we imposed on Ash Wednesday were created from the palms we waved on the last Palm Sunday and the cross we mark on our foreheads, is just like the cross, marked with water, that we received at our baptism. We participate with God in this beautiful cycle and God continues to guide us and carry us through from despair to joy from death to new life. For this, I proclaim again this Lent, "Thanks be to God!"



This Lent Rumble will offer wonderful opportunities for us to share in mission together (through Blowing Rock CARES and Rise Against Hunger.) And, we have opportunities for worship and study and daily reflection. I hope, as you are able, you will avail yourself of these many opportunities to help us to grow closer to God this Lent.

As we journey together in Lent, the ministry of worship, education, mission, and community (our cornerstones) continues at full speed. Our newly elected Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has been trained by the presbytery and is getting to work on Rumble's Mission Information Form (the church's resume which we circulate to advertise our open position.) Once that is approved by the session and presbytery the APNC will be able to begin the search for candidates. Please keep this dedicated group in your prayers: Jennie Derby and Davis Hankins, co-chairs, Kathy Earley, Dale Hamrick, David Hardage, Molly Kirkland, and Cindy Lentz. The Properties Committee is hard at work on replacing the leaky roof on the Education Building and discussing, with the Session, all the work that needs to be done to repair the Rumble House and Youth Cottage. The Implementation Team continues to work on the "big ideas" in the 2019 Vision Plan and you should be hearing about some of these ideas soon! The Visiting Scholar Committee has a new scholar for 2020 who they will tell us about shortly. The Creation Care team has procured a free energy audit for our facilities. The youth interns have two great mission trips planned for the middle and high school youth this spring. Last month, Congregational Care coordinated home communion with the largest number of members since my arrival at Rumble. And, with this list I have just scratched the surface of all that is happening in our four cornerstones for ministry.

I look forward to this Lent journey with you and to the beauty and joy of Easter that awaits us.

Every Blessing!

Kathy

RUMPLE BIRTHDAYS

MARCH



- 2- Joshua Lewis Lentz-Grimes
- 3- Cindy Lentz
- 3- Linda Jerger
- 3- Richard Bird
- 4- Herman Godwin
- 5- Emma Liesegang
- 5- Pinky Hayden
- 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- Miriam Newton
- 11- Lee Moore
- 13- Charles Coley
- 16- Matt Jay
- 17- Elaine Crowell
- 17- Bixby Markland
- 18- Mary Hutchens
- 18- Patty Hill
- 19- Sandi Wells
- 21- Charles Carter
- 23- Ashley Suddreth
- 24- Alex Bernhardt
- 24- Janice Maner
- 25- Janice Burns
- 26- Don Saunders
- 26- Jim Scott
- 29- Terry Lentz
- 31- Debra Norville

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep in your prayers:

Bill Wilson, surgery at Duke on 3/4; Jean Baskin, on the death of her sister, Mary, on 3/2; Spencer Robbins, in home hospice care; Rusty Hamrick, recovering from surgery; Elaine Crowell, recovering from surgery; Norma Suddreth, recovering from surgery; Don Saunders, in home hospice care; Harriet McNair, Kim Kincaid's mom; Cliff Layman; Bo Tugman; Anne Simpson, Barbara Leon's aunt; Sue Meacham's sister, Margaret; Earl Trexler; Wes Thompson; Cassidy Nooner's grandfather, Wyatt Clark; Taylor Aldridge Higdon; Linda Jerger; Betty Kern (Debra Brenner's Mom); Wilkie Pitman; 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; 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, mission co-workers in Eastern Europe and Russia; residents of Puerto Rico after recent earthquakes.



DAVE'S MONTHLY HYMN ARTICLE

In music that contains text, regardless of the genre, repetition of a word or phrase not only

highlights the importance of the thought but often invites the singer or listener a focal point with which to return. “Jesus loves Me,” for example, incorporates the phrase, “Jesus loves me,” four times in each stanza. All other text in the stanzas point back to the phrase, “Jesus loves me.”

Our hymn for this month, “Nearer, My God, to Thee,” opens stanza one by utilizing the title five times. In fact, the end of each stanza is a refrain-like meditation that simply invites the singer to dwell with the thought. Before we get into the hymn, I want to recommend a psalm for your individual prayer time. I heard a clinician at Montreat one summer speak about Psalm 131 in a way that has stayed with me for these many years since. The psalmist begins in a submissive posture realizing our unworthy state before God. The psalm refers to the his/her relationship with God as a “weaned child,” that is content to simply be with his/her mother. Perhaps it was the clinician’s presentation, being a woman and mother as she described our kinship to a weaned child. Not a child that is without choice, but one that, given the choice, chooses wisely to spend time with the source of life and comfort and joy. Perhaps it was the song that she chose to go with the presentation; hymn #474 in our Glory to God hymnal (“As a Child Rests”) based on Psalm 131. Regardless, I came away with a vivid image of a child (me) simply being in the presence of God with a secure feeling of home.

“Nearer, My God, to Thee,” was written by Sarah Flower Adams in 1841. Born in Harlow, England, on February 22, 1805, Adams lived a full and productive life although she died early at the age of forty-three. “She was active for a time on the stage, playing the part of Lady MacBeth in London. She was also known for her many literary accomplishments, though her delicate health was always a handicap for her many ambition.”^[1] Sarah’s sister, Eliza was an accomplished musician who over time wrote the tunes for many of Sarah’s hymn texts. “One day, their Unitarian pastor, the Rev. Wm. Johnson Fox, asked these two exceptional sisters if they would aid him in the preparation of the new hymnal he was compiling for the congregation.” They got busy and ended up submitting thirteen texts and sixty-two new tunes. The hymnbook, *Hymns and Anthems* (1841) was geared especially for Fox’s Unitarian Congregation in London. Although the text and original tune was introduced in America three years later in 1844, it didn’t become popular in America until twelve years later when Lowell Mason composed the tune, “Bethany,” especially for the text. The text for this hymn came from a comment from Fox, that spurred Sarah to versify the complete Biblical story of Genesis 28:10-22 in which Jacob is dreaming in the desert while fleeing as a fugitive from his home and his brother Esau. Since the five stanzas simply re-create the story, the stanzas are somewhat forgettable. What is not forgettable is the atmosphere, the feeling, and the dramatic movement that is created by the simple phrase, “nearer, my God, to Thee.” Well before the contemporary choruses of the Taizé community that we enjoy in our prayer services today, designed to be sung multiple times for meditation, “Nearer, My God, to Thee,” set a precedent that provided the individual believer and congregation alike with a prayerful moment of meditation.

There are several stories of the hymn being used at particular moments in history, the most famous of which in the well-known “account of the sinking of the ill-fated ship, *The Titanic*, as it plunged into the icy waters of the Atlantic in 1912, sending 1500 people into eternity while the ship’s band played the strains of this hymn.” While the text speaks to a biblical character in turmoil, I suggest the hymn speaks to our inner child, much like Psalm 131 that simply longs to be home with God regardless of our circumstances. Here is stanza one: Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee! E’en though it be a cross that raiseth me; Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

Dave

[1] Kenneth W. Osbeck, *101 Hymn Stories: The Inspiring True Stories Behind 101 Favorite Hymns*

RUMPLE ON A MISSION

Here we offer news about Mission and Outreach activities going on at Rumble this season, when we focus primarily on Hunger and Food Insecurity.

Jesus said, "I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." (Matthew 25:40)



March 1st – Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. First Sunday Collection. This is the food pantry we have in our basement here at Rumble. Each Monday morning food donations are made to Watauga County families-in-need. This non-perishable food is brought in by Rumble members and others on the first Sunday of each month – or at any other time best for you - and placed in the grocery cart in the Church lobby. Right now we especially need canned pineapple, canned beans (kidney, black, navy), toilet paper, canned tomatoes, and oatmeal (in round, cardboard container). And now we are also able to accept money (checks, please) for B.R. CARES.

March 29th – Pennies for Hunger Offering. On the last Sunday of each month the young children at Rumble collect the "Two Cents a Meal" offering during the 11 AM service. This collection supports the Salem Presbytery Hunger Ministry, which also helps our Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. mission. Of course, you can donate quarters, dollars, cash, or checks, as well as the pennies!

March 30th – Hospitality House Dinner. This is our Monday night to feed and serve the hungry at Hospitality House in Boone. Volunteers are needed to buy or make food, or to serve the food that evening. Contact Adele Dunbar if you can help, apdunbar@charter.net or (828)-295-3730.

April 5th – Rise Against Hunger meal packing event to be held at Blowing Rock School. We start at 3 PM that Sunday afternoon. Rumble is partnering again on this with St. Mary Episcopal church, Appalachian State Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry, and Blowing Rock School for our 3rd annual Rise Against Hunger event. We will pack up *many thousands of meals* for families in need, mainly in third world or developing countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The meals are mainly distributed through the school feeding programs in these countries. You can learn more at www.riseagainsthunger.org. You can help with the meals by calling or emailing Jessica in our Church office, (828)-295-7675, or office@rumplechurch.org. This is a *great, fun, inter-generational* event that we look forward to each spring. *Grandparents, bring your grandchildren! All ages are welcome. Join us, won't you?*

SESSION NOTES

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Session Notes

Session Notes for February 2020

Kathy Beach called the meeting to order and began with silent prayer. She then began devotions sharing from scripture 1st Corinthians verses 12-14. The passage spoke of saying good bye to our partial and piecemeal lives and determining that our collective faith is all the different-but-

similar people arranged and functioning together. Session members spent time in small groups discussing what this passage meant in terms of Christian life and ministry and how it applies to their individual life and ministry.

Kathy then remembered concerns for members and friends of Rumble in prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Maurice Ewing gave a report on the February 18th Presbytery meeting. Kathy displayed a certificate from Presbytery recognizing Rumble for contributing to all four congregational special offerings throughout the year.

Reports were made from several committees.

Session approved to increase the number of hours a week Stephanie Hankins works based on the mid-year review just completed showing she is working in excess of the original hours. She will now be working 15 hours per week until May of this year.

Session discussed the many different issues regarding the repairs needed throughout the Rumble campus.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer led by Cristy McKinney

Respectfully submitted by,
Curt Salthouse, clerk

“Who’s In The Pews?”

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

In order to foster our Rumble sense of community we feature an individual in our church that is making a difference. This month I am pleased to share with you, Jeff Stewart.

I knew this day might come. Facing a deadline and not completing my research for the monthly “Slate and Stone” feature “Who’s in the Pews”. But being a good Rumble member, we have been taught to be resourceful and creative when “push comes to shove”. So here goes as Jeff interviews Jeff.



So, tell me about yourself and give us a sense of your background.

I grew up in Charlotte and graduated from Myers Park High School. Looking back there were three things during my formative years that made a huge impact. First was the neighborhood I grew up in. There were a large number of kids there and playing games in front yards, exploring the “creek” and discovering things all around on my bicycle. Second, reaching sixteen I was working my summer and winter breaks at Lance Inc. where my father was an executive. It was good hard work but what I learned most was about people. You see the workforce was comprised of White, Black, Asian, Greek, Italians among others. It taught me my little world was just that. So, I began to understand others out of my comfort zone. I made friendships that I still cherish and would never have known existed having not been in that environment. And third was my Mother. While Dad was pursuing his career and a golf ball, Mom and I shared great times. Among those was her love for travel and she exposed me to other cultures, people and beliefs. All very valuable ingredients in my development.

You attended Appalachian State University. Describe that experience and what you gleaned.

As my Father dropped me off at Eggers Dorm, put his hand on my arm and said “Son, I allowed you to choose where you wanted to go to college, I told you I would fund that education but four years and one day...that “one day” will be on you”. With that I was the only one in my circle of friends to graduate in four years. In between, growing up in the High Country and at ASU it was a profound experience and again learning about others and looking at things from different perspectives. Oh yes and I did earn my degree in Business Management without threatening that particular Dean’s List.

Your working career, what did that entail?

All of it was spent in the hospitality industry. Twenty-four years of it was with Southern Foods, a family held company based in Greensboro. We sold protein and

gourmet product lines that appealed to white tablecloth, upscale casual, caterers and fine hotels. Right place right time. I worked for wonderful owners, dedicated coworkers and called on the most creative and cutting-edge chefs and owners you could imagine. Ten years ago, my wife Lori came up with an idea for a business we could both be involved in and “My New Best Friend” Concierge Services was established. She has cultivated an affluent clientele in and around Blowing Rock providing an array of services. Lori’s people skills, work ethic and trust are what she markets.

Jeff, tell us what drew you to Rumble.

When we moved to the High Country a new church home was high on the list. By chance our first stop was Rumble. The warm reception we received from the members, the sound of the choir and the holy atmosphere of the church left little doubt and we have been here ever sense.

You really seem to enjoy your involvement and giving back to the Rumble Community...explain.

My wife encouraged me to get involved at her home church in Summerfield, N.C. Joining Rumble that continued and I have so enjoyed participating on the Worship Committee and now several years on the Finance Committee. The fellowship and purpose are a needed part of me now. With the addition of many new members and the generosity of the entire congregation, the power of Rumble through our missions, youth and health of our campus make it an exciting time.

I’m going to put me on the spot, Jeff describe what you feel Pastor Kathy has brought to Rumble Presbyterian Church.

Personally, I have enjoyed the learning and spiritual growth under her guidance. Kathy projects, in her unique way, the positivity of Christian living. But she does so in such a human way it makes me sometimes feel like it was my idea. Kathy also amazes me with life management. Kathy is involved in every facet of the church and she has always impressed me with her financial acumen and preparedness. The increase in church membership is due in large part to her presence and I’m sure those community and Presbytery responsibilities she is involved with are positively affected as well. And let’s not forget a husband and family of three.

What does Rumble mean to your marriage?

Our church family is so important and a cornerstone of our life together. Watching children growing to young adults, learning something new about the Bible and ourselves, hearing the sounds of music and voices of our choir, wisdom being shared randomly and the rush of love, laughter and tears in the home we call Rumble. That is what Rumble means to us.

Once again, next month I look forward to featuring another Rumble member “Who’s in the Pews?”

Jeff Stewart

Thursday, 2:30 PM (continued)

Jamie Griffin, Jill Naar, & Students from Appalachian State University – Stepping into Nutrition: Ways to Get Creative, Integrating Nutrition Education into Community Potlucks. Hear the exciting news about a pilot partnership featuring students and faculty from the Appalachian State Department of Health and Nutrition and congregations in Watauga County, North Carolina. Your church can model the biblical mandate by helping members and others to thrive – physically, mentally, and spiritually. This workshop will help your faith community to develop new skills and set goals for healthy eating. Leaders will share ideas for intergenerational engagement activities and recipe modifications for healthy and tasty potlucks, congregational meals, and more.

Walk Jones – An Active Spirituality. The practice of Presbyterian spirituality is often an active one: serving others, sharing our faith walking a labyrinth, contemplating nature, and much more. Walk Jones will share ways older adults can be actively spiritual. If weather permits we’ll visit the wildlife sanctuary and labyrinth in Montreat.

Friday, 8:30 AM

Beth Lindsay Templeton – The Sacred Year. Grief is the most sacred emotion when one is willing to walk through it. The Sacred Year workshop is based on Beth Templeton’s book of the same name. Participants will resonate with the honesty of the experiences and feelings of the year following the unexpected death of Beth’s husband.

Mary Porter and Lynn Bledsoe – Creating Dementia Friendly Congregations. This workshop will present a theology of care to support the development of dementia friendly congregations. We will identify spiritual gifts of dementia and explore tools available to create a supportive environment for persons with cognitive challenges and their caregivers. Participants will have the opportunity to contribute suggestions for our denomination to address the phenomenon of cognitive challenge in church, home, and community.

Robin Russell Gaiser – Musical Morphine: Transforming Pain One Note at a Time. From the earliest periods, people of faith have called on music in all circumstances. Through the compelling stories and live music of author and Certified Music Practitioner, Robin Gaiser, this interactive workshop awakens us to the miracle of therapeutic music. Discover the positive impact of music on the critically and chronically ill, the dying, senior adults, the anxious, the melancholy, and others. Participants will be inspired to consider new ways music can be utilized in the pastoral ministries of their congregations and faith communities.

This conference is for you if:

- you work with older adults in your congregation (lay or clergy);
- you want to build relationships across generations;
- you seek to thrive after 55 in body, mind, and spirit;
- you seek the latest on current issues of aging and the church;
- you are a retired church professional.

Register at www.montreat.org/POAMN or call 828.419.9815
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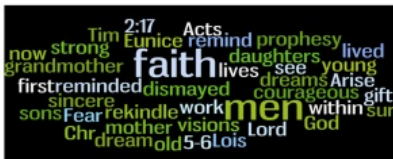
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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Again this year on Easter Sunday Rumble will receive a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering of the PC(USA) and many other denominations, goes to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (with whom our two 2019 mission teams worked), The Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People. Children will be given "fish banks" to collect their offerings throughout the final weeks of Lent. They will be invited to return their offerings on Easter Sunday.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

To View Rumble's Monthly Calendar please go to our [website](#) !



2020 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ELDER LIASONS

Admin & Finance Chair Jim Clabough, Elders Mike Steele, Bob Stout
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Threads Bonnie Ewing, Sandi Wells
Women Together Hope Squires
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Scholarship Chair: Terry Lentz
Stewardship Chair: TBD, Elder: Jerry Hutchens
Worship Chair: Robert Shirley, Elders: Jane Rogers, Adele Dunbar
Choir/Handbells Dave McCollum, Director
Ushers/ Greeters Mary Jane Keathley, Coordinator
Youth Co-Chairs: Laurie Nixon and Cindy Lentz , Elders: Cristy McKinney, Mike Steele
Youth Staff: Evan Adair, Lottie Godsey, youth interns
Creation Care Team Mike Mayfield, co- coordinator, Stephanie Hankins, staff
Implementation Team Elders: Jim Crowell, Maurice Ewing
Pastoral Relations Committee Mary Lentz, Curt Salthouse, Anne Rhyne, Mike Steele, Cullie Tarleton
Blowing Rock CARES Board Chairs: Kathryn Scott and Kelly Baruth Scott
Elder liaisons: Jane Rogers, Curt Salthouse

SAVE THE DATE:

Our annual Rise Against Hunger event will now be **Sunday, April 5** at Blowing Rock School, **3-5 pm. The date and the time have changed. Please make a note!** To participate in this

event please click [Here](#).



KATHY WILL TEACH A LENT SMALL GROUP STUDY on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:30 beginning March 4 and continuing through April 8. All are welcome. The group will explore the Gospel of Matthew, particularly the texts from the Sermon on the Mount that Kathy will be preaching on each Sunday during Lent.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday afternoon, May 17, 2020 for Picnic & Pickin. Enjoy the bluegrass music of the musicians who played for Rumble on Grandfather Home Sunday last year and bring your own picnic to the manse (Kathy's house) lawn.



WOMEN TOGETHER a new group for women, 50 and under, will meet again on March 12th at 6:00 pm. They will be meeting every 2nd Sunday at 9:30 and 4th Thursday at 6:00. All are welcome! Please contact [Hope Squires](#) to be added to the email list.



Christianity & Climate Change

A campus-wide luncheon and panel discussion, hosted by the Holshouser Ethics program

Tuesday, March 31st | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Parkway Ballroom, PSU



Fred Bahnsen
Author

Fred Bahnsen is an award-winning journalist, author, non-profit founder and has a forthcoming book on "climate change and Christianity's ecological vocation." He is the author of *Soil & Sacrament* (Simon & Schuster, 2013). His work has appeared in Harper's, Oxford American, Emergence, Orion, The Sun, Washington Post and Best American Spiritual Writing.

PANELISTS

- Anna Shine**
Holy Cross Episcopal, Valle Crucis
- Scott Hardin-Neiri**
Creation Care Alliance of WNC
- Tiffany Christian**
The Rock, Boone
- Stephanie Hankins**
Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church, Blowing Rock, & Third Place Campus Ministry
- Tamara Franks**
High Country UCC, Vilas



Panel moderator:
Sarah Ogletree
NC Interfaith Power & Light Program Coordinator



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CREATION CARE

Do you like to garden? Do you recycle? Do you avoid using plastic bags at the grocery store? Join our new Creation Care Group as we explore ways Rumble can faithfully care for God's Earth. The next meeting is Sunday, March 22 at 9:30 in the Adult Classroom Upstairs. Contact Parish Associate Pastor Stephanie Hankins for more details.



RUMPLE OFFERS



CONGRATULATIONS to two in the church family who were honored at this year's Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce awards luncheon: **David Trahan**, volunteer of the year and **John Aldridge**, lifetime achievement. We celebrate these Rumble members and their service in the community.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE in the NC Council of Churches Faith and Health Summit on Friday, March 13th, 2020 entitled Embracing the Body: Renewing The Mind: Engaging the Spirit from 8:30 AM-1:30PM at First United Methodist Church in Hickory, NC. You are responsible for paying the \$10 fee to attend per person. You will need to register on your own at bit.ly/westernNC to sign up for Workshops and see all the details of what this Event offers. Please contact Anne Tarbutton. We will carpool from the church at 6:30 AM the morning of the Event.

SAVE THE DATE!

On Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 5, we will welcome The Reverend Dr. Greg Jones, the Dean of Duke Divinity School.



Greg is the author or editor of 17 books, and has authored more than 200 essays and articles. He is known particularly for his books on forgiveness (EMBODYING FORGIVENESS and the co-authored FORGIVING AS WE'VE BEEN FORGIVEN) as well as his recent work on CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INNOVATION. Greg is a United Methodist elder in the Western North Carolina Conference. He is married to The Reverend Dr. Susan Pendleton Jones, also a United Methodist minister. The class is titled "Practicing Forgiveness: Challenges and Possibilities" and will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. Refreshments will be provided.

ANNUAL REPORT

You can find the 2019 annual report on the [website](#). There will also be printed copies available, email [Jessica](#) to receive one.

STAR WORD

At the Epiphany worship service everyone in attendance received a star word- a word to reflect on for this year. As we did last year, we invite you to share how your star word may be speaking a word from God for you this year. Please email any revelations and learnings to [Kathy](#).



COME JOIN US FOR SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH!!!!



EXCITING NEWS!

Rumple's monthly fellowship lunch is Sunday, March 8, following worship. All are welcome, no reservations necessary. Food will be prepared by the fellowship committee— Brunswick stew, cornbread and dessert. Donations will be received at the tables.

REALM will be going public March 9th- download the app on your smart phone, call Jessica in the office if you need help or want to remain private.



GRATEFUL RUMPLE IS MAKING AN IMPACT IN 2020! The generosity of the Rumple family resulted in the Missions Committee having \$23,100 additional funds to share for local missions in early 2020. At their February meeting the Missions Committee agreed to support scholarships for the annual Watauga Compassionate Communities Initiative (WCCI) Conference and to give \$5275 each to Blowing Rock CARES, Presbyterian-Episcopal Campus Ministry at ASU, Grandfather Home for Children, and Habitat for Humanity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES OFFERED AT RUMPLE

RUMPLE OFFERS SEVERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS for adults each Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45 am. Everyone is welcome to attend these classes! The Carter Lentz Men's class and the Women's Class are studying "The International Sunday School Lessons". The Men's Class meets in the Rumple House in the rocking chair room. The Women's Class meets in the Rumple library and is taught by Mary Lentz. The Discoverers Class, taught by Kim Rogers will begin a new study, "One Thousand Gift" by Ann Voskamp on March 1. She invites us to wake up to God's ever day blessings. This will be a 5 week study with video. Class starts at 10am and they try to finish at 10:45. Beginning February 23rd, Dave McCollum and Stephanie Hankins will teach a six week Sunday school class entitled "Won't You Be My Neighbor?". This class will look at the important lessons taught by our favorite Presbyterian minister, Mr. Rogers. This class will run through March 29.

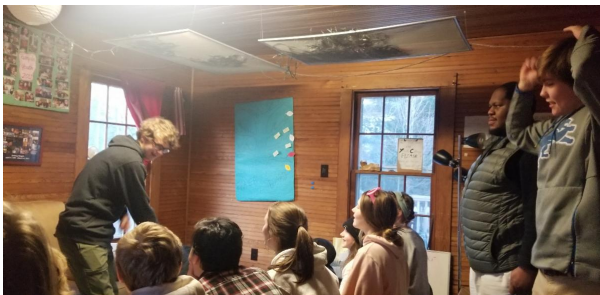
CHILDREN'S NEWS

This March the Wednesday After School group will explore and learn about the season of Lent. We will work on a variety of art projects, including watercolor crosses, a bulletin for our Easter Services and goody bags for our friends at The Foley Center. We hope to visit The Foley Center by the beginning of April (as soon as flu season is over) to deliver our treats! We continue to work in music with Ms. Mary Jane on our new songs to share in upcoming worship services. Please mark your calendars and join us on these special days!

March 8th
April 5th (Palm Sunday)
May 3rd (Youth Sunday)

Thank you for your continued support for our Wednesday program through volunteer helpers, donated art and play materials and sometimes even fun extra snacks!





YOUTH NEWS

We had a wonderful time worshipping our Lord with Psalm 100 and the lovely folks at Deerfield Assisted Living.

This month we will be continuing our Psalm Studies with fun and fellowship at the Youth Cottage!

Our Middle and High School Mission

Trips have been announced! We are asking for at least 8 Middle School Members to sign up for the Lock-In and trips to Hospitality House and Camp Holston (Weather Permitting), and at least 5 High School Youth for the Charlotte Trip. Rise Against Hunger will now follow the High School Mission Trip on Palm Sunday at 3pm.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SANDY STARNES

Sandy is a primary resident of Hickory, NC. She is retired from a family owned CPA firm. She enjoys playing golf, college sports, cake decorating, traveling, and following local musicians. She has a son and daughter and 3 young grandchildren.



DON LUCAS

Don is a retired public school teacher and coach for 30 years at Watauga County Schools and retired teacher and administrator for 3 years at Jackson County Schools. He enjoys golf, travel, socializing with friends, and spending time with his grandchildren.



CHRIS & HOPE SQUIRRES

Chris is an engineer who has worked for the same firm for his whole career. He loves to run. Hope

JUSTIN AND LORA DAVIS

Justin and Lora have both lived in Boone and Blowing Rock for almost 20 years. They have 3 boys (two of whom are active in Rumble's Wednesday after school



grew up in Raleigh and went to NC State University. She is a writer and has one non-fiction book published and is working on her first novel. She loves to run, garden, take photographs, and travel.

program) and are originally from eastern NC. They enjoy traveling, and spending time with their family.