

CALLED TO WORSHIP AND EMPOWERED TO SERVE

WINTER SALT SHAKERS sign ups continue each month January through May you can enjoy good food, meeting new friends and seeing old friends for dinner and wonderful fellowship. If you would like to sign up, the forms are located in the office reception area and in the fellowship pads. They can be given to Jessica in the church office. If you have questions contact Jean Baskin at genieb37@yahoo.com

BR CARES REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR pantry donations can be returned to the shopping carts in the office reception area through Christmas Eve worship.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE DINNER Rumple is serving dinner at Hospitality House on Monday, December 30, 2019. If you are able to provide food and/or volunteer to serve that evening, please contact Misty Mayfield, 828-234-1389.

YEAR END GIVING Rumple will gladly receive your year end gifts through Tuesday, December 31. All gifts for 2019 must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31. Rumple can receive gifts by check, stock transfer, and IRA rollover.

HONOR CARDS Artist Bill Mangum has painted beautiful winter landscapes for the past 30 years to raise awareness and funds for the needy and homeless. In Watauga County one hundred percent of the money donated from the sell of seasonal cards goes to Hospitality House. The card and donation envelopes are in the office hallway next to the Elderberry Tree.

DIAPER DRIVE Rumple will collect diapers during the month of December to donate to the Children's Council of Watauga County. We will collect diapers of all sizes throughout the month of December and at both Christmas Eve services. Sizes most needed 3,4,5, & 6. Please return diapers to collection box in the office area.

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 Rumple can faithfully care for God's Earth. The first meeting will be January 12 at 9:30 in the adult classroom upstairs.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER SIGNUPS There is a clickable link on the e-news for members of the congregation to sign up to provide Youth Group Sunday Dinners, Hosts for Moveable Feasts, and Weekly Volunteers. Anybody who is interested simply needs to go to the link or contact Jessica in the church office.

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 TREE 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.

Rumple Staff

Kathy BeachPastor
 Jessica Minerva.....Office Manager
 Dave McCollumDirector of Music
 Stephanie Hankins.....Parish Associate Minister
 Eric LukeAccompanist
 Julie Anderson.....Nursery Supervisor
 Heather Sigmon.....Custodian
 Becca Vickrey.....Interim Children's Ministry
 Debbie Swartzel.....Interim Children's Ministry
 Evan Adair & Lottie GodseyYouth Interns

Rumple's Ruling Elders:

(2019) Davis Hankins, Misty Mayfield, Kim Rogers, Cullie Tarleton (2020) Jim Crowell, Jerry Hutchens, Jane Rogers, Lynne Waugh (2021) Kathy Earley, Emily Leonard, Curt Salthouse (Clerk), Mike Steele

Please keep in your prayers

John Beall, on the death of his brother, Harper, on 12/13; Earl Trexler, broken shoulder, Wes Thompson, Cassidy Nooner's grandfather, Wyatt Clark, death of Debra Norville's mother on 12/7; 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 friends, Sara, 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.

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 Christmas Eve Worship
 6:00 Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 25

Office Closed

Thursday, December 26

Office Closed

Sunday, December 29

9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship

*Youth Cottage FH-Fellowship Hall
 RH-Rumple House KMC Keys Music Center
 PS-Pastor's Study ACU-Adult Classroom Upstairs*

We have many modes of communication here at Rumple. To stay up-to-date on upcoming events, please check our website, Facebook page, and eNews. To be added to the weekly email list, email Jessica, at office@rumplechurch.org, www.rumplechurch.org, www.facebook.com/rumplememorialpresbyterianchurch/

**Rumple Memorial
 Presbyterian Church**

is a missional church; called to worship, empowered to serve, inspiring disciples, creating community.

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 December 22, 2019

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ADVENT GREETING

Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World is coming.

He is coming to bring light to the world! Come Lord Jesus.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Wait for the Lord"

Text: Ref. Taize Community Music: Jacques Berthier

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

No. 90
 TUNE: WAIT FOR THE LORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Emmanuel, God-with-us is coming.

We have seen his light and gather here.

We await the day of his coming.

With joy and expectation we wait.

Come Lord Jesus, meet us here.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Text: Stanzas 1-3 James Montgomery Music: Henry Thomas Smart

No. 143
 TUNE: REGENT SQUARE

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, our very waiting in Advent is itself a confession. If we are waiting for Emmanuel, we are not yet with you; if we are waiting for Jesus, we need a Savior; if we are waiting for a Messiah, the proud are still powerful, the mighty are still exalted, the hungry stand unheard at the door; if we are waiting for your incarnation in human form, we confess that we have not known you in our sister, we have not loved you in our brother, we have not served you in our neighbor. In this time of great meaning, in the stillness of Advent love and light, hear our deepest confession; heal us and make us new through the good tidings of your presence in our lives, Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+RESPONSE

"Away In A Manger" (Vs. 3)

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

No. 114

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe the good news!

Comfort, comfort my people, says our God.

Our sins are pardoned and we have been made new.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.



