

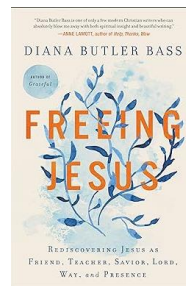
## Announcements and Church Information

**Welcome to this gathering of believers.** We pray that you may find renewed grace and peace through our time together. We are pleased that you are visiting us today. If there is anything we can do to enhance your time with us, we are here to help. Just ask one of our ushers or anyone in the congregation. We have coffee, tea, and snacks available after the service in Wilson Hall and invite you to join us there and visit with some of our members (except in the summer months). We do ask that you fill out a Visitor Card (yellow card in the pew racks) and put it on our collection plate. If you only fill out the name portion it would be helpful for us. If you give us your address, telephone number and/or your email address we can follow up with you if you so indicate. Go to our website, [www.rumsonpresbyterian.org](http://www.rumsonpresbyterian.org), to find out more about us. We are happy you joined us and look forward to seeing you again.



### Adult Nurture Book Group

When you imagine Jesus, what comes to mind? Has your image of Jesus changed over time? As we discuss Diana Butler Bass's book *Freeing Jesus*, we'll explore different images of Jesus as they arise in the Bible and as we lift them up in church. We'll challenge some of them and consider new perspectives. All are welcome. We are meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 in the church parlor. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Linda Goeddel, 732-778-1115.



### Special Congregational Meeting December 3rd

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 3, 2023, immediately follow-

-ing the 9:45 a.m. worship service for the purpose of updating the congregation's bylaws and electing members to serve on a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The proposed changes to the congregation's bylaws are detailed below. Names, photos, and short biographies of each candidate will be available soon.

## **Updating the church bylaws.**

The current church bylaws were adopted by the congregation on June 3, 2001, and were last revised in April of 2013.

### **I. Statement of Mission**

Update mission statement to same statement current on bulletin cover:  
***“We, the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, are called by God to be a spiritual and visible presence by living out our faith and sharing our gifts among God’s people.”***

### **II. Relation to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

Update presbytery name to ***“Presbytery to Coastlands”***.

### **XI. Nominating Committee**

(1) There shall be five members on the nominating committee.

Update to ***“There shall ordinarily be five members on the nominating committee.”***

(2) Two of the members shall be elders designated by the session, one of whom shall be currently serving on the session and shall serve as moderator of the committee.

(3) Three of the members, not persons currently serving on the session, shall be nominated, and elected at the annual meeting of the congregation.

Update by adding ***“or at a special meeting of the congregation called by the Session as needed.”***

And by adding ***“In extraordinary circumstances, when three members of the congregation not serving on the Session are not willing to serve, the Session***

*may allow its two designated elders to constitute the nominating committee.”*



## Save the Date – January 7th | Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event

Mark your calendars! Gather friends and family for a fantastic Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event at Wilson Hall on January 7th, 2024! We will be reaching out to



the community at large to raise 40-50 volunteers to help pack ~10,000 meals. The Rise Against Hunger team will bring the materials, music, stylish hairnets, and stories of real impact to energize our volunteers for ~two hours of fun and community building.

Rise Against Hunger partners with other organizations around the world to provide meals, agricultural training to farmers and communities, respond to emergencies, and empower communities through locally led agriculture and income-generating initiatives.

We also seek donations to support other work that Rise Against Hunger does including building school and community gardens and teaching farmers methods that increase their production and improve seed quality.

**A sign-up sheet is on the table outside Wilson Hall.** We expect to begin after services – 11am. Lunch will be served. Come one, come all!



## Holiday Services

In addition to the Christmas Carols and Memories Service on December 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Christmas Cantata Service and special Christmas Crafts and Coffee Hour on December 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a single **5pm Christmas Eve Service** on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. **There will be no morning service that day!**



# First Presbyterian Church of Rumson Christmas Events



**DECEMBER 10, 2023 9:45 AM**  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MEMORIES**  
**SERVICE**

**DECEMBER 17, 2023 9:45 AM**  
**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**  
**FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL**  
**CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUR AND CRAFTS**

