

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, 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 (TODAY!)

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson has called a congregational meeting for today immediately following the 9:45 a.m. wor-

-ship 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 and the names, photos, and short biographies of each candidate are in a separate insert.



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 10th**, and the **Christmas Cantata Service** and **Special Christmas Crafts and Coffee**

Hour on **December 17th**, there will be a single **5pm Christmas Eve Service** on Sunday, **December 24th**. **There will be no morning service that day!**



Rev. Theresa Swenson

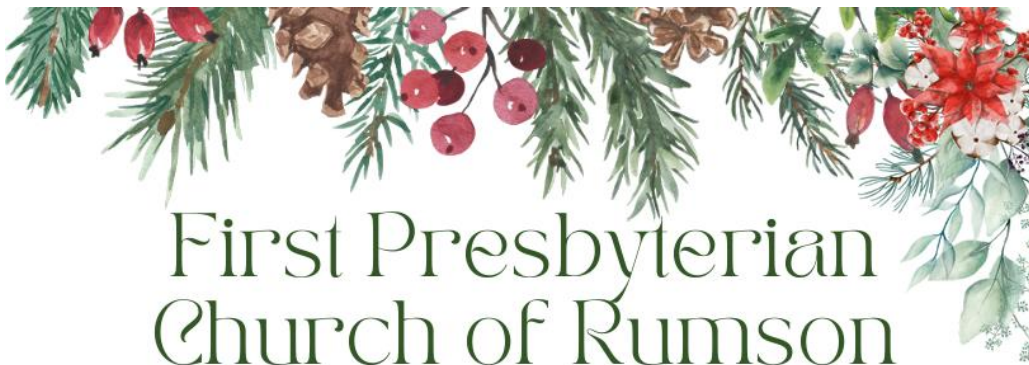
Reverend Theresa Swenson is a Pastor at Tower Hill Presbyterian Church in Red Bank, New Jersey. She works to help people discover faith in Jesus Christ and integrate it into the joys and challenges of their daily lives. After a career in corporate life, Theresa graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary and was ordained in the PCUSA. She has served Presbyterian congregations in Red Bank, Bayville and Toms River, NJ. Theresa is a native of New Jersey, loves the shore, has two daughters and two grandsons and lives in Red Bank with her husband Eric.



Jersey Cares Coat Drive



We will be collecting "gently used" winter coats for men, women, children, and infants as part of the New Jersey Cares 27th Annual Winter Coat Drive! Last year, the organization collected and distributed more than 20,000 coats to individuals in need. We will accept donations through December 31st. ****Please note:** They only accept new and/or gently used coats and discourage donating stained or dirty coats. Please do not donate hats, gloves, scarves or any other clothing items**



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

