

## 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 in 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.

### ***“The Stories of Jesus: Then and Now!”***

“The Stories of Jesus: Then and Now” continue to get our attention through this summer. Among all of Jesus’ stories it’s often the shortest and simplest which can give us pause. Matthew 13. 44-46, passes on two such parables back to back, about a treasure found in a field, and a pearl of great value. The one is a kind of lead in to the other, prompting us to first ponder the possibility of surprising grace – and then stew on what we most highly value. Is it things, or is it relationships – people?

The sermon for today explores the question: What is my **‘Pearl of Great Price?’**



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