

## **Announcements and Church Information**

### **For the week of Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**Welcome to this gathering of believers.** We are pleased that you are visiting us today and pray that you may find renewed grace and peace through our time together. If there is anything we can do to enhance your time, we are here to help. Just ask one of our ushers or anyone in the congregation. We invite you to fill out a Visitor Card (yellow card in the pew racks) and put it onto our collection plate, that we may follow up 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 SEASON OF LENT – 2025***

***Sundays, March 9 – Easter, April 20***

### ***The Beatitudes for Lent: A Worship/Sermon Series***

The church season of Lent moves toward its culmination as we honor Palm Sunday and move through Holy Week to follow and celebrate the prime reason that we have this faith path – because of Jesus’ death and Easter resurrection for us and all people! And so the pattern of turning week by week, to one of Jesus’ Be-attitudes is also coming to fruition. You are encouraged once more to make time to mark the time and grow in Grace and Service.

***Palm Sunday, April 13***

***Worship at 9:45 am***

***Sermon: “O Those Donkeys”***

This week we’ll listen for the message implied in two related Beatitudes – “Blessed are those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness, and, Those who are persecuted for Righteousness’ sake – theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.” And, since the Palm Sunday event and all that follows points us to Jesus himself as one whose ministry and teachings were about the pursuit of Righteousness, a focus on Palm Sunday is the place to be. And, since there is a subtle but significant message in the animal Jesus rode, another nod to that domesticated beast of burden is beneficial. Yet again I hope to see you in church that Jesus might continue to nudge us into his way!



## ***Holy Week Worship***

**Maundy Thursday Worship - Thursday, April 17 @ 7:30 PM**

'Last Supper Communion' – Followed by A Candlelight Service of Tenebrae (Shadows) recalling in Scripture our Lord's final hours

**Good Friday Meditation - Friday, April 18 from Noon to 1:00 PM**

Our sanctuary will be open for Personal Prayer and Meditation.

**Easter Sunday Worship - Sunday, April 20 @ 9:45 AM**

The Lord is Risen, Indeed!



## ***We Are a People in Mission!***

RPC has set up two collection bins in the narthex for anyone wishing to contribute to these organizations:

### ***Heartwarming Center***

The **Heartwarming Center** on Maple Ave in Red Bank provides a warm place to sleep for up to 13 women each night when the temperatures are 32 degrees or colder. They offer a bed, clean pajamas, a washing machine, small kitchen, and programs for the guests including medical checkups, group sessions on finance and abuse, and fun classes. The Heartwarming Center is in need of Gain laundry detergent, Lysol laundry disinfectant, ladies' razors, body wash, and diabetic socks.



### ***Lunch Break***



Mission Commission also continues to accept food donations for **Lunch Break**.



# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

March 5 - April 20

For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by our church - One Great Hour of Sharing, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

To learn more, pick up a brochure from the literature shelf in the narthex (just outside the sanctuary) or visit <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/give>

To give, there is an envelope in your Stewardship booklet (March 30th), there are collection plate envelopes in the pews, you can pick up an envelope to mail directly to PCUSA from the literature shelf in the narthex, or you can visit <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/oghs/>



## ***A Weekend in Old Monmouth***



The annual "A Weekend in Old Monmouth" event returns with historic sites throughout Monmouth County opening their doors to visitors interested in local history. Hours for most sites (including ours) are from 10 AM to 5 PM on SATURDAY, MAY 3rd and from NOON to 5 PM on SUNDAY, MAY 4th. Tour visitors can see the places in any order of their own selection. We are in need of volunteer docents for this event! To sign-up, contact Sue Bostic at 732-530-0543 or [elaine830@aol.com](mailto:elaine830@aol.com).



***Rumson Presbyterian Scholarship Fund  
College, Camp or Seminary Scholarship Application***

Any student who is interested in applying for the Rumson Presbyterian Scholarship can submit the application form, found on the literature shelf in the narthex, or downloadable from the Forms & Files page (under Resources) of our website (QR code link below). Please fill out, sign, and return the application to:

**NURTURE COMMISSION**

c/o Church Office

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***All applications are due back by May 1st***

