

Announcements and Church Information

For the week of Sunday, February 8, 2026

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 (rumsonpresbyterian.org) to find out more about us. We are happy you joined us and look forward to seeing you again.



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon: "A Lumpy Crossing Place" by Rev. Linda Goeddel

Perhaps the secret to making and keeping peace is recognizing and preserving the humanity of others.



Coffee Hour

Join us immediately following the service in Wilson Hall for coffee or tea and some delicious treats. Thanks to **Diane Burke** for hosting this week. Congregational Life is always looking for volunteers to keep this program running. You'll find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.



Ministry Architects

Vision Summit

Sunday, Feb. 22nd, 11:00 – 2:00

Come and be a part of setting a vision for Rumson! We'll build clarity and consensus through a fun, positive process that involves people who care about our church's ministry. This summit will be facilitated by Ministry Architects and we are hoping

for strong participation from church members, visitors, staff, volunteers, and church leadership. Lunch will be provided.

To sign up use this link : <https://tinyurl.com/2bt23tk4>

Church-wide Assessment

The assessment prepared for and presented to our church by Ministry Architects in the Zoom meeting held on Wednesday evening, February 4th can be found on our website at <http://rumsonpresbyterian.org/forms/>



2026 Giving Envelope Booklets

The 2026 Giving Envelope Booklets are available for pick-up. Please stop by the office after the service or during the week (M, Tu or Th from 9:30 - 1:00).



Seeking Lay Readers

We are seeking volunteer lay readers to assist in worship by reading scripture or another portion of the liturgy. This is open to all ages. If you are interested, please contact Whitney via email: whitney@rumsonpresbyterian.org



We Are a People in Mission!

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event

Save the Date – March 1st, 2026



Mark your calendars! We will once again be hosting the Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event in Wilson Hall this year on March 1st, 2026! We will be packing approximately 10,000 meals to be shipped overseas for at-risk populations including school children and those in remote villages. The Rise Against Hunger team will bring the materials, music, stylish hairnets, and stories of real impact to energize our volunteers for approximately two hours of fun and community building. We would love to have you join us after church on March 1st, 2026, from 11:00 AM to



1:30 PM as we work together to achieve this goal. A light lunch will be offered. Come one, come all!

Please sign up using the QR code or link below:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/Rumson2026>

Lunch Break



Ongoing Lunch Break Donations: Mission Commission continues to accept non-perishable food donations and toiletries and supplies for **Lunch Break**. Their needs have dramatically increased now because of sudden substantially reduced funding. Here's what they urgently need:

Non-Perishable Food: Canned beans, dried beans, low-sodium canned soup (chicken, vegetable, and tomato), oatmeal, canned meals (spaghetti, ravioli, chili), canned chicken, canned tuna, canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots), low-sugar applesauce, and almond or oat milk.

Toiletries and Supplies: Toothbrushes & toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, dish soap (smaller sizes), laundry detergent, baby diapers (sizes 2-6), baby wipes, and adult diapers (women sizes L, XL, XXL).

Heartwarming Center



Laundry Detergent Needed: The church Mission Commission is now collecting liquid laundry detergent to aid the Heartwarming Center on Maple Avenue in Red Bank, next to the First Baptist Church. The Center helps women experiencing homelessness or housing instability, offering free, safe overnight stays on below-freezing "Code Blue" nights and during extreme weather. They also offer laundry facilities, showers, hot meals, and a welcoming place to rest, as well as counseling, employment support, and community groups. Donations will be collected until mid-March. Gain brand detergent is suggested, but every donation is gratefully appreciated!

May God bless you for helping your neighbors in need stay warm and safe.

Per Capita Update for 2026



The Per Capita envelope found just before your first Sunday in February Stewardship Envelope is used in a special way. Each year every member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is assessed a certain amount that is paid by the local congregation to the National Church. In turn, that money is divided among the General Assembly, the Synod of the Northeast and our local Presbytery of the Coastlands according to a set formula. Per Capita money is used by those governing bodies to pay for administrative costs such as salaries of staff persons, office expenses, program materials, etc. In 2026, the Per Capita amount for the Rumson Presbyterian Church is \$42.00 per member. By using this special envelope and including an amount equal to three and a half weeks of your regular pledge, we can avoid using scarce operating dollars. We thank you in advance for your support.

Giving

Rumson Presbyterian Church is excited to partner with the Presbyterian Foundation and Vanco Payment Solutions to bring you our GivePlus Online Giving page, which you can access using this QR code.



Grounding ourselves
in the good news this Lent

Ash Wednesday Service
Lenten Bible Study
Maundy Thursday Service

Wednesday, February 18th 7:30pm
Wednesdays February 25th-March 25th 7pm
Thursday, April 2nd 7:30pm