

# ***Announcements and Church Information***

## ***For the week of Sunday, March 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](http://rumsonpresbyterian.org)) to find out more about us. We are happy you joined us and look forward to seeing you again.



### ***Third Sunday in Lent***

***Sermon: "The Good News is... Together, the Impossible is Possible"***  
***by Dr. Whitney S. Bayer***

In this week's text Jesus models a way to be in community by coming together and sharing what we have, dispelling perceived impossibilities. How might this inspire our own discipleship?



### ***Coffee Hour***

Join us immediately following the service in Wilson Hall for coffee or tea and some delicious treats. Thanks to **Tom and Linda Goeddel** 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.



### ***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](mailto:whitney@rumsonpresbyterian.org)



## **Ministry Architects**

***Vision Summit has been rescheduled!***

***Sunday, March 15th, 5:30 – 8:00***

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. **Dinner will be provided.**

Because we need to know how many can attend this rescheduled event, we ask that you sign up (or re-sign up) using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2f8fuf47>

## ***Church-wide Assessment***

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



Grounding ourselves in  
the good news this Lent



## ***Lenten Calendar***

Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays February 25<sup>th</sup>-March 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30pm

## ***Lenten Bible Study***

***Beginning Wednesday, February 25, and continuing for 5 weeks, 7-8pm***

We will be studying the scripture being used in the following Sunday's worship service. We will engage the text using Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina is a contemplative way to read the Bible. It's an ancient practice that means "holy reading." In Lectio Divina, we slow down and listen for God's word. We take time to listen for words or phrases from

Scripture that stand out for us, and we listen for a call that God may be placing upon our lives. Pastor Whitney Bayer will facilitate.



***We Are a People in Mission!***  
***Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event***  
***A Wonderful Success – for a Third Straight Year!***



Last Sunday afternoon, March 1, over 60 volunteers including a dozen from RPC and the remainder from the community, once again gathered in Wilson Hall to partner with the organization Rise Against Hunger. The remarkable result was over 10,150 prepackaged meals were produced and boxed in under 2 hours. The meals will be sent internationally to where the food is most needed – those areas with the greatest hunger risk. It is estimated that over 40 children will be fed for half a year each from our efforts. What a wonderful scene of faithful work in action! May this be an annual happening through this committed and kind congregation.



***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).

**ICE Activity Related Request:** With increasing community needs due to ICE activity in our area, Lunch Break is now asking particularly for the following items: Shelf stable almond or oat milk, granola bars/snacks, bags of dried beans, larger pullups/diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6), and wipes.

### ***Heartwarming Center***



**Laundry Detergent & Towels Needed:** RPC is collecting **laundry detergent** for the Heartwarming Center in Red Bank. **Gain detergent pods** are suggested, but every donation is gratefully appreciated! They also requested **bath-size towels, new or used**. The Center helps women experiencing homelessness or housing instability, with free, safe overnight stays on “Code Blue” nights and during extreme weather. They also offer to women in need: laundry facilities, counseling, employment support, community groups, and a place to rest. Your donations will help our neighbors stay warm and safe.



### ***Giving***

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