

Announcements and Church Information

For the week of Sunday, March 15, 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.



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon: "The Good News is... protection and care for the vulnerable"
by Dr. Whitney S. Bayer

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." He welcomed them. What does it mean for us to welcome and provide care for the vulnerable?



Coffee Hour

Join us immediately following the service in Wilson Hall for coffee or tea and some delicious treats. Thanks to **Andy and Nancy Bowe** 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



Ministry Architects

The Vision Summit has arrived!

Wilson Hall, This afternoon from 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.**

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/>



Grounding ourselves in
the good news this Lent



Lenten Calendar

Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays February 25th-March 25th 7pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2nd 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.



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
Rumson Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 399
Rumson NJ 07760



All applications are due back by May 6th



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. **We will continue to collect donations for the Heartwarming Center until March 22nd.**



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

February 18 - April 5

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.

To learn more, pick up a brochure from the literature shelf in the narthex (just outside the sanctuary) or visit <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing>. To give, there is an envelope in your Stewardship booklet (March 15th), there are collection plate envelopes in the literature shelf in the narthex, you can pick up an envelope to mail directly to PCUSA from the literature shelf in the narthex, or you can visit <https://pcusa.org/donate/og999999-one-great-hour-sharing>



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.

