

Announcements and Church Information ***For the week of Sunday, March 29, 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.



Palm Sunday

Sermon: "The Good News is... Inspiring Us to Act"
by Dr. Whitney S. Bayer

On this Palm Sunday what will the good news inspire us to do? How will the gospel move us? As we head into Holy Week, how will we put Jesus' teachings into practice?



Coffee Hour

Join us immediately following the service in Wilson Hall for coffee or tea and some delicious treats. Thanks to **Mary Kinningham** and **Ivone Ventura** 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.



A Note from the Vision Team

Thank everyone who took time to come to the Vision Summit on March 15, and thank you to Mary Kinningham for making sure we were all well-fed.

The focus of our time together was to begin crafting a mission statement that will guide us as a congregation going forward. Hayley O'Connor led us through a process of naming our values and dreams and identifying specific goals for the year ahead – based on the noise level in Wilson Hall, I think we had some very thoughtful and

heartfelt conversations – we could have easily spent more time sharing hopes, dreams and ideas. We probably WILL spend more time talking about that! The Vision Team, which consists of Andy Bowe, Janis Kenny, Sheri Kirkpatrick, Linda Goeddel, and Rev. Hayley O'Connor of Ministry Architects, is reviewing the notes Hayley took at the gathering and taking a stab and preparing a mission statement to share with the congregation. Whatever our mission statement is, it should guide us in our Christian discipleship, in our life together, and in our decision-making going forward. Stay tuned, and if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to share them with any member of the Vision Team. In addition, we need folks to be part of a prayer team that will be intentional about holding our plans and projects in prayer as we go forward. If you would like to be part of that team, please let Pastor Whitney know.



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



Grounding ourselves in
the good news this Lent

Lenten Calendar

Maunder Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2nd 7:30pm



We Are a People in Mission!

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.

Monmouth County SPCA

It's Spring Cleaning Time! The perfect time to donate your old clean linens (towels, blankets, and sheets) to the Monmouth County SPCA. They need them for the thousands of cats, dogs, and animals they care for each year.

The SPCA would also love any of these items:

Dogs: Dog toys & treats, rawhides, leashes & collars (buckle, not snap), Gentle Leaders (Medium & Large), EZ Walker Harnesses (Medium & Large), Pedigree/Mighty Dog canned food, Hill's Science Diet dry food.

Cats: Scoopable cat litter, small plastic cat carriers, cat toys like mice/balls, cat treats & catnip, cat beds.

Kittens: KMR Kitten Formula, Kitten Bottles/canned food, heating pads, hot water bottles, stuffed animals.

Shelter: Paper Towels, Hand Sanitizer, Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets (Lavender scented), Brillo/SOS pads, Lysol disinfectant & Wipes, 30+ gallon garbage bags, liquid hand soap, tissues.

Etc: Postage stamps, file folders, #10 envelopes, Post-Its, wild bird food.

Please leave your thoughtful contributions in the church narthex bin. We will be collecting donations for the SPCA beginning this Palm Sunday through Memorial Day. Thank you, Angels!!

Lunch Break Easter Basket Giveaway

Lunch Break has yet to meet their goal of 300 baskets and needs our help. We will be collecting items (see flyer) at the church through Monday.

ITEMS, TREATS & BASKETS



LunchBreak
HELP FOR TODAY - HOPE FOR TOMORROW

HELP & DONATE

EASTER BASKET DRIVE

FEB. 23 - MARCH 28

HELP CHILDREN CELEBRATE BY DONATING TODAY!

- Baskets & Faux Grass Stuffing
- Toys
- New Coloring Books & Crayons
- Stickers
- Healthy Snacks
- Small Games (cards)
- Activity Books
- Egg Dyeing Kits

VIEW OUR AMAZON WISH LIST TO SEE THE ITEMS NEEDED

DROP OFF TIMES:

Monday - Friday 10 AM - 2 PM

Saturday 10 - 11:45 AM

DROP OFF LOCATION:

121 Drs. James Parker Blvd.

Red Bank, NJ

***Please come to our Donations Door located at the rear of the building.**

**Please email us with your name, address
& delivery date to Drives@LunchBreak.org.**

SCAN FOR
AMAZON
WISHLIST



Heartwarming Center

THANK YOU to our generous congregation for donating gallons of laundry detergent and piles of fluffy towels to the Red Bank Heartwarming Center shelter! They, and their clients, are so grateful for your kindnesses.



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>



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





Giving

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