

## ***Announcements and Church Information*** ***For the week of Sunday, May 3, 2026***

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time, returning after some time away, or a long-time member of our church family—we are so glad you're here.

We would love to stay connected with you. If you are visiting, please consider filling out a yellow card, located in the back of the pew, and place it in the offering plate. You can keep in touch through our weekly emails—simply reach out to our Office Administrator, Steve Buchanan, at [admin@rumsonpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@rumsonpresbyterian.org). You can also follow us on Facebook at [@firstpresbyterianchurchofrumson](https://www.facebook.com/@firstpresbyterianchurchofrumson).

If you are considering making Rumson Presbyterian Church your church home, we would be delighted to walk alongside you. Our Session gathers regularly to welcome new members. To learn more about joining, please contact Rev. Whitney Bayer at [whitney@rumsonpresbyterian.org](mailto:whitney@rumsonpresbyterian.org) or 732-842-0429.



### ***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

***Sermon: "Our Values: Compassion"***

***by Dr. Whitney S. Bayer***

How does Jesus call us to show compassion to others? What does true compassion look like?



### ***Coffee Hour***

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



## ***Special Congregational Meeting May 10th***

The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting on May 10th, immediately after worship, for the purpose of presenting the nominating committee to the congregation for their approval.



## ***Receiving New Members***

On Sunday, May 17th, following worship the Session will be receiving new members in the Lounge. If you are interested in joining the church or if you have any questions please contact Whitney, [whitney@rumsonpresbyteian.org](mailto:whitney@rumsonpresbyteian.org).



## ***A Weekend in Old Monmouth: Today!***



The annual “A Weekend in Old Monmouth” event has returned with historic sites throughout Monmouth County opening their doors to visitors interested in local history. Today’s hours for most sites (including ours) are from Noon until 5 PM. Tour visitors can see the places in any order of their own selection.



## ***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)



## ***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 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 asking for: 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!!



## ***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 this Wednesday, May 6th***



## ***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.