

## ***Announcements and Church Information*** ***For the week of Sunday, May 17, 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.



### ***Seventh Sunday of Easter***

***Sermon: "Our Values: Faith"***  
***by Dr. Whitney S. Bayer***

What does it mean to live by faith? How do we commit to serving as faithful disciples of Christ?



### ***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. **We still need volunteers for next week and the following week (May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>.)** You'll find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

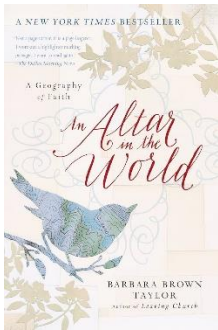


## ***Receiving New Members Today***

Following today's worship, the Session will be receiving new members. If you are interested in joining the church, please join us downstairs in the Monroe Lounge. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Whitney at [whitney@rumsonpresbyteian.org](mailto:whitney@rumsonpresbyteian.org).



## ***Rumson Presbyterian Book Group***



Beginning May 28th and continuing each week for 6 weeks through July 2nd. We will meet on Thursdays from 10-11am. The book we will be reading is ***An Altar in the World*** by **Barbara Brown Taylor**. "From the simple practices such as walking, working, and getting lost to deep meditations on topics like prayer and pronouncing blessings, Taylor reveals concrete ways to discover the sacred in the small things we do and see." Books will be provided for you and will be available for pick up on Sunday, May 24. For the first gathering read the Introduction and Chapters 1 & 2. Please email Whitney at [whitney@rumsonpresbyterian.org](mailto:whitney@rumsonpresbyterian.org) if you are interested in participating so we can be sure to have enough books.



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



## ***We Are a People in Mission!***

***Volunteers Needed:*** We'd like to express our heartfelt thanks to **Ray Sackett** for his yeoman's service in almost single-handedly delivering collected items to the various charitable organizations we support over the years. If you are interested, we are seeking additional transportation volunteers to help distribute this burden.

## ***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.

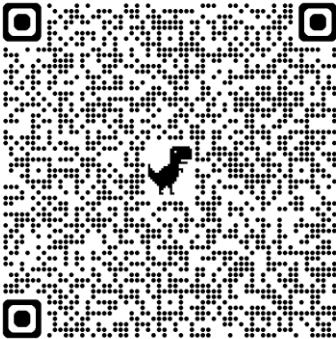
**Shelter:** Paper Towels, Hand Sanitizer, Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets (Lavender scented), Brillo/SOS pads, Lysol disinfectant & Wipes, 30+ gallon garbage bags, liquid hand soap, tissues.

**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!!



## ***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.