

Rock "905"

The monthly newsletter of
Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
905 Village Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309



"...on this rock I will build my church..."

February 2025

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY- FEBRUARY 9

Souper Bowl Sunday

RLPC is once again on a Souper Bowl Sunday Mission. The Session got in a huddle and decided to call a new play.

We are asking the congregation to make a 50 yard or so dash to your nearest grocery store and tackle some soup cans and bring them to the goal line (the Church).

Please join in the fun and let's see how many cans we can take to our local Heart and Hand Food Pantry. Checks are also welcome.

After our service, please join us for a soup style lunch in the parlor. Please bring your favorite soup or breads to share.

We have a sign-up sheet for you to list the soup/bread/dessert that you would like to share on that day. Please click on the link below and it will take you to the sign-up sheet.

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3 Gary Crosby
9 Adilynn Hardin
13 John Fenwick

16 Michelle Broyles
16 Shannon Thornhill
17 Chris Barnes

No Anniversaries this Month

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## CANDLEMAS



I have an interest in both world and church history, so I found it very fortuitous I would be performing the liturgy on Sunday, February 2 on Candlemas.

Not as often observed these days, Candlemas has a rich history in Christian tradition. 40 days after Christmas, it celebrates Mary and Joseph's trek to Jerusalem, in accordance to old Jewish law, to have Jesus confirmed in the Temple.

Many of us in West Virginia have Scotch-Irish ancestry. Our Celtic pre-Christian ancestors observed a festival this same time of year, the midway point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox, called Imbolc which translates to something like "milk in the belly", likely referring to when sheep begin to produce milk for their lambs, a vital food source during the lean times in the winter. A time to take stock of provisions, tighten our belts, and wait until spring arrives. 40 Days after Christmas.

Biblically, 40 often symbolizes times of patience or waiting, the 40 years of Moses wandering the deserts, the 40 days and nights of the Great Flood. It is a time to have patience as we wait and look forward to Lententide.

In accordance to the old laws, parents were to bring the offering of a lamb to The Temple, or if they were of meager means, 2 turtledoves. But just as the milk of the lamb sustained our ancestors in this time, Mary brought the ultimate offering to The Temple that first Candlemas, she offered up THE LAMB for the world, our Redeemer and our Sustainer. I just find that connection so profoundly beautiful.

And what else is it today? Another day where we look forward to the light of spring? That's right, Groundhog Day! Even though some Christians no longer observe Candlemas, almost all Americans still wait to hear about old Puxatawny Phil's prediction about winter. So even though it has been transformed, secularized and infused with Americana folklore, the spirit of gathering our stores and waiting for the thaw of spring endures.

As Christmas becomes more secularized, we are often reminded "Jesus is the Reason for the Season", well, he's the reason for this season too! He's the reason for ALL seasons! So I'm glad we're able to gather here today and celebrate together the light from the candle to the sun, the Light of the World.

.....Shayn Davis

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This month, in addition to praying for our church and congregation, please pray for these churches and their ministry that may all we do be to the Glory of God!

February 2

Alexander Mem. Presby. Church, Stony Bottom
Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Shinnston
Kiawaithanji Church
Gaaki Parish

February 16

Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg
Liberty Presbyterian Church, Green Bank
Giakanja Parish

February 9

Big Spring Presbyterian Church, Slatyfork
First Unit Presbyterian Church, Ravenswood
Kesler Memorial Presbyterian Church, Hico
Mutathini Church
Gaaki Parish

February 23

First Presbyterian Church, Thomas
Keller Presbyterian Church, Pence Springs
Giaichamwenge Church
Giakanja Parish



March Newsletter Deadline: Tuesday, February 25 2025
It would be appreciated if you submit your items to rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com by this date.

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God  
demonstrates  
his own  
love for us...

ROMANS 5:8



## Nurturing Faith Ideas 2025, based on the Revised Common Lectionary

### February 2: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany *Read Jeremiah 1:4-10*

God chose Jeremiah to be God's messenger, to speak God's word. Though Jeremiah insisted that he was too young and didn't know how, God promised to go with him and give him the words to speak. What has God called you to say about God to others? What excuses keep you from speaking with others about God?

### February 9: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany *Read Luke 5:1-11*

When Jesus called his first disciples, they were washing their nets after a long night of fishing when they caught nothing. Jesus invited them to follow him, and they did so, leaving everything behind them. We, too, have been called to follow Jesus. What did you, might you, have to leave behind to follow?

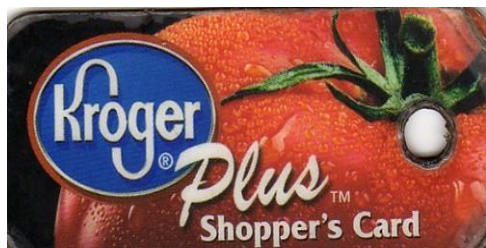
### February 16: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany *Read Luke 6:17-19*

Crowds of people came to hear Jesus, hoping that he would heal them, and Jesus did so. How has Jesus healed you? How might you help share Jesus' healing ministry this week?

### February 23: Seventh Sunday after Epiphany *Read Luke 6:27-38*

Do you have any "enemies"? How do you treat them? Jesus taught those who would listen to him to love their enemies and do good to those that hate them. Imagine what it would be like in our schools, workplaces, homes, communities, nation, and world if we did so. Reach out to an "enemy" with love this week.

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Through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, Kroger will donate to RLPC 5% of all grocery/pharmacy purchases YOU make just by using your Kroger Plus Card. Please sign up for this FREE profitable program for RLPC. You only have to open an account and register your Kroger Plus Card online at: krogercommunityrewards.com.

OR

You can simply telephone Kroger Community Rewards at 1-800-576-4377. They will assist you with registering your Kroger Plus Card. You will need to have handy either your Kroger Plus Card number or your alternate ID (your telephone number).

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## Bridgeview Food Ministry



The Bridgeview Food Ministry are packing lunches again on the last Sunday of each month after worship service. We are asking for volunteers to meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Food items can be dropped off at the church during office hours (9 until noon Monday through Friday).

Below is a list of food needed for the program:

Mac & Cheese (microwavable and single serving)

Pudding Cups

Juice Boxes

Individual cereal packages

Snack Bags (pretzels, cheezits, goldfish, gummies, chips, cookies (individual packages)

Chocolate milk

Ravioli (or other Chef Boyardee Pastas, microwavable, single serving)

Applesauce or Fruit Cups

Pop Tarts

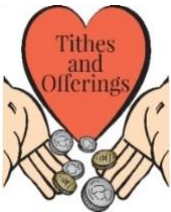
### CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING



From the PCUSA website:

“Cents-Ability is one way that families, congregations, and presbyteries can support the battle against hunger and poverty. Every member is invited to contribute a few cents at every meal. Funds are then used to support local hunger ministries, as well as national and international projects through the Presbyterian Hunger Program.” September 29th Centsability offering totaled \$129.50. Thank you for your generosity.

**The next offering will be collected Sunday, March 30, 2025.** So, start to collect your 5 cents per meal each day. Proceeds will go to Heart & Hand. Please remember people who are less fortunate by donating to this, and all Cents-Ability offerings.



We understand that there are some who are uncomfortable attending in-person worship and hope that you are able to join the service on YouTube.

We appreciate your continued gifts to the church. There are several ways that you may make a donation. By logging onto the church website at [www.rlpc.org](http://www.rlpc.org) you can give through PayPal. Also, outside the choir room is a mailbox where you can drop your offering. Or you can send a check by mail to the church's address: 905 Village Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309. Please contact Mary Wagner for further information. 304-552-1627.



## Session Notes

# January Session Digest

**WORSHIP (W):** On January 5, an estimated 61 home and in-person communicants celebrated communion. The next communion will be on February 2. **If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

On February 2, at the end of worship, the congregation is invited to celebrate Candlemas. Candlemas is about 40 days after Christmastide. While rooted in Catholicism, it has been used in Reformed worship also. The focus of worship is that congregants bring candles from their homes for blessing, and are blessed as well. We invite the congregation to bring your candles to the front of the Sanctuary for blessing during this part of worship. Candles will be available for all who wish to participate, but do not have candles with them.

As we start 2025, we hope you will make in-person worship a regular part of the start of each week.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F):** Rock Lake finished 2024 with a general fund balance of \$73,207. With regard to actual income and spending, you donated about \$9,328 more than was spent in 2024. To date, the Stewardship Task Force reports just over \$96,000 of congregational financial support for 2025. Thank you for your generosity!

John Haynes and Ken Schmidt have been elected to the session class of 2027 and Linda Hunt to the nominating committee class of 2027. Thank you for your commitments! Elder installation is being planned.

### CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):

**MISSION & SERVICE (M&S):** Souper Bowl Sunday will be February 9. Cans of Soup are requested for donation. The potluck that Sunday has a signup sheet at

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### PROPERTY (P):

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC):** The next second Sunday potluck will be February 9 following worship. See you there!

### OTHER(O):

With Christ's Peace,  
Ken



# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

## February 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                                | Monday                                                                                                                                                    | Tuesday                                                                                      | Wednesday                            | Thursday                                                                 | Friday                                                                                                                                                       | Saturday                          |
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| <b>2</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship<br><br>Holy Communion | <b>3</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                         | <b>4</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work<br>9:00 am Church Office Open                               | <b>5</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open  | <b>6</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)   | <b>7</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom                                                                                         | <b>8</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work  |
| <b>9</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship<br>                    | <b>10</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                        | <b>11</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work<br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>9:30 am Carbide Oldtimers | <b>12</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open | <b>13</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P) | <b>14</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom<br> | <b>15</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work |
| <b>16</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship                                                                                                       | <b>17</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)<br> | <b>18</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:30 pm Session Meeting                              | <b>19</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open | <b>20</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P) | <b>21</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom                                                                                        | <b>22</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work |
| <b>23</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship                                                                                                       | <b>24</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                        | <b>25</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work<br>9:00 am Church Office Open                              | <b>26</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open | <b>27</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P) | <b>28</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom                                                                                        |                                   |



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