

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..."

August 2025



Dear Church Family:

As we turn the page into August, I'm reminded of how swiftly time moves and how faithful our God remains through every season. Summer is often a time of rest, reflection, and renewal - a brief pause before the busyness of fall begins. In many ways, this mirrors our spiritual walk. God provides seasons not just of work, but of stillness, so we may draw closer to Him and prepare for what's ahead.

Galatians 6:9 Paul encourages us: "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." This verse reminds us that God is always working, often beneath the surface, preparing a harvest in our hearts, families, and communities.

August is also a month of anticipation. Students prepare to return to school, families wrap up their summer plans, and the church begins planning for the fall. I encourage each of us to use this time to seek God's direction. Where is He calling you to serve? How is He growing your faith? What new things might He be planting in your life?

Let's continue to pray for one another. Pray for our students, teachers, and school staff as they begin a new year. Pray for those who are weary, that

they would find rest in Christ. Pray for our church that we might be a light in our community as we move into the future God has planned for us.

Thank you for being a part of this church family. I'm grateful for each of you, and excited to see how God will continue to move among us, and lead us into the days ahead where Jesus Christ is already waiting for us.

Love and every blessing!

Patricia



BIRTHDAYS

1	Levi Means	10	Jean Smith
4	Don Broyles	15	Marilyn Padon
6	Tiffany Hoke	18	Lauren Taylor
7	Madison Barnes	19	Judy Knowles
7	Madison Meador	25	Max Broyles
7	Raylee Wilson	27	Eliza Baker
9	Patricia Jarvis		

ANNIVERSARIES

3	Jeff & Sandi Ray	11	Ed & Jackie Thompson
7	Jeff & Connie Dent	28	Alex & Margie Gumowski



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!

August 3

Fayetteville Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg
Gitero Church
Rware Parish

August 10

Marsh Fork Presbyterian Church, Dry Creek
Valley Bend Presbyterian Church, Beverly
Gitumbi Church
Rware Parish

August 17

First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown
First Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg
Kingongo Church

Rware Parish

August 24

Comfort Presbyterian Church
Spring Creek Presbyterian Church, Renick
Union Presbyterian Church
Muringato Church
Rware Parish

August 31

Beechwood Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg
Bradley Presbyterian Church
Centerville Presbyterian Church, Greenville
Nyamachaki Memorial Church
Rware Parish

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

**August 3: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost *Read Luke 12:13-21***

**“Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Choose some of your money or a possession and give it away to someone who needs it this week. Praise God that you are able to give away some of what you have.**

**August 10: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost *Read Hebrews 11:1-3***

**Hebrew 11:1 defines faith as the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. The rest of Hebrews 11 lifts up how faith can be seen in the lives of some of our ancestors in faith. What in our lives lets other know of our faith in God?**

**August 17: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost *Read Hebrews 11:29-12:2***

A great cloud of witnesses, people of faith from the time of Abraham to the present surround us, cheering us on as we live our lives of faith. Some of them include parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors who have nurtured and guided us in our faith. We are not alone on our life's journey. Give thanks for some of the people who have shared the story of Jesus with you. Share their names with a friend or family member.

**August 24: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost *Read Luke 13:10-17***

How wonderful it was that a woman who had been bent over, unable to stand up straight for eighteen years, at the words of Jesus, could stand again. It's easy to understand why she began praising God! What has God done in your life that you would praise him for? Share with someone and say a prayer of thanks to God.

**August 31: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost *Read Luke 14:1, 7-11***

Jesus warns his disciples about thinking too highly of themselves and assuming the best places at the party table are for them. He also told them that when they threw a party to invite those who are poor, blind, lame, not their friends and relatives who would invite them in return. What would happen if we followed these instructions? How would your party be different?

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FIVE TRAITS OF CHURCHES WHO WILL BUILD AGAIN



- 1. They don't measure future results based on past performance.**
- 2. They are learning how to make decisions with the ability to see around the corner.**
- 3. They possess an optimistic and faith-filled spirit that overcomes doubt and discouragement.**
- 4. They cultivate a healthy and productive team culture that solves problems.**
- 5. They embrace and implement change with agility and enthusiasm.**

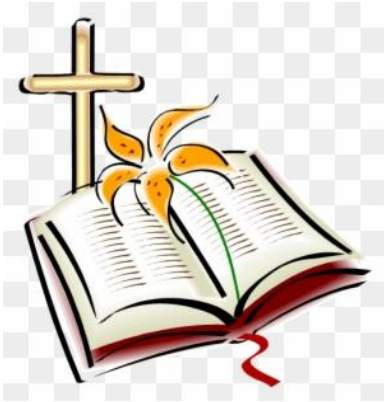
Dan Reiland, "The Pastors' Coach"

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## RLPC July Activities (July 4<sup>th</sup> popsicles, potluck, & Communion)

.....Thank you, Scott Hamilton, for the photos





## THE CENTER OF THE BIBLE

**This is pretty strange or odd how it worked out this way. Even if you are not religious you should read this.**

**What is the shortest chapter in the Bible? Answer – Psalms 117**

**What is the longest chapter in the Bible? Answer – Psalms 119**

**Which chapter is in the center of the Bible? Answer – Psalms 118**

**Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118**

**Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118**

**Add these numbers and you get 1188.**

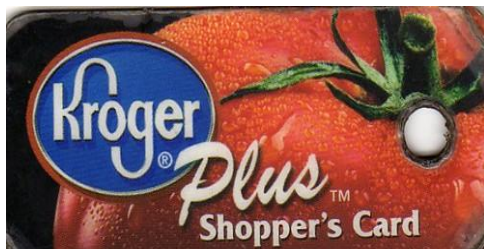
**What is the center verse in the Bible? Answer – Psalms 118:8**

**Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?**

**The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His Word!!**

**Psalms 118:8 (NKJV) – "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."**

**Now, isn't that odd how this worked out (or was God in the center of it)?**



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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).



## Bridgeview Food Ministry

The Bridgeview Food Ministry are packing lunches again on the last Sunday of each month after worship service, beginning August 24

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).

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### 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.”

**The next offering will be collected Sunday August 31, 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

## July Session Digest

**WORSHIP (W):** On July 6, the total estimated communicants was 53 (29 in-person & 24 estimated on-line). The next communion will be on August 3. **If you are joining worship**

**at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

Pam and Marilyn are on vacation August 17 & 24. Patricia will be filling in for Pam on piano those Sundays. Jim Robinson will preach on August 17; Ed Thompson will be preaching on August 24.

We hope you will make in-person worship a priority at the start of each week.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F):** The July balance sheet has about \$69,900 in the general account. The budget vs. actual shows a \$2,080 positive balance for June, and a positive June YTD balance of \$20,300.

**CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):**

**MISSION & SERVICE (M&S):**

**PROPERTY (P):** Solar Holler is completing the solar panel electrical connection by the end of the month. On July 25, the installers told the clerk that, after the connection is complete, a third-party company will inspect the connection in the following week. Then, in the next 4-6 weeks, the power company will install a two-way meter to allow unneeded power to flow to the electrical grid. During that 4-6 week period, a process called 'zero export' will allow the panels to offset that actual metered usage. On July 28, Solar Holler completed the electrical connection, and put the solar panel system into zero export mode. This operating mode will remain active until the power company installs a two-way meter.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC):** The next second Sunday potluck will be August 10. Even if you cannot bring a dish, please remember, the most important ingredient is YOU!

**OTHER(O):** a. The lease re-negotiation committee (Scott Hamilton, David Broyles, Ken Schmidt) met on June 30 with Pollen8 CEO Cheryl Laws and Hollie McCraw of Appalachian Behavioral Health Care (ABHC) to discuss an ABHC lease extension for the next 5 years. The current lease is \$1,000 per month. Cheryl and Hollie are concerned that, given the change in the federal administration, the financial future of ABHC is very much in question. (This does not endanger Pollen8.) They have approached several larger businesses, only one of whom expressed any interest in having even preliminary discussions. The upshot of the meeting is that the current payment schedule will be continued month-to-month until the future clears. Session needs to be considering what happens if ABHC vacates the Rock Lake Community Life Center.

With Christ's Peace,  
Ken

# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

# August 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                        | Monday                                                      | Tuesday                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                          | Thursday                                                          | Friday                                                                                                                                                | Saturday                                                                                                           |
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|                                                                                                               |                                                             |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                    |                                                                   | 1 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom                                                                                         | 2 8:30 am Manna Meal Work<br>   |
| 3 10:00 am RLPC Worship<br>  | 4 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)  | 5 8:30 am Manna Meal Work<br>9:00 am Church Office Open                                | 6 9:00 am Church Office Open<br> | 7 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)   | 8 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom                                                                                         | 9 8:30 am Manna Meal Work                                                                                          |
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| 24 10:00 am RLPC Worship<br><b>Bridgeview Backpacks</b>                                                       | 25 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P) | 26 8:30 am Manna Meal Work<br>9:00 am Church Office Open                               | 27 9:00 am Church Office Open                                                                                      | 28 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P) | 29 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom                                                                                        | 30 8:30 am Manna Meal Work                                                                                         |
| 31 10:00 am RLPC Worship<br><b>Cents-Ability</b>                                                              |                                                             |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                    |                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |



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