

# 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..."*

**July 2025**



Ecclesiastes 3:1

*"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven."*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

We have been looking forward to summer all year, haven't we? In my mind the summer season is enclosed like parentheses by Memorial Day and Labor Day. In between are expectations of hot, lazy days, long hours in the garden, evenings spent on the back patio sipping iced tea in a way that the press of other seasons often don't allow.

Of course, we know it doesn't always work out that way, does it? Somehow the summer days seems to slip away with breathtaking speed, and before we know it, school is ready to begin again.

I tried to figure out why this is so. Where does the summer go, and why so quickly?

One reason is because I try to cram six months' worth of activities into a three month period. Then I end up frustrated because not everything I had planned to do manages to get done.

But another, and maybe more telling reason is that I forget to savor each day as it's given to me. Worse still, I neglect to be grateful for the gift of life, given in moment-by-moment increments never with any guarantee that there will be another.

In Psalm 118:24, the Psalmist says, "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

When I think of it that way, how silly I am to fill up these glorious, glowing days of summer with the same frantic activity that characterizes the rest of the year! Maybe you find yourself in the same situation.

This summer, I invite you and me to do things a little differently. Let's see if we can make the summer slow down a bit by slowing down ourselves. Shorter "to-do" lists. More iced tea on the patio or porch. Fewer projects and more time with friends. Less fretting over what doesn't get finished and more genuine gratitude to our Creator for the unique beauty of these months.

And don't forget your spiritual well-being. Attend worship (or tune in, even if you are out of town), put daily Bible study and devotions on your summer reading list, (devotional booklets in the hallway) and set aside intentional moments to be aware of Christ's presence in your life. Remember to say thank you for the ways our days are blessed.

May we all have a wonderful summer!

Love and every blessing!

*Patricia*

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***The paraments in the Sanctuary the past month were made by Susan Hamilton and donated to the church. We will use them regularly during the next months before Advent. Green is the liturgical color for this time between Eastertide and Advent.***

***Thank you for your gift, Susan!***





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!

**July 6**  
Canyon Community Church, Morgantown  
First Presbyterian Church, Colcord  
First Presbyterian Church, Fairmont  
Rev. Naman Githenya Memorial Church  
Riamukurwe Parish

**July 13**  
Beckley Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church, White Sulphur Spgs  
Thunguma Church  
Rimukurwe Parish

**July 20**  
First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans  
Spencer Presbyterian Church  
Kiandu Church  
Riamukurwe Parish

**July 27**  
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro  
Tygarts Valley Presbyterian Church, Huttonsville  
Gitathiini Church  
Rware Parish



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

**July 6: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** *Read Galatians 6:7-10*  
In this passage, we are encouraged to keep doing what is right and working for the good of all. What are some things you could do this week that would help people? Make a list of at least three things and do them.

**July 13: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** *Read Luke 10:25-37*  
When the lawyer wanted to know exactly who his neighbor was that he was to love, Jesus told the Story of the Good Samaritan, where the one considered “enemy” and “foreigner” was the one who stopped to help. Who is someone you know, who may be different from you, that needs to know they are cared for and loved? Consider what you might do to help them and then do it.

**July 20: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost** *Read Luke 10:38-42*  
When Jesus visited, Mary took the time to sit at his feet and listen to what he said; Martha was focused on her tasks, perhaps she was trying to get a meal ready for all of them. Jesus pointed out the importance of spending time in his presence. Are you more like Mary or Martha? Take some time to focus on Jesus today; take a walk, read a book, play music, be silent, pray, whatever makes you aware of Jesus’ presence with you.

**July 27: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost** *Read Psalm 138*

God wants us to praise God with all our heart. That is a lot of praising! Cut out a heart from a piece of paper then fill up the heart with words and phrases that tell of the wonderful things you believe about God. Tape the heart up somewhere where you will see it all week, reminding you to praise God with all your heart.



10 John Solberg  
12 Ruth Canterbury  
15 Fred Reehling  
17 Avery Wilson  
22 Elaine Wagner

25 Jay Estill  
26 Alaiah Washington  
27 Mellow Lee  
28 David Broyles



10 Joe & Kim LaCount  
13 Tom & Ashley Marion  
20 Beau & Stephanie Wilson  
23 Ed & Merrily Bailey

27 Ron & Chris Rogillio  
27 James & Kelly Straight  
31 Rob & Shannon Thornhill



Please join us on Sunday, July 6 after Worship Service for a Red-White-Blue popsicle reception in the Parlor to celebrate the birth of the United States of America.

## CELEBRATING PENTECOST AT RLPC



....Thanks to Scott Hamilton for the photos!

## **A Tale of God Working in Our Lives**

Olga and I returned from a visit with our son Barry and his wife Wendi in late May. When we left to begin our visit, I unknowingly left my wallet at the departure gate in Charleston (CRW). It contained our Real-ID driver's licenses, and two credit cards. I was blissfully unaware of missing my wallet through our first flight to Atlanta, where we would change planes to take our flight to Denver, CO. When we arrived in Atlanta, I needed to use the bathroom. It was there that I realized there was a vacancy in the pocket where my wallet normally snuggled. I felt a pit in my stomach. I tried to organize my thoughts. I finished up in the bathroom, and returned to Olga, who was holding our carry-ons and my jacket.

My first thought was to freeze the two credit cards, which took a few minutes using each card's phone app. Then we proceeded to check through all our belongings hoping to find the wallet. When that search failed, we decided to get to the departure gate for our flight to Denver. Then we could decide what to do next. My mind was racing as we began walking.

While we were walking to the departure gate, my cellphone rang. I looked at the screen-the call was from our 304-area code. I answered the call. The caller identified himself as a CRW police officer, Chuck Vinson. He told me that a wallet had been found at the CRW departure gate and turned in to lost & found. He assured us that the wallet was secured in the CRW Police Lost & Found. He told me that I could call the CRW police number to retrieve the wallet when we returned home. He said he would text the tag number assigned to the wallet, and said to call or text him if we needed additional help. We breathed sighs of relief and thanks to God after Officer Vinson's call. But more adventure awaited us in Aurora, CO.

It was there that I realized Olga and I were in a Catch 22. We could retrieve our Real-ID driver's licenses when we returned to Charleston, but we also needed our Real-ID driver's licenses to get through Denver TSA. I sent the following email to TSA:

### **TSA Help,**

My wife and I live in South Charleston, WV 25309. We are in our 80's. We both have TSA Pre-Check. We are on a visit to Aurora, CO, having flown with Delta from CRW to DEN, with a layover in ATL. When we departed CRW, I left my wallet behind, with both of our driver's licenses in it. The wallet has been found and is waiting for me in CRW Lost & Found. We are booked on Delta to return home Thursday, May 29. What can I do to get through TSA Pre-Check on Thursday? Is there a way to speak with a TSA Rep? My cell is 304 881 2408. Hope to hear from you soon!

Peace,

Ken Schmidt

When we signed up for TSA Pre-Check, part of that process was to get fingerprinted. I thought those fingerprints could be matched with a real-time check in a TSA office, somewhere in Denver, and we could be cleared that way for our return flight. How naive! A very kind TSA representative called me advising us to get to the Denver airport 3-4 hours before our flight so we might be able to make our flight. Without our Real-ID's, TSA Pre-Check would be of no help-another Catch 22.

I called Chuck-by this time, we were on the first-name level-to see about getting the wallet sent to me in Aurora. He immediately suggested using FedEx to deliver the wallet. His quick response gave me comfort in two ways: 1. CRW Police had been through this situation many times before; 2. They had developed a process with FedEx, which has a depot at the base of the hill near the airport.

I prepared the shipping documents on the FedEx website (with some additional hand-holding from Chuck), paid with a credit card, emailed Chuck the shipping label and a letter of authorization to give to FedEx when he took the wallet to their depot.

In short, everything worked as Chuck had told me it would, thank God!

I emailed the following to the CRW Director of Operations:

**Director,**

I write this to thank the CRW Police officers who helped me by shipping to me my wallet containing Real-IDs for me and my wife. FedEx has just emailed me writing that they have my shipment, and it is scheduled for delivery in Aurora, CO tomorrow. I left my wallet at gate B1 several days ago, and realized it was missing at our connecting airport, ATL. Officer Vinson called me shortly after we went through all our belongings in a fruitless wallet search. He put my mind at ease then, and, when I decided to have the wallet shipped to me, held my hand, and guided me through the process to get the wallet to FedEx. I also thank Officer Eagle, who answered my call this morning, and the officer who delivered the package to FedEx.

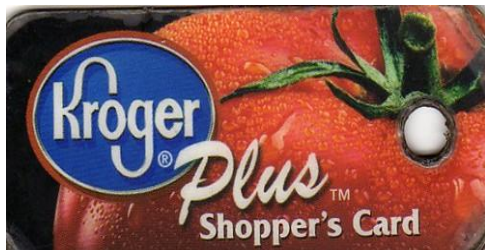
You should be very proud of the CRW Police-I know I am! Their professional conduct helped an 80+ year-old couple more than you know.

We are Christians, and believe God has been looking out for us through this episode. Please share this note with the Police.

Peace & Grace to you,

Ken Schmidt

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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](http://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).

## Bridgeview Food Ministry



The Bridgeview Food Ministry is temporarily on hold until August (due to summer).

We will keep you updated in the bulletin and newsletter with further information.

## 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.



## June Session Digest

July 6. **If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

A red-white-and-blue popsicle reception is scheduled for July 6 in the parlor after worship to celebrate the birth of the nation. Drinks and plenty of napkins will be provided.

Pam and Marilyn are on vacation August 17 & 24. Patricia will be filling in for Pam on piano those Sundays. We seek a preacher for 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 June balance sheet has about \$69,000 in the general account. The budget vs. actual shows a \$3,600 positive balance for May, and a positive May YTD balance of \$18,000.

**CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):**

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

**PROPERTY (P):**

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC):** The next second Sunday potluck will be July 13. Even if you cannot bring a dish, please remember, the most important ingredient is YOU!

**OTHER(O):** a. The A&F and Worship chairs met with the Church Secretary, Organist-Accompanist, and Music Director in early June to discuss pay and job descriptions. Each of these staff will get a pay increase effective July 1, 2025. b. The Lease Subcommittee have had several meetings in preparation for lease negotiations with Pollen8 representatives. Negotiations will probably extend into early July. c. The Pastor Search committee will be chaired by Elder John Haynes. Two at-large members will be selected by him and/or the Session Clerk. If you are asked to serve, please give prayerful attention to their request.

With Christ's Peace,  
Ken

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**July 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>2</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom 	<b>5</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
<b>6</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship 	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	<b>8</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom	<b>12</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 
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