

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..."

June 2025



Some Thoughts on Woofgang's Passing

Most of you know that my dog, Woofgang, left us during Holy Week. Some of you have even shed tears with me as I grieve her passing. I have been a widow for 20 years, but Woofgang has been with me for 15 of those years. She has been a beloved companion, and a part of my work and ministry in Dunbar and Parkersburg, and for a while at Rock Lake. Through no fault of her own, she took a sabbatical from church attendance while I have been with you.

Her decline and passing sharply brought home to me what I really knew but just hadn't come to terms with: the brevity of life, and how we all must make some choices about how we spend whatever days are left to us.

As I anticipate yet another birthday, I need some time to get my affairs in order, and to pay attention to some concerns of my family. With that in mind, I have notified the Session that it is my intention to remain as your grateful pastor until the end of this year. This gives us a little more than six months to see what God's plans are for this truly wonderful congregation. If a solution appears before then, I will honor whatever is in the congregation's best interests.

But what a joy these years together have been! You have given me a place to be, a people to love, a ministry to be a part of, a little garden to tend, the discipline of sermon preparation, grace and forgiveness for my shortcomings, the privilege of being part of your lives, and even installing a handrail so I don't trip on my way up to the pulpit!

I know that one of the primary ways God shows God's love for us is through other people, as imperfect as we are. And you have been the heart of Jesus for me. I'm so grateful.

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church is a strong and faithful congregation. Jeremiah 29:11 says "I know the plans I have for you." It will be exciting to see how the next chapter will unfold.

I pray for the church every day. Join me as we anticipate how God will use Rock Lake in the days ahead.

While I grieve for Woofgang, I'm mostly grateful for our 15 years together. While I grieve over the thought of what a change it will be for me to no longer be the name of the new sign on our parking lot; I will be mostly grateful for our blessed years together!

Love and every blessing!

Patricia



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!

June 1

Eleanor Presbyterian Church
Falls View Presbyterian, Charlton Heights
Muruguru Church
Kagumo Parish

Gatitu Church
Riamukurwe Parish

June 22

Baxter Presbyterian Church, Dunmore
Frankford Presbyterian Church
Rware Parish

June 8

Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Pinch
Riamukurwe Parish

June 29

First Presbyterian Church, Kenova
First Presbyterian Church, Weston
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
Kigwandi Church
Riamukurwe Parish

June 15

First United Presbyterian Church, Ravenswood
Ronceverte Presbyterian Church

Nurturing Faith Ideas 2025, based on the Revised Common Lectionary

June 1: Seventh Sunday of Easter *Read Acts 16:16-34*

When Paul and Silas were in jail, they prayed and sang hymns to God; they knew that God was with them, even in that difficult time and place. When you are going through difficult times, do you pray and sing? Do you remember that God is with you?

June 8: Day of Pentecost *Read Acts 2:1-16*

On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' waiting disciples. Where do you see the presence of the Holy Spirit poured on in your life? in your church? in your community? these days? Share with someone and ask them where they see the Spirit.

June 15: Trinity Sunday *Read Psalm 8*

On a clear night, the moon and stars shine brightly in the night sky; sometimes, we, like the psalmist, feel small in comparison. Yet, we have been given a special place in creation as God has created us a little lower than God to take care of God's creation.

June 22: Second Sunday after Pentecost *Read Luke 8:26-39*

Jesus was met with a man filled with demons; the man called out to Jesus as soon as he saw Jesus. Jesus commanded the demons to come out of him, and Jesus sent them into a herd of pigs, which then ran into the lake and drowned. Rather than awe and wonder at the man being made well, the people reacted with fear. When you become aware of the miracles of Jesus, how do you respond? with fear or with praise?

June 29: Third Sunday after Pentecost *Read Galatians 3:22-25*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These aren't many fruit among many; we don't get to pick and choose which we want to do most. Led by the Spirit, our lives are to reflect all of these. Which aspects do you celebrate most in yourself; which aspect do you need to ask the Spirit to help you with?

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02 Susan Kuhn  
05 Linda Hunt  
07 Phyllis Fenwick  
08 Ed Bailey  
15 John Haynes

17 Dan Shriver  
20 Justin Broyles  
22 Elaine Crabtree  
28 Janell Childers  
29 Susan Hamilton



09 Scott and Susan Hamilton  
15 Gary and Jane Crosby  
19 Dan and Cheryl Shriver

21 Ken and Olga Schmidt  
27 Don and Michelle Broyles

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PCUSA PENTECOST OFFERING

The PCUSA Pentecost offering will conclude on Sunday, June 8, 2025.

This is one of the four major offerings sponsored by PCUSA.



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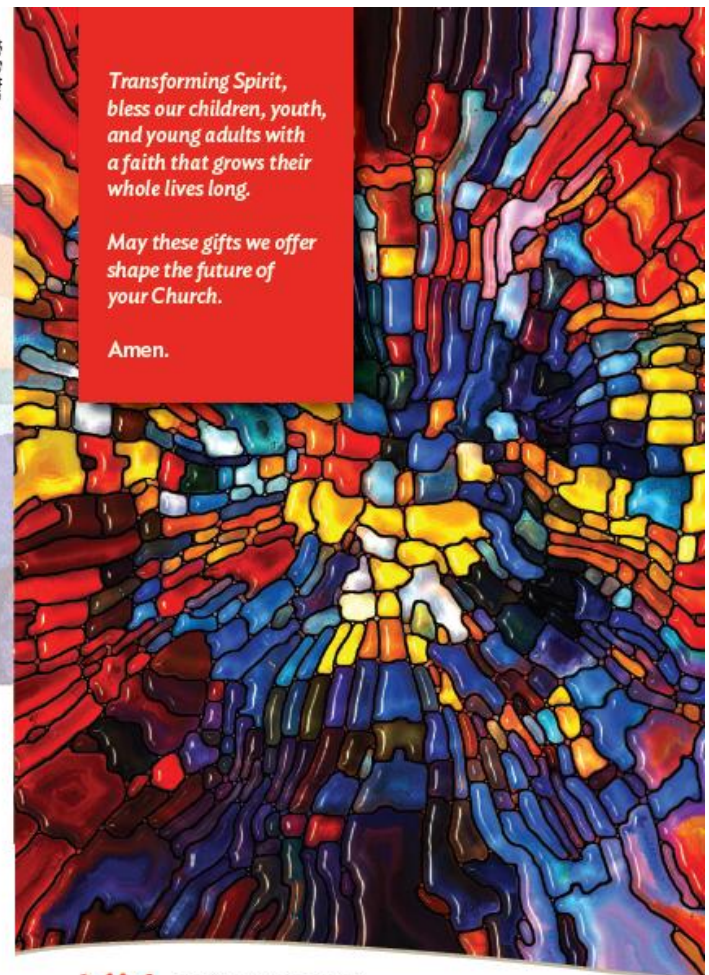
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- Text PENTECOST to 91999 to support these vital ministries
- Give online at pcusa.org/give/Pentecost



You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by the Pentecost Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700.



The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

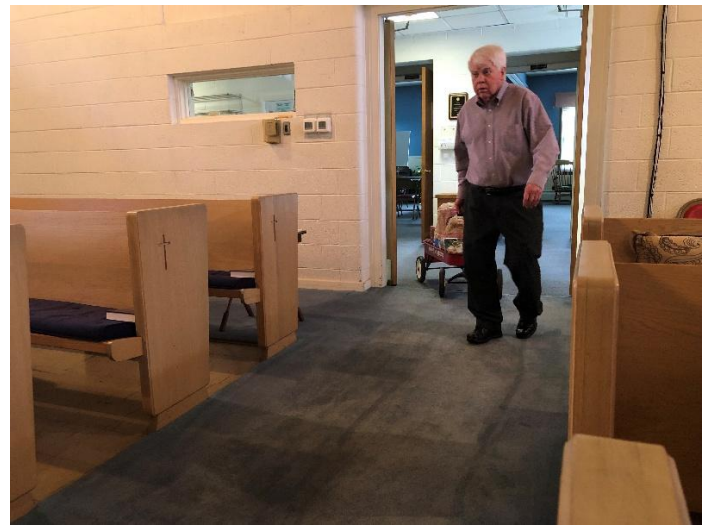


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May 4 - Communion and Food Offering Pictures



Communion Sunday



Ron R. with food offering for Heart & Hand



Enjoying Lunch at Wendy's after worship



Rosemary Gano with Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

May 11 - Mother's Day Sunday



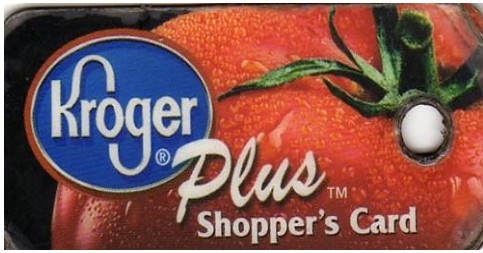
Top Picture is the Garden by the Bridge entrance to the church.

Middle Picture is Marilyn Padon (Choir Director) saying a prayer with Hailey Marion.

Bottom picture is Rick McGuire, Rick's son Matthew and Matt's friend Julianne Martin, and Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis.



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



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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, June 29, 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 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.



May Session Digest

WORSHIP (W):) On May 4, an estimated 24 home and 21 in-person communicants celebrated communion. The next communion will be on

June 1. **If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

Preparations are underway for Father's Day, and Pentecost.

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

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): The April balance sheet has \$66,894 in the general account. The City National Bank account is now showing on the balance sheet, with a current balance of \$6,217. The solar panel CNB loan is being paid from this account each month. In the budget vs. actual, the April MTD month shows a \$24 positive balance, and the April YTD balance to \$14,583 after a correction.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): The Pentecost offering will be taken on Pentecost, June 8.

PROPERTY (P): A problem with the fan control in the old pre-school basement has been fixed. In the parking lot, the hole where the orange cone sits will be patched when the weather turns a bit warmer.


CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next second Sunday potluck will be June 8 (also Pentecost). No applications were received for the 2025 Pearl Inghram scholarship.

OTHER(O): : a. Patricia Jarvis submitted her resignation letter, effective at the end of 2025 (more details are in her article, "Some Thoughts on Woofgang's Passing", elsewhere in this newsletter). Session members expressed their regret to her. Patricia prays for the church each day. She emphasized to session that we are not without hope! We should expect God's care! To that end, session approved creating a 'pastor search' committee, reporting to the session. This committee's task will be to find a pulpit supply pastor to replace Patricia-if that is possible! We envision a 5 member committee, with two session members and three at-large members. If you are asked to serve, please strongly consider a 'yes' answer. b. Session created a 'lease subcommittee' of the Administration & Finance committee. Composed of Scott Hamilton, Dave Broyles, and Ken Schmidt, the committee's purpose is to re-negotiate a new 5 year lease with Pollen8 for our Rock Lake Community Life Center property across Lincoln Drive. The current lease expires July2, 2025.

With Christ's Peace,
Ken

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

June 2025

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