

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..."

October 2026

The RLPC Women's Circle



On Sept. 22, the Women's Circle prepared 16 Birthday Kits for Heart & Hand to give to parents of children with upcoming birthdays. Each Kit contains cake mix, icing, cake pan, candles, balloons, plates, and a birthday card. Extras of napkins, sprinkles and cups were added as numbers allowed. May each recipient enjoy a Happy Birthday!

The Circle meetings occur every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Minute for mission

“What does the Lord require of you ... to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God ...” Micah 6:8

Loving kindness is one of the most beautiful threads woven throughout the Old Testament. Again and again, we are reminded that the people we meet are not strangers or enemies but beloved children of God. The prophet calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person, to practice welcome and to make room at the table for all God’s children. This is expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment. It means making sure there is a place for everyone at Christ’s communion table, at the tables in our homes, among our friends and families, and here in our life together as a church. Loving kindness is the work of making sure every person is seen, every person knows they are loved by God, and every person has what they need to flourish — because that is what God desires for all of us. This year marks the first time congregations across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are invited to receive the World Communion Offering. Through this new Offering, we join with other congregations in supporting the wider church in the work of racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. In a world that often feels divided, this Offering helps us remember that we belong to one another, even to people we may never meet. As we enter a Season of Preparation leading up to the Offering, we will learn how our gifts make a difference in answering the prophets’ call to love kindness. We will also deepen our understanding of the sacrament of communion as it is celebrated across cultures and traditions. Through learning, fellowship, and worship, we will prepare ourselves for World Communion Sunday, when we will gather at Christ’s table and receive this Offering. We join siblings in Christ across the globe in God’s mission of welcome, justice and hope. We step beyond the boundaries of our neighborhood and into the life of the worldwide church, learning to see God’s image more clearly in one another. I invite you to take part fully in this season and in this Offering, as together we celebrate what it means to belong to a global, connected church shaped by God’s endless love.

Let us pray.

Holy God, accompany us as we prepare to receive the bread of life and the cup of salvation on World Communion Sunday. Embolden us to understand the wideness of your mercy and the vastness of your realm on Earth. Give us the grace to understand another’s culture and show us how we might be more faithful as we proclaim your saving death through our actions, Amen.



POTTERY FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
10-4

@KANAWHA UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
(IN BACK OF CHURCH)

1009 VIRGINIA ST., E.----NEXT TO NEWSPAPER OFFICE
CAN ALSO ACCESS FROM KANAWHA BLVD. E.



POTTERY BY LOCAL ARTISTS FEATURING UNIQUE
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FALL GETAWAY RETREAT

October 2 - 4 @ Bluestone

Retreat Cost = \$100 Youth = \$60 (ages 4 - 11)

Children FREE (ages 3 & under)

This is an Open Weekend
 **All are Welcome!**

There'll be plenty of good food and fellowship... plus

- + trail hike or craft you can do at your leisure +
- + opportunities to hike and enjoy the fall foliage around Bluestone +
- + Dutch Oven Dinner on Saturday Night +
- + plenty of time and space to just simply be +

Visit our web page to retrieve registration forms
as well as general information and details:

bluestonecamp.org/fall-getaway

Contact mark@bluestonecamp.org if you have questions.

This retreat is sponsored and hosted by Friends of Bluestone, Inc.

Registration Deadline is September 25

Fees include two nights lodging, three meals Saturday
and one meal on Sunday.

Nurturing Faith Ideas 2026, based on the Revised Common Lectionary

October 4: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost -Read Exodus 20:1-20

In the Ten Commandments, God set before God's people the way to live in relationship with God and with one another in the community of faith. They continue to guide us as we love God and love our neighbors as Jesus commanded. Which of these do you find most challenging? Which are easier to follow?

October 11: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Read Exodus 32:1-14

The people thought Moses, who had been gone for quite a while, wasn't coming back, and, it seems, that God wasn't coming back either. Feeling they had been abandoned, they asked Aaron, Moses' brother and back-up, to make other gods for them, and Aaron built the gold calf for them to worship. What do your idols, those things that you put your loyalty and trust in other than God, look like? How might you put them aside and worship only God?

October 18: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost -Read Matthew 22:15-22

When Jesus is questioned about paying taxes to the emperor (the ruler, the government), he says to give to the emperor the things that belong to the emperor, and to give to God what belongs to God. As we consider what this means in our lives as citizens of God's kingdom and citizens of the world, it's worth remembering that most, if not all, of what we have is a gift from God.

October 25: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost -Read Matthew 22:34-46

In response to the lawyer's question as to which commandment was the greatest, Jesus responded with two: Love God with all your being and love your neighbor as yourself. How do you show your love for God? How do you show your love for your neighbor? Share these with someone or write or draw about them.



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!

October 4

Belington Presbyterian Church
 First Presbyterian Church, Charleston
 Thithe Church
 Thegene Parish

October 18

Philippi Presbyterian Church
 Pineville Presbyterian Church
 Mathakwaini Church
 Thegene Parish

October 11

Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Gassaway
 Fleming Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairmont
 Kiamutiga Church
 Thegenge Parish

October 25

First Presbyterian Church, Buckhannon
 Rock Lake Presbyterian Church, South Charleston
 Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church, Morgantown
 Mathakwaini Church Dispensary
 Thegenge Parish



Birthdays:

6	Bill Wagner	20	Ron Rogillio
9	Xavier Grigsby	23	Willie Haynes
12	Sara Bragg	31	Nate Baker
20	Walter Hardin		

Anniversaries:

11	George & Judy Powers	20	John & Marlene Solberg
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Blessing of the Backpacks

Bridgeview Food Ministry

School has started and RLPC is packing school lunches again.

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

Thank you for your generosity!!

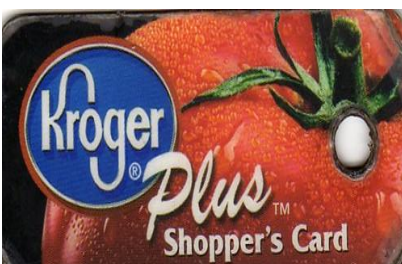
CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING



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."

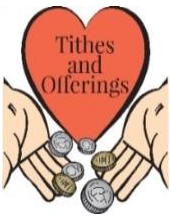
The next offering will be collected Sunday November 29, 2026. So, start to collect your 5 cents per meal each day. Proceeds will go to Heart & Hand. Please remember people who are less fortunate by donating to this, and all Cents-Ability offerings.



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).



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.



Session Notes

September Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): The estimated total communicants on August 2 was 38. The next Communion will be on October 4. **If you are worshipping from home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.** And we invite everyone to take time in the week before Communion to prepare for the Sacrament.

	A	B	C
1	Date	Preacher	Notes: STF = Stewardship Task Force SoE = Sunday of Easter SaP = Sunday after Pentecost SoA = Sunday of Advent ACM = Annual Cong Mtg
51	Sun, Oct 4, 2026	Sallie Daugherty	19 th SaP, COMMUNION, World Communion Offering
52	Sun, Oct 11, 2026	Brandi Hicks	20 th SaP, potluck after worship
53	Sun, Oct 18, 2026	Cherrie Sizemore	21 st SaP
54	Sun, Oct 25, 2026	Randy Fife	22 nd SaP
55	Sun, Nov 1, 2026	Sallie Daugherty	23 rd SaP, COMMUNION, STF Campaign begins
56	Sun, Nov 8, 2026	Kathy Weed	24 th SaP, potluck after worship
57	Sun, Nov 15, 2026	Cherrie Sizemore	25 th SaP
58	Sun, Nov 22, 2026	Ken Schmidt	Christ the King, STF Campaign ends, Thanksgiving, Advent decs out
59	Sun, Nov 29, 2026	Randy Fife	1 st SoA, Centsability offering
60	Sun, Dec 6, 2026	Jim Robinson	2 nd SoA, COMMUNION
61	Sun, Dec 13, 2026	Adam Greathouse	3 rd SoA, potluck after worship
62	Sun, Dec 20, 2026	Cherrie Sizemore	4 th SoA, Christmas Joy Offering
63	Thu, Dec 24, 2026	Members	Christmas Eve (7:00pm)
64	Sun, Dec 27, 2026		1 st Sunday of Christmas

The list of 2026 preachers for October 4 through December 27 is:

Please extend RLPC hospitality to these people who ministering to us in this time of transition!

We encourage you to make in-person worship a priority at the start of every week.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): The general account balance is roughly \$70,000. This reflects a \$34,000 loan from that account to pay down the City National Bank solar panel loan until the federal government reimburses the church a similar amount. For the current month, total income was \$11,879 against \$6,675 total expense. YTD, RLPC has total income of \$114,380 against \$69,508 total expense, yielding about a \$44,872 favorable balance.

The 2027 Stewardship Task Force campaign is “More Than Enough” based on 2 Corinthians 9:6-9. Bulletin inserts will be included on November 1, 8, 15, 22, with a brief liturgy for card collection on November 22.

The NC nominee has been selected. Two session nominees still needed.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN): The Bridgeview Bag Project resumed monthly food bag preparation on August 30. Also, in September, the women’s circle resumed meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): World Communion Sunday and offering is October 4.

PROPERTY (P):

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next second Sunday potluck will be October 11.

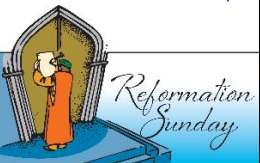
OTHER (O): a. The session has moved its monthly meeting to the second Thursday at 7pm. The October meeting will be October 8. b. The Tax Sub-Committee (TSC) members Scott Hamilton, Ed Bailey, and Ken Schmidt met on September 13 at 3pm to discuss the Recovery Point (RPH) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) emailed by Executive Director Leah Cook. Scott emailed our modifications to the RPH MOU proposal on September 14, in preparation for a meeting with RPH. That meeting occurred on September 23. Leah and Patrick Brown made two minor changes. Leah has incorporated those changes, and emailed the final document back to the TSC. The TSC will meet with the county assessor’s office (Steve Duffield) on Wednesday, September 30 at 3pm to review that document. Prayers are welcome!

With Christ’s Peace,

Ken

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October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)	2 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom	3 8:30 R L Comm Garden
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