

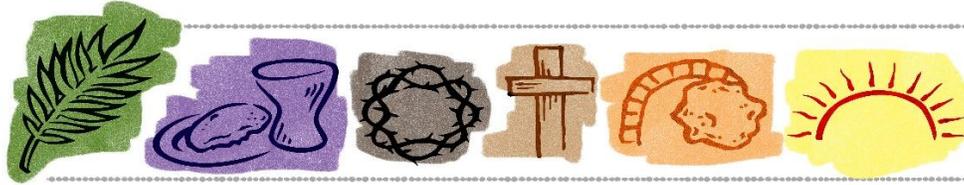
# Rock "905"

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



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

**March 2026**



## Holy Week

P A L M

Sunday



Holy Week will begin with a celebration of Palm Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m. with palms and special music. Plan now to attend and worship the Lord with Gladness and Thanksgiving of his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Service will be led by Rev. Kathy Weed.

Good Friday Service, April 3, will be celebrated at noon. This service will be live only. It will not be live-streamed.



All to be followed by the celebration of His resurrection at 10:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 5. Join us as we celebrate with flowering of the cross, music, joy, and thanksgiving that He has risen – He has risen INDEED! Service will be led by Rev. Dr. Ed Thompson.



Thanks to Susan Hamilton for the Beautiful Paraments



The Paraments were made by Susan Hamilton and will be used during Lent. The quilt block is called "Joseph's Coat".

The reverse side is green and white, and that side will be used after Pentecost.





- 2 Pam Harris
- 4 Jeff Means
- 10 Miranda Broyles
- 15 Avery Lee
- 16 Nikki Childers
- 20 Emily Baker
- 24 Olga Schmidt

- 25 Jessica Meador
- 26 Taylor Bailey
- 26 George Powers
- 28 Alice Vandelinde
- 29 Myla Grigsby
- 30 Rob Thornhill

*Anniversary*

24 Jeff & DeeDee Means



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!

March 1

Beverly Presbyterian Church  
 Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, Scott Depot  
 Githunguri New Church Development  
 Giakanja Parish

Gilbert Presbyterian Church  
 Kariguini Church  
 Giakanja Parish

March 8

Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Welch  
 Beulah Humble Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth  
 Salem Presbyterian Church, Ronceverte  
 Kagwathi Church  
 Giakanja Parish

March 22

Mill Creek Presbyterian Church  
 Second Presbyterian Church, Huntington  
 Kiho Church  
 Giakanja Parish

March 15

Bramwell Presbyterian Church

March 29

First Presbyterian Church, Ripley  
 Waverly-Bethel Presby. Church, Waverly  
 Wamagana Church + Nursery School  
 Giakanja Parish

## HANDWORK FOR MISSION



This past year the Handwork for Mission Groups dedicated and dispersed lap robes, hug rugs, and shawls to the following institutions: Valley Center (15 items), Riverside Valley (15 items), Brookdale Charleston Gardens (10 items), and seven baby blankets to the Right From the Start Group. We invite you to join us to knit, crochet, and sew items for our local health centers or join us to learn how to do handwork. We meet each Thursday at 1:00 in the parlor. If in your cleaning this spring, you come across any acrylic knitting worsted



yarn, we accept donations. May God bless each person receiving an item and may it warm their hearts as well as their bodies



## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS



The Rev. Kathryn W. Weed ordained and installed Susan Hamilton and installed Ron Rogillio as elders for the class of 2028. Susan will serve as chair of the Administration /Finance committee. Ron will serve as chair of the Mission and Service committee.

We thank Susan and Ron for their commitment to Rock Lake and its members. May God bless their service.

## Nurturing Faith Ideas 2026, based on the Revised Common Lectionary

### March 1: Second Sunday in Lent - *Genesis 12:1-4a*

Seemingly unexpectedly, God called a man named Abram to leave his home, his family, his country and go to an unnamed place that God would show him. God promised to bless him and make him a blessing to others. What about you? If you heard God calling you to leave your home, family, and country behind to go where God was leading you, would you go? Why or why not?

### March 8: Third Sunday in Lent - *Read John 4:5-42*

This passage tells the story of Jesus' conversation with a woman of Samaria, which was surprising because men didn't start conversations with unknown women in that day, and Samaritans and Jews despised and avoided each other. Jesus showed her respect and kindness even though she was an outsider. After they spoke, she went back to the city and told others what Jesus had done, and many of them believed in him. What might you tell others about what Jesus has done for you?

### March 15: Fourth Sunday in Lent - *Read John 9:1-41*

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who had been born blind. When his neighbors passed the same man, they saw only a beggar. When the Pharisees found out, they didn't believe he'd been born blind. When you walk someone in need, maybe they can't see, or hear, or walk, or maybe they lack food or money, do you see them as a person or label them and dismiss them? How might Jesus' open your eyes to see them as a child of God?

### March 22: Fifth Sunday in Lent - *Read John 11:1-45*

Jesus' disciples were afraid for him to go to Bethany because some of the people wanted to kill him because he challenged their beliefs and authority. But Jesus knew that his friend Lazarus was dying/dead and that Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary, would be sad and grieving. Jesus comforted them with his words and then his actions as he brought Lazarus back to life. Who helps you feel better when you are sad or grieving a loss? How is God with you at such times?

### March 29: Palm/Passion Sunday - *Read Matthew 21:1-11, and Matthew 26:14- 27:66 during the week, a little each day*

These passages tell the story of Jesus' riding into Jerusalem on a donkey and the last events in his life before his crucifixion. If we just jump from Palm Sunday to Easter, we miss a lot of the story. Attend a Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service this week if you are able to prepare for Easter.

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## HOLY COMMUNION - February 1



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## SOUPER BOWL POTLUCK - February 15





Thanks to Everyone who donated cans of soup to Heart and Hand on behalf of the Souper Bowl.



## ASH WEDNESDAY AT RLPC – February 18



*Thank you, Scott Hamilton, for the wonderful pictures.*



### **2026 PEARL S. INGRAM MEMORIAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Applications for the 2026 Pearl Inghram Scholarship are now available at Rock Lake Presbyterian Church, 905 Village Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309. To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must have graduated from high school by spring/summer of 2026 or in a previous year. Applicants must also be enrolled in college, trade school, or other post high school professional training program for the fall of 2026. Completed applications must be in the church office by 12 PM, April 1, 2026. Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee’s decision by email on or before April 21. A \$1,000 check will be mailed directly to the applicant awarded the scholarship no later than May 15. APPLICATION FORMS can be requested by calling the church office at 304 768-4141 weekday mornings or by emailing [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com)

**ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PEARL INGRAM**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**page 1**

**PERSONAL DATA:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION:**

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_ Final GPA \_\_\_\_\_

**POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION:**

Date School and Location Major Degree GPA

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**AWARDS, HONORS, RECOGNITIONS RECEIVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR: (list school and address if you have been accepted)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PEARL INGRAM  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**page 2**

Attach: 1. A narrative summary of personal accomplishments and goals to include an account of your involvement in the church and the influence of Christianity upon your life. Statement should not exceed 300 words. 2. A letter of recommendation from a counselor or teacher.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE UPCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR:**

Anticipated Expenses: Amount

Tuition \_\_\_\_\_

Books, Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

Room/Board \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Educational Income Sources: Amount

Parents/Family \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER (scholarships, grants, awards, ROTC, work/study, etc.) Specify:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if I am the recipient of this scholarship, I will provide a shareable photograph of myself. I certify that the above information is accurate and understand that deliberate inaccuracies will result in my disqualification from consideration for the Pearl Inghram Scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Presbytery of West Virginia's

## Festival of Faith

” Saturday, March 21, 2026  
First Presbyterian Church, Charleston

9:00 am – 3:45 pm

**Keynote :** The Widow's Mite and the Widower's  
Might: Seeing Scripture in Ordinary Actions

Presenter: Bil Lepp



### Festival of Faith Workshops

- ❖ Using Storytelling to Spread the Word
- ❖ Finding God at the End of Your Pen: Journaling as Spiritual Practice
- ❖ How Storytelling Can Help Seniors Heal
- ❖ Presenting to the People: Effective Communication Matters
- ❖ Redefining Opportunity: What One Writer Learned from Immigration Description
- ❖ My Story: A Journey of Recovery, Redemption, and Faith
- ❖ Hope for Our Emerging Presbytery
- ❖ Treasurer and Finance Committee Chat
- ❖ Scrapbooking for FUN!
- ❖ Story Talk: Children's Books for Celebrating Family Stories
- ❖ Singing the Stories of the Christian Faith
- ❖ Telling the Biblical Story through the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
- ❖ Growing Up Black in Appalachia
- ❖ A Budget that Tells a Story: Stewarding Resources for God's Mission Description

**A time to grow in faith and knowledge, gain insights and skills to take back to your congregation, and to connect with colleagues in ministry.**



## UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICE

Let's get ready to sing for Easter!

Rehearsal:

Thursday: March 19, 7:00 pm

Thursday: March 26, 7:00 pm

Thursday: April 2, 7:00 pm

See you there!



**ONE GREAT  
HOUR OF SHARING**

### **PRESBYTERY SPECIAL OFFERING DURING THE SEASON OF LENT**

**The One Great Hour of Sharing offering serves individuals and communities in need. Causes supported by this offering include Disaster Recovery, Hunger Relief, Poverty, Climate Change, and Immigration/Migration/Refugees.**

**The offering concludes on Easter Sunday.**



This year we will provide tulips for purchase in memory or in honor of someone to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Please use the order form below to place your order by Sunday, March 29.

Please send your payment to the church office or place it in the offering plate using a pew envelope designated as "Easter Flowers". Checks should be made payable to RLPC.

Be sure to complete the order form below, including how many pots you want and if they are in memory or in honor of someone. (Additional forms will also be available in the narthex.)

A list of those giving and for whom the flowers are given will be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Please take your flowers home on Easter morning or they will be planted in the church garden.



### Order form

\_\_\_\_\_ 6" Potted Tulips without a bow \$16.50 each

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_





# Blessing of the Backpacks

## Bridgeview Food Ministry

The Bridgeview Food Ministry are packing lunches 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).

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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 March 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.

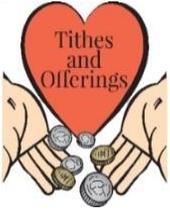


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Through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, Kroger will donate to RLPC 5% of all grocery/pharmacy purchases YOU make just by using your Kroger Plus Card. Please sign up for this FREE profitable program for RLPC. You only have to open an account and 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). *Rewards last quarter total \$81.01.*

*Thank you!!!!*  
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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.



## Session Notes

## February Session Digest

**WORSHIP (W):** The estimated total communicants on February 1 was 40 (13 in-person + 27 estimated online). The next communion

will be on March 1. **If you are joining worship from home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

A purple drape was hung on the yard cross on Ash Wednesday morning. It will remain there until Good Friday morning, when it will be replaced by a black drape. A white drape will replace the black one on Easter morning.

The list of 2026 preachers for April 12, the Second Sunday of Easter, through June 28 is:

Sun, Apr 12, 2026	Sallie Daugherty	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, potluck following worship
Sun, Apr 19, 2026	Cherrie Sizemore	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter
Sun, Apr 26, 2026	Jim Robinson	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Sun, May 3, 2026	Randy Fife	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, COMMUNION
Sun, May 10, 2026	Brandi Hicks	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, potluck following worship, Mother's Day
Sun, May 17, 2026	Cherrie Sizemore	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Sun, May 24, 2026		Pentecost, Birthday celebration?
Sun, May 31, 2026		Trinity Sunday, Centsability Offering
Sun, Jun 7, 2026	Sallie Daugherty	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (SaP), COMMUNION
Sun, Jun 14, 2026	Brandi Hicks	3 <sup>rd</sup> SaP, potluck following worship, Pam & Marilyn gone, Father's Day
Sun, Jun 21, 2026	Cherrie Sizemore	4 <sup>th</sup> SaP
Sun, Jun 28, 2026	Randy Fife	5 <sup>th</sup> SaP

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):** ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): Taylor Bailey has almost completed the financials transition from QuickBooks to the PowerChurch Online software. Regarding the January month-to-date, the church's actual income was \$4,379, while actual expense was

\$10,743, resulting in a loss of \$6,364. A large part of this imbalance was the first quarter Insurance Board payment of \$4,400. On the Balance Sheet, the general account has just under \$75,000.

**CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):**

**MISSION & SERVICE (M&S):** Responding to a letter from the South Charleston Fire Department requesting a donation, the session approved a \$100 donation.

**PROPERTY (P):** A carpet remnant was laid across a crack in the parking lot footbridge until the crack can be repaired in the spring. The parking lot has been plowed twice this season. The mini refrigerator near the pastor's office is not working.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC):** 19 people were at the last potluck, including Cherrie Sizemore, who led worship that morning. A replacement for a vacancy on the pastor search committee is being sought.

**OTHER (O):** a. You might have noticed in early February that organist Pam Ferrell was playing the piano almost exclusively instead of the organ. This was because the organ needed to be repaired-the approved amount was \$2,000, based on a technician's initial phone estimate. However, when he arrived from Wheeling, in five minutes, he found and tightened a loose screw in one of the foot pedals. The total cost, including the technician's travel, was \$300. b. We have sent the Pollen8 lease extension to Cheryl Laws and Hollie McCraw with a cover letter notifying Pollen8 of a payment increase owing to the 2026 Insurance Board (our property & liability insurer) RLCLC portion of the insurance premium.

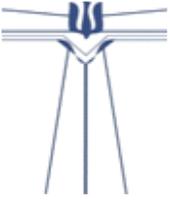
With Christ's Peace,

Ken

# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

# March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship  Holy Communion	<b>2</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	<b>3</b> 8:30 RL Comm.Garden 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom  World Day of Prayer	<b>7</b> 8:30 R L Comm Garden
<b>8</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship  Pot Luck Supper Spring forward	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	<b>10</b> 8:30 RL Comm Garden 9:00 am Church Office Open 9:30 am Carbide Oldtimers	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)	<b>13</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom	<b>14</b> 8:30 R L Comm Garden
<b>15</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship Fourth Sunday in  Lent	<b>16</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	<b>17</b> 8:30 RL Comm Garden 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:30 pm Session Meeting  St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P)	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom  HELLO SPRING!	<b>21</b> 8:30 R L Comm Garden
<b>22</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship  5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	<b>23</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	<b>24</b> :30 RL Comm Garden 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>26</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P)	<b>27</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom	<b>28</b> 8:30 R L Comm Garden
<b>29</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship  HOLY WEEK	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	<b>31</b> 8:30 RL Comm Garden 9:00 am Church Office Open				



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