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..."

November 2026

World Communion Sunday, October 4





October Sunday Potluck

October 11









...thanks to Scott Hamilton for the pictures.

Nurturing Faith Ideas 2026,

based on the Revised Common Lectionary

November 1: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost/ All Saints' Day –
Read Revelation 7:9-17
In the Reformed tradition, saints are believers of all times, past, present and future, through whom the light of God shines. As the author of Revelation reminds us, saints come from every nation, tribes, peoples, and languages of all ages and sizes. Give thanks to God for the saints in your lives who have shared their faith and hope with you.

November 8: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost - *Read Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*
Joshua gathered the people to renew their covenant with God. The people reaffirmed that they would serve and obey the Lord their God as people of the covenant. We, too, are called to choose to serve God rather than tun away from God and to reaffirm our commitment to God and God's ways. How does your life show that you have chosen to serve God?

November 15: Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost - *Read Matthew 25:14-30*
The Parable of the talents encourages us to use the gifts that God has given us, be they large or small, in service to God. List some of the gifts and abilities God has given you, and how you use them, or could use them, in your church and to help others.

November 22: Christ the King/Reign of Christ - *Read Matthew 25:31-46*
Jesus tells the story of some who fed others, gave others something to drink, gave them clothes, took care of them when they were sick, visited them in prison, welcomed them when they were a stranger, and some who didn't. They were all surprised to find that in doing so, or 8 failing to do so, they did these things to/for Christ. The story reminds us to see Christ in all whom we encounter.

November 29: First Sunday of Advent - *Read Mark 13:24-37*
This week we enter Advent as we begin a new church year. In Advent, we gather around the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming as the baby of Bethlehem and we wait for Christ's return. Jesus reminds us in this passage that only God knows when Christ will return, and, in the meantime, we are to be alert and awake as we wait.

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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!

November 1
First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar
First Presbyterian Church, Williamson
Ndugamano Church
Thegenge Parish

November 8
Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston
Church of the Covenant, Grafton
Wand Church
Wandumbi Parish

November 15
First Presbyterian Church, Hinton
Kuhn Memorial Presbyterian Church, Barboursville
Githakwa Church
Wandumbi Parish

November 22
Belle Presbyterian Church
Marlinton Presbyterian Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vienna
Kaglo-ini Church
Wandumbi Parish

November 29
Riverlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans
Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Charleston
Kigogoini Church
Wandumbi Parish



More Than Enough

On November 1, Rock Lake will begin our four week 2027 Stewardship Campaign, "More than Enough!"

In his second letter to the Christians in Corinth (2 Corinthians 9:6-9) Paul wrote: 6 Remember this saying, "A few seeds make a small harvest, but a lot of seeds make a big harvest." 7Each of you must make up your own mind about how much to give. But don't feel sorry that you must give and don't feel you are forced to give. God loves people who love to give. 8 God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others. 9 The Scriptures say, "God freely gives his gifts to the poor, and always does right." (CEV)

Each week in the bulletin, you will find a page with a variant of this graphic on the front:



On the reverse, you will find stories based on the following themes:

week 1-Invested: More Than Enough

week 2-Found: More Than Enough

week 3-Blessed: More Than Enough

week 4-Shared: More Than Enough

I ask that you find time to read each story, ponder the reflections, actions, and pray the prayer.

During the month, please prayerfully consider how you will help Rock Lake in 2027. Then, in worship on November 22, we will carry our commitment cards to the Communion Table. If you are unable to be in worship that day, you may send your commitment card back in the return envelope that came in the Stewardship Task Force mailing that you received by snailmail. Please try to send your return envelope by November 13, so we can include it in the commitments on the Communion Table. If you did not get that mailing, contact me at 304-881-2408 or kenschm45@gmail.com.

With Christ's Love,

Ken Schmidt



Your nominating committee has secured a nominee for the position on the nominating committee class of 2029. We thank the LORD for His leading in this process.

We still seek two nominees for the 2029 session class to serve on the Christian Nurture and Property committees.

Is the Holy Spirit's **still, small** voice calling you to get involved? Have you served on session in the **past**, but haven't recently?

If the LORD is calling you to action, BE ***BOLD!*** Call one of the nominating committee members listed below for information.

If you have a person in mind who would be **I-D-E-A-L**, won't you share that name with us?

And please pray for those we have contacted, and for us as we try to discern God's will for this part of Christ's Body.

Your nominating committee,

Don Broyles 545-2881 Margie Gumowski 541-0955
Linda Hunt 546-4974 Ken Schmidt 881-2408

Hope Village
Fair Trade Market

Shop with a purpose by lifting artisans from all over the world out of poverty, marginalization and sex-trafficking.



First Presby in the Activities Building:

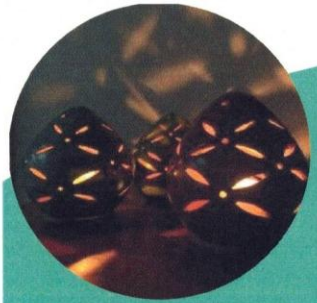
Sunday Nov. 8	12pm - 3pm
Wed - Sat. Nov. 11, 12, 13, 14	10am - 3pm
Sunday Nov. 15	12pm - 3pm
Wed - Sat. Nov. 18, 19, 20, 21	10am - 3pm
Sunday Nov. 22	12pm - 3pm

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Advent Happenings

The first Sunday in Advent, November 29, is fast approaching.

Please plan to help decorate the church with Advent decorations on November 22 following worship.

Many hands working together make light work, so we hope you will stay after worship to help decorate.

Then, on January 3, after the Christmas season, we will put the decorations away after worship.

Thank you for your support, and may the LORD richly bless you this Advent!

Your Worship Committee

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5	Susan Wilder
6	Erica Yongue
6	Layne Gumowski
10	Jackie Thompson
12	Tre Hardin
12	James Straight
17	Linda Reehling
21	David Barnes
21	Scott Hamilton
21	Keith Knowles
21	Laine Wilder
23	Londyn Straight
25	Leon Means

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8	Brett & Emily Baker
23	Ryan & Miranda Broyles
24	David & Nancy Broyles

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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!!

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CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

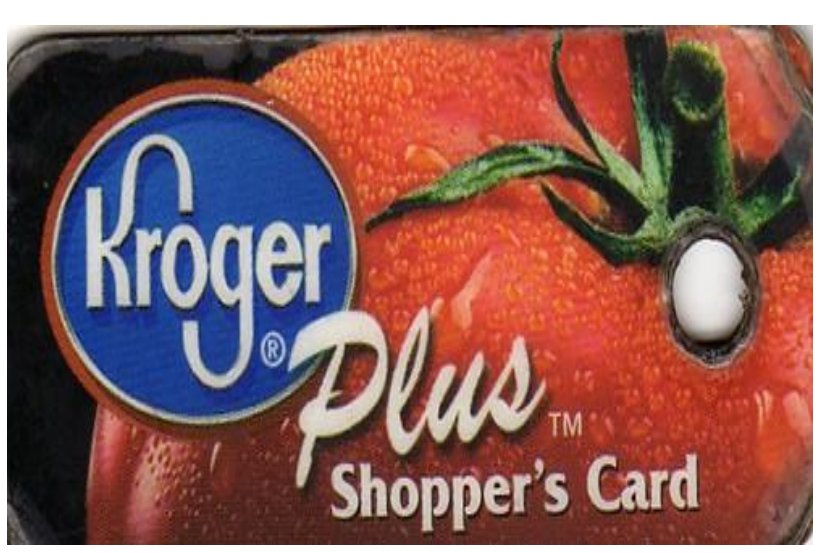


From the PCUSA website:

"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 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.

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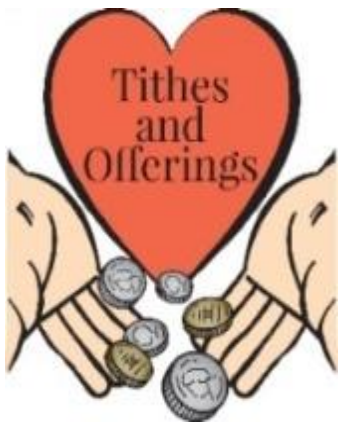


Through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, Kroger will donate to RLPC 5% of all grocery/pharmacy purchases YOU make just by using your Kroger Plus Card. Please sign up for this FREE profitable program for RLPC. You only have to open an account and register your Kroger Plus Card online at: Krogercommunityrewards.com.

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).

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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 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.

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October Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): The total estimated communicants on October 4 were 35. The next Communion will be November 1. We invite everyone to take time in the week before Communion to prepare for the Sacrament. **If you are worshiping from home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

The next committee meeting is November 17, 3pm in the parlor. We are also working on the First Quarter, 2027 Pulpit Preachers.

The list of 2026 preachers for November 1 through December 27 is:

	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
55	Sun, Nov 1, 2026	Sallie Daugherty	23rd SaP, COMMUNION, STF Campaign begins
56	Sun, Nov 8, 2026	Kathy Weed	24th SaP, potluck after worship
57	Sun, Nov 15, 2026	Cherrie Sizemore	25th 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	1st SoA, Centsability offering
60	Sun, Dec 6, 2026	Jim Robinson	2nd SoA, COMMUNION
61	Sun, Dec 13, 2026	Adam Greathouse	3rd SoA, potluck after worship
62	Sun, Dec 20, 2026	Cherrie Sizemore	4th SoA, Christmas Joy Offering
63	Thu, Dec 24, 2026	Members	Christmas Eve (7:00pm)
64	Sun, Dec 27, 2026		1st Sunday of Christmas

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 balance sheet has almost $62,000 in the general account, while the City National Bank (CNB) account has $8,500 to be used for solar panel loan payments.
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STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE (STF): The 2027 STF campaign is "More Than Enough" based on 2 Corinthians 9:6-9. Snail mail letters were mailed on October 20. Bulletin inserts will be included with bulletins on November 1, 8, 15, 22. A brief liturgy for card collection will be included in the November 22 worship service.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (NC): The class of 2029 NC nominee has been selected. Two session nominees are still needed.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN): The October food offering Sunday also included birthday party packages assembled by the women's circle. The packages included cake and party components

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): The $1,000 Oakwood Terrace Christmas Project (OTCP) budget item will not be needed this year, but will be included in the 2027 budget. Oakwood Terrace has had recent management changes which may affect the 2026 Christmas Project. Also, the support by the area Presbyterian churches to the three area Presbyterian housing facilities, Brooks, Agsten Manor and Oakwood Terrace is under review.

PROPERTY (P): The parlor bathroom door lock needs repaired.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next second Sunday potluck will be November 8. Why not bring one traditional Thanksgiving dish? Not able to bring a dish? Come anyway – the most important ingredient is y-o-u!

OTHER (O): a. Session approved the 2027 RLPC Shared Mission Pledge of $2,800 and 2027 RLPC per capita of $2,785. These were the funds requested by Presbytery. b. The Tax Sub-Committee (TSC) members Scott Hamilton, Ed Bailey, and Ken Schmidt met with the county assessor's office (Steve Duffield) on Wednesday, September 30 at 3pm to review the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that RLPC jointly developed with Recovery Point. Steve thought the office legal department would review the MOU in the following week. At this writing, we have not heard back from the assessor's office. Prayers are welcome!

With Christ's Peace,

Ken

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November 2026

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 RL Comm Garden 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 R L Comm Garden
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