

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 2026



America250 celebration and the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta, running concurrently from July 2–5. The festivities feature a huge fireworks and drone show, headline concerts, and the world's tallest portable Ferris wheel set up at the State Capitol.

Key Fourth of July Highlights & Events.....

- **America250 Wheel:** Head to the West Virginia State Capitol Complex to ride the America250 Wheel, a 230-foot portable Ferris wheel offering panoramic views up to 14 miles. It features 45 gondolas (each representing a U.S. president) and brilliant LED lighting at night.
- **Independence Day Fireworks & Drone Shows:** July 4th will feature an enormous fireworks spectacular launched from multiple watch zones along the Kanawha River—from Haddad Riverfront Park to Magic Island and the State Capitol. A special drone show is planned for the following day.
- **Live Concerts:** The Sternwheel Regatta at Haddad Riverfront Park features major headliners. For the 4th, catch rockers Lita Ford and Bret Michaels. The Capitol Complex will also host nightly entertainment, including the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra on July 4th and legendary country group ALABAMA on July 3rd.

- **3D Projection Light Show:** Each evening, enjoy a visually stunning 3D projection light show on the State Capitol building highlighting both American and West Virginia history.

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## ***Another Great Adventure.....***



**Eric Hamilton on top of Mount Hood on May 3 east of Portland, Oregon. He and some friends climbed it together. They started during darkness so that the snow would be firm as they made the climb.**

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Nurturing Faith Ideas 2026, based on the Revised Common Lectionary

July 5: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – *Read Psalm 145*

In this acrostic poem, each verse begins with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet and praises God for what God has done. By yourself or with a friend, write the letters of our alphabet down a piece of paper. For each letter, write something that begins with that letter for which you would praise God.

July 12: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Read Psalm 119:105-112

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July 19: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Read Psalm 139:1-12

Have you ever felt alone, or like no one cared about you? The psalmist reminds us that our God knows us and loves us; there is nowhere we can hide from God, nothing God doesn't know about us, and God loves us. We are always surrounded by the God who made us. Each day this week, tell someone else that God loves them.

July 26: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Read Psalm 105:1-11

In the opening verses, the psalmist calls readers to give thanks to God for what God has done for God's people and then lifts up some of the specific things God did in the past. God continues to do amazing and wonderful things. Identify five things that God has done for you and/or your church. Write them down and share the list with someone else.

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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!

**July 5**

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

**July 19**

First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans  
Spencer Presbyterian Church  
Kiandu Church  
Riamukurwe Parish

**July 12**

Beckley Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church, White Sulphur Spgs  
Thunguma Church  
Rimukurwe Parish

**July 26**

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

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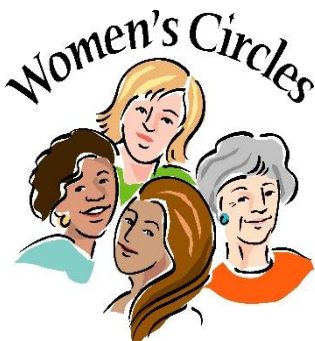


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| 10 | John Solberg | 22 | Elaine Wagner |
| 12 | Ruth Canterbury | 25 | Jay Estill |
| 15 | Fred Reehling | 26 | Alaiah Washington |
| 17 | Avery Wilson | 27 | Mellow Lee |
| | | 28 | David Broyles |

July Anniversaries

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| 10 | Joe & Kim LaCount | 27 | Ron & Chris Rogillio |
| 13 | Tom & Ashley Marion | 31 | Rob & Shannon Thornhill |
| 23 | Ed & Merrily Bailey | | |

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**The RLPC Women's Circle will not meet during the Summer.**

**Their meetings will resume in the Fall.**

**Please look for an announcement in the RLPC Bulletin and Newsletter.**

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A Presbyterian Welcome – June 28
Read by Randy Fife at R LPC Benediction

Welcome **ALL** to the First Presbyterian Church of Hudson. We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, or no habla Ingles. Whether you used to work on Wall Street, or if you used to sleep on Wall Street, you are welcome here. Maybe you can sing like Andrea Bocelli, or maybe you can't carry a tune in a bucket – it doesn't matter here! Come all who are "just browsing", just woke up, or just got out of jail! If you are skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds, you are welcome here. We welcome those over 60 but not grown up yet, and teenagers growing up too fast. We embrace those in recovery and also those who are still addicted. We will walk with you if you are going through a difficult time or when you need a special prayer: chances are we've been there too. If you don't like "organized religion" or are "spiritual but not religious," we love you. Even if you got lost and wound up here by accident, we hope you feel at home here. We love soccer moms, crying babies, vegans, hipsters, seekers and doubters, tourist and locals – we mean it when we say "**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE1**"

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## Interested in Seeing an Ohio Outdoor Theater Drama?

Rock Lake members and friends have attended Theater WV's performances in the past. This year, let's see if there's interest in attending one or both of Ohio's outdoor dramas "The Living Word" and "Trumpet in the Land". Please review the attached links to the brochures. If you're interested in attending as part of a group from Rock Lake, please email Scott Hamilton at [wshamilton@yahoo.com](mailto:wshamilton@yahoo.com) by July 8. Please include your preference of which or both dramas and your availability for the performance days."

<https://livingworddrama.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2026-Brochure.pdf>

<https://www.trumpetintheland.com> and <https://www.trumpetintheland.com/schedule>

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Solar Power at RLPC

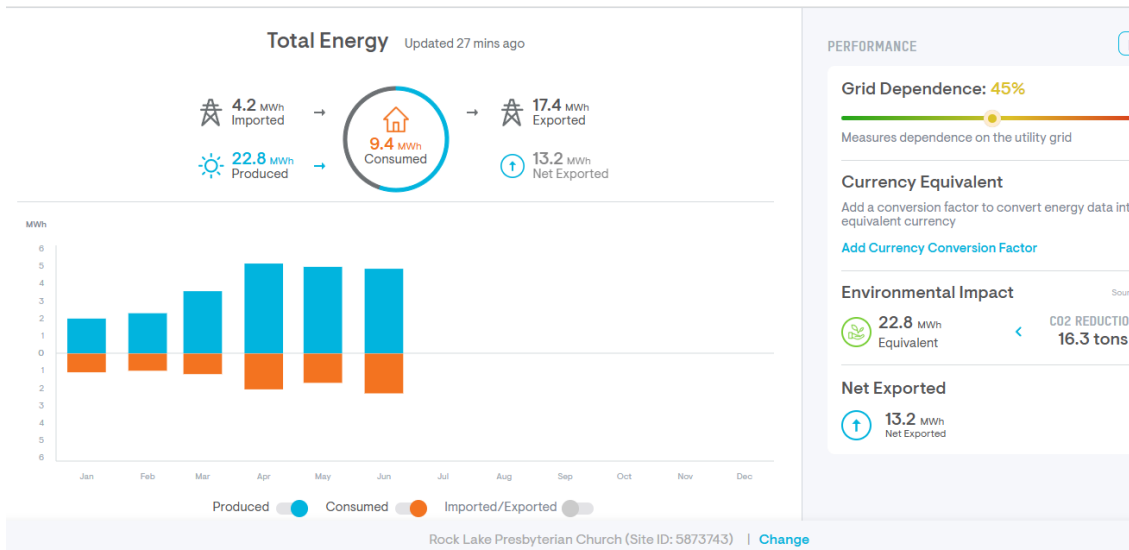


In late 2024, electricity costs were rising with a proposed 25% rate increase for churches along with a proposed reduction of the value of solar electricity production sent to the grid, i.e. net metering. So, a study was completed and quotes were obtained from three solar panel installation companies. In February 2025, session approved installation of 86 solar panels on the church by Solar Holler. RLPC's solar panel system (SPS) is sized to provide 120% of RLPC's current electricity needs. This oversizing allows our two gas water heaters, gas furnace, and possibly the gas fired sanctuary hot water radiator system to be replaced when needed with electric units in the future. Solar Holler started installing the panels on June 9, 2025 and the first energy production was on July 25 when all the electrical connections were finished and inspection completed. The panels are on the courtyard side of the sanctuary and education wing which have the most direct sun exposure through the year (see photos taken on June 10). Because RLPC acted before new net metering rates went into effect this year, the value of our excess solar electricity production sent to the grid is at full 100% "net metering" and is grandfathered for 25 years. RLPC's 2025 budget for electricity was \$6804/year or \$567/month. With the SPS, bills now average \$87/month for a \$480/month savings.

We evaluated various financing options and chose City National Bank. The panels cost \$112,569 less \$17,630 of Solar Renewable Energy Credits/Certificates (SREC) that the system will create over 25 years that Solar Holler was willing to purchase upfront. One SREC is 1 mWh of produced electricity. That left \$94,939 final purchase price and there has been a \$10,000 donation that brought the amount financed down to \$84,939 and we are now paying P&I monthly payments of \$1000. We qualify for a 30% base solar tax credit, 10% Domestic Content Credit, and a 10% Energy Community Credit (all based on the full \$112,569 cost). The IRS sends these credits to non-profits like churches since they don't pay taxes. Once the \$56,285 credits are received from the IRS, the amount financed will drop to \$28,114 with P&I monthly payments of \$327 based on a 10-year term at 7.2% interest with refinancing at the then current interest rate in July 2030.

RLPC welcomes donations to help pay off the loan early to allow the avoided interest costs to be used for projects that benefit the church and the community.

Below is a graph showing the 2026 year-to-date solar production vs. energy usage for RLPC. For the SPS lifetime so far, we have produced 37.6 MWh and exported 19.4 MWh.



PERFORMANCE

Grid Dependence: 45%

Measures dependence on the utility grid

Currency Equivalent

Add a conversion factor to convert energy data into equivalent currency

[Add Currency Conversion Factor](#)

Environmental Impact Source

☘️ 22.8 MWh Equivalent

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CO2 REDUCTION
16.3 tons

Net Exported

⬆️ 13.2 MWh Net Exported



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## Blessing of the Backpacks

## Bridgeview Food Ministry

The Bridgeview Food Ministry are finished packing lunches for this school year. Please look for the new start-up date in the bulletins and newsletters.

Thank you to all the volunteers!! See you next school year!!

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CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

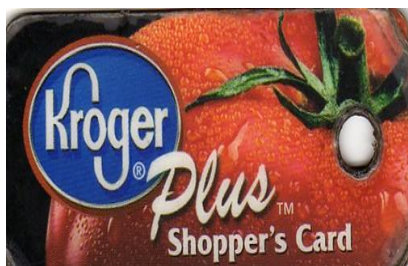


From the PCUSA website:

"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 August 30, 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).

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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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## June Session Digest

**WORSHIP (W):** The estimated total communicants on June 7 was 48. The next communion will be on July 5. **If you are joining worship from home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

The list of 2026 preachers for July 5 through September 27 is:

| Date              | Preacher         | Notes                                                                                |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun, Jul 5, 2026  | members          | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (SaP), COMMUNION, Flags at sanctuary entrance |
| Sun, Jul 12, 2026 | Jim Robinson     | 7 <sup>th</sup> SaP, potluck following worship                                       |
| Sun, Jul 19, 2026 | Cherrie Sizemore | 8 <sup>th</sup> SaP                                                                  |
| Sun, Jul 26, 2026 | Brandi Hicks     | 9 <sup>th</sup> SaP                                                                  |
| Sun, Aug 2, 2026  | Sallie Daugherty | 10 <sup>th</sup> SaP, COMMUNION                                                      |
| Sun, Aug 9, 2026  | Kathy Maddy      | 11 <sup>th</sup> SaP, potluck following worship                                      |
| Sun, Aug 16, 2026 | Cherrie Sizemore | 12 <sup>th</sup> SaP                                                                 |
| Sun, Aug 23, 2026 | Randy Fife       | 13 <sup>th</sup> SaP                                                                 |
| Sun, Aug 30, 2026 | Kathy Weed       | 14 <sup>th</sup> SaP, Centsability Offering                                          |
| Sun, Sep 6, 2026  | Sallie Daugherty | 15 <sup>th</sup> SaP, COMMUNION                                                      |
| Sun, Sep 13, 2026 | Brandi Hicks     | 16 <sup>th</sup> SaP, potluck following worship                                      |
| Sun, Sep 20, 2026 | Cherrie Sizemore | 17 <sup>th</sup> SaP                                                                 |
| Sun, Sep 27, 2026 | Randy Fife       | 18 <sup>th</sup> SaP                                                                 |

**\*\*Note about July 5:** Ed Thompson, who was originally preaching that day, is preparing for hip replacement surgery. Pray for him and his family. We are preparing a meditation based on Galatians 5:16-25

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

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F):** On the May YTD income & expense statement, the income exceed expenses by about \$33,700. When interest and principle solar panel loan payments to City National Bank (CNB) start soon, the monthly payment will be about \$1,000; while the federal tax credit will be delayed, possibly for months. Note: The May balance sheet has about \$97,800 in the general account (GA). In its June 24 meeting, A&F approved submitting a motion to session that will, if session agrees, loan \$34,000 from the general account to apply to the CNB solar panel loan principal. The GA loan will be repaid when the federal tax credit is received. Additionally, a \$10,000 donation to the project has been received. Other donations are welcome!

For more information about our solar panel project, see the article “Solar Power at RLPC” elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Stewardship Task Force will begin meeting in early August to develop the fall stewardship program. This is generally a four-week campaign ending on the last Sunday before Thanksgiving. The Nominating Committee will begin meeting in mid-July.

**CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):**

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

**PROPERTY (P):** The preschool basement sump pump discharge pipe was unclogged. Bird droppings outside the bridge entry doors were cleaned up. Concrete toppings to patch the spalls on the footbridge and an expansion joint for the walkway to reduce cracks are also being evaluated.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC):** An estimated 15 people attended the June potluck. The July potluck will be July 12. The clerk requested that the pastor search committee meet before the end of June.

**OTHER (O):** a. The tax sub-committee of the session will meet with Steve Duffield of the Kanawha County Assessor's Office on Tuesday, June 30 at 10am to discuss a tax matter.

With Christ's Peace,

Ken

# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

# July 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                         | Monday                                                       | Tuesday                                                                           | Wednesday                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                                               | Friday                                                         | Saturday                                                                                                        |
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|                                                                                                                |                                                              |  | 1 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>    | 2 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)                                                                                        | 3 <b>Church Office Closed</b><br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom | 4 8:30 R L Comm Garden<br>   |
| 5 10:00 am RLPC Worship<br>   | 6 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)   | 7 8:30 RL Comm Garden<br>9:00 am Church Office Open                               | 8 9:00 am Church Office Open                                                                                          | 9 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)<br> | 10 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom | 11 8:30 R L Comm Garden<br>  |
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| Taylor Bailey | Church Secretary     |
| Marilyn Padon | Treasurer            |
| Pam Ferrell   | Music Director       |
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##### **Class of 2027**

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| Ken Schmidt | 304-768-8565 |

##### **Class of 2028**

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| Susan Hamilton | 304-380-2046 |
| Ron Rogillio   | 304-541-1243 |

#### Committee Chairs

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Christian Nurture      | DeeDee Means   |
| Congregational Care    | John Haynes    |
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| Property               | John Solberg   |
| Worship                | Ken Schmidt    |
| Mission & Service      | Ron Rogillio   |