

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..."

January 2025



2025

From your RLPC Staff – Patricia, Pam, Marilyn & Sandy



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!

January 5

Clifton Presbyterian Church, Maxwelton
Hughes River Presbyterian Church, Cairo
Kangaita Church
Gaaki Parish

January 19

First Presbyterian Church, Mannington
Rock Forge Presbyterian Church, Morgantown
Kabiru Church
Gaaki Parish

January 12

First Presbyterian Church, Huntington
Cabwaylingo Chapel
Gichira Church
Gaaki Parish

January 26

Parsons Presbyterian Church
Summerlee Presbyterian Church
Gaaki Parish



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| 2 | Jane Crosby | 22 | Jackie Pauley |
| 9 | Pam Ferrell | 23 | DeeDee Means |
| 10 | Barbara Clark | 24 | Ronnie Means |
| 15 | Alex Gumowski | 25 | Donie Argento |
| 15 | Stephanie Wilson | 28 | Aleah Grigsby |
| 16 | Jennifer Harrison | 30 | Courtney Childers |

Anniversaries:

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| 1 | Walter & Judy Hardin | 4 | Laine & Susan Wilder |
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Dear Church Family:
How kind and supportive you are to me all year long, and how much I appreciate you! But at Christmas your thoughtful generosity is especially loving. All gifts given at this time of year reflect the Gift given to us in Jesus Christ, and truly, you give me a constant reminder of that gift, as we share life together as the Living Body of Jesus Christ in this world. I am honored to be your pastor, and feel I receive much more than I am able to give. So, thank you. Once again thank you!

May the dawning year bring us new opportunities to serve Jesus through serving the world.
Love and blessings,
Patricia

Thank you to my Rock Lake Church family for the generous Christmas gift. It's an honor to serve you and contribute to your worship. I pray for new blessings for all of us in the new year. Pam

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift and your thoughtfulness. Our music ministry at Rock Lake is a joy and a blessing. I am grateful for the opportunity to share in worship with such a wonderful church family. Thank you for your kindness and for allowing me to be part of this ministry. I wish each of you a blessed 2025. Marilyn

To my Rock Lake Church Family – I want to thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. I appreciate all your spiritual support and love during this past year. I am so blessed to be surrounded by such caring individuals. I wish each of you a healthy and happy New Year in 2025, and may you always be blessed. Sandy



Nurturing Faith Ideas 2025, based on the Revised Common Lectionary

January 5: Second Sunday after Christmas/Epiphany Sunday *Read Matthew 2:9-12*

Following a star, Magi, or Wise Men, journey to Bethlehem bearing gifts fit for royalty. Finding the child, they knelt and worshipped him. What gifts would you give to Jesus to celebrate his birth?

January 12: Baptism of the Lord Sunday *Read Luke 3:21-22*

As we celebrate Jesus' baptism, many congregations celebrate a reaffirmation of baptism, a time to remember our own baptism when we were proclaimed children of God. What do you remember about your baptism? How might you celebrate being part of the body of Christ, the church, through baptism?

January 19: Second Sunday after Epiphany *Read Psalm 36:5-10*

In God's light and love, we see light. In these dark cold days of winter, light brings hope as it makes the dark places seem less scary. How can you share your light and love with those you encounter this week?

January 26: Third Sunday after Epiphany Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Paul described the church as the body of Christ, each one of us an important part of Christ's body. What is your role in the body of Christ? How do you live out your role?

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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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Bridgeview Food Ministry



The Bridgeview Food Ministry are packing lunches again 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).

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
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CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING



From the PCUSA website:

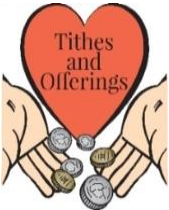
“Cents-Ability is one way that families, congregations, and presbyteries can support the battle against hunger and poverty. Every member is invited to contribute a few cents at every meal. Funds are then used to support local hunger ministries, as well as national and international projects through the Presbyterian Hunger Program.” September 29th Centsability offering totaled \$129.50. Thank you for your generosity.

The next offering will be collected Sunday, March 30, 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.



November Income \$ 12,845.00

November Expense \$ 6,370.59



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.



Session Notes

December 2024 Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): On December 1, about 57 in-person and home communicants celebrated the communion sacrament. The next communion celebration will be on January 5. **If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

The Shepherd’s Run cookies are signed up for-deliverers are still needed. Cookies are still welcomed Sunday morning. (Note: the cookie boxes were delivered between December 22 and Christmas Day.)

The committee will be meeting after the first of the new year to make plans for Lent and Easter.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): The balance sheet has a \$79,185 balance in the General Account. The budget vs. actual November YTD budget vs. actual is in deficit of about \$1,756, a decrease of roughly \$6,400 from the \$8,200 deficit for October, YTD.

The Stewardship Task Force reported that about \$85,570 has already been committed for 2025.

The Nominating Committee noted that one nominee has been secured for the session 2027 class. They are waiting

to hear back from another potential nominee.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN): There are crafts in the nursery for young visitors during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): The Christmas Joy campaign is underway. The offering envelopes will be in the pews through December.

The Oakwood Terrace Christmas Project is proceeding, with delivery of gifts on December 22 (delivery was completed as planned).

PROPERTY (P):

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next second Sunday potluck will be January 12 after worship. See you there!

OTHER(O): : a. The 2025 Pastor-RLPC session covenant was approved at the meeting, and signed December 18. It has been forwarded to the Presbytery Stated Clerk for Committee on Ministry action. Patricia originally was not planning to stay after her 2024 covenant expires at the end of January, 2025. Months ago, she spoke with the clerk and the Worship chair, advising that she would stay through Easter. Most recently, she has told us that she would like to stay long enough to help us find our next pastor. Thank you, Patricia! b. The clerk email the completed 2025 RLPC Shared Mission Pledge (\$2,026 for the year) to Presbytery. c. The clerk presented the 2025 Insurance Board Premium, showing a 28% increase from 2024, owing to the April, 2024 flood claim of about \$45,000. He and the Property chair will review alternative insurance during the year. d. The clerk notified the session that the 2024 committee reports are due on January 15.

With Christ's Peace,
Ken



TWO CYBER SECURITY STORIES

Ken Schmidt

Story 1

About December 20, I got two pieces of snail-mail from Chase Bank that alarmed me. Each letter had the same format. In each, Chase was notifying me that they had received my credit application, but could not proceed until the credit freeze, I had on my TransUnion credit bureau account was lifted so that they could check my credit. Each letter included instructions on contacting TransUnion to do that, and a Chase 800 number to call after the freeze was lifted. The 800 numbers were different.

I had not applied to Chase, or any other institution, for credit. The letters looked official, but I needed to investigate further. First, I authenticated the two 800 numbers at the local Chase branch. A very helpful teller looked up both numbers, which she verified were in the Chase credit department. So, I felt comfortable calling one of the numbers to get more information. I was connected with a credit fraud clerk, who asked for the reference numbers near the bottom of each letter. Then he told me that one letter responded to a credit card application for a United card, and the other to a credit card application for a Disney card. It seems that the fraudster was hoping to fly to Florida and enjoy a Disney vacation at our

expense. The clerk told me he was opening a fraud investigation. I have since logged into the Internet Crime Complaint Center (ic3.gov), and initiated a fraud report there.

Fortunately, Olga and I have had credit freezes in place on our TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax credit bureau accounts for almost five years, or we might have only found out about this fraud after charges on those fraudulent credit cards resulted in complaint letters to us.

Freezing your credit bureau accounts will require you to create a user id and unique password at each web site. This might be a good time to investigate using a password manager to create unique and random ids and passwords if you are up to it. There are many YouTube videos covering password managers and credit bureau freezes. In any case, keep those new passwords unique and secure.

Story 2

For several years I have considered whether or not I should enable a PIN on our cell phones to protect against sim card swapping. My carrier's (Tracfone) implementation of this protection is somewhat cumbersome. In late 2023, however, the Federal Communications Commission, in regulation FCC 23-95 'In the Matter of Protecting Consumers from SIM Swap and PortOut Fraud', simplified and extended that protection. Each carrier has flexibility on naming and implementing that protection. Tracfone calls its process 'Line Lock'. located on my 'Account Management' menu. I enabled Line Lock on both of our cell phones. For this discussion, I will use 'line lock' for any carrier's implementation of FCC 23-95.

According to FCC 23-95, line lock status is maintained by the carrier, and not on the device. If my phone is lost or stolen, and I need to disable line lock to transfer my number to a replacement phone, I can login into my Tracfone account from another device (laptop, Olga's phone), and easily change the line lock setting from there.

Here is the link to FCC 23-95:

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-95A1.pdf>

Here is the link to the YouTube video that first alerted me to this FCC reg (you may have to skip an opening ad): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUiOgAIIeIg>

Remember, your carrier may have a different name for its version of this protection.

Here is a link to a news segment about phone porting (PortOut):




<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcGwb3rHjOM>

Summary

I hope these stories might help someone avoid being defrauded. If that happens, then these stories will be a success. Peace and Grace to you.

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January 2025

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