

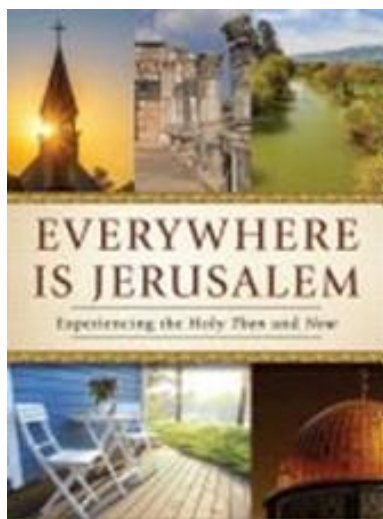
Rock "905"

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



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

March 2025



James C. Howell

EVERYWHERE IS JERUSALEM

During the season of Lent we will be offering a study of the book Everywhere is Jerusalem by James Howell. In describing the book, the Amazon website says that it "takes you on a spiritual pilgrimage to significant places in the ongoing story of the Christian faith. You'll go from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, from the Jordan River to Assisi, and from the Sea of Galilee to Montgomery, Alabama. Along the way, you'll discover the profound connections between biblical stories and the places they happened.

You'll see how Christians throughout history have brought their faith to life worldwide, in their own cities and communities. And you'll find God calling you to bring your own faith to life right where you are, right now. Part travelogue, part Bible study, this book will take you on a spiritual journey to the places that are most important in our faith, and you'll discover that the most important place of all is the place where you are, right now."

The book study, led by Ed Thompson, will start on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM and continue for the next 5 Wednesdays, meeting for about an hour every week and discussing a chapter of the book each time. Copies of the book will be available for purchase through the church before the study begins. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the sanctuary. The class will be limited to 12 people and if more than would want to attend, we'll add a second time slot.

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Ash Wednesday is on March 5<sup>th</sup> this year.

Please join us for this service on Wednesday,  
March 5 from 12:00 noon to 12:30, with  
communion and imposition of ashes.



*Easter  
Memories*

Easter is such a wonderful time of the year. Great worship and music, family gatherings, Easter Egg hunts, beautiful spring flowers and the memories of all these are in the threads of your soul.

We're asking you to share at least one of those memories with the congregation. Either in word or picture or both.

A booklet is being put together so that our stories will never be lost. So take some time today and think back on those times and experiences and share them with all of us. It can be funny, sad, good or bad – It's your story.

Please send to [wagnermhwy@aol.com](mailto:wagnermhwy@aol.com) or mail or email to the church office. Make sure all the members of your family participate – young and old alike.

The booklet will be distributed during holy week. March 16 is deadline for your submission.

## CANDLEMAS SERVICE CELEBRATED ON FEBRUARY 2



Candlemas has been observed by the Christian Church since the 4th century A.D. It concludes the seasons of Christmastide and Epiphany, and prepares believers to enter into the season of Lent. Biblically (Luke 2:22-40) it marks the Jewish ritual of purification of Mary, required by Jewish Law following childbirth.

Traditionally, church members bring candles from their home to be blessed, and to receive a blessing for themselves and their households. The candles represent Jesus as the Light of the World, and remind us that we, too, are to be a light to the world.

While not widely used, some Roman Catholic and Protestant churches observe Candlemas, including our neighboring congregation downtown, Christ Church United Methodist. And this year Rock Lake Presbyterian Church was also among those congregations that mark this day.

## HANDWORK FOR MISSION DEDICATION



(l-r: Mary Wagner, Alice Vandelinde, Susan Hamilton)

The RLPC Handwork for Mission group brought forth 7 baby blankets and 17 lap robes for dedication on Sunday, February 23. These items will be donated to area nursing homes and the WV Right from the Start group. We pray that these items will provide warmth and comfort to whoever receives them.

Since the start of our mission work in 2009, we have made 472 hug rugs, 185 lap robes, 142 prayer shawls, 56 caplets, and 35 baby blankets plus supported Bridget's Cradles. May God bless our continued efforts to provide this service.

Knit, crochet, or quilt? Join us each Thursday 1 to 4 in the parlor. We appreciate so much all who have donated materials over the past years.





Our deepest sympathy to the family of Barbara Clark, 68, who passed away on Saturday evening, February 15, 2025, at WVU/Thomas Hospital. Her sister, Susan Spurgeon and a long-time friend, Kelly were with her at her time of passing.

Barbara and her family were members of Rock Lake Presbyterian Church. At her request, there will be no service. She will be cremated.



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 2

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

### March 9

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

### March 16

Bramwell Presbyterian Church

Gilbert Presbyterian Church  
Kariguini Church  
Giakanja Parish

### March 23

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

### March 30

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



## Nurturing Faith Ideas 2025, based on the Revised Common Lectionary

### March 2: Transfiguration of the Lord *Read Luke 9:28-36*

Peter, James, and John had a “mountaintop experience” as they witnessed Jesus’ transfiguration, or transformation, and heard a voice from a cloud, God, say, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” How do we listen to Jesus today? What might Jesus be saying to you?

### March 9: First Sunday in Lent *Read Luke 4:1-12*

The Gospel reading for the First Sunday in Lent always tells the story of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness. We, too, are tempted like Jesus was, and we have to choose what we are going to do, whether we are going to follow God or follow another. With others around your table or email, share a decision you have made that you think pleased God.

### March 16: Second Sunday in Lent *Psalm 27*

Life isn’t always easy. People can be mean. Circumstances can be challenging. We struggle with work or school. We feel like we don’t belong, or we aren’t important, or we’re insignificant. But God is there for us. The psalmist reminds us that God is our light when life seems dark, and God provides us protection, so we don’t need to be afraid.

### March 23: Third Sunday in Lent *Read Isaiah 55:6-9*

The season of Lent is a time to reflect on our lives as we prepare for Jesus’ death and resurrection. This is a good time to consider where we have failed to be faithful and obedient to God’s ways. When we confess our sins, admit our wrongs, we do so without fear for God is gracious and quick to forgive. Is there anything you need to ask forgiveness for? God is ready to hear your prayer.

### March 30: Fourth Sunday in Lent *Read Luke 15:11b-32*

Lost and found. A story of two sons and their father. A story about God who celebrates with joy when the lost are found and seeks out those who’ve never left to join in the celebration. Who are you most like in the story? Give thanks to God for welcoming all because I suspect we’re like both sons at different times.

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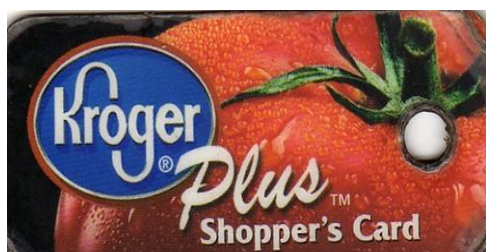
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4 Jeff Means
10 Miranda Broyles
15 Avery Lee
16 Nikki Childers
20 Emily Baker
24 Olga Schmidt

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



24 Jeff & DeeDee Means

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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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Presbytery of West Virginia's
Festival of Faith
Journeying with Our Creator

Saturday, March 22, 2025
First Presbyterian Church, Charleston
9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Keynote: "Journey to Serve:
The State of the Church from our C.A.R. Window"**
(Communication, Alignment with God's Will, Relationships)

WITH

CECE ARMSTRONG AND TONY LARSON

Co-Moderators of the 226th General Assembly of the PC(U.S.A.)



Festival of Faith Workshops

- ❖ Discerning Purpose
- ❖ Stewardship Navigator
- ❖ Hiking the Camino – a Spiritual Walk
- ❖ The Justice of the Gospel: Preaching and Teaching Jesus' Focus on Social Justice
- ❖ Church Mission Without a Budget!
- ❖ A New Vision for the Presbytery – What, When & How
- ❖ Connecting through Play
- ❖ Advance Directives: What are They and Why We Need Them
- ❖ Insight and Attitudes toward the Changing Campus Ministry Landscape
- ❖ Treasurer and Finance Workshop
- ❖ Addressing Natural Disasters in Rural West Virginia: What WVMAW Can Do
- ❖ Being Ready for a Planned Gift. Right Sized, Planned Giving.
- ❖ Introduction to "Healthy Congregations" Workshops
- ❖ Capturing Creation with Paint
- ❖ Let's Take a Hike

Complete workshop and registration information can be found at www.wvpresbytery.org.



FESTIVAL of FAITH **"JOURNEYING WITH OUR CREATOR"**

MARCH 22, 2025

First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, WV

Keynote Presenters:

CeCe Armstrong and Tony Larson

Co-Moderators

of the 226th General Assembly (2024) of the PC(U.S.A.)

**"Journey to Serve: The State of the Church
from our C.A.R. Window"**

(Communication, Alignment with God's Will, Relationships)

Event Schedule

9:00	REGISTRATION
9:30-9:45	THE GATHERING
9:45-10:45	KEYNOTE: Tony Larson and CeCe Armstrong
10:50	LATE REGISTRATION
11 - 12:00	WORKSHOPS A
11-1:15 PM	DISPLAYS/FAIR TRADE OPEN
NOON	LUNCH
1:15 - 2:15	WORKSHOPS B
2:25 - 3:25	WORKSHOPS C
1:15 - 3:25	WORKSHOPS D
3:30-3:45	THE SENDING

Early Registration Deadline is March 1, 2025!

Festival of Faith 2025 Workshops

Morning Workshops A

- ❖ Discerning Purpose
- ❖ Stewardship Navigator
- ❖ Hiking the Camino – a Spiritual Walk
- ❖ The Justice of the Gospel: Preaching and Teaching Jesus' Focus on Social Justice and the Common Good
- ❖ Church Mission Without a Budget!

Afternoon Workshops B

- ❖ A New Vision for the Presbytery—What, When & How
- ❖ Connecting through Play
- ❖ Advance Directives: What are They and Why We Need Them
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- ❖ Let's Take a Hike

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FESTIVAL of FAITH

Journeying with Our Creator

March 22, 2025
Registration Information

- WHAT?** Festival of Faith, an annual education event sponsored by the Presbytery of West Virginia's Nurture Committee
- WHEN?** Saturday, March 22, 2025: 9:00 AM - 3:45 PM
- WHERE?** The First Presbyterian Church, Charleston. All areas used are handicapped accessible.
- WHO?** Presbyterians and non-Presbyterians of all ages!
- WHY?** An opportunity to grow in Christian faith and knowledge, to worship and learn in a variety of ways, to gain insight and skills that could enhance your life and church's ministry, and to network and make new friends!

EVENT SCHEDULE:

Morning

Registration	9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
The Gathering	9:30 - 9:45
Keynote	9:45 - 10:45
Late registration	10:50
A Workshops	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon

Displays/Fair Trade	11 am- 1:15 p.m.
Lunch	12:00 - 1:00
B Workshops	1:15 - 2:15
C Workshops	2:25 - 3:25
D Workshops	1:15 - 3:25
The Sending	3:30 - 3:45

FEES:

Early bird registration fee for Individual (any age):	\$20	(Deadline: March 3, 2025)
Early bird registration fee for Family/Household (any size):	\$30	(Deadline: March 3, 2025)
Walk-In Registration Fee on March 22:	\$30	(per person)
Lunch (must be pre-registered, in addition to registration)	\$15	(Deadline: March 3, 2025)

LUNCH: Lunch will be from Honey Baked Ham. To guarantee lunch, registrations must be received by March 3. THOSE ORDERING LUNCH NEED TO COMPLETE THE LUNCH ORDER FORM. PLEASE NOTE, WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS; THOSE WITH SUCH NEEDS ARE ASKED TO BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH, DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

CHILD CARE will be available for preschool and elementary age children who are registered by March 3, 2025.

MARKETPLACE: MISSION DISPLAYS and VENDORS

Registration forms should be received in the Presbytery office by March 3 to qualify for the early bird fees and guarantees for lunch. Please keep this information for reference before the event. Workshops may be cancelled due to low or no early bird registrations. Please register early!

Make checks payable and mail to: The Presbytery of West Virginia, P.O. Box 11720, Charleston, WV 25339

Or register and pay online at www.wvpresbytery.org.

The Guys' Weekend

April 25 - 27, 2025

Bluestone Camp & Retreat



Registration and Medical Release forms
are available online.

bluestonecamp.org/guys-weekend

The Registration Fee is \$85 per person for 2 nights and 4 meals.
Dinner for early arrivals on Friday is \$12.

Please register no later than April 22.

Questions?? Call Mark (304) 860-8281 or
email mark@bluestonecamp.org

Join us for our 16th Annual Men's Retreat, a weekend
of reflection, service, worship, work projects to
improve Bluestone, and plenty of laughs!

Things to Note:

- We would welcome the help of anyone who can come
up a day early to get started on work projects.
- Youth are encouraged to attend as long as they are
accompanied by an adult.



SPRING GETAWAY RETREAT

MAY 2 - 4 @Bluestone

Adults \$85
(ages 12 & older)

Youth \$50
(ages 4 - 11)

Children FREE
(ages 3 & under)

Registration deadline is April 30.

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

- † trail hike or craft you can do at your leisure †
- † study track w/weekend chaplain TBA †
- † games, campfires, devotions †
- † plenty of time and space to just simply be †

**Join us for a fun and relaxing
low key weekend!**

Get Registration and Medical Release Forms online at
bluestonecamp.org/spring-getaway

Alternatively, please copy the form on the back of this flyer!

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

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.



January Income \$ 7,607

January Expense \$10,639.35

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

February Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): On February 2, an estimated 41 home and in-person communicants celebrated communion. The next communion will be on

March 2. **If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

Preparations are underway for Ash Wednesday (March 5), Lent, Passion Week, and Easter. **On Ash Wednesday, March 5, there will be a noon service, with ashes being distributed.**

We hope you will make in-person worship a regular part of the start of each week.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): The balance sheet has about \$74,000 in the general account. In the budget vs. actual, the first quarter insurance payment of over \$4,155 put us in the hole about \$3,000 for January.

In the annual congregational meeting, the 2025 commitment income was reported as \$93,397. Several subsequent commitments raised that number to \$102,237. The anticipated 'Extra Mile' shortfall of \$7,487 has not changed, as the commitment growth caused a reduction in uncommitted giving by the same amount.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN): is trying get the women's circle to start meeting again, and is looking for a project for Easter that the circle could help with.

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S):

PROPERTY (P): There was some flooding in the old preschool during recent rains. The breezeway sump pump was working well, and helped to minimize the water in the basement.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next second Sunday potluck will be March 9 following worship. See you there!

OTHER(O): Session approved a project to install solar panels on the church roof. The vendor will be Solar Holler. The project cost before rebates will be \$113,600, at a 7% interest rate. The amount to finance after Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) are sold back to Solar Holler will be \$93,950. After various federal rebates are applied in the spring of 2026, the net system cost will drop to \$39,200. RLPC anticipates the payback period will be 5 to 7 years. Solar panels will be installed on roofing facing the courtyard. Solar Holler has inspected the church electrical installation, and foresees no issues connecting the solar panel array. We anticipate that energy cost savings could also be diverted to paying down the loan.

With Christ's Peace,
Ken

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
2 10:00 am RLPC Worship  Holy Communion	3 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	4 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open	5 9:00 am Church Office Open 	6 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)	7 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom  World Day of Prayer	8 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
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