

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 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

What a lovely surprise after church in December! I really was astonished to enter the Olive Tree, where I expected to be feeding my visiting family, and there you were, all gathered around tables with smiles and cheers! It made me tearful to see you, and feel your love, as I have over the years we have spent together.

I have served congregations large and small, and I have loved them all, but never more than I have loved, and been loved by you. What a gift you have been, and will always be! One way I know and feel the love of God, who is invisible and inscrutable, is through the love of other people. And you have done that for me so clearly. Thank you.

One of the features of the day we spent together at Olive Tree was your amazing gift, with your instructions that I was to distribute it to charities of my choice. What fun to have money to give away!

There are many worthy organizations that I have supported in my small way over the years, but increasingly I have felt I wanted to make such modest investments in more local groups. So here's what I have chosen to do with your most generous gift.

\$316 - a tithe; the Lord's 10% goes back to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

\$1000 goes to the Mountaineer Food Bank, located in Gassaway, but serving all of West Virginia

\$1000 goes to Kanawha Charleston Humane Association

\$844 goes to Little Victories Animal Rescue in Barboursville

As per your instructions, I have given this information to Sandy, who will see that this support reaches these organizations.

May this dawning new year bring only good things to us all, and peace on our troubled earth.

Love and every blessing, always!

Patricia



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 4

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

January 11

First Presbyterian Church, Huntington
Cabwaylingo Chapel
Gichira Church
Gaaki Parish

January 18

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

January 25

Parsons Presbyterian Church
Summerlee Presbyterian Church
Gaaki Parish

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***Birthdays:***

|    |                   |    |                   |
|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2  | Jane Crosby       | 22 | Jackie Pauley     |
| 9  | Pam Ferrell       | 23 | DeeDee Means      |
| 15 | Alex Gumowski     | 24 | Ronnie Means      |
| 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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RLPC Circle Preparing Shut-in Gift Bags



Nurturing Faith Ideas 2026, based on the Revised Common Lectionary

January 4: Second Sunday of Christmas - Read John 1:1-18

John's gospel does not have a story of Jesus' birth. Instead, it identifies Jesus as the Word who has been active since the beginning and who began human and lived among humans showing them God's grace. Some didn't recognize him or accept him. How does your life show that you recognize Jesus? How do you reflect Jesus' gift of grace to the world?

January 6: Epiphany - Read Matthew 2:1-12

Following a star three Magi journey to Bethlehem bearing gifts fit for a king. Finding the child, they knelt and proclaimed God's praise. What gifts might you bring for the young Jesus? What might you praise God for this week?

January 11: Baptism of the Lord - Read Matthew 3:13-17

As we celebrate Jesus' baptism, we also remember our own baptism. We are baptized into the body of Christ, and we are also empowered by the same Spirit of God that descended upon Jesus. What do you remember, or have you been told about your baptism? What does your baptism mean to you? Share with someone and ask them about their baptism.

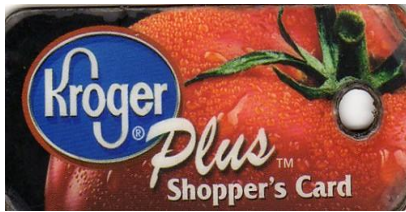
January 18: Second Sunday after Epiphany - Read John 1:29-42

This is a story about introducing others to Jesus. John pointed out Jesus to two of his disciples, and they followed Jesus to where he was staying. One of them, Andrew found his brother, Simon Peter," and brought him to Jesus, the Messiah. Who have you told Jesus about? What did you tell them?

January 25: Third Sunday after Epiphany - Read Matthew 4:12-23

This is Matthew's story of Jesus calling his first disciples, somewhat different from John's story last week. Here, Jesus invites Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him and do something different – fish for people. They left behind their boats and their work, the way of life they were used to, and followed him. What makes your life different as you follow Jesus?

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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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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

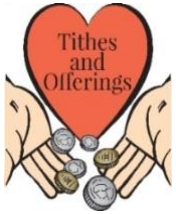


From the PCUSA website:

“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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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.

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## Session Notes

## December Session Digest

**WORSHIP (W):** On December 7, the total estimated communicants were 51 (32 in-person & 19 estimated on-line).

The next communion will be on January 4. **If you are joining worship from home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

The list of 2026 preachers January through Easter is:

| RLPC 2026 Worship Preachers |                  |                                                                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date                        | Preacher         | Notes                                                                        |
| Sun, Jan 4, 2026            | Sallie Daugherty | COMMUNION Take down Advent decorations after worship.                        |
| Sun, Jan 11, 2026           | Brandi Hicks     | Baptism of the Lord 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday potluck following worship         |
| Sun, Jan 18, 2026           | Cherrie Sizemore |                                                                              |
| Sun, Jan 25, 2026           | Randy Fife       | Annual Congregational Meeting (Ed Thompson moderating)                       |
| Sun, Feb 1, 2026            | Sallie Daugherty | COMMUNION                                                                    |
| Sun, Feb 8, 2026            | Brandi Hicks     | Self Development of People, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday potluck following worship |
| Sun, Feb 15, 2026           | Cherrie Sizemore | Transfiguration of the Lord                                                  |
| Wed, Feb 18, 2026           | Kathy Weed       | ASH WEDNESDAY, noon. Imposition of ashes                                     |
| Sun, Feb 22, 2026           | Randy Fife       |                                                                              |
| Sun, Mar 1, 2026            | Sallie Daugherty | COMMUNION                                                                    |
| Sun, Mar 8, 2026            | Adam Greathouse  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday potluck following worship                             |
| Sun, Mar 15, 2026           | Cherrie Sizemore |                                                                              |
| Sun, Mar 22, 2026           | Randy Fife       |                                                                              |
| Sun, Mar 29, 2026           | Kathy Weed       | PALM SUNDAY, Centsability Offering                                           |
| Fri, Apr 3, 2026            |                  | GOOD FRIDAY (to be determined)                                               |
| Sun, Apr 5, 2026            | Ed Thompson      | EASTER, COMMUNION, One Great Hour of Sharing                                 |

Please extend RLPC hospitality to these people who ministering to us in this time of transition!

The church decorations will be put away after worship on January 4. The next committee meeting is 3pm January 21.

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

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F):** David reported that the general account has about \$83,000 in it. Budget vs. actual November income was about \$10,000, with a positive month balance of about \$2,100. The November YTD balance is positive \$19,000. An A&F meeting is set for 10am December 29 to complete the church financial audit.

The clerk brought two motions which had been discussed in the A&F; but not heretofore brought to session:

**Motion 1:** 'Allow the A&F committee to update the Rock Lake Presbyterian Church, Pearl S. Inghram Memorial Scholarship Grant to the new name Rock Lake Presbyterian Church Incorporated, Pearl S. Inghram Memorial Grant.' John Solberg seconded the motion. If approved, A&F will send a letter of instruction, a copy of the minutes addressing this change, proof of name change, and new signers to be designated. The motion was approved with a unanimous "Amen!"

**Motion 2:** 'Allow the A&F committee to send an application to New Covenant Funds opening an account Rock Lake Presbyterian Church Incorporated Memorial Fund Balanced Growth Fund making it an interest-bearing account.' David Broyles seconded. If approved, it will include 1.) the current Memorial Fund account at Chase (\$4,286.75 is earmarked for the "Saints Who've Gone Before") for the LED sign on the corner. Note: there are two items still to come from that money: a. \$1,000 to John Solberg to fix the electric connection to the LED sign and b. funds for the landscaping around the sign. 2.) \$6,000 donated in memory of John and Betty Oakes (undesignated). 3.) \$2,180 donated in memory of Dick and Jo Clark (designated for youth program) currently in the New Property account. The total of these three items is \$12,466.75. This motion was also approved unanimously with session's "Amen!"

The current 2026 commitments are \$108,680. Follow-up snailmail letters will be sent in early January.

The nominating committee has filled the class of 2028 slate of two session nominees and one nominating committee nominee.

## **CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):**

**MISSION & SERVICE (M&S):** The chair reviewed the visitation schedule for the Oakwood Terrace gift giving on December 21. Ed Bailey was the RLPC Santa at 3pm at apartment 950 on the estate. Families are scheduled to visit him at specific times. Help is still needed to get the gifts to the estate, and help with the family visits. The Christmas Joy offering ended December 21. Shepherd's Run cookie boxes were assembled after worship December 21 for delivery on Christmas Eve.

**PROPERTY (P):** After the December 14 service was canceled, John cleared the parking lot enough for Sandy to park and walk across the bridge Monday morning.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC):** The next second Sunday potluck will be January 11.

**OTHER: a.** In 2026, Taylor Bailey will replace Mary Wagner as treasurer. Thank you, Mary, for your many years of dedication to this work!

**b.** Pollen8 has asked RLPC to furnish a lease proposal for the next 5 years of Appalachian Behavioral Health Care (ABHC) operation. The Administration & Finance Committee has submitted that proposal, increasing the monthly lease payment from \$1,000 to about \$1,300. The A&F approved a minor change proposed by Pollen8, and signing is expected soon.

**c.** The ABHC has asked permission to erect a sign on the RLCLC property; the main building is the preferred location. Session approved the following motion: 'That after a new lease is signed, Appalachian Behavioral Health Care (ABHC) be permitted to **a.** carefully remove the building *ROCK LAKE COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER* sign letters, package and return them to the church. **b.** erect a church-approved ABHC sign on the building. The tall parking lot RLCLC sign post will not be affected.'

With Christ's Peace,

Ken








Thank you to my Rock Lake family for the generous Christmas gift. It's a pleasure to be part of such caring friends. Blessings on you as you enter the new year and a new phase of church life. Pam

Thank you to our church family for the generous Christmas gift. Your kindness and support mean more to me than I can express. Marilyn

Thanks to those who contributed to my Christmas gift. I appreciate your thoughtful generosity. Sandy

# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

## January 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                               | Monday                                                                                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                                              | Wednesday                            | Thursday                                                                                                             | Friday                                                                | Saturday                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                      |                                      | <b>1</b> Church Office Closed<br> | <b>2</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open                                   | <b>3</b> 8:30 RockLakeComm.Garden  |
| <b>4</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship<br>  | <b>5</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                   | <b>6</b> 8:30 RockLakeComm.Garden<br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br> | <b>7</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open  | <b>8</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)                                               | <b>9</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom  | <b>10</b> 8:30 RockLakeComm.Garden |
| <b>11</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship<br> | <b>12</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                  | <b>13</b> 8:30 RockLakeComm.Garden<br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>9:30 am Carbine Oldtimers                                                        | <b>14</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open | <b>15</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P)                                             | <b>16</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom | <b>17</b> 8:30 RockLakeComm.Garden |
| <b>18</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship                                                                                      | <b>19</b> Church Office Closed<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)<br> | <b>20</b> 8:30 RockLakeComm.Garden<br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:30 pm Session Meeting                                                          | <b>21</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open | <b>22</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P)                                             | <b>23</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom | <b>24</b> 8:30 RockLakeComm.Garden |
| <b>25</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship                                                                                      | <b>26</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                  | <b>27</b> 8:30 RockLakeComm.Garden<br>9:00 am Church Office Open                                                                                     | <b>28</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open | <b>29</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P)                                             | <b>30</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom | <b>31</b> 8:30 RockLakeComm.Garden |



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|---------------|----------------------|
| Sandy McNeely | Pastor               |
| Taylor Bailey | Church Secretary     |
| Marilyn Padon | Treasurer            |
| Pam Ferrell   | Music Director       |
|               | Organist/Accompanist |

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#### The Session

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| Ron Rogillio  | 304-541-1243 |

##### **Class of 2026**

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| DeeDee Means | 304-744-0887 |

##### **Class of 2027**

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| John Haynes | 304-610-9040 |
| Ken Schmidt | 304-768-8565 |

#### Committee Chairs

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