

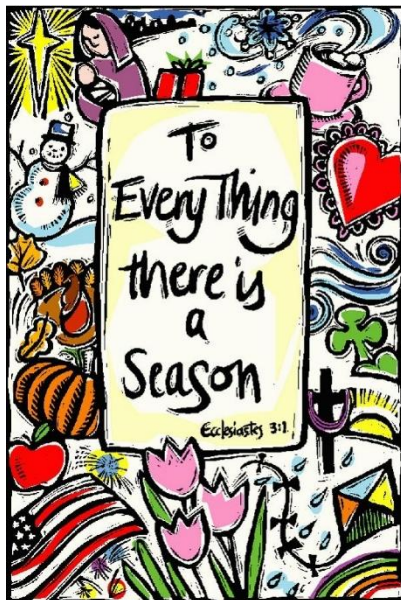
Rock "905"

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



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

September 2025



Dear Church Family,

Grace and Peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we step into the month of September, we begin to sense a shift – in the air, in our routines, and even in our spirits. The seasons are changing, schools are back in session, and for many, life regains a certain rhythm after the summer months.

In the midst of this transition, I want to encourage us all to take time to refocus our hearts on God's purpose for this season. In Ecclesiastes 3:1 we read "There is a time for every activity under the heavens." This reminds us that each season brings with it new opportunities for growth, reflection, and faithfulness. Whether you are feeling renewed and energized or facing new challenges, God is present and at work.

As we move into this new season, I invite you to pray about where Jesus is calling you to serve, to grow, and to trust him more fully. Let's hold fast to our assurance that in spite of the uncertainty of these days, that ultimately, we are in the loving hands of the One who created us. As a line from an old hymn reminds us, "Although the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet." Let's remain rooted in prayer, grounded in scripture, and committed to loving one another, and finding ways to increase justice, compassion and righteousness in the world entrusted to us.

Thank you for being a faithful part of this church family. I am so grateful for the way you show up, care deeply, and walk together in Christ.

Love and every blessing!

Patricia



2 Marlene Solberg
3 Ashley Marion
8 Cameron Baker
9 William Wilson
12 Hilda Alsop
12 Ryan Broyles
13 Merrily Bailey

14 Gina Cunningham
17 Benjamin Straight
17 Colin Thornhill
21 Sarah Wagner
25 Beth Barnes
29 Anthony Clay



1 John & Phyllis Fenwick
8 Bill & Mary Wagner

9 David & Angie Bradley
17 Keith & Judy Knowles

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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!

**September 7**

Fayetteville Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg  
Gitero Church  
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**September 21**

Kanawha United Presbyterian Church,  
Charleston  
Smithers Presbyterian Church  
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**September 14**

First Presbyterian Church, Kingwood  
Mount Hope Presbyterian Church  
Thegenge Parish

**September 28**

Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, Huntington  
Upper Glade Presbyterian Church  
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Thegenge Parish

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Nurturing Faith Ideas 2025, based on the Revised Common Lectionary

September 7: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Read Luke 14:25-33*

What do you think Jesus means when he says one must hate their life to be his disciple? How does his call to carry our own cross inform this? Jesus gives examples of “counting the cost,” showing that being his disciple involves a willingness to give up everything. Is there something in your life that you need to give up in order to follow Jesus more faithfully?

September 14: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Read Luke 15:1-10*

The Pharisees and scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Jesus told them a story about a lost sheep that was found. What have you lost that you later found? Give thanks to God for lost and found things and people.

September 21: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Read Luke 16:1-13*

Jesus said that we cannot serve two masters, meaning we cannot be faithful to God and worship something else. Whom or what do you worship and make most important in your life, God or something or someone else? Find a way to show your faithfulness to God this week.

September 28: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Read Luke 16:19-31*

Here we find the story of a rich man who was well-dressed and ate well, and the story of a poor man who was covered with sores and wished that he could eat the rich man’s leftovers. Most of us have plenty to eat and nice clothes to wear, while others do not. Go through your closets and/or drawers and find some clothing and food that you will share with those in need. Take them where someone in need can get them.



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Dear Friends in Christ,

The Blessed Sacrament Parish Grief Ministry Team is again offering a workshop entitled *GriefShare* for both parishioners and non-parishioners. The *GriefShare* ministry involves loving support to those suffering the pain of grief from the loss of a loved one.

GriefShare is a 13-week recovery workshop that offers a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction and guidance. Each week you can expect to view a 30-minute video filled with helpful guidance, discussion of grief-related issues, and personal recovery tips through your own individual workbook. Personal sharing is optional; no one is required to share.

This ministry is not just for those suffering recent losses. We all know the grief that comes with the loss of a loved one, holds a place in our heart for months, years, decades, the rest of our life. Also, anyone who has participated in our workshops previously might consider attending again. You have much to offer others on their grief journey.

We encourage you to give prayerful thought to participating in the upcoming *GriefShare* workshop. **Our first gathering will be Monday, September 8, 6:00—7:30pm in Room 5.** Consider attending for the first several sessions; then decide if this workshop is for you.

Please contact the church office to register by September 1, 2025. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact one of the team members:

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May the Lord sustain you with His Love, Compassion and Mercy.

Father Paul Wharton

The Grief Ministry Team



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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).



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).

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 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.



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

August Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): On August 3, the total estimated communicants was 49 (25 in-person & 24 estimated on-line). The next communion will be on September 7. **If you are joining worship from home that**

day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.

In early September, the committee will be preparing for the last quarter, 2025 worship.

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

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F):) The budget vs actual July YTD balance shows that income exceeds expenses by about \$11,450. A \$4,156 quarterly insurance payment was the biggest expense in July. The staff salary and wage increases also began in July. The A&F will meet in September to audit the church books.

The Nominating Committee have begun meeting to find two class of 2028 session nominations and one nominating committee nominee. One session nominee has been secured; the other is still to be filled. The nominating committee nominee has been secured.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): The Peace & Global Witness offering materials are on hand. The offering will be on World Communion Sunday, October 5.

PROPERTY (P): Solar Holler has almost completed the installation and electrical hookup of the rooftop solar panels. Currently, the panels are set to offset power consumption only, called 'zero export'. They cannot feed excess power to the electrical grid until the power company installs a reversing meter to monitor power movement both from and to the grid. Were the panels set to feed excess generation to the grid through the existing meter, that would be mis-interpreted as additional consumption. After the power company installs the reversing meter, Solar Holler will make the final setup change to allow the panels to feed excess generation back to the grid.





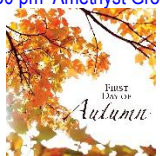

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next second Sunday potluck will be September 14. Even if you cannot bring a dish, please remember, the most important ingredient is YOU!

OTHER(O): a. The pastor search committee will meet in the coming two weeks to review the clerk's email correspondence with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry. b. The Appalachian Behavioral Health Care (ABHC) continues a month-to-month payment of the original lease agreement.

With Christ's Peace,
Ken

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

September 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Church Office Closed 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)  | 2 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open | 3 9:00 am Church Office Open | 4 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P) | 5 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom | 6 8:30 am Manna Meal Work |
| 7 10:00 am RLPC Worship  Season of Peace begins | 8 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P) | 9 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open 10:00 am Carbine Oldtimers | 10 9:00 am Church Office Open | 11 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P) | 12 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom | 13 8:30 am Manna Meal Work |
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| <i>Administration/Finance</i> | <i>David Broyles</i> |
| <i>Property</i> | <i>John Solberg</i> |
| <i>Worship</i> | <i>Ken Schmidt</i> |
| <i>Mission & Service</i> | <i>Ron Rogillio</i> |