

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..."

October 2025



Dear Beloved Church Family,

As October arrives, we see God's beauty reflected in the changing colors of the leaves, the crispness of the air, and the slower pace that often comes with the fall. There is something about this season that invited us to pause, reflect, and give thanks.

In many ways, October is a month of transition. We move from the activity of summer into the quietness of fall. Harvest season reminds us of the importance of both labor and rest, of sowing and reaping. Galatians 6:9 SAYS, "Let us not grow weary in going good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

As we look around at the signs of harvest, I want to encourage us to consider: what kind of harvest is God producing in your life right now? What seeds have you planted in faith that you are still waiting to see grow? What work is God calling you to in this season?

As the world outside quiets down, I encourage each of us to create space for stillness before the Lord. Let's take time to listen, to pray, and to be renewed in his presence.

Know that you are loved, prayed for, and appreciated. May this October be a month of gratitude, growth and grace,

In Christ's love,

Patricia



Birthdays:

6	Bill Wagner	20	Ron Rogillio
9	Xavier Grigsby	23	Willie Haynes
12	Sara Bragg	31	Nate Baker
20	Walter Hardin		

Anniversaries:

11	George & Judy Powers	20	John & Marlene Solberg
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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!

October 5

Belington Presbyterian Church
 First Presbyterian Church, Charleston
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 Thegene Parish

October 19

Philippi Presbyterian Church
 Pineville Presbyterian Church
 Mathakwaini Church
 Thegene Parish

October 12

Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Gassaway
 Fleming Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairmont
 Kiamutiga Church
 Thegenge Parish

October 26

First Presbyterian Church, Buckhannon
 Rock Lake Presbyterian Church, South Charleston
 Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church, Morgantown
 Mathakwaini Church Dispensary
 Thegenge Parish

Nurturing Faith Ideas 2025, based on the Revised Common Lectionary

October 5: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday

Read Lamentations 3:9-16

Life isn't always easy. There are times that we struggle and watch those around us struggle. Yet, even in the midst of the struggles we have reason to hope – God's love is always with us; God's grace never comes to an end. Sure as the sun rises, God is with us.

October 12: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Read Jeremiah 29:4-7*

Jeremiah insists that God's people living in exile look around, get to know the people and place where they are living, and contribute to its well-being. This week, look around and notice what is going on with other people in your family, neighbors, class, team... Pray for these people and do something this week that might make someone's life better.

October 19: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17*

Consider your Bible, the sacred writings of Christians and the Church. Does your Bible look well-used or brand new? How has it become a part of you? If the book itself fell completely apart, would you have some of it hidden inside you? This week read Psalm 91, verses 1-6 and 14-16 three times each day and memorize it to hide it inside you.

October 26: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost *Read Joel 2:23-32*

Dreams are possibilities and ideas about what could be. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech illustrates the importance of a dream in shaping life for both individuals and communities. According to Joel, such dreams are gifts from God and therefore should be worked with and valued. What is a dream that you have for your own life and for the life of the world?

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#### **Anne Lamott:**

"I do not at all understand the mystery of Grace, only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us."

#### **Richard Rohr:**

The great surprise of the Hebrew scriptures is revealed in Isaiah 35:1-2:

"Thirsty deserts will be glad: barren lands will celebrate and blossom with flowers. Deserts will bloom everywhere and sing joyful songs. They will be as majestic as Mount Lebanon, and as glorious as Mount Carmel or Sharon Valley. Everyone will see the wonderful splendor of the Lord our God. Here is a message for all who are weak, trembling, and worried: Cheer up! Don't be afraid." We don't get what we deserve – we get something better!

#### **Krista Tippett:**

"Taking in the good, wherever and whenever we find it, gives us new eyes for seeing and living."



# **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**Saturday, October 4, 11:00 am  
Outside church on Village Drive  
(inside in case of inclement weather)**

**Come with your friends and pets to RLPC  
for a special blessing to celebrate those who  
give warmth, love, and slobbery kisses.**

**Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier  
to forego any possible discipline problems.  
If your pet has died, bring a picture.**

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# FALL GETAWAY RETREAT

October 3 - 5 @Bluestone

Adults \$85  
(ages 12 & older)

Youth \$50  
(ages 4 - 11)

Children FREE  
(ages 3 & under)

Registration deadline is September 30

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

- † arts & crafts you can do at your leisure †
- † study, devotional, and worship led by  
Noha Khoury & Chris Bailey †
- † opportunities to hike and enjoy the fall  
foliage around Bluestone †
- † games we can play together †
- † plenty of time and space to just simply be †

**Come on out and join us for a  
relaxing low key weekend!**

Get Registration and Medical Release Forms online at

[bluestonecamp.org/fall-getaway](http://bluestonecamp.org/fall-getaway)



## **Peace and Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**

**Pursue what makes for peace.**

**ROMANS 14:19**

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. The pursuit of peace in the name of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith — a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together. QUICK FACTS Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God is with us ... and God in Christ is with us through the Sacrament of Communion, celebrated on World Communion Sunday. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us.

25% of the Offering stays with local congregations and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions.

50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.



Dear Beloved Members and Friends of Rock Lake  
Presbyterian Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

This year our stewardship theme is "Journey to Generosity: The Way of Jesus." When we open the Gospels, we see that Jesus' life was marked by open hands, open heart, and open table. He welcomed children, fed the hungry, healed the sick, forgave sins, and gave his very life for the sake of the world. At every turn, Jesus demonstrated that true abundance is not measured by what we hold onto, but by what we share.

As disciples of Christ, we are invited to walk in that same way of generous living. Generosity is not only about financial gifts. It is a posture of the heart. It is about choosing trust over fear, community over isolation, and abundance over scarcity. When we live generously, we bear witness to God's grace and participate in God's ongoing work of renewal in the world.

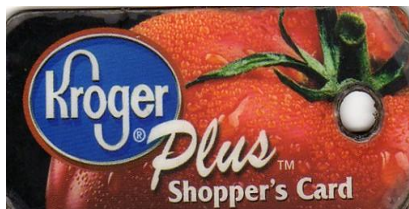
Your faithful giving makes this possible. Because of your generosity, our church continues to be a place where worship draws us close to God and each other, where hope is shared both near and far. Every gift you offer, whether large or small, is part of God's great work through this congregation.

In the weeks ahead, we invite you to pray about your commitment for the coming year. As you reflect, ask yourself: how is Jesus calling me to grow in generosity? What step can I take to live more fully in the way of Christ's giving love?

Thank you for all the ways you already embody this theme through your prayers, your service, your witness and your giving. May our shared generosity continue to bring light to our community and glory to God.

Love and every blessing, as always!

*Patricia*



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).



## 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).

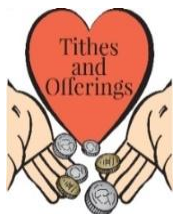
## CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING



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.rlp.org](http://www.rlp.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

## September Session Digest

**WORSHIP (W):** On September 7, the total estimated communicants was 76 (31 in-person & 45 estimated on-line). The next communion will be on October 5. **If you are worshipping from home that day,**

**please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

The committee are working on the final quarter of 2025 worship, and the first quarter of 2026.

The next worship committee event is the Blessing of the Animals on October 4. Posters have been snail-mailed to local veterinarians, pet hospitals, pet supply stores, and large stores with pet departments. Shayn Davis and Taylor Bailey will help setup and tear-down for that service. 36 copies of a booklet, 'The Spiritual Wisdom of Pets', have been purchased to be handed out at the service.

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

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F):** The balance sheet shows a general account balance of \$78,723; the budget vs. actual was positive for August by about \$8,200; The YTD positive balance is about \$19,300.

The A&F met on September 16, covering the following items:

- a. With the larger balance in the general fund, we are considering transferring \$25,000-30,000 to a better interest-generating account.
- b. We are considering changing banks, from Chase to City National Bank. In recent years, Chase seems to have refocused on large scale businesses.
- c. The current treasurer, Mary Wagner, will be retiring at year-end, and has been working with a person to replace her.
- d. We hope to transition financials from Quickbooks to PowerChurch Plus (PCP) by the end of 2025. Quickbooks is becoming a very expensive subscription-only option, and the PCP finance module is fully integrated into the software we already use.

This year's stewardship campaign, 'Journey to Generosity, the Way of Jesus', will begin on November 2, with Ken Schmidt's message. The campaign will conclude on November 23, with a commitment card collection liturgy. A campaign letter, commitment card, and return envelope will be snail-mailed early in the third week of October.

The Nominating Committee is still seeking a session nominee to complete the slate of two session nominees and one nominating committee nominee.

**CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):** The women's circle will be collecting pet supplies in November for donation.

In December, the group will be assembling gifts for shut-ins.

The circle is trying each month to collect cookies to give to the NA and AA groups, with invitations to worship.

Finally, the Bridgeview Bag Project has started back up for the fall school season.

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

**PROPERTY (P):** The solar panels are producing electricity for our use, with excess being sold back to the grid.

A broken fan switch on the preschool furnace has been repaired. Church yard shrubbery has been trimmed.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC):** The next second Sunday potluck will be October 12. About 21 were at the last 'sweet' potluck. Even if you cannot bring a dish on the 12<sup>th</sup>, please remember, the most important ingredient is YOU!

**OTHER(O):** a. The session is considering proposed anti-racism and anti-harassment policies. The final review and vote on these policies will be scheduled for the October meeting.

b. The clerk notes that the pastor search committee will interview potential pastoral leaders as they are identified. Sallie Daugherty has declined such invitation, but has agreed to preach at the first Sundays in January, February, and March, 2026. Her name will be submitted along with others filling the pulpit in the first quarter of 2026.

c. The session, as the corporation trustees, signed a warranty deed conveying RLPC properties from the unincorporated entity to the corporation on September 11. Copies of the deed will be placed in the clerk's file and in the office vault.









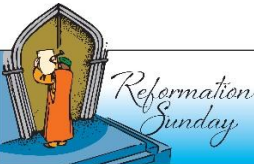

d. The church financial general account audit is complete. The remaining accounts are yet to be scheduled before year-end.

e. The session approved the Presbytery of West Virginia 2026 shared mission request of \$2,700, and the per capita request of \$2,772.

With Christ's Peace,  
Ken

# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

# October 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                         | Monday                                                                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                          | Friday                                                                                                                                                  | Saturday                                                                                                                                   |
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| <i>Administration/Finance</i> | <i>David Broyles</i> |
| <i>Property</i>               | <i>John Solberg</i>  |
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| <i>Mission &amp; Service</i>  | <i>Ron Rogillio</i>  |