

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...

February 2026

Souper Bowl Sunday



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY- FEBRUARY 8

RLPC is once again on a Souper Bowl Sunday Mission. The Session got in a huddle and decided to call a new play.

We are asking the congregation to make a 50 yard or so dash to your nearest grocery store and tackle some soup cans and bring them to the goal line (the Church).

Please join in the fun and let's see how many cans we can take to our local Heart and Hand Food Pantry. Checks are also welcome.

After our service on February 8, join us for a soup style lunch in the parlor. Please bring your favorite soup or breads to share.

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**3      Gary Crosby  
13     John Fenwick  
16     Michelle Broyles**

**16     Shannon Thornhill  
17     Chris Barnes**

**No Anniversaries this Month**

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REPC Potluck - January 11, 2026





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!

February 1

Alexander Mem. Presby. Church, Stony Bottom
Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Shinnston
Kiwaithanji Church
Gaaki Parish

February 15

Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg
Liberty Presbyterian Church, Green Bank
Giakanja Parish

February 8

Big Spring Presbyterian Church, Slatyfork
First Unit Presbyterian Church, Ravenswood
Kesler Memorial Presbyterian Church, Hico
Mutathini Church
Gaaki Parish

February 22

First Presbyterian Church, Thomas
Keller Presbyterian Church, Pence Springs
Giaichamwenge Church
Giakanja Parish

Nurturing Faith Ideas 2026, based on the Revised Common Lectionary

February 1: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - *Read Matthew 5:1-12*

Jesus was a teacher. Throughout his life, he taught his disciples, and those in the crowds that gathered around them, about God and God's ways. Here he speaks a word of hope to those in 2 difficult circumstances as he teaches about how God's ways and will are different from how we as human beings think. Who is a teacher who has helped you understand more about God?

February 8: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - *Read Matthew 5:13-2*

Jesus tells his disciples they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt changes things, particularly how they taste and are preserved, and light brightens things around us up, taking away some of the scariness. How, as a follower of Jesus, are you changing things around you for the good and making things less scary?

February 15: Transfiguration of the Lord - *Read Matthew 17:1-9*

Here we find the story of Jesus' transfiguration while he was on the mountaintop with the disciples Peter, James, and John. There they heard a voice from heaven say, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." How do you think the disciples felt when they heard the voice? How would you have felt? How do you listen to Jesus today?

February 22: First Sunday in Lent - *Read Matthew 4:1-11*

After he was baptized, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where he was tempted by the devil. It was a time for reflection and preparation as Jesus got ready to go about his work as God's Son on earth. The devil encouraged him to take care of his own needs, test God's faithfulness, and rule the world, if he would only follow the devil. Instead, Jesus chooses to follow God and do what God wanted. How have you been tempted to not follow God and God's way? What happened?



MEET REV. KATHRYN W. WEED

New Moderator of Session

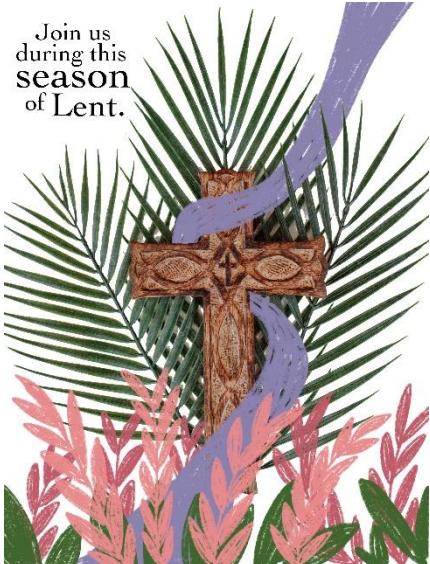
In Worship, where a Moderator is needed, Kathryn will be the first call. She will also moderate Session Meetings.

A native of Georgia, Rev. Kathryn Willoughby Weed moved to West Virginia in 1995 after stops in California, North Carolina, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. She fell in love with the Mountain State and stayed. Kathy graduated from Emory University and Fuller Theological Seminary. She was ordained in 1989 by the Presbytery of Donegal. After serving in parish ministry for eight years Kathy underwent further training before becoming staff chaplain at Saint

Francis Hospital. She retired in 2022 from Thomas Health System. An active minister member of presbytery, Kathy now serves part time as PWV's Associate for Elder Ministry. She has long been associated with First Church Saint Albans and serves on the board of Presbyterian Homes.

Kathy loves live music and dance, and is active with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra and FOOTMAD (Friends of Old Time Music and Dance.) Her favorite new hobby is international traveling - she is planning a trip to Africa in May! A widow, she lives in Charleston with cats Jasper and Lilybelle, frequently visiting family and friends in North Carolina and Georgia.

What is Lent?



Lent is a 40-day season of preparation for Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday, where we engage in self-examination, lament, prayer, and acts of love through service and giving, to grow in faith and draw closer to God, mirroring Jesus' time in the wilderness. The liturgical color for Lent is purple, symbolizing the royalty of Christ.

You are invited to join us at noon on Ash Wednesday, February 18, when Rev. Kathryn Willoughby Weed will lead worship. The service will include the imposition of ashes, the physical sign of our mortality and of our belonging to Christ. This worship will not be live-streamed.

Assorted Lenten Devotionals will be available on a table in the Narthex. You might also consider clicking the link below to download PC(USA) devotional materials:

<https://pcusa.org/resource/lent-home-family-devotional>

We pray that God uses the approaching Lenten season to draw each of us into closer relationship with Him.

Ken Schmidt, Chair

Worship Committee

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## 2026 PEARL S. INGHRAM MEMORIAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2026 Pearl Inghram Scholarship are now available at Rock Lake Presbyterian Church, 905 Village Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309. To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must have graduated from high school by spring/summer of 2026 or in a previous year. Applicants must also be enrolled in college, trade school, or other post high school professional training program for the fall of 2026. Completed applications must be in the church office by 12 PM, April 1, 2026. Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision by email on or before April 21. A \$1,000 check will be mailed directly to the applicant awarded the scholarship no later than May 15. APPLICATION FORMS can be requested by calling the church office at 304 768-4141 weekday mornings or by emailing [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com)

**ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PEARL INGHRAM**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**page 1**

**PERSONAL DATA:**

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_ SSN#\_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION:**

School Name\_\_\_\_\_

Location\_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated\_\_\_\_\_ Final GPA\_\_\_\_\_

**POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION:**

Date School and Location Major Degree GPA

**AWARDS, HONORS, RECOGNITIONS RECEIVED:**

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**EDUCATIONAL PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR:** (list school and address if you have been accepted) \_\_\_\_\_

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**ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PEARL INGHRAM  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**page 2**

Attach: 1. A narrative summary of personal accomplishments and goals to include an account of your involvement in the church and the influence of Christianity upon your life. Statement should not exceed 300 words. 2. A letter of recommendation from a counselor or teacher.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE UPCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR:**

Anticipated Expenses: Amount

Tuition \_\_\_\_\_

Books, Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

Room/Board \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Educational Income Sources: Amount

Parents/Family \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER (scholarships, grants, awards, ROTC, work/study, etc.) Specify:

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Total: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if I am the recipient of this scholarship, I will provide a shareable photograph of myself. I certify that the above information is accurate and understand that deliberate inaccuracies will result in my disqualification from consideration for the Pearl Inghram Scholarship.

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Student Signature

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Date



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). *Rewards last quarter total \$81.01. Thank you!!!!*



## 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).

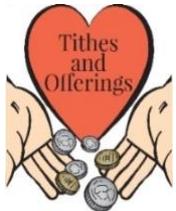


## CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

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.



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](http://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.

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## January Session Digest

**WORSHIP (W):** The estimated total communicants on January 4 was 47 (23 in-person + 24 estimated online). The next communion will be on February 1. **If you are joining worship from home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

The list of 2026 preachers for February through Easter is:

| Date              | Preacher         | Notes                                                                 |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun, Feb 1, 2026  | Sallie Daugherty | COMMUNION, Annual Congregational Meeting (Ed Thompson moderates)      |
| Sun, Feb 8, 2026  | Brandi Hicks     | Self Development of People, 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       | Elder class of 2028 ordination & installation (Kathy Weed moderating) |
| 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  | members          | GOOD FRIDAY, noon, led by participating members reading scripture     |
| Sun, Apr 5, 2026  | Ed Thompson      | EASTER, COMMUNION, One Great Hour of Sharing                          |

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

We encourage you to make in-person worship a priority at the start of every week.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F):** Session approved the 2026 budget as presented in the Annual Congregational Meeting packet.

For 2025, the church finished the year with about \$22,500 surplus. Finally the committee completed auditing the church books on December 29.

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

With responses from follow-up stewardship letters, the 2026 stewardship commitments total \$112,080. Thank you all for your generous support!

**CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):**

**MISSION & SERVICE (M&S):** The Christmas Joy offering was \$715. Thank you for your support!

**PROPERTY (P):**

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC):** The next second Sunday potluck will be February 8. There will be a Pearl Inghram scholarship article for the February newsletter. A meeting of the pastor search committee will be scheduled soon.

**OTHER (O):** a. The Presbytery Committee on Pastoral Ministry (COPM) has appointed Rev. Kathryn Willoughby Weed as Moderator of the Session, effective January 1. See the related article elsewhere in this newsletter for more details. b. RLPCC will host a session records review at 3pm, Sunday, February 22 in the parlor. The Women's Circle will provide refreshments. Each year, Presbytery holds records review meetings for clerks of session, who bring the prior years session minutes to review. c. The 2025 Statistical Report has been approved, pending the addition of financials from the treasurer.

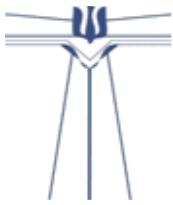
With Christ's Peace,

Ken

# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

# February 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                         | Monday                                                                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                 | Wednesday                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                          | Friday                                                         | Saturday                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 10:00 am RLPC Worship<br>   | 2 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                       | 3 8:30 RockLakeComm.Garden<br>9:00 am Church Office Open                                | 4 9:00 am Church Office Open                                                                                         | 5 9:00 am Church Office Open                                      | 6 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom  | 7 8:30 RockLakeComm.Garden                                                                                         |
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| <u>Church Staff</u>                                                                          |                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Sandy McNeely</b>                                                                         | Pastor               |
| <b>Taylor Bailey</b>                                                                         | Church Secretary     |
| <b>Marilyn Padon</b>                                                                         | Treasurer            |
| <b>Pam Ferrell</b>                                                                           | Music Director       |
|                                                                                              | Organist/Accompanist |
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| <u>The Session</u>            |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Class of 2025</b>          |                      |
| David Broyles                 | 304-545-8821         |
| Ron Rogillio                  | 304-541-1243         |
| <b>Class of 2026</b>          |                      |
| John Solberg                  | 304-415-1704         |
| DeeDee Means                  | 304-744-0887         |
| <b>Class of 2027</b>          |                      |
| John Haynes                   | 304-610-9040         |
| Ken Schmidt                   | 304-768-8565         |
| <u>Committee Chairs</u>       |                      |
| <i>Christian Nurture</i>      | <i>DeeDee Means</i>  |
| <i>Congregational Care</i>    | <i>John Haynes</i>   |
| <i>Administration/Finance</i> | <i>David Broyles</i> |
| <i>Property</i>               | <i>John Solberg</i>  |
| <i>Worship</i>                | <i>Ken Schmidt</i>   |
| <i>Mission &amp; Service</i>  | <i>Ron Rogillio</i>  |