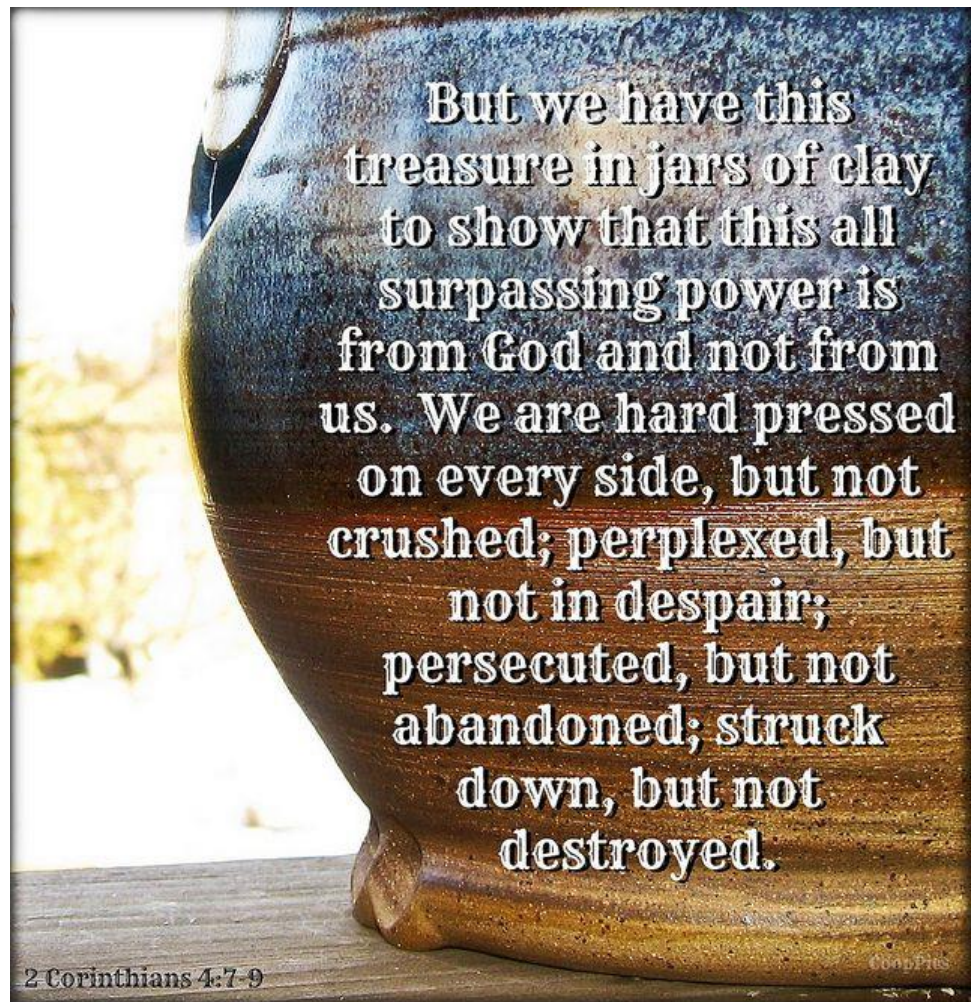


Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 74 years of "Shining Christ's Light"

September 29, 2024
Email: rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com
website: www.rlpc.org



Welcome to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

Here are a few tips to help you participate:

"*" Invites all who are able to stand.

Bold type invites reading or singing by the congregation.

Italic type invites silent reading by the congregation.

Large print hymnals are available from the usher.

Please return hymnals after the service.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 29, 2024

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J. S. Bach; Arr. John W. Schaum

WELCOME AND THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ron Rogillio

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Let us worship our gracious God.

*HYMN #628

"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...We pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we face so many problems every day and often feel inadequate to cope. We see injustices and don't know how to right them. We see proud people marginalized and fail to speak up. We see finger-pointing instead of cooperation. We hear shouted hatred instead of your still, small voice. Forgive our inadequacy and renew a right spirit within us, we pray.

Silence for personal confession. God's people say Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Do not lose heart! God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins. We are clay jars with a treasure within—an extraordinary power that does not come from us, but from God. We are not left crushed, despairing, forsaken, or destroyed. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE #43

"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

Refrain only: "And he will raise you up..."

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, let your Spirit now move in us, to turn us away from the temporary and move us to your eternal love made visible in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:28b-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, ³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

II Corinthians 4:7-11

7 But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. **8** We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; **9** persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; **10** always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. **11** For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Soaring on God's Thermal"

The Rev. Kathryn Weed

Responding to God

*HYMN

"An Eagle Is Soaring"

Tune: THE ASH GROVE

**An eagle is soaring and turning and diving; it stretches its wings to the currents of air.
It gracefully moves without effort or striving; the updrafts will carry its flight anywhere.
How hard, Lord we struggle and work for your blessing; may we see your grace in the
eagle above.**

**For you will renew us when we wait and listen, and you will uphold us in strength and
in love.**

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CENTSABILITY OFFERING

...We pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #765

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG #540

"Farewell, Good Friends!"

**Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! *Shalom, shalom!*
Till we meet again, till we meet again, *shalom, shalom.***

Hebrew Blessing

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: John Haynes
Preacher: The Rev. Kathryn Willoughby Weed
Hymn Leader: John Haynes
Pianist: Patricia Jarvis

WE WELCOME THE REV. KATHRYN WILLOUGHBY WEED to the pulpit today. Kathy is a retired chaplain, having served at Saint Francis and Thomas Memorial hospitals. She is currently Associate for Ministry to Older Adults for the Presbytery of West Virginia. A Charleston resident, Kathy is a world traveler and active in several local community groups.

POSTCARDS TO OTHER CHURCHES On the table in the narthex are postcards to be sent to other West Virginia Presbyterian churches this week. Please take time to add your signature to let them know that we are thinking of them and have them in our prayers.

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING will be collected today. Proceeds will go to Heart & Hand. Please remember people who are less fortunate by donating to this, and all Cents-Ability offerings.

THE BRIDGEVIEW FOOD MINISTRY will be packing lunches today, after worship service.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will be next Saturday, October 5 at 11:00 am. outside the church on Village Drive. Come with your friends and pets!! See more information on page 8 of the bulletin.



The Peace and Global Witness Offering is scheduled for Sunday, October 6. Please prayerfully consider donating to this special offering.

Traditionally received on World Communion Sunday, the Peace & Global [Offering](#) is unique in that half of it is directed to peacemaking and global witness efforts at the national church level to address critical justice issues around the world.

Twenty-five percent is retained by our congregation for peace and reconciliation work, and 25% is kept by mid councils for similar ministries on the regional level.



Thursday, Oct 17 7:00 pm

Thursday, Oct 24 7:00 pm

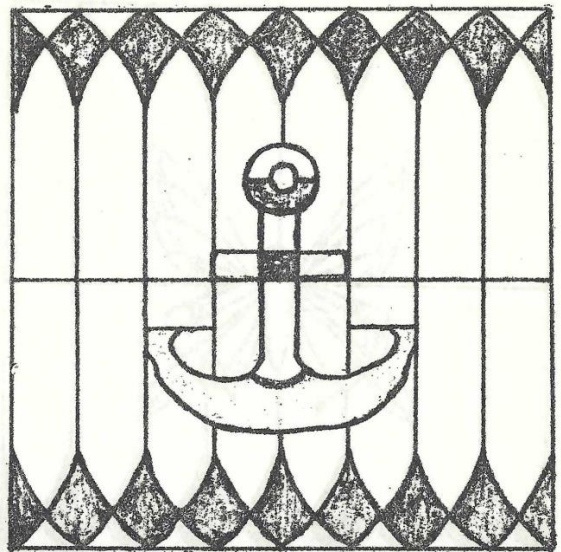
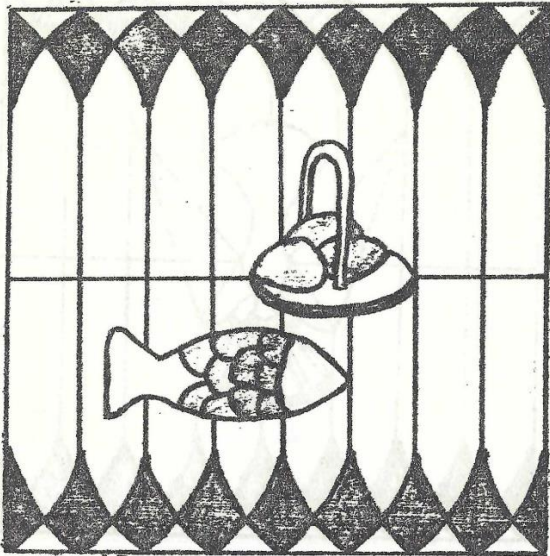
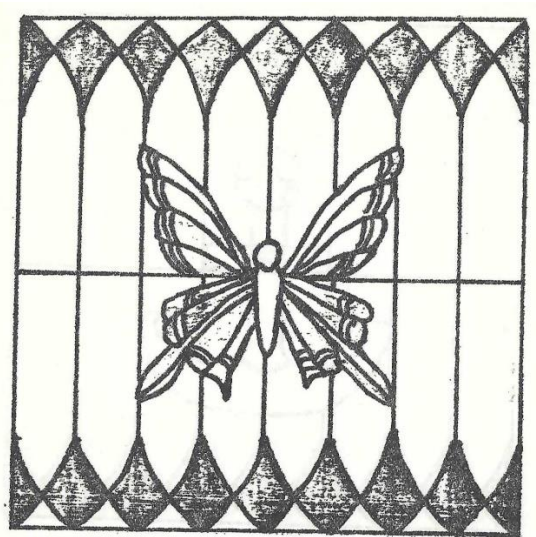
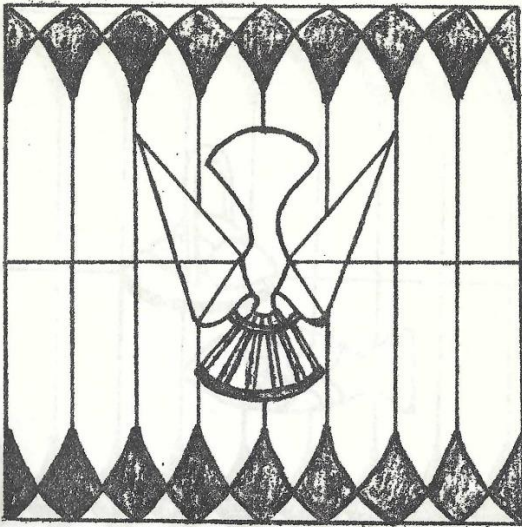
Preparing for Oct 27, 75th anniversary of
Rock Lake Presbyterian Church



OUR BEAUTIFUL WINDOWS

We gratefully acknowledge the monetary gift from Mrs. Pearl C. Inghram that made these windows possible; the gift and talent of Ruth G. Ryan for the art work; the time and work in the construction and installation of the windows by The Rev. Don Hopkins, Mr. John Bright, and all others who assisted. Stained glass is an ancient art form adopted by the church as a means of using God's light through colors and forms of glass and lead to create an atmosphere for worship. Our windows show various Christian symbols and bring messages of love and faith to the gathered people of God.

Tongues of Flame; Celtic Cross; Dove; Fish and Loaves; Anchor; Butterfly; Chi Rho; Chalice, Wheat, and Grapes; Alpha and Omega; Triquetra. Watch future newsletters for their meanings.



JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM THE CONGREGATION

If you would like to share a Joy or Concern, we would like to hear it. In order to hear it, please raise your hand, and a microphone will be brought to you.

Prayer List

*To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,
please call the church office (768-4141) or email rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com*

Prayers of Joy

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Stephani Andrews	Walter Hardin	Reid family
Bob Benning*	Brad Harkins	Jackson Rice
Susan Booher	Teresa Hart	Ritchie Rutledge
Jennifer Fisher Braden	Dr. Richard Hayes	Wanda Rybolt
Nancy Braenovich	Amy Jo Hickey	Kevin Shaffer
Keyleigh Caruthers	Ravi Isaiah*	Daris Shamblin
Erin “Nikki” Childers	Jim Kendall & Family	Ryan Slaughter
Connie Dent	Doug Lathom	Bradley Smith
Jeff Dent	K C Lovin	Michelle Smith
John Dlugog	John Mawyer	Steve Smith
Tory Fenniger	Diane Lynn McClure	Ike Taylor
Larry Graham	Carl McCormick	Tory Terry
Jennifer Haynes Greene	Mike McDougle	Lauren Thomas
Margie Gumowski’s unnamed friend	Bob Miller	Ed Thompson
Adilynn Hardin	Paula Miller	Bill Wagner
Judy Hardin	Marcia Obukowicz	Vernell Williams
Tre’ Hardin	Joy Ratcliff Parsons	Johnny Witt
	Joyce Perry	

- We pray for peace including the Gaza strip conflict and the hostages and their families.
- We pray for peace in the Ukraine/Russia conflict and the hostages and their families.
- Climate change as evidenced by more severe and deadly storms, fires, floods, and prolonged heat waves locally, nationally, and globally. These events are causing large numbers of injuries and deaths of people, disruptions of food supplies, and many animal & plant species to greatly diminish and even go extinct

Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop
Jeff Barker	Evan Chaney

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers - Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at home –Donie Argento, Bonnie Cheely, Barbara Clark, Willie Haynes, Betty Oakes, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, Huntington; Upper Glade Presbyterian Church; Hubuini Church (Hobo-ENN’ay); Thegenge Parish (They-GEN’gay)

FALL GETAWAY RETREAT

OCTOBER 4 - 6 @ Bluestone

Retreat Cost = \$85 Youth = \$50 (ages 4 - 11)

Children FREE (ages 3 & under)

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

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 †
- † games, campfires, devotions †
- † plenty of time and space to just simply be †

Visit our web page to retrieve registration and medical forms as well as general information and details:

bluestonecamp.org/fall-getaway

You may also contact mark@bluestonecamp.org
to have forms and information emailed to you.

Registration Deadline is Sept-30

Fees include two nights lodging, three meals Saturday
and one meal on Sunday.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 5, 11:00 am

Outside church on Village Drive
(inside in case of inclement weather)

Come with your friends and pets
to RLPK for a special blessing to
celebrate those who give
warmth, love, and
slobbery kisses. Please bring on
leash or in container to forego any
unforeseen discipline problems.

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
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KAY HALL

Hike for Hunger

Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 6TH AT 2PM**
Featuring Hot Dog Sale at 1pm by
the South Charleston Woman's Club



100% of donations will purchase
food for our food pantry that serves
over 8,000 people each year.

Heart+Hand Outreach Ministries
212 D Street
South Charleston, WV 25303

For more information visit:
[www.hhomwv.org/hike for hunger](http://www.hhomwv.org/hike%20for%20hunger)



Heart + Hand

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Our mission is to demonstrate the love of Christ and to minister to
needs both physical and spiritual as we assist those who live among us.

What is the Hike for Hunger?
1/2-Mile, Fully Accessible, WALK through
South Charleston to support our food
pantry. Raise funds, collect non-perishable
food and **REGISTER TO WALK** to help us
FEED THE NEED!



We would love for you to attend, even if you don't plan to walk. We will
have plenty of chairs. Your show of support helps us to Feed the Need.