

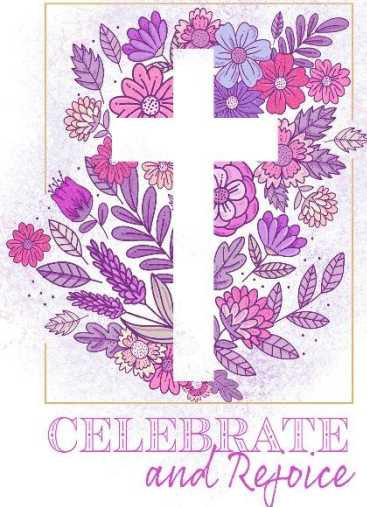
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The monthly newsletter of
Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
905 Village Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309



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

April 2025



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The storms of earlier in February and March have passed (we hope!), the temperature is rising, and the spring flowers are pushing up through the ground. The short days are getting longer and longer, but I am impatient for those longer evenings I can only recall with effort. Will they come? Will the darkness finally be overcome by the light?

By faith and experience, you and I know the answer. It's appropriate as we journey through Lent and prepare for Easter that the days get longer, and the birds emerge more abundantly. The daffodils and Lenten roses push up through the ground - have you noticed them around the church?

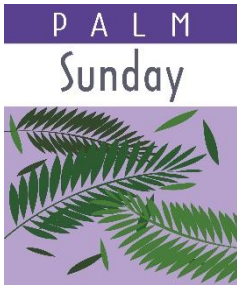
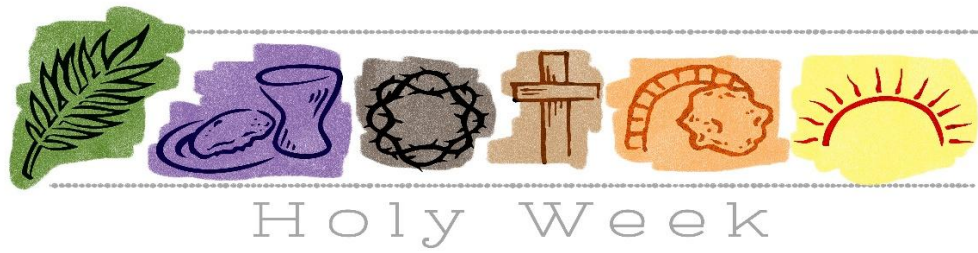
There are many ways we can continue to make this a holy season of preparation for Easter. You can be especially faithful about attending worship, in person or online. You can take one of the devotional booklets available on the table by the door of the sanctuary. You can choose some Lenten intention, such as prayer, study, deeds of love and charity. It's not too late to add or subtract something as a Lenten discipline.

There will be a connection between our ability to fully celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and how intentionally we have prepared throughout the season. If we have ignored this time of preparation, Easter Sunday will be just another day. But if we have intentionally walked with Jesus through the events of his final days, if we have stood at the foot of the cross as he is crucified, then we will also be ready to share in the joy of his resurrection.

Easter is the centerpiece in the Christian year, providing assurance that the Christ of our faith is living and at work in our world today. Let's continue to get our hearts and minds ready to join with the Christian community around the world in the annual celebration of the resurrection. Because he lives, we too shall live. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Love and blessings,

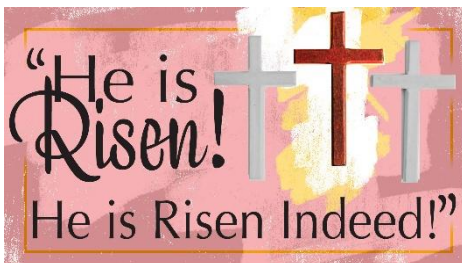
Patricia



Holy Week will begin with a celebration of Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. with palms and special music. Plan now to attend and worship the Lord with Gladness and Thanksgiving of his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Service will be led by The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis.



Good Friday Service, April 18 will be celebrated at noon. This service will be live only. It will not be live-streamed.



All to be followed by the celebration of His resurrection at 10:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 20. Join us as we celebrate with flowering of the cross, music, joy, and thanksgiving that He has risen – He has risen INDEED! Service will be led by The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis.



Greatest man in history named **Jesus**, had no servants, yet they called Him **Master**.
 Had no degree, yet they called Him **Teacher**.
 Had no medicines, yet they called Him **Healer**.
 Had no army, yet kings feared Him.
 He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
 He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
 He was buried in the tomb, yet **He lives today!!** -----Author Unknown



The Easter Special Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, will conclude Easter. This offering is typically the largest RLPC offering of the four special offerings. Envelopes are provided in the pews. Please prayerfully consider a donation.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



We would like to thank everyone who participated (during the Lenten season) in the 5-week course "Everywhere is Jerusalem – Experiencing the Holy Then and Now".

A special thanks to Ed Thompson, who led the class on Wednesday evenings.

The journey goes from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, from the Jordan River to Assisi, and from the Sea of Galilee to Montgomery, Alabama. The book is part travelogue and part Bible study.





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!

April 6

First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston
Harman Presbyterian Church
Gura Parish

April 20

First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill
Rome Presbyterian Church,
Proctorville, Ohio

April 13

Elk Hills Presbyterian Church, Charleston
Glenville Presbyterian Church
Gathaith Church
Gura Parish

April 27

Clear Creek Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Logan
Thageini Church
Gura Parish

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**Nurturing Faith Ideas 2025, based on the Revised Common Lectionary**

**April 6: Fifth Sunday in Lent *Read John 12:1-8***

**Mary gave Jesus a costly gift as she anointed his feet with perfume. In this season of Lent, what gift would you offer Jesus to show your love for him? Share with a family member or friend.**

**April 13: Palm/Passion Sunday**

**Today begins Holy Week, when we remember the events between Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to this death of the cross before his resurrection. On Thursday, we celebrate Maundy Thursday, the night when Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment – to love one another. Make a list of ways you can show your love to your family members this week and do so.**

**April 20: Resurrection of the Lord Sunday *Read Luke 24:1-12***

**On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the good news of the angel that Jesus' tomb was empty; Jesus had been raised and was alive! With your friends and family, share the ancient greeting: "Christ is risen!" to which they may respond, "He is risen indeed." Be prepared to share the response if others greet you this way. See how many know the response when you greet them.**

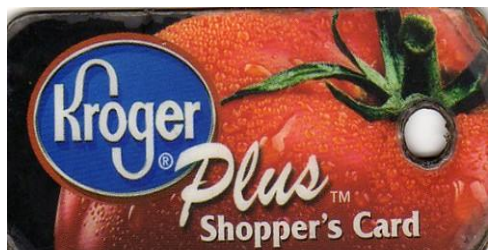
**April 27: Second Sunday of Easter Read John 20:19-31**

**Thomas couldn't believe what the other disciples told him about having seen the risen Jesus; he needed to see him for himself. Jesus returned and Thomas believed. What causes you to doubt? Acknowledge your doubts before Christ and ask him to help you trust and believe.**



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|----|-----------------|----|---------------|
| 4  | Nancy Broyles   | 25 | Jacob Meador  |
| 5  | Dawn Holstein   | 26 | Nick Holstein |
| 12 | Hailey Marion   | 26 | Joe LaCount   |
| 15 | CaDee Taylor    | 26 | Ken Schmidt   |
| 21 | Margie Gumowski |    |               |

**No April Anniversaries**



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).



This year we will provide tulips for you purchase in memory or in honor of someone to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Use the order form below to place your order by Sunday, April 13.

Please send your payment to the church office or place it in the offering plate using a pew envelope designated as "Easter Flowers". Check should be made payable to RLPC. Be sure to complete the order form below, including how many pots you want and if they are in memory or in honor of someone. (Additional forms will also be available in the narthex.)

A list of those giving and for whom the flowers are given will be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Please take your flowers home on Easter morning or they will be planted in the church garden.

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Order form

_____ 6.5" Potted Tulips \$18.00 each

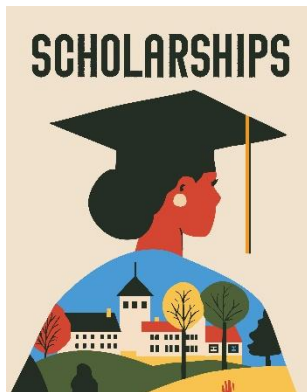
In Memory of: _____

In Honor of; _____

Your name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____



2025 PEARL INGRAM APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2025 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 2025 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 2025.

Completed applications must be in the church office by 1 PM, May 1, 2025. Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision by email on or before May 21.

A \$1,000 check will be mailed directly to the applicant awarded the scholarship no later than June 15.

APPLICATION FORMS can be requested by calling the church office at 304 768-4141 weekday mornings or by emailing rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com

SANCTUARY AT ROCK LAKE



We are so proud to provide sanctuary to an American Robin. The nest is over the outside electric light in the alcove.

We don't know what is in the nest but it is a beautiful bird and she guards her nest well.

Welcome, spring!

"FRIENDSHIP"



Sunday, April 27, 2025

Coonskin Park, Charleston

(backup site - Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston)

Focus: What qualities do you look for in a friend? What makes a friendship last? Why do we need friends? Join us as we explore stories from scripture and pop culture and reflect on what it means to be a friend.

Leadership: This retreat will be led by youth and adult members of the presbytery's Youth Council.

Cost per person is \$20, which includes lunch from Jimmy Johns. The registration deadline is Monday, April 14.

Complete information can be found at www.wvpresbytery.org.
Contact Susan Sharp Campbell, susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com or 304-667-9427
with any questions or for more information.

The Guys' Weekend

April 25 - 27, 2025

Bluestone Camp & Retreat



Registration and Medical Release forms are available online.

bluestonecamp.org/guys-weekend

The Registration Fee is \$85 per person for 2 nights and 4 meals.
Dinner for early arrivals on Friday is \$12.

Please register no later than April 22.

Questions?? Call Mark (304) 860-8281 or
email mark@bluestonecamp.org

Join us for our 16th Annual Men's Retreat, a weekend of reflection, service, worship, work projects to improve Bluestone, and plenty of laughs!

Things to Note:

- We would welcome the help of anyone who can come up a day early to get started on work projects.
- Youth are encouraged to attend as long as they are accompanied by an adult.



SPRING GETAWAY RETREAT

MAY 2 - 4 @Bluestone

Adults \$85
(ages 12 & older)

Youth \$50
(ages 4 - 11)

Children FREE
(ages 3 & under)

Registration deadline is April 30.

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

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

Get Registration and Medical Release Forms online at
bluestonecamp.org/spring-getaway

Alternatively, please copy the form on the back of this flyer!

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).

Below is a list of food needed for the program:

Mac & Cheese (microwavable and single serving)

Pudding Cups

Juice Boxes

Individual cereal packages

Snack Bags (pretzels, cheezits, goldfish, gummies, chips, cookies (individual packages)

Chocolate milk

Ravioli (or other Chef Boyardee Pastas, microwavable, single serving)

Applesauce or Fruit Cups

Pop Tarts

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.” September 29th

Centsability offering totaled \$129.50. Thank you for your generosity.

The next offering will be collected Sunday, June 29 , 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

March Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): On March 2, an estimated 27 home and 22 in-person communicants celebrated communion. The next communion will be on April 6. **If you are joining worship at home that day, please**

remember to prepare your elements in advance.

Preparations are underway for Passion Week, and Easter. **The Good Friday service will be held at noon.**

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

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): The balance sheet has about \$72,200 in the general account. A \$7,000 City National Bank account has been opened from which to pay about 10 months of the solar panel project loan payments until government rebates reduce the project loan from about \$95,000 to about \$40,000. In the budget vs. actual, the February month shows a \$700 positive balance, with the February YTD balance of -\$2377.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN): A women's circle meeting is planned for Tuesday, March 25 at 7pm.

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): The Pearl Inghram Scholarship will be moved to earlier than the end of each school year. 2025 applications are open to RLPC-related or SCHS graduating students, and must be returned by May 1.

The next special offering will be One Great Hour of Sharing, during Lent.

PROPERTY (P): The grass cutting contractor, will cease cutting the former KPBG LLC property, as it has been sold.

The sanctuary air conditioning was started on March 16, and is working. The point LED sign is on a timer that turns it off about 11pm, and on again about 8am. We are determining the least expensive way to take the sign off the timer.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next potluck will be April 13. See you there!




OTHER(O): The clerk reported the he corresponded with Presbytery-recommended lawyer Don Parker, at Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC. Don in turn advised that as associate, Eric Gadd, would be handling deed transfers from the unincorporated Rock Lake Presbyterian Church to the incorporated entity we created in July, 2022, Rock Lake Presbyterian Church Incorporated. Eric's discounted hourly rate will be \$250. Stay tuned for updates.

The clerk reported that the \$94,939 City National Bank (CNB) loan for the solar panel project has been approved.

With Christ's Peace,
Ken

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open	2 9:00 am Church Office Open 7:00 pm Lenten Book Study	3 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)	4 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom	5 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
6 10:00 am RLPC Worship  FIFTH SUNDAY <i>In Lent</i>	7 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	8 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open 9:30 am Carbide Oldtimers	9 9:00 am Church Office Open 7:00 pm Lenten Book Study	10 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)	11 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom	12 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
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