

# 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..."*

Matthew 16:18

## September 2020



FROM THE  
*Pulpit*

"School days, school days – Dear old golden rule days – 'Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic – taught to the tune of a hickory stick..."

So it starts... back in my day it was Labor Day to Memorial (or Decoration) Day. Early September to the end of May. Over time and most recently mid-August to mid-June, school has become an almost year 'round event. Until 2020... schools and really everyone went home for spring break and never came back. New words came into our vocabulary... coronavirus, pandemic, COVID-19, quarantine, social distancing, virtual learning... my how the world has taken 'normal' to a new level.

In the church, September was a time to have 'Rally' day. The new church year would begin. Sunday school programs would start. Choirs began to work on new music for the seasons ahead. Women's Circles would begin their new study. Mission projects laid aside for the summer would resume. But, with 2020 – all non-essential doors were closed and the church added new words to its' vocabulary: YouTube and Zoom (not Roadrunner chasing Bugs Bunny). We learned to worship together while not together, we started a "non-Sunday" Sunday school, we had lots of time to call and chat with one another and we even had a virtual 'pot luck luncheon' together.

So, here it is September 2020 – How are we to "Rally"? We are going to keep on worshipping virtually until it is deemed 'safe' to join together in-person. We are going to check in on each other and come up with ways to show the love of Christ to those around you. And we ARE going to have another 'Pot Luck' luncheon on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please join us on Zoom so all can see each other's smiling faces and thank the Lord that we are the church together even when we are not physically together.

Have I *really* been at RLPC for a year? It has certainly gone quickly. I have enjoyed being a part of your ministry and look forward to helping you establish your future ministry in Rock Lake. One of those ministries will be how can you minister with Pollen8 to those clients who will be in the CLC building. I'm sure there will be other ministries as well. It will be an interesting adventure to see where God will lead.

Peace

You will find on the *Home Page* of the church's web site [www.rlpc.org](http://www.rlpc.org) the links to the current Sunday worship, bulletin, and Monday evening Bible Study.

<http://rebrand.ly/n2uc6x2> will take you to the latest worship experience that is church available on YouTube.

<https://www.facebook.com/Rock-Lake-Presbyterian-Church-195172942357/> will take you to Rock Lake's facebook.

Please be aware if you are not computer savvy or would just like a CD of the entire service or the sermon, please contact the church office (304) 768-4141 and one will be made available to you.

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**Pearl S. Inghram Scholarship Presentation**



On behalf of Rock Lake Presbyterian Church, Mary Wagner presented the Pearl S. Inghram Scholarship check to Layne Gumowski, this year's recipient. Layne is in Morgantown beginning her first year at West Virginia University, where she is studying Industrial Engineering. We wish her much success in her endeavor.



Pearl S. Inghram was a founding member of the church and a very active participant in the early years of the church. Through her original founding of the fund and future contributions by others, the fund continues to grow and only the interest earned is distributed for the scholarship. There have been 38 recipients of this scholarship since 1984.

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***From Our Friends at Heart and Hand***



Thank you for your recent donation to the Food Pantry. Generosity like yours help us feed the community on a daily basis. Your continued support is a blessing to those who come to us in need.

Sincerely,  
Keshia Neal  
Social Services Program Manager



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**Centsability Offering**

Continue to collect centsability offering "5 cents a meal". Plans to collect will be announced at a later date.

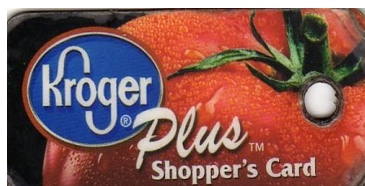
## Bridgeview Food Ministry

Due to Covid-19 and the irregular days that schools will be open, the Bridgeview food bag program is temporarily suspended. Each school will provide food for the children on the days that they will not be there. You will be informed when the Bridgeview program is functioning again.



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| July Income   | \$10,698.99 | January through July Income   | \$77,675.96 |
| July Expenses | \$10,819.81 | January through July Expenses | \$71,982.68 |

Since we have not been meeting for worship, many of you have generously given to the ministry of RLPC and may want to continue your 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. Contact Mary Wagner for further information. (304)552-1627.



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).

## SEPTEMBER

### Birthdays:

|    |                |    |                   |
|----|----------------|----|-------------------|
| 3  | Ashley Marion  | 14 | Gina Cunningham   |
| 8  | Cameron Baker  | 14 | Liz Given         |
| 9  | Sue Childers   | 17 | Benjamin Straight |
| 11 | Day Bishop     | 17 | Colin Thornhill   |
| 12 | Hilda Alsop    | 21 | Sarah Wagner      |
| 12 | Ryan Broyles   | 25 | Beth Barnes       |
| 13 | Merrily Bailey |    |                   |

### Anniversaries:

|   |                          |    |                         |
|---|--------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1 | John and Phyllis Fenwick | 9  | David and Angie Bradley |
| 8 | Bill and Mary Wagner     | 17 | Keith and Judy Knowles  |



If you have a name change or a change to your mailing address or email address, please notify the church office at [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com) or 304-768-4141. We would like to keep our Directory current. Thank you for all your help.

Are you having trouble finding the Weekly Worship Link and Bulletin in your Email? Please check your *spam* and/or *trash* folders.

***Nurturing Moments***

*Please use these suggested scriptures, questions, and activities to help you explore your faith.*

**September 6: Read Psalm 119:33-40** This is part of the longest chapter of all the Bible! It celebrates God’s Law. Each section contains eight lines beginning with the same Hebrew letter. Write brief prayers for each member of your family that begin with the first letter of their first name.

**September 13: Read Matthew 18:21-22** In Matthew 18: 21-22, Jesus says we are to forgive 70 x 7 times – that’s 490 times! Find something you have a lot of – pennies, dried beans, grains of rice, Legos. Count out 490 of them. Was that hard? Do you think Jesus just wants us to keep track or to always be forgiving?

**September 20: Read Psalm 145:1-8** Psalm 145: 1-8 says, “Generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts” (The Message). Ask someone of an older generation to share a story with you of a time when God helped them, or share your stories together.

**September 27: Read Psalm 25:1-9** Psalm 25:5 says, “Take me by the hand; lead me down the path of truth” (The Message). Take a walk down a path, and think/talk about places where you could get lost if you left the path. What does it mean for God to take you by the hand and lead you down the path of truth?



***October Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, September 23***

It would be appreciated if you submit your items to [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com) by this date.



## August, 2020 Session Digest

**WORSHIP:** The estimated August 2 communion congregation was about 52 people. **Communion will be celebrated September 6,**

**so remember to prepare your elements at home.**

The possibility of drive-in worship was referred to the committee. Because of copyright licensing laws, we will remove internet videos that are 6 months old.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** "Thinking of You Wishes" were sent to 10 members (home bound and care facilities). Birthday wishes by mail or email: 9 for July members listed in newsletter. If you are contacted by church staff or session, please take time to confirm your contact info. Graduation gifts have been awarded to two graduating seniors in July worship services. Congratulations to Layne Gumowski and Lauren Taylor!

**PROPERTY:** The sanctuary air conditioning needs repair or possible replacement.

Thanks to Eric Hamilton for his hard work on the sanctuary A/V project!

The committee is seeking a gutter contractor to make repairs at the church. A number of rainstorms over the last 5 weeks, which were expected to put water in the pre-school basement, did not result in a flooded basement. Additionally, the breezeway sump pump has not even been activated. We are checking with the city to see if recent work on their storm water system may be responsible.

At a recent meeting at the CLC of RLPC, City of South Charleston (Steve Debarr), Brewer & Company of WV, Inc., and Pollen8, a flood issue will be solved as a result of Steve's agreement to install and maintain a lift station on the property. Also, the excavator will be removed one way or another in the next several weeks. The city will remove the apartment demolition rubble on Lincoln Drive. CLC building renovation plans have been submitted to the city; a tentative city approval is subject to the Fire Marshal's support.

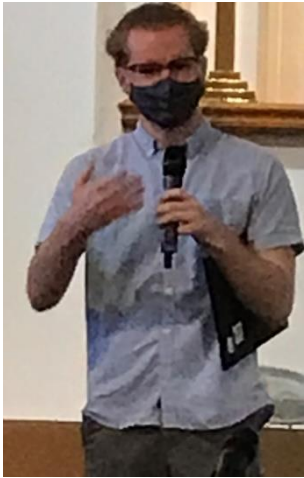
**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:** Year-to-date actual expenditures and actual income are in balance. The stewardship task force is meeting September 3. The nominating committee has been meeting. Several contacts are outstanding, but no 2023 class vacancies are filled yet.

**CHRISTIAN NURTURE:** Monday night Bible Study continues each Monday at 7pm. Why not join us on-line? Your email invitation will arrive up to 4 days before. Look for it and join the discussion!

**MISSION & SERVICE MINISTRY:** The World Communion Sunday offering for early October. A new person is needed to shepherd the Bridgeview lunch bag project when kids return to on-site learning. With school startup in a state of flux, that project is currently suspended.

**OTHER:** Members expressed their thanks for the efforts of all involved with insuring that on-line worship was available each week. Several worshipers had asked if the organ could be used in worship again. That, with the installation of updated equipment, is now a reality. Also, since the installation of the new A/V equipment, the last two weeks, Pam has provided photo stills, for display during the prelude.

Informal discussion has been ongoing with First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston (FPCSC) about the possibility of RLPC sharing a pastorate with that congregation. The session approved a continued meeting of the pastors, session clerks, and presbytery. That zoom meeting will be September 9, at 1pm. PRAYERS ARE APPRECIATED!

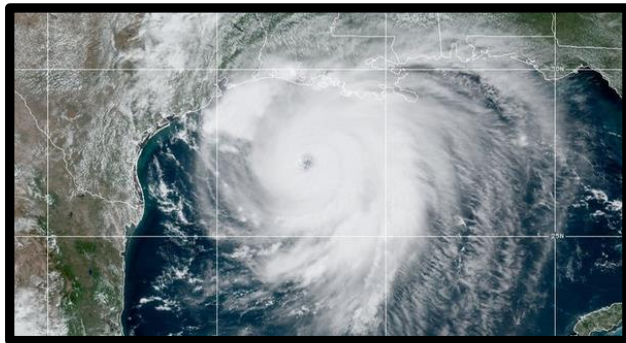


### ***Thank you Presentation to Eric Hamilton***

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church presented to Eric Hamilton a framed Thank You Letter signed by the Session, the Pastor, and work staff on Sunday, August 30.

Thanks to Eric for all his hard work in getting Rock Lake Presbyterian Church on YouTube and the many other technical tasks that he has helped with in the office. He has been a pleasure to work with and we will miss his expertise.

Our prayers go with him as he returns to college.



### **HURRICANE LAURA**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund provides support and help in the wake of

Hurricane Laura. Hurricane Laura, the strong category 4 storm, made landfall in the early hours of August 27th on the coast of Louisiana, about 30 miles from the Texas border, bringing lashing rain and sustained winds of 130 miles per hour. Many people are without electricity and other sustainable goods. While the storm was downgraded to a category 2 as it moved further inland, hurricane-force winds and widespread damage continues. PDA is also working with our international partners where Hurricane Laura impacted Haiti and the Dominican Republic, in addition to the affected U.S. presbyteries. This is addition to the pandemic.

If you wish to support the PDA fund, please make checks payable to the church and designate for Hurricane Laura.

| Sunday                                                                                              | Monday                                                                                                                                                        | Tuesday                                                                                                                   | Wednesday                                                         | Thursday                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                | Saturday                                            |
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| <b>6</b><br>10:00 am Heart of God Worship<br>(Sanctuary)<br>11:00 am Rock Lake Worship<br>(online)  | <br><b>7</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Closed<br>7:00 pm Bible Study (online) | <b>8</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>9:30 am Carbide Oldtimers<br>(Parlor)<br>8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br>Manna Meal | <b>9</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>7:00 pm Dunbar NA (FH)  | <b>10</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>12:00 pm 4 Aces Card Group<br>(Music Room)<br>Responsive Reader - | <b>11</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom<br>(NA) (FH) | <b>12</b><br>8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br>Manna Meal |
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