

# 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

## March 2021



FROM THE  
*Pulpit*

"Lord, throughout these forty days  
For us did fast and pray, Teach us  
to overcome our sins, And close by thee to stay"

The month of March incorporates much of the season of Lent.

We have gone past Ash Wednesday and are solidly into lent. The Worship committee has prepared an exciting program to help as we go through the Lenten season this year. The theme we are using for this year is "Again & Again".

In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again. We exclaim, *"Again?! How long, O God?"* And yet, in the midst of our lives, God offers a sacred refrain: *"I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair."* Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward. There is a "Prayer Cross" in the courtyard next to the choir room and you are invited to come and meditate and then write down your inspired prayer request. We will pray over these requests during Holy week in April.

We also encourage you to take an active part in our other events. Our 'Pot Luck Luncheon' is on March 14<sup>th</sup>. We are meeting and eating at 12:15 - to give you a little time to cook - but even if you don't eat, get on Zoom. While some of you are unable to meet on line, you can join us by phone - we can't see you but it would be good to hear your voice and know how you are. Our every Monday evening Zoom Bible study is continuing at 7:00 pm - again, you can join it by phone as well.

Your Session has again been in discussion about the future in regard to pastoral leadership. The pastor and Clerk of Session at First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, your Clerk, Ken Schmidt and I recently met with a representative of the Presbytery of WV Committee on Ministry. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the sharing of a pastor in the future. It was decided to select three representatives from each of the churches to serve on a committee to work out the details of such an arrangement. Both Sessions have agreed to this proposal and it will soon begin work toward that end. Keep your eyes open to see what the Lord will do next. You will find more detailed information in the Session digest in this newsletter.

Blessings to you and yours!

Peace,

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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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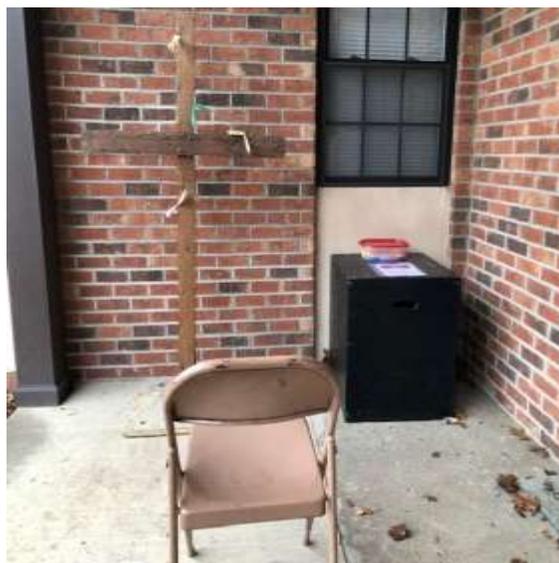
Lent is here and the Worship Committee has been busy planning worship for this special season. Here are some dates to remember and put on your calendar:

- March 28 Palm Sunday – 11:00 am virtual service
- April 1 Maundy Thursday – 7:00 pm virtual communion service
- April 2 Good Friday – 3:00-7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in the church building
- April 4 Easter – 11:00 virtual service



Throughout the season of Lent there will be a prayer wall in the courtyard of the church. Members and community members will be able to meditate and offer prayers.

Watch the newsletter and bulletin for more details about each event and worship service.





## **Festival of Faith with Diana Butler Bass**

On March 20, Festival of Faith, with keynote speaker Diana Butler Bass, an award-winning author and internationally-known public speaker and thought leader on issues of spirituality, religion, culture, and politics, promises to be a good day for learning, worship, and fellowship, with a variety of workshops available, and all from the comfort of your own home, thanks to Zoom. Besides Bass' workshop, others include ones on intergenerational church, next year's PW Bible study, and knitting/crocheting, as well as opportunities for church treasurers, clerks of session, and ruling elders. [Click here](#) for complete information, including online registration. Questions? Contact Susan Sharp Campbell

at [susan\\_sharp\\_campbell@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com) or 304-667-9428. Register by March 11, which will be here before we know it.

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## **Relations Committee Funds Helps Support Critical Care Appreciation Events at Thomas Memorial Hospital**

The Covid-19 pandemic has been hard for everyone: individuals, families, congregations. It has been especially difficult for hospitalized patients separated from their loved ones. Cell phones and Facetime do provide a link, but patients want to see loved ones in person, to be touched and hugged. Families also have to cope with this separation, fearful they will never see their loved ones again. This is nowhere more true than on Critical Care units, where nurses, doctors, respiratory therapists, and other support staff care for families from a distance while caring for critically ill patients.

For more information, please go to <https://wvpresbytery.org/critical-care-appreciation/>



## **Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center**

Bluestone has some exciting news for you!!! We will be having SUMMER CAMP this year! It's going to look a little different than what you're used to, but we can't wait to have people back at camp. We will have two camping options.

The first is Venture Camp which will be for rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders only. This is our Hogan camping experience. Space is limited which is why we're only allowing high school age campers.

Our second option will be Family Camp, and it will be a cabin camping experience. The day will look similar to a normal camp schedule but you will be doing activities with your "family group".

Who can be in your family group? That's the best part - it can be anyone you want. It could be some kids and their parents, but it could also be: a couple who needs some time away, a group of friends, a youth leader and a few youth, or anyone else who is part of your "bubble". Who ever you come to camp with will be your "family" for the week. As the song goes..."friendships for a life time and a family that grows."

Check out Bluestone website for more information: <https://bluestonecamp.org>

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## Bluestone Camp Fundraiser

If you missed your chance to get a SaveAround Coupon Book, you still can. Bluestone Camp & Conference Center receives half of the book's \$20 cost and you save money all through 2021, typically making up the \$20 after using just 3-4 coupons.

Scott Hamilton has returned the books that he had. You may reach him at [wshamilton@yahoo.com](mailto:wshamilton@yahoo.com) or 304 746-5457 if you have any questions. You can still order a SaveAround Coupon Book for Charleston or other cities at <http://www.sapaynow.com/212394> Thanks for your support.

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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.

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## Bridgeview Food Ministry



The Bridgeview Nutrition Bags Program is starting back up and donations and help are needed. Food items can be dropped off at the church during office hours of 9-noon Monday through Friday.

Have further questions? Call DeeDee Means 304-768-0887.

Below is a list of foods needed for the program:

- Mac & Cheese (microwavable and single serving)
  - Pudding Cup Applesauce or Fruit Cup
  - Juice Box or Capri Sun Pop Tarts (package of 2)
  - Individual cereal package
  - Snack Bag (pretzels, Cheezits, goldfish, gummies, chips, cookie (individual packages)
  - White milk (non-refrigerated, single serving – example: Horizon brand)
  - Chocolate milk
  - Ravioli (or other Chef Boyardee Pastas, microwavable, single serving)
  - Applesauce or Fruit Cup
  - Pop Tarts (package of 2)
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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).

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ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH, Session would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the church's ministry monetarily and with your volunteer time. It is times like these that bring us together for the common good. We are praying that you all are safe and well and will continue to be so. Staying apart now hopefully assures that we will all be here when we resume our worship.

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*Our deepest sympathy to the family of Shirley Runyon of Lawrenceville, Georgia on the occasion of her death January 23, 2021. Shirley was a member of RLPC many years ago. To read her obituary, please go to:*

<https://www.billheadfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Shirley-Marlene-Runyon?obId=19822419>



*Our deepest sympathy to the family of George "GW" Reeves of Clifftop on the occasion of his death February 21, 2021. GW was a past member of RLPC. To read his obituary, please go to:*

<https://www.odellfuneralhome.com/memorials/george-reeves/4540366/obituary.php>



*Our deepest sympathy to the family of Todd Stanford of St. Albans on the occasion of his death February 13, 2021. To read his obituary, please go to:*

[https://www.wvgazette.com/obituaries/major-todd-stanford/article\\_4242eb33-df8e-531a-832f-929b8cadcb51.html](https://www.wvgazette.com/obituaries/major-todd-stanford/article_4242eb33-df8e-531a-832f-929b8cadcb51.html)

There is a GoFundMe site set up to assist with funeral expenses for the Stanford family at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/2a975t2eio?qid=a69f3b48b8494e769295d32d0bd79efa> or you may make contributions to the church for a love offering for the family. Please make checks to the church with "Love offering for Stanford family" in the memo line.

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***April Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, March 24th***

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

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**Birthdays:**

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| 2  | Pam Harris      | 24 | Olga Schmidt     |
| 4  | Jeff Means      | 25 | Jessica Meador   |
| 10 | Miranda Broyles | 26 | Taylor Bailey    |
| 16 | Ben Argento     | 26 | George Powers    |
| 16 | Nikki Childers  | 28 | Alice Vandelinde |
| 20 | Emily Baker     | 30 | Rob Thornhill    |

**Anniversaries**

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| 5 | Gene & Day Bishop | 24 | Jeff & DeeDee Means |
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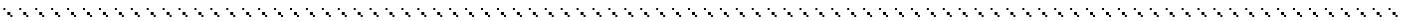


**NOTES**

Join us for virtual Potluck luncheon at noon on Sunday, March 14th. Potluck occurs on the second Sunday of each month. An email reminder will be sent out that week giving the details on how to zoom in. We hope to see you then.

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.*

**March 7 – Third Sunday in Lent: Read John 2:13-22** After clearing the temple, Jesus is asked to prove his authority to do such a thing. He responds, “Destroy this temple; I will raise it again in three days.” How do these words make you marvel at Christ’s authority and how he would display it through his death and resurrection?

**March 14 – Fourth Sunday in Lent: Read John 3:14-21** We hear that the Light has come into the world, but people loved the darkness instead. What are some ways that we choose the darkness or

hide from the Light? What are ways that we can set our gaze on the One who was lifted up to deliver us from the darkness?.

**March 21 – Fifth Sunday in Lent: Read John 12:20-33** What does Jesus mean when he says, “anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life”? How can we avoid the self-love that he describes? How can we pursue the self-denial that we are called to model?

**March 28 – Palm/Passion Sunday: Read John 12:2-11** Mary displays extravagance by pouring perfume worth a year’s wages on Jesus’ feet, then wiping them with her hair. Have you ever looked upon someone’s extravagant acts in bewilderment, even objection? How can we display our love for Christ in extravagant ways?



## February, 2021 Session Digest

WORSHIP: The February 7 communion congregation was estimated at 60 people. **Communion will be celebrated on March 7; remember to prepare your elements at home.**

2020 pre-pandemic attendance was 38; 2020 pandemic average attendance was 102. The 2020 weighted average attendance was 87.

The committee will meet to begin planning for returning to in-person worship. Virtual presentation will probably continue when in-person worship resumes.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE: January 2021 income exceeded expenses by about \$900.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE: Monday night Bible Study continues each Monday at 7pm.

MISSION & SERVICE: About 24 Lenten bags were distributed (that number has increased to 32). The remainder in Sandy’s office are available for delivery.

We are about to start the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Cheryl Laws request for office space was declined after much discussion.

PROPERTY: Session approved offering the round wooden tables, a microwave and refrigerator now at the RLCLC, to Pollen8 for their use. These would be returned if/when Pollen8 no longer leases the RLCLC.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: The second Sunday March potluck will be March 14.

OTHER: A meeting of First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston (FPC) and Rock Lake Presbyterian Church (RLPC) pastors and clerks with a Presbytery Committee on Ministry (CoM) representative occurred on January 28. The attendees were: FPC - Pastor Sharon Gearing, and Session Clerk Joe Fuller; RLPC - Interim Pastor Jim Musgrave, and Session Clerk Ken Schmidt; and CoM - Pastor Cinda Harkless. During that meeting, we spoke about the possibility of a shared pastorate between the two congregations. The discussion yielded the following points:  
a. The two congregations have, over the years, explored the possibility of a shared pastorate.

b. Both congregations recognized the fact that full-time pastorates are not financially feasible at this time. c. Because FPC cannot afford to continue with Sharon full-time, she would need to find another full-time position, or perhaps a shared pastorate between two congregations. d. The needs of our two congregations, and Sharon's needs and availability, are converging. e. This arrangement would mean a two-year commitment from the two churches. f. The two sessions need to either make a commitment to negotiate a share pastorate, or not – 'fish or cut bait'. g. Sharon should meet with the RLPC session.

The RLPC session met with Sharon on February 10. CoM member David Lee also attended. Because Sharon has a full-time call at FPC, if she were to remain at FPC part-time, her call would have to be re-negotiated. This would require a congregational meeting. The situation at RLPC is different. A part-time pastorate would be a covenant between the session and the pastor, not unlike the current covenant between the session and Jim Musgrave. Sharon advised the session that the FPC session was prepared to approve a negotiating committee at their February 16 stated meeting. The RLPC session would discuss the proposal at its stated meeting on February 16.

At the RLPC February 16 stated meeting, session discussed the proposal to negotiate a shared pastorate with FPC. The session unanimously approved following motion: 'to establish a committee to negotiate a shared pastorate with a committee from First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston'. Session also unanimously approved three people who have agreed to serve on the RLPC negotiating committee; Mary Wagner, Scott Hamilton, and James Straight. The two committees will begin meeting not later than the end of March. Note: after the meeting, the clerk was notified that the FPC session had also approved a motion to establish their negotiating committee. The negotiations will probably take several months, as there are many details to work out. If you have questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions, please call me, a session member, or a committee member.

Jim and I have discussed this process. As interim pastor, he has always known he was working himself out of a job. He is supportive and enthusiastic about helping us through this time.

The pastors, sessions and committees need your prayers as this process unfolds. May God's grace, wisdom, and mercy guide our pastors, congregational leaders, negotiating teams, and every member of our congregations! May the Holy Spirit infuse us all with confidence as we step boldly into the future! May Christ's love and humility envelop us all, in this time, and always!

Ken

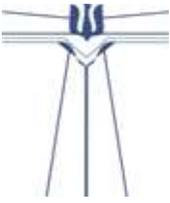


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| January Income  | \$ 8,493.52 | Year to Date Income  | \$ 8,493.52 |
| January Expense | \$ 7,586.63 | Year to Date Expense | \$ 7,586.63 |



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 Judy Hardin for further information. (304)768-4141.

| Sunday                                                                                                                          | Monday                                                                                                                                                                   | Tuesday                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                                  | Thursday                                                                                                                       | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                          | Saturday                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>7</b> 11:00 am RLPC Worship (online)<br>     | <b>8</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>7:00 pm Bible Study (online)                                                                                                      | <b>9</b> 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>10</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open                                                                                       | <b>11</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>12:00 pm 4 Aces Card Group<br>(Music Room)<br>4:00-6:00 pm – Recording in<br>Sanctuary | <b>12</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom<br>(NA) (FH)                                                                                                              | <b>13</b> 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br>Manna Meal                                                                                        |
| <b>14</b> 11:00 am RLPC Worship (online)<br>    | <b>15</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>7:00 pm Bible Study (online)                                                                                                     | <b>16</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br>Manna Meal                                         | <b>17</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br> | <b>18</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>12:00 pm 4 Aces Card Group<br>(Music Room)<br>4:00-6:00 pm – Recording in<br>Sanctuary | <b>19</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom<br>(NA) (FH)                                                                                                              | <b>20</b> 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br>Manna Meal<br> |
| <b>21</b> 11:00 am RLPC Worship (online)<br> | <b>22</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>7:00 pm Bible Study (online)                                                                                                     | <b>23</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br>Manna Meal                                         | <b>24</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open                                                                                       | <b>25</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>12:00 pm 4 Aces Card Group<br>(Music Room)<br>4:00-6:00 pm – Recording in<br>Sanctuary | <b>26</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom<br>(NA) (FH)                                                                                                              | <b>27</b> 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br>Manna Meal                                                                                        |
| <b>28</b> 11:00 am RLPC Worship (online)<br> | <b>29</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>7:00 pm Bible Study (online)<br><br>Holy Week | <b>30</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br>Manna Meal                                         | <b>31</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                         |



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| <i>Worship</i>                | <i>Jackie Thompson</i> |
| <i>Mission &amp; Service</i>  | <i>Marge Gumowski</i>  |