

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

April 2021



FROM THE
Pulpit

"Though April showers may come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May, So, if it's raining, have no regrets – because it isn't raining rain you know, it's raining violets".

The month of April brings us the promise of new things. We look forward to Easter! We look forward to green leafing trees and colorful flowers – maybe even the dandelions bringing their little spots of yellow. I looked back at last year's April newsletter for the month of April and saw that we had just bumped up against the results of the pandemic. There was a sound of desperation to where would we go and what would we do. Not so this year! We have done our due diligence as far as sheltering in place and masking and social distancing – and we can see a bright future ahead. The Session will make a decision in the near future about returning to our Sunday services in-person – which will also be live-streamed, thereafter.

April may bring more than May flowers. As we are writing this note, a sub-committee of your session is meeting with a sub-committee from the FPC South Charleston and representatives of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry discussing the details of an opportunity to bring the two churches to "Sharing Sharon" – Sharon Gearing – who is presently the installed pastor at FPCSC. Both churches would both remain in our existing church facilities, and carry on the work that the Lord would have you do, but would have a different worship time. This process would allow Sharon to become the pastor for both congregations. Sharon has been with me for the past several weeks as a liturgist so that you can get to know her.

The April 11th service will be conducted by the Presbytery of WV staff. They have been producing a service a month for the past several months and they are quite good. We have been utilizing the Sanctified Art programs during Advent and Lent and now will be able to take advantage of the staff's work! So, tune in on the 11th. Speaking of the 11th, we **will** have our monthly 'Pot Luck Luncheon'. It will be on Zoom and we would love to see you then!! And, we are still having our non-Sunday Bible Study at 7:00 pm on Mondays on Zoom and would also love to see you at that event as well.

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.



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:

April 1            Maundy Thursday – 7:00 pm virtual communion service

April 2            Good Friday - Please note that we will no longer be having Stations of the Cross in person at the church. Look for something coming to you by email/mail where you can create the Stations of the Cross at your home.

April 4            Easter – 11:00 virtual service



### **To Rock Lake Presbyterian Church.....Thanks from Bluestone**

This communication is just a quick note of thanks to acknowledge specific gifts and donations that were either received into our operating account via the Presbytery of West Virginia in 2020, and/or otherwise, donations that we received from you in kind.

In looking back over the past year, our records show that we received a \$500.00 undesignated donation. Please accept my sincere thanks to the church on behalf of the Presbytery for thinking of Bluestone, and for supporting this important ministry. We are indeed very grateful.

I do hope that 2021 proves to be a wonderful year in service to God as you continue in Christ's ministry. Thank you so much for making Bluestone one of your mission priorities.

Peace and God Bless,  
*Mark Miller*  
Presbytery of West Virginia



More details are located at their website at <https://bluestonecamp.org/spring-getaway/>

## 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". Whoever 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>

## 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.



### Bridgeview Food Ministry

Many thanks to the volunteers (Marianne Brotherton, Karen Cash, and Mike Cash) who are helping with the Bridgeview food program. The program has started 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.

Please call DeeDee Means 304-768-0887 if you have further questions.

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)

### Centsability Offering



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

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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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Birthdays:

4	Nancy Broyles	21	Margie Gumowski
5	Dawn Holstein	26	Nick Holstein
14	Clay Shriver	26	Joe LaCount
15	Hailey Marion	26	Ken Schmidt
15	CaDee Taylor		

Anniversaries

14 John & Betty Oakes



NOTES

The April 11th service will be conducted by the Presbytery of WV staff. They have been producing a service a month for the past several months. Also, join us for virtual Potluck luncheon at 12:15 pm after service. 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 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.
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Nurturing Moments

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

April 4 – Resurrection of the Lord/Easter: Read John 20:1-18 Each gospel tells the story of Jesus' resurrection differently. In John's gospel, the risen Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene as she stood near the empty tomb. Mary didn't recognize Jesus until he spoke her name; after that encounter, she went and told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." Mary didn't expect to see Jesus and didn't. Are you open

to hearing Jesus speak to you when you don't expect it? What might you do to be more open to that possibility?

April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter: Read John 20:19-31 Thomas has gotten a bad rap through the centuries, often being referred to as “Doubting Thomas” because he wouldn’t believe it when the other disciples told him Jesus was alive and had visited them. When he did see Jesus, Thomas believed. We all have our doubts at times, but that doesn’t stop Jesus from coming to us. Jesus meets us where we are and invites us to believe. What doubts make it hard for you believe that Jesus is alive and with you, meeting you where you are? Celebrate the good news that God in Christ meets and accepts us where we are.


April 18 – Third Sunday of Easter: Read 1 John 3:1-7 The children’s song “If Anybody Asks You Who I Am” contain the words, “If anybody ask you who I am, tell ‘em I am child of God.” The concluding verse changes it a little bit to “If anybody asks you who are you, tell ‘em you’re a child of God.” The author of the first letter of John reminds us that we are all children of God, not because we are always good and loving, but because God loves us. As God’s child, how might you share God’s love with others?

April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter: Read Psalm 23 Shepherds take care of their sheep by seeing that the sheep have the food and water they need. When the sheep are threatened or in danger, the shepherd uses a staff and rod to protect and rescue them. The psalmist sings of God as his/her shepherd. Think of yourself as one of God’s sheep; how has God cared for you?



May Newsletter Deadline: Friday, April 23rd

It would be appreciated if you submit your items to rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com by this date.

	February Income	\$11,592.53	Year to Date Income	\$15,476.15
	February Expense	\$ 9,218.48	Year to Date Expense	\$16,839.06



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 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.



March, 2021 Session Digest

WORSHIP: The March 7 communion congregation was estimated at 32 people.

There will be no first Sunday communion in April because we will be having communion on Maundy Thursday, April 1. **Please remember to prepare your elements at home.**

We will have two communion services in May: May 2 and May 30th, Trinity Sunday. **We are planning to return to live worship on May 2.** That worship, and future worship services will also be broadcast over the internet. Watch bulletins and email/snail mail for further details.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

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


MISSION & SERVICE: The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) donation will be dedicated on Easter. Your Lenten bag included a OGHS donation envelope.

PROPERTY: Oxley’s Lawn Service proposal for 2021 was accepted.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: The second Sunday March potluck will be April 11. Mark your calendars now, and join us for fellowship and lunch! The May potluck is being planned as an in-person picnic. Watch for details in the next newsletter.

OTHER: As you probably know, our session appointed a sub-committee that is negotiating with a sub-committee from First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston (FPCSC). The purpose of the negotiation is to determine how the two congregations might share the services of Sharon Gearing. The clerk has dubbed the RLPC sub-committee ‘3SC’, which stands for the “Sharing Sharon Sub-Committee”. The 3SC members are Mary Wagner, Scott Hamilton, and James Straight. Early in March, they met to discuss opportunities and challenges involved in the negotiation. Then, the 3SC met with their FPCSC counterpart and presbytery on March 23. Please keep the 3SC, and all who are working on this negotiation, in your daily prayers. As always, we pray that the LORD will guide them in their work. If you have questions, suggestions, or comments, feel free to email or text me or the 3SC members.

Ken

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 am Church Office Open 12:00 pm 4 Aces Card Group 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (online) 	2 Church Office Closed 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH) 	3 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party Manna Meal
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