

# 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

## May 2021



FROM THE  
*Pulpit*

"Though April showers may come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May" And you know what May flowers bring – Pilgrims...

Well, Pilgrims we are at the cusp of May and it will bring some wonderful things for Rock Lake Presbyterian. First of all, the sub-committee appointed by your Session is continuing to meet with the sub-committee from the FPC South Charleston and representatives of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. They are discussing the details of an opportunity to bring the two churches to "Sharing Sharon" – Rev. Sharon Gearing – who is presently the installed pastor at FPCSC. The work has been very friendly as both groups are working toward mutual arrangements between us. This process would allow Sharon to become the pastor for both congregations. Sharon has been with me for the past month or so as a liturgist so that you can get to know her.

May will bring us an opportunity to celebrate two "special" Sundays – Pentecost and Trinity Sundays. We will be draped in red as we rejoice in observing Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit! The next week will be Trinity Sunday – recognizing Father, Son and Holy Spirit. During the month we will observe the Lord's Supper twice, a little unusual, but there are five Sundays in May. We would normally have Communion on the first Sunday only, but with the Trinity Sunday falling on the fifth Sunday, the Session is allowing it to be celebrated on that special day!

May also brings us Mother's Day and Memorial Day. We will be having our monthly Pot Luck Luncheon on Mother's day May 9<sup>th</sup> – so please join us on Zoom to see and talk to each other. We want to recognize our Mothers on that day, so again – join us. On May 30<sup>th</sup> we will take a moment in our service to commemorate those who have gone before us for Memorial Day.

And looking forward to June, the Session has approved our returning to in-person worship in the sanctuary beginning on June 6 at 9:30. This time is in keeping with the agreed-on arrangement with FPC South Charleston and it was felt it would be most appropriate to start the services at that hour.

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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**FLOWERING OF THE CROSS**



RLPC celebrated Easter Sunday with the traditional Flowering of the Cross. A special thank you to Amanda Hamilton, Judy Hardin, and Margie Gumowski (l to r) for donating their time to arrange the flowers on the cross. The cross was placed on the corner of Village Drive and Kanawha Turnpike for all to enjoy – whether driving by or taking pictures.



**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>

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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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## Bridgeview Food Ministry

Bridgeview Food 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)
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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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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).

April's Kroger Community Rewards Program for RLPC received \$204.29.....*Thank you.*

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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.



***Birthdays:***

12	Mary Wagner	27	Dani Crouch
14	Myles Broyles	27	Sandi Ray
24	Carl Smith	30	Emma Kuhn

***Anniversaries:***

6 Chris & Beth Barnes



HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be celebrating Holy Communion also on May 30<sup>th</sup>, which is Trinity Sunday. Please take time to prepare for the Sacrament. Because of the pandemic, please prepare at home the elements you will use to celebrate the Sacrament.

Please join us for virtual Mother's Day Potluck luncheon at 12:15 pm on May 9<sup>th</sup> after the 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.

**In-person worship will return on June 6th. Our new worship time is 9:30 AM.** Watch the upcoming bulletins for details on what we will all need to do to keep each other safe while we come together to worship.

With vaccinations underway and people making travel plans for this summer, a wonderful way to help your church is to be an Audio-Visual (AV) team member. RLPC is planning to have a third AV team formed to give the existing two AV teams a little break. We have good checklist documentation and will train you. Call Scott Hamilton at 304 746-5457(H) or Ken Schmidt at 304 768-8565(H) or 304 881-2408.

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.

## Nurturing Moments

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

**May 2 – Fifth Sunday of Easter: Read 1 John 4:7-21** God is love and commands us to love one another. We live in love rather than fear because God abides in us. Are there fears or anxieties that hinder you from loving freely and boldly? In what specific ways are you called to show the love of God to someone else this week?

**May 9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter: Read John 15:9-17** Jesus commands the disciples to love one another sacrificially. How much would you give up for the sake of a friend? What does the ‘complete joy’ of Christ mean to you, and how do you share it with someone else?

**May 16 – Seventh Sunday of Easter: Read John 17:6-19** Jesus prays that God would protect the friends that he is sending into the world. Are these impulses at odds with one another – staying safe and serving in the wider world? What risks are we willing to take to speak truth to those who would rather not hear it?

**May 23 – Read Ezekiel 37:1-14:** Ezekiel prophesied to the dry bones, and the Holy Spirit swept over the valley to breathe new life where there had been none. Is there a part of your faith life that feels dry? How are you praying the Holy Spirit would renew your church community?

**May 30 – Trinity Sunday: Read Psalm 29** This psalm describes the voice of the Lord like a powerful storm that blows over the land and inspires the people to worship. When did you last simply sit in stillness and listen to the rain? What do you hear the voice of the Lord saying to you right now?



### June Newsletter Deadline: Friday, May 21st

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



March Income	\$ 9,098.52	Year to Date Income	\$24,574.67
March Expense	\$10,609.38	Year to Date Expense	\$27,676.38
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 558.71		



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.



## April, 2021 Session Digest

WORSHIP: The estimated number of communicants in April 4 worship was 32.

There will be two communion Sundays in May. The first is on May 2, the first Sunday in the month. The second is on May 30, Trinity Sunday. **Please remember to prepare your elements at home.**

**Session approved returning to in-person worship on June 6 at 9:30am.** This time was negotiated with First Presbyterian Church (FPC) as the two congregations move toward a shared pastorate. The session thought beginning in-person worship at the new time was better than returning at 11am, and then changing to 9:30am beginning in July. There will be no communion on June 6, due to Trinity Sunday communion the previous week.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE: Session approved the following motion: that effective January 1, 2022, the standard Rock Lake Presbyterian Church staff vacation policy allow 2 weeks maximum carry-over from one year to the next, with policy exceptions only considered on a case-by-case basis.

For 2021, the staff will be able to carry over all unused vacation from 2020.

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

MISSION & SERVICE: Remember, Pentecost is on May 23.

PROPERTY: The kitchen refrigerator needs to be repaired. The rental house gutter check needs to be completed.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: The second Sunday potluck will be May 9 on zoom. Mark your calendars now, and join us for fellowship and lunch!

OTHER: Our pastoral committee (Mary Wagner, James Straight, and Scott Hamilton) have been meeting with the First Presbyterian Church South Charleston (FPC) pastoral committee (Tom Titus, Robert Lilly, and Cheryl Eary), FPC Pastor Sharon Gearing, Presbytery Treasurer Rocky Poole, Presbytery Stated Clerk Maureen Wright, and Committee on Ministry (COM) Vice-chair Cinda Harkless. The RLPC pastoral committee have drafted a Temporary Pastor Covenant between the RLPC session and Sharon Gearing. She will serve FPC and RLPC in a 50/50 sharing arrangement. The two pastoral committees have agreed that neither congregation will retain an 11am worship time. RLPC will worship at 9:30am; FPC will worship at 11:30am. The anticipated July 1 beginning date is contingent on a) Sharon and the two churches finalizing variables such as her ministerial duties and financial arrangements; b) FPC having a congregational meeting to revise Sharon's call there, c) both congregations submitting the revised call (FPC) and covenant (RLPC) to the COM by May 25 for final approval.

Please seek our Lord's guidance for our two pastoral committees, Sharon Gearing, Presbytery and church leaders as they iron out details for the two congregations sharing Sharon's ministry.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party Manna Meal
<b>2</b> 11:00 am RLPC Worship (online)	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 7:00 pm Bible Study (online)	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party Manna Meal	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open  Cinco de Mayo	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 12:00 pm 4 Aces Card Group 4:00-6:00 pm – Recording in Sanctuary  National Day of Prayer	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH)	<b>8</b> 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party Manna Meal
<b>9</b> 11:00 am RLPC Worship (online)  Happy Mother's Day! Potluck & Dinner	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 7:00 pm Bible Study (online)	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 9:30 am Carbine Old-timers (Parlor) 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party Manna Meal	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>13</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 12:00 pm 4 Aces Card Group 4:00-6:00 pm – Recording in Sanctuary  ASCENSION DAY	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH)	<b>15</b> 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party  ARMED FORCES DAY
<b>16</b> 11:00 am RLPC Worship (online) 12:15 pm Potluck Luncheon (online)	<b>17</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 7:00 pm Bible Study (online)	<b>18</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party Manna Meal	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 12:00 pm 4 Aces Card Group 4:00-6:00 pm – Recording in Sanctuary	<b>21</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH)	<b>22</b> 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party Manna Meal
<b>23</b> 11:00 am RLPC Worship (online)  PENTECOST SUNDAY	<b>24</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 7:00 pm Bible Study (online)	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party Manna Meal	<b>26</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>27</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 12:00 pm 4 Aces Card Group 4:00-6:00 pm – Recording in Sanctuary	<b>28</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH)	<b>29</b> 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party Manna Meal
<b>30</b> 11:00 am RLPC Worship (online)  TRINITY SUNDAY	<b>31</b> 9:00 am Church Office Closed 7:00 pm Bible Study (online)  Memorial Day					



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