

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

July 2021



FROM THE
Pulpit

In the Sound of Music, the children were going off to bed and they sang what I would kind of like to say/sing to you. So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye. Other languages use different sayings – Au revoir, Adios, Arrivederci or Ciao, Sayonara... In any language – good-bye is hard to say, but I think I would like to say it in Hawaiian – ALOHA... I say this because it also means Hello! And I think that is the way I want to leave you – with the thought of being able to say ‘hello’ anytime I see you in the future!

I came with the thought in mind that I was a kind of John the Baptist – helping you to “Prepare the way”. Thinking that I would be with you till you would receive from the Lord a shepherd to meet your pastoral needs. You would work together to minister in the Rock Lake area and would do those things the Lord would have you do.

What with the COVID pandemic and the rearrangements that were undertaken to satisfy the needs of the congregation, I believe God came up with a marvelous solution. I am leaving with the complete assurance in my heart and mind that RLPC will be well cared for.

I thank each of you for the acceptance you have shown me over the past twenty-two months. I hope I have been what you have needed. I know that I will continue to pray for RLPC and for you individually. I am appreciative of the opportunity you have given me to get to know you.

I would also like to thank you for the going away reception held last Sunday. It was nice to share good refreshments and to be able to share a few words and fist bumps and even a few socially distanced ‘hugs’. I want to thank you for the Study Bible – which I will use And I truly appreciate the love gifts which were given. (I promise to spend them wisely!!)

And above all, Grace and Peace to you all!!!

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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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WELCOME TO ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PASTOR SHARON GEARING



Reverend Sharon Gearing is a 4th generation pastor.

She was born and raised in western Pennsylvania, but spent many summers visiting her aunt and uncle, Merle and Margaret Aitken in South Charleston.

Her family moved to Oklahoma when she was in high school.

Sharon was married for 22 years and has 3 sons, Aaron (30), Ethan (28), and Seth (23), who live in Texas and Oklahoma.

She has been in ordained ministry since 1992 (29 years). She has been a hospital chaplain, pastor of a church in Galeton, PA, and pastor of a church

in Arlington, TX.

Sharon is happy to now live in West Virginia (since she loves mountains, trees and water). She enjoys reading, travelling, swimming and fishing in her spare time.
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## **Congratulations to Appalachian Behavioral HealthCare**



Pollen8 hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the opening of their 30-bed treatment center for women in recovery from substance use disorder. It was a huge success, and the facility is officially open.

Dignitaries at the celebration (l to r) Hollie McGraw, Louis Gaunch, Stacie Priestley, Lory Lyles, Cheryl Laws, Mayor Frank Mullens, Senator Shelley Moore Capito, Michael Browning (Joe Manchin staffer), Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin, and Cathy Nutter.

It is located at the Rock Lake Community Life Center (where the Rock Lake Pool/Putt-Putt once was).  
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TIME FLIES.....WHERE DID JUNE GO?????????



WELCOME BACK!!!!

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church opened our doors again on Sunday, June 6, 2021 (after COVID). Even though we were socially distanced and wore masks, everyone enjoyed being in the Sanctuary and hearing the Sunday Service in person.

After the service, there was a small reception in the breezeway.

GOOD-BYE.....



RLPC also said good-bye to our interim Pastor Jim Musgrave on Sunday, June 27, 2021. After the service, we had a reception for him in the courtyard with cake and punch.

He received a token of our appreciation and was presented a study bible from the congregation.

Although we will miss Jim, we wish him well in his future endeavors.



2021 PEARL INGRAM APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2021 Pearl Inghram Scholarship are now available. To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must have graduated from high school by spring/summer of 2021 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 2021. Completed applications must be in the church office by 1 PM, July 1. Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision by email on or before July 20. A check will be mailed directly to the applicant awarded the scholarship no later than August 21. APPLICATION FORMS can be requested by calling the church office at 304 768-4141 weekday mornings or by emailing rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com.



Bridgeview Food Ministry

The Bridgeview food bag program is temporarily suspended while children are on summer hiatus. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin as to when the program will start back up.



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 9th-12th 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>

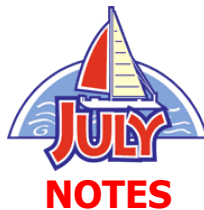


Birthdays:

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| 01 | Madison Hardin | 25 | Jay Estill |
| 10 | John Solberg | 26 | Alaiah Washington |
| 12 | Ruth Canterbury | 27 | Lee Mellow |
| 22 | Elaine Wagner | 28 | David Broyles |

Anniversaries:

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| 10 | Joe & Kim LaCount | 27 | Ron & Chris Rogillio |
| 13 | Tom & Ashley Marion | 27 | James & Kelly Straight |
| 20 | Beau & Stephanie Wilson | 30 | Jerry & Sue Childers |
| 23 | Ed & Merrily Bailey | 31 | Rob & Shannon Thornhill |



Now that we have returned to in-person worship, we need to re-populate our liturgist rotation list. If you are able to serve in worship this way, please contact Sandy in the church office (304-768-4141) to place your name on the liturgist rotation list.

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 or 304-768-4141. We would like to keep our Directory current. Thank you for all your help.

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***Nurturing Moments***

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

**July 4 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 9: Read Mark 6:1-13** Jesus and his disciples go to his hometown of Nazareth, where he preaches at the synagogue. The people were amazed; they couldn't figure out where the miracles and wisdom had come from. How could a carpenter heal all of these sick people? Where did he get this wisdom from? So why wasn't he well received by the people of Nazareth? How would you react if you saw his healing powers with your own eyes?

**July 11 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 10: Read Ephesians 1:3-14** God created us all in God's image. We have redemption through God's son, Jesus the Christ, having been forgiven for our sins because of God's grace! How does your life show your gratitude and thanks for this amazing gift of God?

**July 18 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 11: Read Psalm 89:20-37** Today, we read about God's covenant, or promise, to David. God promises to protect David from the enemy; God's love will forever be with, and show through, David. How do these promises affect us now? How do we live our lives in light of these promises?

**July 25 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 12: Read Psalm 14** In this passage, we read how human beings have turned away from God and God's teaching. We are reminded that when we become overwhelmed, all we have to do is be still and know God is with us. How does life change when we go against God? Have you felt distant and separated from God? How do you reconnect and get back on the right path?



***August Newsletter Deadline: Monday, July 26, 2021***

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

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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.

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.



May Income	\$18,916.54	Year to Date Income	\$ 50,916.43
May Expense	\$ 9,484.50	Year to Date Expense	\$ 48,346.64



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.



June, 2021 Session Digest

WORSHIP: The estimated number of communicants at May 30 worship was 44.

The next communion will be on July 4. Regarding that communion, the bread will be pre-wrapped for pickup with a napkin when congregants pick up their bulletins. The juice will be distributed in little lid-covered cups during communion. **If you are joining worship at home, please remember to prepare your elements.**

Beginning July 4, those people who are fully vaccinated (two weeks since their final shot) do not have to wear masks if they are comfortable not wearing a mask. It is recommended that people not vaccinated continue to wear a mask.

As we return to live worship, we remember and honor Ann Rinehart, and her untimely coronavirus death last November.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE: The session will review the committee responsibility document developed on 2015.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE:

MISSION & SERVICE: The committee is planning the return of regular first Sunday food offerings to Heart & Hand. Watch for further information.

PROPERTY: The committee has checked church air conditioners. A check of the rental house gutters is still pending.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Emma Kuhn has graduated from Nitro High School! Avery Lee has graduated from South Charleston High! Well done, Emma and Avery!

As of June 24, no applications for the 2021 Pearl Inghram Scholarship have been received. The application deadline is 1pm, July 1.

Session voted to suspend the second Sunday potluck brunch in July and August. The brunch will resume in September.

OTHER: Rev. Sharon Gearing, Joe Fuller, and Ken Schmidt met on Monday, June 14 to sign the session-pastor covenant (Sharon and Ken), and the shared pastor agreement between First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston (FPC), and Rock Lake Presbyterian Church (RLPC) (Joe and Ken). Sharon begins her work at Rock Lake on July 1. She will be working 20 hours per week at FPC and 20 hours per week at RLPC. Her RLPC office hours are anticipated to be Mondays and Thursdays, from 10 am to 2 pm.

The Amethyst Group and Foundation to Freedom Group have returned to live meetings.

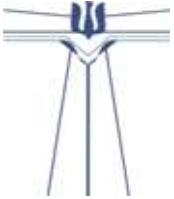
Presbytery has mailed packets on church incorporation to member churches. Church incorporation will be on the September stated session meeting agenda.

The July stated meeting will be on Wednesday, July 21, at 6:30pm in the church parlor.

With Christ's Peace,
Ken



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