

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

August 2021



FROM THE
Pulpit

Greetings to you all!

I am excited to be your new pastor. Jim did a wonderful job as your interim. It was a pleasure to work with him in worship and get to know some of you. Hopefully we will all have the opportunity to meet in person soon. “Thank you,” to those of you who have come in person. You have no idea how exciting it is to see you in the pews after more than a year of leading worship in an empty sanctuary. I pray that those of you who are healthy and still worshipping at home will come join us in the sanctuary.

COVID has challenged all churches to consider the purpose of church. Most of us believe that worship is the most essential part of ministry. In the pandemic, we realized, however that gathering in person is not absolutely necessary for worship, and so we stopped gathering and provided worship online. “Church” is not just a worship service however. “Church,” is a, “community of believers.” Jesus’ first ministry act was to gather a small group around him. While he ministered to the public, he travelled with a smaller group of people with whom he shared his meals, travelled, and discussed scripture. His disciples were his closest friends, and his support group. They encouraged each other, providing for the spiritual needs of each other. They also provided for the physical needs of their ministry. This is our model for the Christian Church, a group of people who gather together to care for, inspire, support, pray and learn together.

When the Spirit of God came on the disciples and they went out to preach the good news of Christ, they formed groups of believers who gathered to teach, study, pray and share resources together. They helped each other grow in faith, and held each other accountable for living faithfully.

Throughout the centuries, Christians continued this tradition. Even though we could not be physically together during the pandemic, we stayed together spiritually as a congregation. Now it is time to carefully reclaim our purpose of being a group of faithful believers, gathering together, supporting and caring for one another. Some of you are unable to do so because of your health risks, so please practice safety. I encourage all of you who have been vaccinated and are out in public for other activities, to please come be with your brothers and sisters in Christ, in person. Your friends have missed you, and I believe you have missed them.

I pray that we will be able to see you soon!

Pastor Sharon

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You will find on the *Home Page* of the church's web site [www.rlpco.org](http://www.rlpco.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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Congratulations Jean Field-Smith



Jean has been selected to be inducted into the Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame at their 2021 banquet on July 24.

We are so proud of her and all she has accomplished in her field of endeavor. Jean served Rock Lake Presbyterian Church as an elder and was a primary mover for our kitchen renovation years ago.

Congrats!!!



Our deepest sympathy to the family of John F. Oakes of South Charleston on the occasion of his death July 9, 2021. John was an active member of Rock Lake Presbyterian Church. Please keep his beloved wife, Betty, in your prayers.

To read his obituary, please go to:

https://www.wvgazettemail.com/obituaries/john-f-oakes/article_f846b383-c34d-56b8-93d7-2b1b1bf23ce.html



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 a Fall Retreat coming up October 1-3. Please put that on your calendar and check Bluestone website for more information: <https://bluestonecamp.org>



Birthdays:

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| 1 | Levi Means | 10 | Cliff Asbury |
| 4 | Don Broyles | 10 | Jean Smith |
| 6 | Tiffany Hoke | 15 | Marilyn Padon |
| 7 | Raylee Wilson | 19 | Judy Knowles |
| 9 | Betty Oakes | 25 | Max Broyles |
| 9 | John Oakes | 28 | Gene Bishop |

Anniversaries:

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| 3 | Jeff & Sandi Ray | 11 | Ed & Jackie Thompson |
| 7 | Jeff & Connie Dent | 16 | Jim & Ruth Canterbury |
| 10 | Ben & Donie Argento | 28 | Alex & Margie Gumowski |



NOTES

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, we have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

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. R LPC 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.

Nurturing Moments

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

August 1 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 13: Read John 6:24-35 Jesus said, “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the bread of life. I am the bread of life.” How do you and your family work for the spiritual food available to all of us?

August 8 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 14: Read John 6:35, 41-51 The Jews complained about Jesus, not believing he could come from heaven. He assures them he comes from God and has seen God. Who do you turn to when things are not what you want, God or one another?

August 15 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 15: Read Ephesians 5:15-20 Paul warns the Ephesians to have wise lives and understand the will of God. He reminds all of us to give thanks to God at all times for everything. Make a list of what you are thankful for and how you give God thanks always.

August 22 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 16: Read Ephesians 6:10-20 Paul reminds us to be strong in the Lord and put on the whole armor of God, to withstand the wiles of the devil. As you read this passage, ask yourself how you live out Paul’s instructions.

August 29 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 17: Read Psalm 15 This Psalm of David asks the question, who shall be admitted to the temple, the worshipping community? The answer given is: those who do what is right and speak the truth, who honor and fear (meaning respect and worship) the Lord, and who are trustworthy. As you read the Psalm, ask yourself if you do these things, and, if not, what might you do differently in your life?



September Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday August 25, 2021

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



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.



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.

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).

June's Kroger Community Rewards Program for RLPC received \$190.90.....**Thank you.**



June Income \$ 9,554.04
June Expense \$-4,387.16

Year to Date Income \$ 60,395.47
Year to Date Expense \$ - 1,674.33

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.



July, 2021 Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): The estimated number of communicants in the July 4 communion was 58.

The next communion will be on August 1. It will be served in the same manner as on July 4; bread packets will be distributed with the bulletin, while the cup will be served by elders. **If you are joining worship at home, please remember to prepare your elements.**

Liturgists are needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the bulletin board; please consider serving in this way. If you participate, please arrive 30 minutes before the service begins.

The final New Life Congregational Grant report was turned in to presbytery earlier in July. This grant covered the audio-visual equipment installed in the spring of 2020.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): Session approved a modified 2021 budget, which reflects an unfavorable balance of \$15,624.

The budget changes are: 1. decreased income of \$3,000 in lease payments from Appalachian Behavioral Health Care (Pollen8); 2. decreased income of \$9,398 in non-pledged offering; 3. increased cost of \$1,721 in pastor change; and 4. increased other staff salary cost of \$1,505. The total of these changes results in an unbalanced budget, in which costs exceed income by \$15,624.

If you are interested in details, contact me at kenschm45@gmail.com, or 304-881-2408.

A replacement printer for the office HP has been ordered.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): The Peace and Global Witness offering is October 3.

M&S and W will collaborate on a Worldwide Communion Sunday celebration, also on October 3.

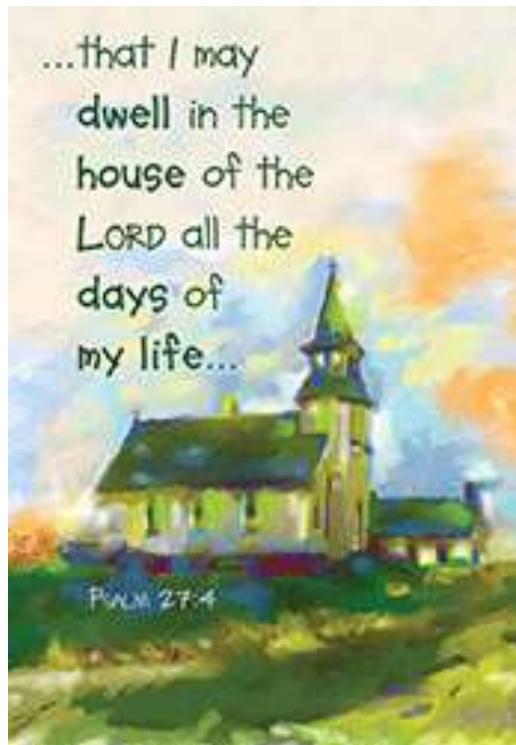
PROPERTY (P):

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): Remember, there will be no second Sunday potluck brunch in August. The brunch will resume in September. High school graduation gifts are tentatively set to be given in September.

OTHER: Session discussed ways to repay the KPBG LLC, which purchased the so-called 'Kirkhart Property' years ago. The issue was referred to the A&F for evaluation.

With Christ's Peace,

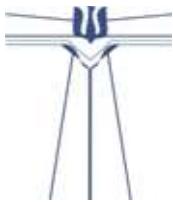
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August 2021

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