

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

September 2021



FROM THE
Pulpit

Dear Friends,

Fall is here. (Yes, I know that it is not technically here.) The outdoor temperature is predicted to lower any day now. I can't wait to smell and see the fall leaves! It is that time of year when we normally kick off fall activities though. Normally... Students and teachers return to school. Regular programs restart, and our lives become a lot busier. This year continues to be different from previous years. This is our 2nd September under the danger of COVID. We thought when the vaccines came out in the spring, that we would have normal lives by now. Many of us have taken vacations and visited family members since getting vaccinated. I hope you had that opportunity! Fall is here, though and COVID numbers are back up. Some schools have gone back to virtual learning due to outbreaks. We're starting to wear masks again. It's time to use hand sanitizers and wash our hands thoroughly again.

As a normal human being, I find it hard to face another fall and winter in confinement. Do you? It just seems depressing to think about not being able to live a "normal," life. Here are some suggestions from your pastor for lifting your spirits right now.

1. Remember that **God is always with us**, no matter what. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, no things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 8: 38)
2. **Give thanks** for the summer break! Remember what fun you have had over the summer. "O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;" Pray Psalm 95:1-5
3. **Go outside** as much as possible. West Virginia is a wonderful state for outdoor adventures... go visit our many state parks where God's creation can refresh you. "I lift up my eyes to the hills-from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2
4. **Call your pastor, your family, your friends**... those people who are in your support system. Jesus organized a support system when he began ministry. Even he needed a group of people who would help him along the way. When the Holy Spirit came on the disciples and many people came to believe in Jesus, they immediately formed a support system. We may or may not be able to physically be together, but we are together by God's Spirit, and we have many means for connecting with loved ones safely. "All who believed were together and had all things I common... Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at each other's homes... praising God and having the goodwill of all the people." Acts 2:44-47

May God bless us all!

Pastor Sharon

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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 link to the current Sunday worship bulletin.

<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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Bridgeview Food Ministry

The Bridgeview food bag program is temporarily suspended until further notice. United Way is giving Bridgeview money to take care of the bags for the beginning of the year. We will be notified when they need help with the program again. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin as to when the program will start back up.
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## Bluestone Camp & Retreat Center

Bluestone has a Fall Retreat coming up October 1-3 (the first full weekend October). Please put that on your calendar and check Bluestone website for more information: <https://bluestonecamp.org/retreat/>  
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Birthdays:

2	Marlene Solberg	14	Gina Cunningham
3	Ashley Marion	14	Liz Given
8	Cameron Baker	17	Connie Musgrave
9	Sue Childers	17	Benjamin Straight
11	Day Bishop	17	Colin Thornhill
12	Hilda Alsop	21	Sarah Wagner
12	Ryan Broyles	25	Beth Barnes
13	Merrily Bailey	29	Anthony Clay

Anniversaries:

1	John & Phyllis Fenwick	9	David & Angie Bradley
8	Bill & Mary Wagner	17	Keith & Judy Knowles

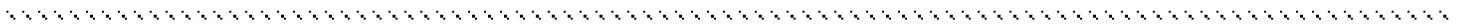
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Now that we have returned to in-person worship, we need to re-populate our liturgist rotation list. If you are able to serve in worship this way, we have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

With vaccinations underway, 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.*

**September 5 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 18: Read James 2:1-10** When we treat people based upon their appearance of how much wealth they have, we fail to follow the command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Where do you do this in your life? What action(s) can you take to remedy this situation?

**September 12 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 19: Psalm 115:1-9** The psalmist gives thanksgiving for his/her recovery from illness after describing his/her supplications to God. How often do we receive the benefits of prayer, yet forget to give thanks in return? Begin or continue a practice of thanksgiving for prayers answered, whether small or large.

**September 19 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 20: James 3:13-4:3** James tells us when good works are done with wisdom and not selfish ambition, we will sow a harvest of righteousness and peace. Conflicts and disputes arise when we want it all our own way. What can you do to become more gentle, honest, and merciful in a world filled with conflict?

**September 26 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 21: Read Mark 9:42-50** Mark warns us of all the ways we are tempted to sin or cause others to stumble due to our actions. What do you think it means when he says, “Have salt in yourselves?” How can that give you peace with one another?





**October Newsletter Deadline: Thursday September 21, 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.

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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.



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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| July Income  | \$ 5,561.90 | Year to Date Income  | \$ 57,798.34 |
| July Expense | \$ 9,743.71 | Year to Date Expense | \$ 66,768.42 |



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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.
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## August, 2021 Session Digest

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

The next communion will be on September 5. It will be served in the same manner as on July 4 and August 1; bread packets will be distributed with your 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; please consider serving in this way. If you participate, please arrive 30 minutes before the service begins.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): Cheryl Laws, Pollen8 director, agreed to a July 1, 2021 start date for a 15 month check lease payment.

A replacement printer for the office HP printer has been received.

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): A severe storm flooded the preschool basement Sunday morning, August 15. John Solberg and Ed Bailey cleaned up the preschool basement after worship. A choir room window leak during the storm was due to a clogged gutter, and water overflowing onto the window.

A sanctuary air conditioner and the kitchen double door refrigerator were repaired.

Session discussed cleaning the parlor and hallway carpet, and replacing the pastor's office carpet.

In its September meeting, the A&F committee will determine where funds might be available to replace the pastor's office carpet and clean the hallway carpet.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): We will have a September 12 potluck in the breezeway following worship, weather permitting. Attendees should bring individual sack meals. Water and lemonade will be provided.

High school graduation gifts are tentatively set to be given in September.

OTHER: As a result of the Appalachian Behavioral Health Care (ABHC) leasing the Rock Lake Community Life Center (RLCLC), a great many items from the RLCLC have been moved to the fellowship hall and kitchen. We need to begin sorting through these items to determine what to keep, and what to donate or sell.

With Christ's Peace,  
Ken



# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

# September 2021

| Sunday                                                                                                                                | Monday                                                                                                                                                   | Tuesday                                                                                            | Wednesday                                                                                                                       | Thursday                                | Friday                                                                             | Saturday                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>5</b><br>9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)                                                                                    | <b>6</b> 9:00 am Church Office Closed<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)<br> | <b>7</b><br>8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br>9:00 am Church Office Open                                 | <b>8</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open                                                                                          | <b>9</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open  | <b>10</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH) | <b>11</b><br>8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br> |
| <b>12</b> 9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)<br> | <b>13</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                    | <b>14</b><br>8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>9:30 am Carbide Old-Timers  | <b>15</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open                                                                                         | <b>16</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open | <b>17</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH) | <b>18</b><br>8:30 am RLCLC Work Party                                                                                        |
| <b>19</b><br>9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)                                                                                   | <b>20</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                    | <b>21</b><br>8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>7:30 pm Session Meeting (P) | <b>22</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br> | <b>23</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open | <b>24</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH) | <b>25</b><br>8:30 am RLCLC Work Party                                                                                        |
| <b>26</b><br>9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)                                                                                   | <b>27</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                    | <b>28</b><br>8:30 am RLCLC Work Party<br>9:00 am Church Office Open                                | <b>29</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open                                                                                         | <b>30</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                              |



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