

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

October 2021



FROM THE
Pulpit

Dear Friends,

I've been thinking about and praying for you, God's people lately, and then I came across this poem by Ann Weems. We often doubt that we can do great things, but God reminds us time and again that it is God who does wondrous things through us. All we have to do is be willing to allow God to work in and through us.

God's Holy People

Here we are, you and I,
Called to be God's Holy People.
You say you're not the holy type,
But I'm not talking about religious ritual,
And the last thing I mean is self-righteousness!

Jesus chastised the self-righteous,
The ones who spent their days doing religious things,
The ones who spent so much time in religious ritual
That they didn't have time for tenderheartedness.

I'm not talking about them;
I'm talking about us.
I'm talking about paying attention
To the things Jesus taught people,
Ordinary people, people like you, people like me...
Look at the disciples: ordinary people
Called to follow,
Called to be God's Holy People,
Called to live in this world with tender hearts.
Live holy lives . . . impossible?
That old woman Sarah thought it impossible
To have a child . . .
The lepers thought it impossible
to be healed . . .
the disciples thought it impossible
to feed five thousand with two loaves and
five fishes . . .
Mary and Martha thought it impossible
That their brother Lazarus was alive . . .
The lame thought it impossible to walk . . .
The blind thought it impossible to see . . .

Here we are, ordinary people,
Called to be the Holy People of God.

If you have eyes to see and ears to hear,
See and hear God's holiness in your life.

By Ann Weems, in Searching for Shalom

What miracle does God want to do through you today? What will you do to enable God to perform a miracle through you?

May the Peace of Christ be in you and work through you.
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

Bridgeview Food program has started back up. We are in need of a co-ordinator and volunteers who are able to help put together the food bags. Food items can be dropped off at the church during office hours (9-noon Monday through Friday).

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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**Thank You !!**



A special thanks to Decker Elder and John Solberg for sharing their garden bounties with us this past summer.

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Bluestone Camp Fundraiser

It's been another hard year for camps all across the country, and Bluestone Camp & Retreat is no exception. The Friends of Bluestone is working hard to create income to maintain the camp this year, and you can help! They have joined efforts with

SaveAround Coupon Books for a win-win fundraiser -- you pay \$25 for a coupon book (good now through the end of 2022) and half goes to Bluestone. After you use 4-5 coupons, you've paid yourself back that \$25 investment, and from there on it's pure savings -- and you have the pleasure of knowing you also provided needed capital for Bluestone! What's not to love about that?

Best of all, individual books are available for Charleston and Huntington (including the areas between) and another 86 cities in 30 states. These books make great gifts for out-of-town friends, family, and, of course, Bluestone fans and supporters who no longer live close by. SaveAround Coupon Books have 260 valuable coupons for local businesses, including restaurants, services, retail, entertainment, recreation, and an additional 60+ coupons for national chains, all worth thousands of dollars in savings.

Included in the cost is a downloadable app for smartphones, so you can redeem coupons with your phone rather than carry the book with you. In keeping with COVID concerns, restaurants are honoring coupons for take-out and curbside pickup as well as dine-in where that's available. Preview the Charleston, Huntington, or any other city books at www.SAPayNow.com/212394

Simply visit the link, select a state and a city, and preview the savings. Buying the books is easy: just fill in the requested information, including the seller or Scott Hamilton, wshamilton@yahoo.com

Want more than one? If for the same location, select number from the dropdown box. If for a different city, select "Add another book". They will all be sent to the same address. Choose "Ship book(s) - FREE SHIPPING" and you'll receive them sooner.

Ordering for out-of-town friends or relatives? Just fill in each of their addresses in additional orders. It's all contactless -- a simple process during the COVID pandemic.

Would you like to be a hands-on seller? Please contact Scott Hamilton at wshamilton@yahoo.com or 304 553-8296 C. He will get a Charleston book with an order form to you to record your sales. For every five books you sell, you'll get a free book for your family.

Sales run through the end of November. We encourage you to share this information with families, friends, and neighbors using social media, email, or in person (socially distanced). If they're not comfortable ordering online, just record their purchases on the order form and collect payment from them before placing the order. If they order online, Scott will update you about your sales.

We hope you'll help Bluestone with this fundraising effort by being an official seller to our congregation plus friends and coworkers. If selling isn't your choice, we think buying a book for yourself and/or others as gifts is an awesome way to support this crucial and beloved camp during this challenging year!





Birthdays:

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| 6 | Bill Wagner | 20 | Ron Rogillio |
| 12 | Sara Bragg | 23 | Willie Haynes |
| 19 | Reva Asbury | 21 | Nate Baker |
| 20 | Walter Hardin | | |

Anniversaries:

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| 11 | George & Judy Powers | 20 | John & Marlene Solberg |
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NOTES

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 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.

October 3 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 22: Read Mark 10:2-16

Jesus told the disciples that whoever does not receive the kingdom as a little child will never enter it. We must disregard our goals of fame and fortune and turn to God as powerless children. How do you need to change your thinking to make this happen?

October 10 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 23: Read Mark 10:17-31

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God. Wealth and honor will not get you into the kingdom. How do you prioritize your need for wealth and your desire to enter the kingdom of God?

October 17 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 24: Read Job 38:1-7

Job has suffered greatly, and his friends give advice. Elihu puts Job in his place, so to speak, declaring

his unworthiness to question God. God's response is a rebuke to Elihu and friends who speak without knowledge. Job, in his anguish, yells at God; do you ever do the same? How does God respond?

October 24 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 25: Read Mark 10:46-52

Jesus heals Bartimaeus' eyesight because of the faith with which he shouted out to Jesus, and he becomes a follower of Jesus. Bartimaeus did not fear the rebukes of the disciples but continued to call out in faith. How can you and your family work to strengthen your faith, considering your trials and suffering, so you call upon Jesus for help?

October 31 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 26: Read Mark 12:25-34

Although Jesus is often critical of scribes, this one agrees with the most important commandments necessary to be a follower: Love God and your neighbor. How do you live out these commandments in your everyday life?



A note from your Nominating Committee...

We still seek two nominees for the 2024 session class, and a nominee for the 2023 session class.

Is the Holy Spirit's *still, small* voice calling you to get involved? Have you served on session in the PAST, but haven't recently?

If the Lord is calling you to action, BE **BOLD!** Call one of the nominating committee members listed below for information.

If you have a person in mind who would be I-D-E-A-L, won't you share that name with us?

And please pray for those we have contacted, and for us as we seek to discern God's will for this part of Christ's body.

Your nominating committee,

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Hilda Alsop 304-768-8496 | Ron Rogillio 304-541-1243 |
| Barb Clark 304-206-2131 | Ken Schmidt 304-881-2408 |





November Newsletter Deadline: Monday, October 25, 2021

It would be appreciated if you submit your items to 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.

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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| August Income | \$ 9,431.77 | Year to Date Income | \$ 78,737.99 |
| August Expense | \$ 8,438.30 | Year to Date Expense | \$ 75,382.02 |



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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](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.  
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September, 2021 Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): The estimated number of communicants in the September 5 communion was 56. The next communion will be on

October 3 and will be served in the same manner we have used since returning to live worship; 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 in October and November. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex; please consider serving. If you participate, please arrive 30 minutes before the service begins.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): Session approved a committee motion to begin diverting the Lincoln Avenue rental home and future property sale income to the KPBG LLC, a corporation created by four member families to purchase the former Kirkhart property in 2014.

We are contacting Gerald Burgy, city maintenance manager, about removing the fallen tree behind the CLC pavilions.

The parking lot lines will be repainted in the spring.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):

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

PROPERTY (P): The carpet in the sanctuary, parlor, hallway, and office has been cleaned. A plugged up roof drain in the bridge entry door roof needs cleaned, to stop water from running off the roof edge when it rains.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): We will have the October 10 potluck in the breezeway following worship, weather permitting. Attendees should bring individual sack meals. Water and lemonade will be provided.

OTHER: Session discussed a May 27 mailing from presbytery. The mailing was a proposal for all West Virginia congregations to incorporate. As noted in the mailing, **the reason for a church to incorporate is to limit liability**. Session approved beginning the process to incorporate. Based on First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg's completed incorporation process, the session is authorized to carry out the incorporation process. Questions? Call me at 304-768-8565. If no answer, leave a callback number.

With Christ's Peace,
Ken



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October 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH) | 2 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party |
| 3 9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)  | 4 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P) | 5 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party 9:00 am Church Office Open | 6 9:00 am Church Office Open | 7 9:00 am Church Office Open | 8 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH) | 9 8:30 am RLCLC Work Party |
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