

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

November 2021



FROM THE
Pulpit

Generosity

"The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

(Ps 19:1-4a)

Beautiful fall colors and bright sunshine have filled our days lately. Clear nights exclaim God's magnificence. It is that time of year when we can feel the profoundness of this psalm. We are reminded that all that we have and all that we are comes from God, because of God's great generosity.

It's that time of year when we ponder and pray about generosity. We remember that God has given us all the time of our lives. God endows us with all our abilities, and provides for our financial needs. God then blesses the world through the use of our time, talents and resources. In other words, God's generosity flows to us and through us continually. We can imagine a great Spirit of generosity that births us, nurtures us, surrounds us, fills us to overflowing, and moves out from us through God's world. God's Spirit swirls and blows in us, around us, and through us. Because God generously moves in us, joy fills us when we share with God's creation, including all of God's people.

"In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters." (Genesis 1:1-2)

From the beginning, God's generous Spirit flowed, creating our universe. What a joy-filled honor it is to take part in God's generous work in the world. What a wonderful opportunity we have to participate in the flow of God's grace.

How will you participate in God's ministry of generosity this year? How will you enable God's Spirit to move and bless the world? What will you do to show God's generous love to the world?

Pastor Sharon



You will find on the *Home Page* of the church's web site 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.



PASTOR'S OFFICE RENOVATION



As you can see, we spent a lot of time on our knees and with heads bowed as we worked on the renovation of the pastor's office. It involved wall repair, painting, shelf moving, window cleaning, carpet removal and more.

The people involved in the renovation to date are Grace Alsop, Susan and Scott Hamilton, Ron Rogillio, Ken Schmidt, John Solberg, James Straight, and Bill and Mary Wagner. It is still not finished as the floor still has to be cleaned and stained. But it is well on the way. Thanks to everyone for their help.



The Handwork for Mission Group will resume meeting in the parlor on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. until 4 p.m. (except for holidays). The group will continue to make lap robes, prayer shawls, scarves, and other items for the local nursing homes, police department, veterans groups, and any who request a need for such items. The group is also a place to learn the art of knitting, crocheting, and other handwork skills. Plan now to join us for a time of fellowship and working together.





Bridgeview Food Ministry

The Bridgeview Food program has started back up, and they are still looking for food items. At the end of each month, the food bags will be packed by church volunteers after worship service.

Food items can be dropped off at the church during office hours (9 until 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)



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:

1	Decker Elder	21	Scott Hamilton
5	Susan Wilder	21	Keith Knowles
6	Erica Barker	21	Laine Wilder
6	Layne Gumowski	23	Jim Musgrave
10	Jackie Thompson	23	Londyn Straight
12	Tre Hardin	25	Leon Means
12	James Straight	28	Jerry Childers
21	David Barnes		

Anniversaries:

8	Brett & Emily Baker	24	David & Nancy Broyles
23	Ryan & Miranda Broyles		



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Clifford C. Asbury, age 100, of Charleston, who passed away Saturday October 16, 2021 after a short illness.

To read his obituary, please go to:

<https://snodgrassfuneral.com/cliff-asbury/>



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.

November 7 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 27: Read Mark 12:38-44

This month, we turn our thoughts to giving thanks and stewardship. Jesus reminds us of the importance of giving not out of our abundance, but out of our poverty. What does this mean to you, and how will this affect your offerings to the church?

November 14 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 28: Read Mark 13:1-8

These verses are warnings of things to come, and false leaders are of concern. Jesus said, “Do not let them lead you astray.” How are you led astray by the leaders we encounter in our lives? Create a plan to counteract this temptation.

November 21 – Christ the King/Reign of Christ: Read John 18:33-37

On this Christ the King Sunday, we find Jesus confronted by Pilate, who wants to know if Jesus is indeed the king of the Jews. How do you answer this question in your own life? Is Jesus your King? If so, how do you honor your King?

November 28 – First Sunday of Advent: Read Luke 21:25-36

As we enter this Advent Season, our Scripture passage speaks of signs of the coming of the Son of Man in a cloud with power and glory. How do you visualize this scene depicted in the Scripture passage? Draw a picture with your family to depict His coming.

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,

Hilda Alsop 304-768-8496

Ron Rogillio 304-541-1243

Barb Clark 304-206-2131

Ken Schmidt 304-881-2408

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.



December

December Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, November 24, 2021

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



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).

Thank you to those who are donating through Kroger rewards this quarter.....\$196.97



September Income	\$ 26,240.77	Year to Date Income	\$106,003.76
September Expense	\$11,029.18	Year to Date Expense	\$ 86,528.90



Since RLPC is now open for in-person worship on Sundays, we want to welcome everyone! We understand that there are some who are uncomfortable attending in-person worship and hope that you are able to watch the service on YouTube. We appreciate your continued 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.

Please contact Judy Hardin for further information. (304)768-4141.



October, 2021 Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): The estimated number of communicants in the October 3 communion was 45. The next communion will be on November 7 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.**

Stewardship messages will be November 7 and 14; November 21 will be Commitment Sunday. Advent begins on November 28. Christmas decorations need to be up by then. If you can help assemble the Christmas tree on Monday, November 22 at 11a.m., please call the church office at 304-768-4141 and leave your name & number. A joint Christmas Eve service with First Presbyterian Church was approved; the location is yet to be determined.

Session also approved establishing an inclement weather policy and notification system to help determine when worship would be canceled in bad weather.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): The stewardship mailing will be made on November 1.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): Session approved donating the Peacemaking & Global Witness offering local portion to the Bridgeview Bag project. The Bridgeview Bag Project provides 65 food bags each month to Bridgeview Elementary School. You can help by donating specific food items and by helping to assemble bags after worship on the last Sunday of each month. The first assembly Sunday will be after worship on October 31. This will be a great time to return to worship, and return to service!

PROPERTY (P): The Appalachian Behavioral Health Care (ABHC) has been using the church's riding lawn mower to mow the CLC lawn. Since ABHC has purchased a replacement, the original mower is no longer needed. Interested? Call John Solberg.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): We will have the November Second Sunday potluck brunch following worship on November 14. Attendees should bring individual sack meals. Water and lemonade will be provided. The brunch will most likely be in the parlor, but may be on the breezeway, weather permitting.

OTHER: In the near future, we will be needing volunteers to begin house-cleaning the fellowship hall, kitchen, and former pre-school. ***PLEASE BE PREPARED TO HELP WHEN CALLED.***




Session continued discussing incorporating the church. As noted in a previous digest, **the reason for a church to incorporate is to limit liability.** The clerk reviewed a summary of the presbytery Stated Clerk's monthly incorporation updates. Questions? Call me at 304-768-8565. If no answer, leave a callback number.

With Christ's Peace,
Ken



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)  ALL SAINTS DAY	2 8:30 am RLCLC Manna Meal Work Party 9:00 am Church Office Open  ELECTION DAY	3 9:00 am Church Office Open	4 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (Parlor) 	5 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH)	6 8:30 am RLCLC Manna Meal Work Party
7 9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)  Fall Back Daylight Saving Time Ends	8 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	9 8:30 am RLCLC Manna Meal Work Party 9:00 am Church Office Open 9:30 am Carbide Old-Timers	10 9:00 am Church Office Open	11 Church Office Closed  VETERANS DAY	12 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH)	13 8:30 am RLCLC Manna Meal Work Party
14 9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)  Potluck LUNCHEON	15 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	16 8:30 am RLCLC Manna Meal Work Party 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:30 pm Session Meeting	17 9:00 am Church Office Open	18 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (Parlor) 	19 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH)	20 8:30 am RLCLC Manna Meal Work Party
21 9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)	22 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	23 8:30 am RLCLC Manna Meal Work Party 9:00 am Church Office Open	24 9:00 am Church Office Open	25 Church Office Closed  Praise & Thanksgiving	26 Church Office Closed 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH)  Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart	27 8:30 am RLCLC Manna Meal Work Party
28 9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)  First Sunday of Advent	29 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	30 8:30 am RLCLC Manna Meal Work Party 9:00 am Church Office Open				



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