

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

December 2021



FROM THE
Pulpit

We extend our love and prayers to Pastor Sharon Gearing as she is recovering from pneumonia----- *Members and friends of RLPC.*



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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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Sunday, November 14th the following items were dedicated: 5 scarves, 4 baby blankets, 18 prayer shawls, 37 hug rugs, and 12 lap robes. These were distributed to nursing homes, South Charleston police department, veteran's groups, and other groups in the valley as well as individuals identified by church members and friends. We invite you to meet with us each Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor.

A special thanks to all who have donated yarn and material through the year to make this possible. We also offer lessons in knitting and crocheting. Don't do handwork but want to help? We always have a need for two-gallon Ziploc bags to help with our distribution. Just drop them off at the church office. *(Pictured l to r: Sandy McNeely, Susan Hamilton, and Mary Wagner – crafters.)*
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**JOIN US FOR**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A  
COMBINED RLPC/SCFPC  
TRADITIONAL LESSONS AND CAROLS  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**

**At Rock Lake Presbyterian Church  
905 Village Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309**  
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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:

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| 1 | Judy Powers | 19 | Sandy McNeely |
| 2 | Judy Hardin | 21 | Don Straight |
| 5 | Kelly Straight | 22 | David Bradley |
| 6 | Kim LaCount | 25 | Carmalee Litteral |
| 9 | Jeff Ray | 26 | Billy Estill |
| 13 | Eric Hamilton | 26 | Chris Rogillio |
| 14 | Amber Ray | 27 | Connie Dent |
| 17 | Angie Bradley | 31 | Dara Ray |
| 18 | Trenton Straight | | |

Anniversaries:

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| 5 | Jim & Connie Musgrave | 17 | Carl & Jean Smith |
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In Memory Of



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Reba Carte Wade. age 97. of South Charleston. who passed away October 26. 2021 at Thomas Memorial Hospital. She was a life-long member of Rock Lake Presbyterian Church.

To read her obituary. please go to:

<https://snodgrassfuneral.com/reba-wade/>



In case you wondered on Sunday morning..... who is that masked man with the clipboard??

It is RLPC church member. Ron Rogillio who greets. ushers. and helps with attendance.

Our thanks to you. Ron!!



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. *Pictured left – Susan Hamilton & Grace Alsop. Right – Ken Schmidt & Grace Alsop (dressed in Halloween costume for 10/31 service).*



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.

December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent: Read Luke 3:1-6

As John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way for Jesus, so must we prepare ourselves for Jesus. This is a time of hope and preparation. During Advent, reflect on what preparations you are making in your life and in your heart for the coming of Jesus. The way must be prepared in your heart for Jesus' coming; only then will you see the true salvation of God.

December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent: Read Isaiah 12:2-6

December is a wonderful time of year, but it is also a very busy time, with shopping to do, presents to wrap, trees to decorate, and more. During all of this, we must remember, first and foremost, that Jesus, the Son of God, is coming soon to bring joy and salvation into this world! Salvation is the gift for all of us! So, despite all the other distractions of this season, remember to put the coming birth of our Savior at the top of your priority list.

December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent: Read Luke 1:39-45

When Mary greets Elizabeth, her unborn child recognizes that Mary is pregnant with Jesus and leaps for joy in her womb. Do you know Jesus? Do you recognize when Jesus enters your presence, and if so, do you leap for joy? Jesus was sent because God loves each of us, and His mission is to bring hope and salvation to a troubled world. Take some time and reflect on our world and how Jesus gives you hope even during our bleakest moments.

December 26 – First Sunday of Christmas: Read Colossians 3:12-17

Christmas is here. Christ has come! Now, we must take the time to think about what that means: to love one another; to forgive; to be compassionate; kind and faithful; in short, to live our lives following the example Jesus set to the best of our abilities. So, this Christmas, put away old grudges; forgive those who have wronged you; be compassionate and kind to all, especially those less fortunate; and remember to always give thanks to God through Jesus for all these gifts this Christmas!

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

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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.

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January Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, January 26, 2022

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



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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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October Income \$ 15,856.50  
 October Expense \$ 12,636.97

Year to Date Income \$126,507.00  
 Year to Date Expense \$ 99,570.81



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](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.

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



## November, 2021 Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): The estimated number of communicants in the November 7 communion was 39.

The next communion will be on December 5, 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.**

A joint RLPC-FPC choir has begun practicing for Advent and Christmas Eve. The choir will present a music offering on Sunday, December 12 at both church worship services. The combined RLPC-FPC Christmas Eve worship will be at 7pm at RLPC. The choir will be contributing several music selections. Please mark your calendars for these dates!

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F):

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): The Christmas Joy offering will be December 19.

PROPERTY (P):

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): We will have the December Second Sunday potluck brunch following worship on December 12. Attendees should bring individual sack meals. Water and lemonade will be provided. The brunch will be in the parlor.

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

With Christ's Peace,  
 Ken



## 2022 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of this writing (November 29, 2021), with 13 families responding, the 2022 total commitment is \$72,300. Of these families, 10 have increased their commitments from 2021!

Thank you to all members and friends who have returned commitment cards for 2022.

If you have not yet responded, won't you please take a few moments to prayerfully consider how you can help Rock Lake Church *Shine Christ's Light* by supporting our ministries!

Returning your commitment card will reduce the number of follow-up contacts which the Stewardship Task Force must make.

We need to hear from all our members and friends so we can plan for 2022. If you need a commitment card, please call Ken Schmidt (304-768-8565 or 304-881-2408).

Please join us in worship each Sunday in the sanctuary. If you cannot attend in person, subscribe to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church on YouTube. Worship each Sunday is at 9:30 am ET. If you need a printed bulletin, call the church office at 304-768-4141 between 9:30 and 11:30 am ET, Monday through Friday.

*And may God bless you this Advent season!*

Ken Schmidt, chair, Stewardship Task Force



# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

## December 2021

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                | Monday                                                                | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                               | Wednesday                               | Thursday                                                                | Friday                                                                                                                                                        | Saturday                                                                                                         |
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| <b>5</b><br>9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)<br><br>Second Sunday of Advent    | <b>6</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)  | <b>7</b><br>8:30 am Manna Meal 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<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission  | <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 Manna Meal Work Party                                                                       |
| <b>12</b><br>9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)<br><br>Third Sunday of Advent    | <b>13</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P) | <b>14</b><br>8:30 am Manna Meal 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<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission | <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 Manna Meal Work Party                                                                       |
| <b>19</b><br>9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)<br><br>Fourth Sunday of Advent | <b>20</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P) | <b>21</b><br>8:30 am Manna Meal Party<br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:30 pm Session Meeting<br> | <b>22</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open | <b>23</b><br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission | <b>24</b> Church Office Closed<br><br>7:00 PM Candlelight Service @ RLPC | <b>25 Christmas Day</b><br> |
| <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 Manna Meal 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<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission | <b>31</b> Church Office Closed<br>New Year's Eve<br>                     |                                                                                                                  |



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| <b>Sharon Gearing</b> | <b>Pastor</b>               |
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