

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

March 2022



LENT IS HERE BEGINNING MARCH 2ND

Lent is here!! Easter is coming!! Lent is a time for self-reflection and meditation. It is often associated with fasting and prayer. It is a time to take stock of our lives in the light of Christ's life given for us. A devotional series is provided for you in this newsletter to help you with your devotional time. Please remove or print it from your newsletter and fold in half to form a booklet. Additional copies are available at the church if you would like to share with your family, friends and neighbors. May you shine Christ's Light during this time of Lent.



Wednesday, March 2
Church Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Meditation
And
Distribution
of Ashes
Everyone Welcome!
Masks Required
Please
Enter and Exit Silently

HANDWORK FOR MISSION



On February 1, thirty two items (16 hug rugs, 6 lap robes, 10 prayer shawls) along with a prayer sheet were delivered to the Valley Health Center in South Charleston.

It is our hope that these items will bring comfort and warmth to those persons receiving them. Our thanks to the people who continue to donate yarn and material for this use.

This prayer is offered with each article donated:

“HEAVENLY FATHER, YOU HAVE OPENED OUR EYES TO THE NEED OF OTHERS SO THAT WE MAY SERVE THEM IN YOUR NAME. WE ASK THAT YOU PROVIDE COMFORT TO THE HURTING, HEALING TO THE SICK, FRIENDSHIP TO THE LONELY AND ABUNDANCE TO THOSE IN NEED. MAY THIS PIECE OF FABRIC MAKE THE RECIPIENT FEEL THAT THEY ARE BEING HELD “IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND.” AMEN



Handwork for Mission also mailed to Bridget's Cradles 10 cradles, with cradle, tapered blanket and memory keepsake square and 5 additional keepsake squares. A cross is attached to the top edge. Bridget's Cradles are designed to hold tiny babies who are born into Heaven during the second trimester of pregnancy. Because babies are so small and fragile in weeks 14-26 of pregnancy, traditional blankets do not meet their needs. These cradles offer a functional and stable way to hold a delicate, precious baby, and each cradle is uniquely made with love and care to respect the sacred life it will hold.

Bridget's Cradles also offer memory keepsakes to families who have experienced first or third trimester loss of a baby. They donate cradles and memory keepsakes free of charge directly to hospitals across the country. Their cradles are a tangible gift of comfort, love, and hope to a family in the moment of their greatest loss and grief.

Their cradles are soft and perfectly shaped to bundle a small baby born into Heaven. They are designed for grieving families to feel comfortable while bonding and loving on their precious baby. The cradle provides stability for a delicate baby and gives family members confidence in holding and transferring the baby between each other.

Bridget's Cradles also offers help and support for families during their grieving process. Visit their website for further information.

Many Thanks to Outgoing RLPC Elders



Many thanks to the two elders who are rotating off the session, Elder Jackie Thompson and Elder Margie Gumowski. We appreciate the time and talents that these two individuals shared with us during their last term. Jackie served as Worship and Margie served as Mission and Service.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



As you can see the efforts of Souper Bowl Sunday yielded a good number of cans of soup and food.

Thanks to everyone who responded.

All of the donations were picked up by Heart and Hand on February 23.



NOTES

Beginning March 6, 2022, RLPC Worship Service will begin at 10:00 am (instead of 9:30 am). We hope to see you then!!

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.



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Barbara Sue "Susie" Graley, age 79, of South Charleston, who passed away February 14, 2022. She was a graduate of South Charleston High School and retired from Columbia Gas Company. Her service was held on Friday, February 18, 2022. To read her obituary, please go to:

<https://snodgrassfuneral.com/barbara-sue-graley/>

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Reva Asbury of South Charleston, who passed away February 25, 2022. She was a member of Rock Lake Presbyterian Church for many years. Her memorial service will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 in the mausoleum chapel at Sunset Memorial Park in South Charleston.



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.

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!



2	Pam Harris	24	Olga Schmidt
4	Jeff Means	25	Jessica Meador
10	Miranda Broyles	26	Taylor Bailey
15	Avery Lee	26	George Powers
16	Ben Argento	28	Alice Vandelinde
16	Nikki Childers	30	Rob Thornhill
20	Emily Baker		



5 Gene & Day Bishop

24 Jeff & DeeDee Means

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**WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK**

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 available on YouTube plus past services.

<https://www.facebook.com/Rock-Lake-Presbyterian-Church-195172942357/> will take you to Rock Lake's facebook page. Please like us on facebook!

Please be aware if you are not computer savvy or would just like a CD of the entire service or the sermon, contact the church office (304) 768-4141 and one will be made available to you.

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NURTURING FAITH IDEAS

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

March 6 – First Sunday in Lent: Read Luke 4:113

As we journey through this season of Lent, Luke’s account of the Temptations of Jesus shows us that God will “test” us before God can use us for his purposes. Hear the words of the hymn “When We Are Tested” by Ruth Duck. *When we are tempted to barter our souls, trading the truth for the power to control, teach us to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that we do.* What ways is God testing you?

March 13 – Second Sunday in Lent: Read Luke 13:31-35

In the scripture reading, you will see the theme of rejection. Many have been given the choice to seek God’s kingdom, but have turned their back on this offer. The good news is that God has limitless patience! God will wait for you to accept or refuse God’s offer of love through Jesus Christ.

March 20 – Third Sunday in Lent

It’s A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood! March 20 is Fred Rogers’ birthday, and the PC(USA) has designated it as Mr. Rogers Day. Take a moment to reflect on the principals that Fred Rogers exhibited throughout his life. He welcomed the little children and taught forgiveness and the power of kindness, as well as the importance of unconditional love and empathy and to love your neighbor as yourself. Happy birthday, Fred!

March 27 – Fourth Sunday in Lent: Luke 15:1-3

The well-known parable of the Lost Sheep is a parable of joy. How joyful we are when something we’ve lost is found. God’s love for us is a rejoicing love. When we are lost, we feel the comfort of knowing God welcomes us with open arms. Search for someone who may have gone astray from your church family and welcome them with open arms.

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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.



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).



**April Newsletter Deadline: Monday, March 28, 2022**

It would be appreciated if you submit your items to [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com) by this 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.



**Promise of Spring**

Yes - this is a picture of our church garden with daffodils showing their beautiful faces. The robin is a ceramic that was placed in the garden by Barbara Clark. It was one of Jo Clarks ornaments.

## 2022 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of this writing (February 24, 2022), with 18 families responding, the 2022 total commitment is \$88,880. Of these families, 12 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 RLPC in 2022!*

Ken Schmidt, chair, Stewardship Task Force



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|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| January Income  | \$ 8,956.05 | Year to Date Income  | \$ 8,956.05 |
| January Expense | \$10,729.35 | Year to Date Expense | \$10,729.35 |



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.



## February 2022 Session Digest

**WORSHIP (W):** The number of estimated communicants on February 6 was 45.

The next communion will be on March 6, 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.

Plans are underway to provide worship leadership after March.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F):** Session reviewed the Feb 15 balance sheet and January YTD budget vs. actual. An accrual account has been established to accumulate reimbursement payments to KPBG LLC. The LLC purchased the Kirkhart property across Lincoln Drive years ago, to hold for RLPC.

**CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):**

**MISSION & SERVICE (M&S):** The Souper Bowl of Caring has collected over 150 cans of soup, which was donated to Heart & Hand. Thank you for your support!

**PROPERTY (P):** A malfunctioning rental house gas meter replaced.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC):** March 13 brunch potluck will be held in the Parlor following worship.

The 2022 Church Directory was finalized and sent out February 18.

**OTHER:** Session approved changing the regular Sunday worship time to 10am, beginning on March 6.

The 2021 RLPC Statistical Report was approved. As of the end of 2021, the active membership was 92 souls.

Scott Hamilton and Ken Schmidt will be negotiating a lease with Manna Meal covering the garden in the RLCLC backyard.

Pollen8 is interested in the hollow property between Lincoln and Village Drives. RLPC is contacting several realtors to get property value estimates.

With Christ's Peace, Ken

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March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 am Manna Meal Work Party 9:00 am Church Office Open	2 9:00 am Church Office Open 10:30 am Pam's Lessons  ASH WEDNESDAY	3 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission	4 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH)  World Day of Prayer	5 8:30 am Manna Meal Work Party
6 9:30 am RLPC Worship (live and online)  1st Sunday in Lent	7 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	8 8:30 am Manna Meal Work Party 9:00 am Church Office Open 9:30 am Carbide Old-Timers	9 9:00 am Church Office Open 10:30 am Pam's Lessons	10 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission	11 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH)	12 8:30 am Manna Meal Work Party
13 9:30 am RLPC Worship Potluck Lunch  SECOND SUNDAY in Lent	14 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	15 8:30 am Manna Meal Work Party 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:30 pm Session Meeting	16 9:00 am Church Office Open 10:30 am Pam's Lessons	17 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission  St. Patrick's Day	18 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH)	19 8:30 am Manna Meal Work Party
20 9:30 am RLPC Worship  THIRD Sunday in Lent	21 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	22 8:30 am Manna Meal Work Party 9:00 am Church Office Open	23 9:00 am Church Office Open 10:30 am Pam's Lessons	24 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission	25 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (FH)	26 8:30 am Manna Meal Work Party
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