

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 2022

October 30, 2022

Dear Members and Friends,

I read a story recently about a man who had been happily married for 30 years, when his wife died suddenly. He was so grief-stricken that he withdrew from life. He built an emotional fortress around himself that even his grown children could not penetrate.

Then one day, while he was sitting alone on a park bench in the autumn sunshine, a small girl walked up to him, put her arms around him, and said, "I like you!"

"The fortress collapsed right then," he says, "And it disintegrated so that there was not even a teaspoon of dust remaining in the walls." From that moment, he says he began to live, and love, again.

Love does that for us, doesn't it? It opens us up. It has the power to make us kind and generous, and open-handed.

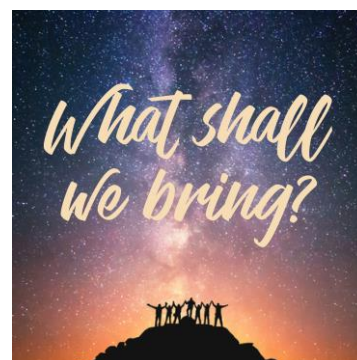
When we consider God's love for us, how can we not respond eagerly? Giving generously to the church is one way of responding. Could it be that our financial commitment to the Church of our Lord Jesus speaks as clearly about our response to God's love as any other expression of our faith?

As we come to the season when we especially consider our budget, let's begin praying about it now. And let us each, in light of God's blessings, come to Commitment Sunday on November 20 prepared to take a personal faith-reach as we consider what we will give to the church in the year to come.

I am grateful for your gifts to the church, and for your faithfulness!

Grace and Peace,

Patricia



HANDWORK FOR MISSION DEDICATION



On Sunday, October 16, the Handwork for Mission group presented for dedication the following:

4 scarves, 2 prayer shawls, 6 baby blankets, 16 lap robes and 37 hug rugs.

These items will be distributed to veteran's groups, nursing homes, and any who request a need for such items as a way of sharing God's love to those who need warmth and care.

You are invited to join The Handwork for Mission Group which meets in the parlor at 1:00 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Thursdays (except for holidays). The group is also a place to learn the art of knitting, crocheting, and other handwork skills. We have yarn, needles, and materials or bring your own project you are working on. Plan now to join us for a time of fellowship and working together.

RLPC NOVEMBER PASTORIAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 6
Sunday, November 13
Sunday, November 20
Sunday, November 27

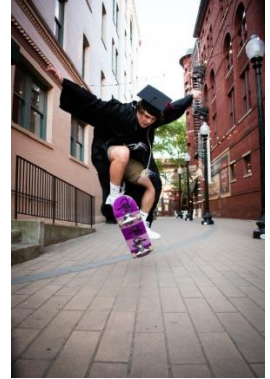
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***The Rev. Jim Robinson is serving as Moderator for the Session
and the Congregation during the coming months.**

Congratulations to Pearl Inghram Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations to Benjamin Straight, who was one of the selected Rock Lake Presbyterian Church's Pearl Inghram Scholarship awardees for 2022. Benjamin graduated from St. Albans High School this year and is attending Marshall University in Huntington.



Congratulations to Sarah Argento, who was one of the selected Rock Lake Presbyterian Church's Pearl Inghram Scholarship awardees for 2022. Sarah graduated from Cross Lanes Christian School this year and is attending the University of Charleston.

We wish Benjamin and Sarah much success in their future endeavors.



NOTES

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. For those who attend in-person worship service, we are serving communion in the traditional manner. If you are participating at home, please prepare your elements beforehand.

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.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR!!



Food Collection

Food Offering Sunday is Back!

Don't forget that each Communion Sunday is 'Food Offering' Sunday. A good reminder: on Sundays that we share the Lord's Supper, we also remember to share food with people who are less fortunate. You may leave your offering in the red wagon in the Narthex. All the collected food will go to Heart & Hand.



Bridgeview Food Ministry

The Bridgeview Food Ministry is temporarily on hold until around the first Sunday in January (due to holidays). We will keep you updated in the bulletin and newsletter.



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



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



Bluestone is offering the following annual retreat event this year:

PWV Older Youth Retreat

November 17 – 20, 2022

For details on registration, rates, and other information, please go to their website: <https://bluestonecamp.org/retreat/>

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**NURTURING FAITH IDEAS**

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

**November 6 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost: Read: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

Paul tells the believers in Thessalonica to not be alarmed about rumors of the coming ‘Day of the Lord’, but rather to hold fast to the truth they have been taught. What worries and anxieties is the Spirit inviting you to let go of right now? How do we discern what faith ‘traditions’ are worth hold on to, and which have served their purpose?

**November 13 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost: Read Isaiah 65:17-25**

The prophet is painting a beautiful picture of the ‘New Heavens and New Earth’ in his final chapters. What images in this passage speak to your deep hopes and desires? How do we cultivate this vision of shalom in our world today, knowing that its final culmination can only be the work of Christ?

**November 20 – Christ the King Sunday: Read Luke 23:33-43**

This Christ the King Sunday we are reminded that the crown Jesus wore was one of thorns. How is your life as a citizen of Christ’s kingdom marked by sacrifice and service to others?

**November 27– First Sunday of Advent: Read Romans 13:11-14**

Paul encourages the believers in Rome that salvation is at hand because “the day is near!” As we wait in this Advent season, how are we shining light into darkness and walking in paths of peace? How is the Spirit using this season to ‘wake you up’ to pay attention to where God is at work in the world?

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WE ARE
called TO PROCLAIM
THE GOOD NEWS
OF THE LORD, OUR GOD;

WE ARE
challenged TO FOLLOW
THE EXAMPLE OF
JESUS CHRIST;

AND WE ARE
charged TO PROVIDE
FELLOWSHIP
WHERE ALL CAN FIND
RENEWAL AND FULFILLMENT
THROUGH THE WORK OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Mission Statement for Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Adopted May 8, 2007



CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

From the PCUSA website:

“Cents-Ability is one way that families, congregations, and presbyteries can support the battle against hunger and poverty. Every member is invited to contribute a few cents at every meal. Funds are then used to support local hunger ministries, as well as national and international projects through the Presbyterian Hunger Program.”

In our congregation, the Cents-Ability offering is collected on the last Sunday of months containing five Sundays. The next offering will be collected Sunday, January 29, 2023. Proceeds will go to Heart & Hand. Please remember people who are less fortunate by donating to this, and all Cents-Ability offerings.



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.

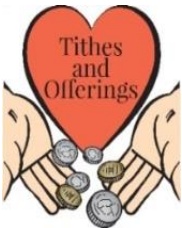
OR

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). Rewards for third quarter \$215.38.

Thank you.



September Income	\$ 7,823.00	Year to Date Income	\$85,709.68
September Expense	\$ 9,665.54	Year to Date Expense	\$83,391.33



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.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

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 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.

A Note from the Stewardship Task Force Chair

If you have read Patricia's October 24 email note and her letter elsewhere in this newsletter, you know that we are seeking your support for 2023. On November 6, Patricia's message will inaugurate the 2022 stewardship season. Our 2022 stewardship theme is:

What shall we bring?

On November 7, the committee will assemble and mail stewardship materials, including the 2023 asking budget, and your 2023 Commitment Card. If you do not receive the materials by November 11, call me at 304-768-8565 or 304-881-2408.

On November 13, Ravi's message will further develop our grateful responses to God's goodness and mercies showered upon us. Then on November 20, Commitment Sunday, following Ravi's concluding stewardship message, we will bring our 2023 Commitment Cards to the Communion Table and dedicate them to God.

We trust that as many members and friends as possible will join us in person during November. If you cannot worship in person on November 20, please try to mail your Commitment Card back to the church by November 15, so we can include it in the dedication.

May Christ's Love guide us through every season of our lives,

Ken Schmidt



Session Notes

October 2022 Session Digest

Note: There was no October stated meeting. Following are items of general interest.

WORSHIP (W): The estimated October 2 communicants were 46. Remember, we have returned to our traditional distribution of the elements. The next communion will be celebrated on November 6. John Haynes will be the celebrant. **If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

We hope you will return to in-person worship as soon as possible!

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): Through September 2022 YTD, expenditures are about \$2,300 less than income.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): The Peace & Global Witness offering was \$1,450. Thank you all for your generosity!

PROPERTY (P):

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next brunch potluck is Nov 13 following worship. We will meet in the parlor for this potluck, and invite participants to bring a dish to share. But the most important ingredient is YOU!

With Christ's Peace,

Ken



A note from your Nominating Committee...

We still seek two nominees for the 2025 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? Or have you never served on session, but are being called now?

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 person's 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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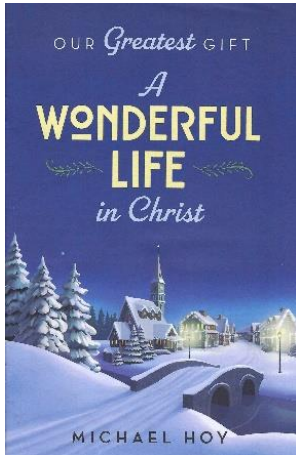
Judy Powers 304-549-8562

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Later this month you will be receiving the Advent devotional for this season!

This year our advent devotional is based on the movie *"It's A Wonderful Life."*

Please take the opportunity this year to watch "It's a Wonderful Life," and take the opportunity to absorb the daily devotions during this time in preparation for Christmas.



According to Wikipedia, "**The Greatest Gift**" is a 1943 short story written by Philip Van Doren Stern, loosely based on the Charles Dickens novel, **A Christmas Carol**, which became the basis for the film **It's a Wonderful Life** (1946). It was self-published as a booklet in 1943 and published as a book in 1944.

The film was nominated for five Oscars and has been recognized by the American Film Institute as one of the 100 best American films ever made, placing number 11 on its initial 1998 greatest movie list and number one on its list of the most inspirational American films of all time.

George Pratt, a man who is dissatisfied with his life, contemplates suicide. As he stands on a bridge on Christmas Eve, he is approached by a strange, unpleasantly dressed but well-mannered man with a bag. The man strikes up a conversation, and George tells the man that he wishes he had never been born. The man tells him that his wish has been granted and that he was never born. The man tells George that he should take the bag with him and pretend to be a door-to-door brush salesman if anyone addresses him.

George returns to his town and discovers that no one knows him. His friends have taken different and often worse paths through life due to his absence. His little brother, whom he had saved from death in a swimming accident, perished without George to rescue him. George finds the woman he knows as his wife married to someone else. He offers her a complimentary upholstery brush, but he is forced to leave the house by her husband. Their son pretends to shoot him with a toy cap gun, and shouts, "You're dead. Why won't you die?"


George returns to the bridge and questions the strange man. The man explains that George wanted more when he had already been given the greatest gift of all: the gift of life. George digests the lesson and begs the man to return his life. The man agrees. George returns home and finds everything restored to normal. He hugs his wife and tells her that he thought he had lost her. She is confused. As he is about to explain, his hand bumps a brush on the sofa behind him. Without turning around, George knows the brush was the one he had presented to her earlier.

We hope that you will engage in these devotions this year and that you will hear the message of "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

We really have a wonderful life in Christ!

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:30 pm Pollen 8 Proposal (P)  ALL SAINTS' DAY	2 9:00 am Church Office Open	3 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P) 6:30 pm Grandparents & Friends Bridge (P)	4 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P)	5 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
6 10:00 am RLPC Worship (live and online) 	7 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	8 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open 9:30 am Carbide Old-Timers 	9 9:00 am Church Office Open	10 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P)	11 Church Office Closed 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P) 	12 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
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