

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

January 2023



Handwork for Mission donated 15 baby blankets to the West Virginia Right from the Start Program.

West Virginia Right From The Start (RFTS) is a statewide program that helps West Virginia mothers and their babies lead healthier lives by offering home visitation services with a Designated Care Coordinator (registered nurse or licensed social worker).

Their services are FREE and support mothers, their new babies and their families by helping create a safe, nurturing home. Their Designated Care Coordinators discuss any questions and concerns mothers may have and help them find the resources they need.



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 <u>rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com</u> or 304-768-4141. We would like to keep our Directory current.



A letter from the President of Stillman College to our Congregation......

Dear Congregation Members,

Stillman College is the only Presbyterian education institution in the state of Alabama. Located on the 105-acre former Cochran slave plantation, the Institute was founded in 1876 to educate black

ministers by Rev. Dr. Charles A. Stillman, pastor of First Presbyterian Church Tuscaloosa. In the early 1900s, Hallie Paxson Winsborough, the first Director of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church (now Presbyterian Women) launched an initiative to provide leadership training for Negro women... Winsborough Hall became the first female dormitory and also housed women leaders who participated in the Civil Rights Movement lunch counter sit-ins, bus boycott, marches, and "Bloody Tuesday" in Tuscaloosa.

Today, this 100-year-old National Register Historic Site is in significant disrepair. With a planning grant from the national Trust for Historic Preservation, we have developed a plan to restore and repurpose Winsborough hall into the "Winsborough Living and Learning Center" residential facility for active senior citizens. The conversion of Winsborough to house elderly residents will create a multi-general campus, integrating academic programs to expose the student population to "elder wisdom" and intergenerational communication skills.

We are writing to you today to request your financial support toward this \$11 million dollar project...Stillman College is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity and all gifts are tax deductible. Please consider making a transformative gift to "the Winsborough Project." Checks should be addressed to "Stillman College" and mailed to the attention of President's Office, 3601 Stillman Blvd., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. Donations can also be made at the website at: Stillman.edu/give.

Thank you for your interest and support. Your generosity will be appreciated for generations to come.

Sincerely, Dr. Cynthia A. Warrick, PhD President



Dear Church Family – How kind you are to have remembered me so thoughtfully for Christmas! When Ken called several of us to the front of the church one Sunday morning, I have to admit my first thought was "Oh, dear – what have I done now?" How generously you surprise me – thank you so much! Patricia

Thank you, Rock Lake Church family, for the generous Christmas gift. As always, it's a pleasure to be part of your fellowship and to serve you in worship.

I wish you many blessings in the new year. Pam

Thank you for the generous gift. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and ongoing support of the Music Ministry program at Rock Lake. It is an honor to serve here. Marilyn

Thank you RLPC family for the Christmas gift. I appreciate your kindness and support. I wish all of you a peaceful, blessed, and healthy New Year. Sandy

I surely would like to thank everyone for the bonus!! It came in very handy with my last-minute shopping. Judy



- Jane Crosby
 Pam Ferrell
- 10 Barbara Clark
- 15 Alex Gumowski
- 15 Stephanie Wilson
- 16 Jennifer Harrison



- 22 Jackie Pauley
- 23 DeeDee Means
- 24 Ronnie Means
- 25 Donie Argento
- 28 Aleah Grigsby
- 30 Courtney Childers



1 Walter & Judy Hardin

Laine & Susan Wilder



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Ronald O. Means, age 87, of South Charleston, who passed away December 2, 2022 at Hubbard Hospice House. Ronald retired from Union Carbide and worked for the City of South Charleston. He is survived by his wife, Clara; and children, Ronda Wood, Jeff Means (DeeDee), Angie Bradley (David); grand-children, Mellow, Scott, Jessie, Ronnie, JR, and Jacob; eight great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren, two half-sisters and one-half brother. To read his obituary, please go to:

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https://snodgrassfuneral.com/ronald-o-means/



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.



Hello,

You may have heard that we would be sending out an invite to celebrate Mom's (Jackie Pauley) 82nd birthday on January 22, 2023.

However, due to the rise in Covid and flu numbers, we have decided it would not be wise to move forward at the present time for Mom nor her guests.

As many of you know, Mom has always loved sending out cards. So, we thought it would be fun to let everyone know that we will be gathering birthday cards for her to enjoy at our family celebration!

If you are interested, please forward a birthday card to her (in care of) at either address below NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023.

Jackie Pauley c/o Scarlett Hutcheson 250 Daniel Burnham Square #706 Columbus, Ohio 43215

OR

Jackie Pauley c/o Scott Pauley 22 Sunset Drive Alum Creek, WV 25003

She will truly enjoy the cards!

Sincere thanks! Scarlett and Scott

Bridgeview Food Ministry

The Bridgeview Food Ministry will be packing lunches Sunday, January 1, 2023 after worship service. We are asking church volunteers to meet after worship service the last Sunday in each month to pack lunches (including January 29). **Since there is an abundance of pop tarts and snacks, those items are not needed at this time.**

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 Individual cereal package White milk (non-refrigerated, single serving – example: Horizon brand) Chocolate milk Ravioli (or other Chef Boyardee Pastas, microwavable, single serving)

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).



 Year to Date Income (2022)
 \$113,169.10

 Year to Date Expense (2022)
 \$106,196.78

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 <u>www.rlpc.org</u> 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 <u>www.rlpc.org</u> the link to the current Sunday worship bulletin. <u>http://rebrand.ly/n2uc6x2</u> 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.

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



December 2022 Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): The estimated December 4 communicants were 39. The next communion will be celebrated on January 1. If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare

your elements in advance. Ash Wednesday preparations are starting. Ravi Isaiah will preach Jan 15, 22, Feb 5, 12, Mar 19, 26, Apr 16, 30. Patricia will preach the remaining Sundays through April.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): Through November 2022 YTD, actual expenditures are about \$7,000 less than income. The Nominating Committee still seeks 1 session nominee for the class of 2025. The request to waive the six-year limit on consecutive years of session service has been approved by presbytery.

The current 2023 budget commitment is \$60,460. If you have not yet responded, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you will support RLPC in 2023.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): Preparations are underway for the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 12. Since that is also the second Sunday of February, we will ask participants to bring soups only and grilled cheese sandwiches for the potluck that day.

PROPERTY (P):

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next brunch potluck is January 8 after 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 <u>YOU!</u>

OTHER: a. The session approved January 29 for the annual congregational meeting; b. 2022 year-end committee reports are due in the office by January 13; c. the 2023 Stated Supply covenant between Patricia Jarvis and the RLPC session was approved and forwarded to Presbytery; d. the session transferred Clay Shriver to the 'Out of Area' roll; e. A break-in occurred on December 18 at about 1:15am, with microphones and transmitters stolen. We have been working with the South Charleston Police, and have recovered all the equipment.

We have made physical and procedural changes to improve building security. Other changes are being implemented. I will keep you informed as we make these improvements.

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 <u>I-D-E-A-L</u>, 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,

Linda Hunt 304-546-4974				
Judy Powers 304-549-8562				

Ron Rogillio 304-541-1243 Ken Schmidt 304-881-2408



Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am RLPC Worship (live and online)	2 Church Office Closed 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	3 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open	4 9:00 am Church Office Open	 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P) 6:30 pm Grandparents & Friends Bridge (P) 	6 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P) Freedom (NA) (P)	7 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
8 10:00 am RLPC Worship (live and online)	9 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	10 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open 9:30 am Carbide Old-Timers	11 9:00 am Church Office Open	12 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P)	13 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P)	14 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
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